



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

February 2009

February FRC Meeting Topic

The February meeting of Fullerton Radio Club will feature Commander Allen Stubblefield, USN (Retired), who will present a program entitled "Communications with 2 cans and a string." Smoke Signals understands this to be shipboard communications in less than ideal conditions.

Commander Stubblefield is currently serving as the NROTC (Naval Reserve Officer Training Corp) officer at Troy High School in Fullerton.

Commander Allen Stubblefield, USN (Retired)
Education: Graduated US Naval Academy, 1984 (BS in mathematics) Webster Univ, 1990 (MA in Computer Resources Management) Air Force Command and Staff College, 1998

Surface Warfare Officer (ship driver), including command of USS ZEPHYR

(PC 8), executive officer of USS BENFOLD (DDG 65), staff officer for US 3rd Fleet, chief of staff for NATO's Standing Naval Forces Atlantic. Ashore, my assignments included Commanding Officer of the college Naval ROTC program in New York City and staff officer for the Chief of Naval Operations (Surface Warfare C4I).

As a ship driver, I was a user of communications on a daily basis, but I was never a communications specialist.

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In addition, Joy Matlack KD6FJV will be giving a short talk on the Baker to Vegas run. Come hear what you can do to help at this major public service event

February FRC Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
Fullerton Senior Center
340 W. Commonwealth Ave.
QSO 7:00 PM – Meeting 7:30 PM
Visitors welcome

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Show-and-Tell

Bring something to the meeting of interest to other hams and share your story. Something old, something new, or just something interesting.

FRC Board Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2009

Club President Robert Doidge KI6KYW called the Board meeting to order at 7:30pm. Also present: VP Bill Preston KZ3G, Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Director Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, and club members Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE & Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU.

Reading/approval of January minutes deferred.

Treasurer's report by KB6CMO: Checking \$1657.48, Savings \$1686.75. Outstanding checks: \$82, Income awaiting deposit: approx \$200.

Membership report by KB6CMO: members=32 (31 renewals +1 new) 29 have not renewed yet.

Upcoming programs by KZ6G: February: CMDR Stubblefield (ret) electronics officer in US Navy in charge of radios, navigation, etc now ROTC at Troy HS.

March: Donate Life

Special events report by KB6CMO: Fullerton Jr.Tennis Tournament- fun, RO's learned alot, well coordinated, good practice. Upcoming events: Donate Life April 25, Baker to Vegas March 14/15.

Old business: 1) Railroad Days cancelled. 2) ANTS (Antennas in The Park) possible in May again, to be determined after discussion with Joe Moell about T-Hunt. 3) Tech class going well, may get additional students this week. Testing question pool changes July 01, 2009 so hope students will be ready to take test before that. KI6KYW to give info on FRC & invite students to visit FRC meeting.

New business: 1) Gordon Levine contacted KI6KYW re using club call (W6ULI) on 10m nets. Gene Thorpe made a motion: Authorize Gordon Levine (WB6JVP) to use W6ULI as the 10m designee on 10/10 nets as well as in operation on the Queen Mary on behalf of the club on a continuing basis until rescinded. Bill Preston 2nd, passed unanimously.

2)Gene Thorpe asked the board for funds to upgrade the 2m radio that is used for net control at public service events(present radio IC27A is at least

25 years old & difficult to program) Robert Gimbel made a motion: To permit expenditure to acquire an Alinco DR-135T to upgrade FRC public service radio, not to exceed \$250. After discussion motion restated as: Approve purchase of Alinco DR-135T radio to upgrade the existing FRC public service radio funded from the treasury, not to exceed \$250. Bill Preston 2nd, pass unanimously. Bill Preston made a motion: We ask for voluntary contributions from the club membership on a continuing basis to defray the cost of public service equipment upgrades & repairs, Robert Gimbel 2nd, passed unaminously. 3) Bill Kohlenberger suggested having an antenna-building day at future time. 4) Bill Preston started discussion on Field Day & need to request volunteer to organize FD. Kit from ARRL should be out Friday 06FEB09. Meeting adjourned: 9:09pm
Respectively submitted by Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU

SWAP MEET

The Southern California Antique Radio Society will conduct an antique radio swap meet on Saturday, February 21, 2009 from 7:00 to 10:00 AM in the parking lot at **Ford Electronics**, 8431 Commonwealth Ave., Buena Park (just west of Fullerton Airport). Also, check them out at: www.antiqueradios.org.

2009 DonateLIFE Run/Walk

Folks. Save this Date - April 25, 2009; DonateLIFE 5K Run/1K Walk. We need 25 ARO's for this event at Cal State University Fullerton, 0700-1000 or so. This is a FUN Event and ONLY Part of the morning. I'm taking names now. It will be here soon. Thanks for volunteering.

Any questions:
KB6CMO@ARRL.NET 714-680-4258

Invitation

The Southern California DX Club would like to invite you to our 7:30 PM Thursday evening meeting on March 12, 2009. The meeting is held at the Syd Kronenthal Park recreation center located in Culver City, CA. Please visit our web site at <http://www.scdxc.org> for directions to the meeting place and a map of the area.

Our featured speaker will be Bob Grimmick, N6OX, who will tell us about his recent adventures in Tunisia on the TS7C Dxpedition. Bob is an experienced Dxpeditioner and a very engaging speaker. He will regale us with interesting insights into this internationally staffed operation from North Africa and entertain us with beautiful photos of his trip.

Many of our club members gather before the meeting for dinner at the Roll 'n Rye deli at 10990 Jefferson Blvd., Culver City, California 90230. Telephone (310) 390-3497. Come join us to swap tall tales or learn of someone's latest exploit over the repast of your choice.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Arnie Shatz, N6HC at: n6hc@aol.com.

The Dxers of Southern California are looking forward to seeing you at our March meeting. Don't miss it!

Orange County Fair

FRC always supports the amateur radio booth at the Orange County Fair with volunteers in the booth. We serve in 3 to 4 hour shifts, with at least 3 hams on each shift. Start thinking about this as a part of your service to the club and amateur radio, especially if you haven't done it before. Its good fun, and a great way to introduce the public to ham radio.

FRC Mobile Transmitter Hunt

On January 17, Richard Clark N6UZS put his hidden transmitter in a small park near the Deer Canyon Nature Preserve trailhead in Anaheim Hills, where Hollow Oak Road and Creekview Lane come together at the rear gate of a closed community. If this location sounds familiar, it's because I put my hidden transmitter a few hundred feet up the canyon from this park last February. Richard ran rather high power for a local hunt (10 watts) and put it into a cubical quad. So there was plenty of signal and plenty of signal bounces to contend with. Everyone found it within 90 minutes and then it was off to Denny's for food and T-hunt talk.

Team	Odo
<u>Calls</u>	<u>Miles</u>
WB6JPI	14.5
N6MJN	15.1
K0OV/WB2LRH	19.05
KE6GQO	27.0
N6AIN/KG6LSE/WA6PYE	36.1

Bob Thornburg WB6JPI will be hiding on February 21 at 8 PM, so come on out!

73,
Joe Moell K0OV

Subject: 2009 USA and IARU-R2 ARDF Championships

Registration is now open for the next USA ARDF Championships, June 5 - 7, 2009. Radio-orientees of all skill levels will gather for two days of intense competition, first on two meters and then on 80 meters. The events are open to all persons, with or without a ham license. This year's USA Championships are being combined with the championships of International Amateur Radio Union Region 2 (North and South America). Visitors from any country are welcome.

Organizing and hosting the 2009 championships is Vadim Afonkin KB1RLI, one of USA's most accomplished radio-orientees. As a youth, he learned ARDF and won

awards for it in his native Russia. After coming to America, he first participated in USA's national championships in 2003, where he won silver and bronze medals in the five-fox M21 category. He has competed in M21 at every USA championships since then and has had the best five-fox time of all stateside participants every time. Last year, he finished in fifth place worldwide in the M40 category on 80 meters at the ARDF World Championships in Korea.

Site of the contests will be the Blue Hills Reservation, a 7000-acre open space that is about ten miles south of downtown Boston. Effective immediately, the Reservation area is off limits for anyone who will be competing in the 2009 USA ARDF Championships. To avoid any unfair advantage, potential competitors may not go to this site until competition time.

To encourage first-timers and foreign visitors, the competition fee will be waived for persons who have never participated in the USA ARDF Championships and for persons coming from outside North America. Those persons will have the option of purchasing event T-shirts. The competition fee for all others will be \$50 per person, including T-shirt.

The championships Web site, with registration form, is: www.bostonardf.org.

More information about ARDF in the USA is at www.homingin.com.

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Speaking of ARDF, Smoke Signals suggests that you check the ARRL website <www.arrl.org> scroll down the main page to the February 10 article about **ARDF Update**, and look whose photos are at the top of the article - Bill KZ3G and Robby KI6KYX Preston.

Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament- Jan.31st and Feb.1st, 2009 Event

Thank you to all who provided communications for the Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament. Just 2 weeks prior to the event we did not have enough ROs to cover the sites just for the first weekend but by 3 days out we had more than enough. Cheryl KE6TZU offered to give up her location so someone else could have the experience. It worked out well when Darrel Tibbets KI6QKR called Friday night to say he was sick & would not make it on Saturday, & Diane Donimirski N6TWA e-mailed that she would not be able to do Sunday. Cheryl was able to take their spot at the Fullerton Tennis Center. Robert Doidge KI6KYW & Dave Curlee KE6IPY worked net control receiving all the scores from the other 10 sites as well as various requests for info about players. New to assisting at this event were: Mark Pugh KI6SHD & his son Ryan KI6SHE, Dick Bruno N6ISY, Frank Marchese KI6CUZ, & Joe Volpe KI6QJD. Others who have been there for us before & keep coming back are: Ed Aguilar KF6VJC, Lyle Bidler KI6CFR, Martin LaRocue N6NTH, Paul Broden K6MHD, Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE, Bill Preston KZ3G, Jeremy Donimirski W7YG, April Moell WA6OPS. Robert Gimbel KG6TWQ was there both days working at Troy Saturday & then getting some Net Control experience on Sunday. Also new to the event & learning Net Control activities was Bruce Crabtree KI6RZW.

Tournament officials, Dave Nowick & Bonnie Hartshorn, appreciate

our support of this yearly event. We provide a much needed communication link between the various sites located in Fullerton, La Habra, La Mirada, Cypress & Placentia. Again, a **Big Thanks** to all who volunteered to work this event.

Gene Thorpe KB6CMO FRC
Public Service Coordinator

More on the Tennis Tournament

The 2009, 64th annual Fullerton Jr Tennis Tournament was completed on its first weekend with 1085 matches between players' ages 12 to 16 years. You can look at a set of '09 event Photos that have been uploaded to FRC-OC. Click on "photos." Fullerton Radio Club Treasurer, Public-Service & Membership coordinator Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO donated great time and effort to line up enough Radio operators. Hams are essential to the event success. Why does Ham radio need to be used? Why can't the job be done with cell phones? The answer isn't very understandable until you begin to see the immense scope of this event. Some 1800 talented youthful tennis enthusiasts find this annual event essential in measuring their achievement growth. During each contestant's climb through the series of strenuous competition steps many novel/unusual situations occur that need rapid communications to resolve. One example, a contest can require more than a usual time, but if that time exceeds the next event start time, that fact needs to be sent to the next contest site.

That site may be at a distance needing added transportation time. Ham Radio helps anxious parents and contestants by keeping all venue sites informed of when a match is done and who's still in the running. When traveling contestants out of the area arrive at the wrong location, we often can help redirect them and report their travel status to the correct site. The fact that ham radio offers a "party line" function unlike "private" Cell phones, permits all sites to be aware of and follow the tournament status, where events are running behind, and where courts may be under used. This year, early morning heavy Fog at La Mirada forced moving scheduled matches to open courts at other un-scheduled locations. Parents and contestants had to alter plans. Without Ham Radio chaos would have governed. We also can use ham radio during events like this to help gain valuable experience and learn to be more effective without the pressures accompanying a true emergency communications event. In any case, plan to join us next year and enjoy the experience with the young people. The Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament officials give all Ham radio participants thanks and praise for helping make this competition workable this and each other year. We who participated had a privileged experience with our hobby and for the benefit of these determined and talented young people.

73, Bill K. W6ZJE

FRC Monthly Board Meeting

Open to all Members
Marie Callender's Restaurant
126 Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Talk and Dinner: 7:00 PM
Meeting: 7:30 PM

FRC Regular Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month
Fullerton Senior Center
340 West Commonwealth Ave.
QSO 7:00 PM – Meeting 7:30 PM

Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

Dinner 6:00 PM at Carrow's, Harbor at Brea

Fullerton Radio Club Web Site

<http://www.FullertonRadioClub.com>

FRC Tuesday Net

Remember the FRC Tuesday evening net
meets at 8:00 PM on 147.975 (-) PL 114.8
Join us!

Hidden Transmitter Hunt

FRC operates a 2-meter mobile T-Hunt every
3rd Saturday. We meet at the corner of Acacia
Avenue and Skyline Drive at 8:00 PM sharp
for deployment on the hunt. You are invited.
There is no need to be a licensed ham to
participate.

Orange County Council of Amateur Radio Organizations (OCCARO) Web Site

<http://www.occaro.org>

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