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Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

February 2014

President's Message

Here we are in our busy time of year so be prepared for a call or an email from Gene. He told me we have two events a month until summer. I'm still waiting for him to send out a call for volunteers for the Winter Olympics. Seriously, we do have a lot on our plate so help out where you can.

Speaking of helping out, OCARRO is in need of some good people to participate in that organization. There is some discussion about disbanding the organization if they cannot get some enthusiastic support from the various clubs around the county. I am ambivalent but Larry would like to resurrect it so if you would like to join him in that objective please see Larry McDavid 714-630-5672 or call Kris Jacob at 310-619-8870. The nice thing about Ham Radio is that there are so many aspects in which to immerse yourself. Here's yet another for your consideration.

Speaking of volunteering, Rich Belansky and I have extended our tenure as your President and Vice President for one more year. We will be doing some juggling of our responsibilities as a result of new careers or job pressure, and will not be available beyond the end of this year. I am bringing this up at this time so our club membership can understand the realities of the situation. The FRC Charter specifies that the club must have four officers in order to do business as we have for the last sixty-four years. I know we all lead busy lives and would just as soon not add one more thing to our schedule but when one of the Nominating Committee members approaches you this year please consider whether you would be willing to see this club disbanded because no one cared enough to pick up the torch and carry it forward for a year or two. If you're just not sure about it come on out for one or two of our Board Meetings and sit in so

you can get a feel for how your club runs. Bill Kohlenburger participated in this club for decades and I know that he would like to see FRC continue for many more to come. The outcome may well depend on you. Choose wisely.

We are looking at May 17th as the date for Antennas in the Park and if the date meshes well with Joe Moell's T-Hunt schedule then we'll ink it. Catalina ARC has some concerns about the date and the venue that we will try to work through so as of this day we do not know if they are participating. As always, WARA ARC is invited and we hope they will turn out for a good time.

The Annual Fullerton JR. Tennis Tournament came off without a hitch thanks to Gene and Cheryl's leadership. I asked one of the Tournament Directors if it would continue into the future and she said it's been around for 69 years and should be around for a good many more, just like our club. She thanked all of the Radio Operators who gave up their Saturday and then jumped in her car and roared off to drop off the lunches at the next site.

Enough for now. Time for another Olympic moment.

Bill KZ3G

The Annual FRC "Show and Tell" Meeting

This year, our FRC Show and Tell meeting on Wednesday **February 19**, will concentrate on the topic of test and measurements. The meeting will include Larry McDavid, W6FUB, demonstrating how to use the Bird 43 watt meter. This instrument is part of the Bill Kohlenberger, W6ZJE (SK), estate that was donated to FRC for the purpose of supporting club members with their measurement needs.

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Show –and–Tell

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

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February 5, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

The board was called to order on February 5, 2014 at 7:33pm at Marie Callender's by President Bill Preston KZ3G. Also present were: Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Members at Large: Mike LeFevre WD6AQH, Larry McDavid W6FUB, Robert Gimble KG6WTQ, and club member Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU acting as secretary.

January minutes were reviewed & accepted as written.

Treasurer's report: checking = 2715.16, savings = 3072.89. Safety deposit box paid. (checking acct includes money from silent auction)

Membership report: 20 renewals so far for 2014

Old Business:

Public Service events:

Tennis Tournament went smoothly even with 5 new hams. Fewer participants than previous years.

Airport Day, Donate Life Run/Walk, Baker to Vegas all coming soon. Gene KB6CMO will be asking for help.

Christmas dinner & possible alternate locations were talked about. No decision made.

OCCARO's probable dissolution discussed. Only organization that facilitates communication between clubs. Bill thanked Robert KG6WTQ & Larry W6FUB for their participation in OCCARO the last few years.

New Business:

February meeting will be demonstrations of equipment by Larry W6FUB & possibly Joe Moell K0OV. Future meeting: video for 100-year anniversary of ARRL

It was suggested that the club should buy a hard plastic container for slugs for the club bird wattmeter.

Antennas in the Park will be May 17 this year in Tri City Park. Catalina Club suggested alternate site but our board voted to keep present location for now.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU

FRC Transmitter Hunt News

The next southern California on-foot transmitter hunting session will be Saturday, February 22 on the campus of Cal Poly University in San Luis Obispo. That's probably more of a drive than most Orange County hunters want to make, so mark March 22 on your calendar for another on-foot hunt that will probably be much closer. I'm working on a great location but have not yet received approval from the park supervisor. Latest news about these on-foot hunts is always at www.homingin.com.

The FRC mobile transmitter hunt on January 18 was put on by Steve Wallis WA6PYE. He was transmitting from the parking lot of a mini-mall on

Pine Avenue at Butterfield Ranch Road, just west of the 71 freeway in Chino Hills.

<u>Team Calls</u>	<u>Odo Miles</u>
N6MJN	25.1
N6ZHZ	29.0
N6AIN	46.9
AB6PA/N6BOX	41.1

The next hunt will be staged by Dave Balgie N6MJN on February 15, 2014. We will gather at the top of North Acacia Avenue in Fullerton for an 8 PM start. Listen for the transmitter on 146.565 MHz.

73,
Joe Moell K0OV

Zenith Transoceanic receivers and a larger than average tabletop wooden radio. He likes them but does not have the time to put them in tip-top shape. Personally, I suspect he has run out of tabletops on which to display them.

As a result, this Whittier Ham is offering these radios free to anyone who is interested in putting them back into order. They are, after all, retro radios and would look good in some parlors as semi-antiques. Also, they are not menu-driven, and they were made in the USA! If you are interested, please let me know at next FRC meeting or you can call me at 714 529 4559, and I will put you in touch with the owner.

Tom Fiske, AA6TF

Radio's Good Old Days

Maybe they weren't good—just old. However the case, a Ham in Whittier has inherited two

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION

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(Please Print)

Name #1 _____ Call: _____ Class: _____
Name #2 _____ Call: _____ Class: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____
Phone #1: _____ Email #1: _____
Phone #2: _____ Email #2: _____

ARRL Member Yes No

Special Amateur Radio Interests: _____

Dues are \$20 per member, or \$25 per family. Students (full time) \$10

Bring your application and dues payment to the next meeting or mail to the above address.