



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

January 2011

President's Column

Welcome everyone to a new year and new president. My name is Albert Solomon KI6WRU, I like sushi, computer games, and long walks on the beach at sunset ... wait a minute wrong letter. Anyway I'm relatively new to being a ham (the radio kind not the attention kind , been one of those for a long time) though it feels like I've been here forever. This year I would like to encourage everyone to be a volunteer, we have lots of opportunities such as the Junior Tennis Tournament, Donate Life, and the city of La Palma fourth of July and La Palma Days Parade. Also the TAG team has suggested having workshops for things such as soldering, building antennas, circuits, and more, if you are interested in this and would like to participate please let us know. The club would also like to start a license class but needs your support. Anyhow, thank you for reading my ramblings; now on to the stuff you care about.

Albert KI6WRU

January Club Meeting

This month's meeting will be something different than we have done in quite a while. And, it will require participation from the membership! At each recent meeting we've asked for items to be brought for "show-and-tell" and have had some interesting items presented. Well, this month the entire presentation time will focus on special show-and-tell items. Some members have already indicated what they will show, demonstrate, describe, or otherwise entertain you with what they bring, but if you have something of interest please bring it along for presentation to the club. We are not saying what items will be presented: maybe old or new radios; or memorable event data; or who knows what. You'll just have to come to find out.

**Wednesday, January 19, 2011; 7:00 PM
Fullerton Senior Center
340 W. Commonwealth**

Visitors are welcome

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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.

Web site: www.FullertonRadioClub.com

January 2011 Club Board Meeting Minutes

President Albert Solomon KI6WRU called January FRC Board meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Others present included Vice President Richard Belansky KG6UDD, Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Secretary Paul Broden K6MHD, Directors Larry McDavid W6FUB, Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE, Bill Preston KZ3G, and members Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU, and Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ.

The December issue of Smoke Signals was reviewed and a potential correction was identified related to the January meeting speaker. The issue remains open.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account; \$1,541.76, with changes expected from dues received, payments to USPS for post box, and bank for safe deposit box. The saving account remains unchanged at \$1,691.03. Membership: we currently have 33 memberships renewed for 2011.

Old business: Bill KZ3G provided response to the potential for a clubhouse/hamshack within the city. The subject remains open for additional input.

Events: The Junior Tennis Tournament will be held on January 29 – 30, and Gene is still looking for volunteers. The DonateLIFE Run/Walk will be held at Cal State again this year on April 30. Be prepared to participate. A date needs to be selected for Antennas-in-the-park: we can consider May or October. Railroad Days is tentatively scheduled for April 30 – May 1. Our participation is uncertain.

Information: Member Robert Zeigler KF6EVX remains hospitalized at Buena Park Nursing Center, Western at Crescent, nearly 7 months after being struck by a car. He can receive visitors.

The meeting was closed at 8:23 PM

Submitted by; Secretary, Paul Broden K6MHD

An invitation by: The Desert Radio Amateur Transmitting Society of Palm Springs

The **Desert RATS** is inviting you and your group's members to attend "**Palm Springs Hamfest 2011**"... January 29.

We would like your help in making this year's event surpass the 600 attendee mark to beat last years event!

Could you please forward the attached information sheet by e-mail to all your members... perhaps mention it on your NET... publish it in your Newsletter...list it on your Events Calendar...link our site on yours and mention it at your next couple of meetings! Helping us get the word out would really be great! The mild desert weather is perfect at that time of year. Make it a club outing!

On air NETS are already a-buzz tell your pals.

Our Swap Meet was a big draw last year as well, with over 40 vendors selling their wares. There is room for more so bring your stuff (no fee charged to sellers means better prices for you!). We have a consignment table with experienced Hams selling for you if you want us to sell your gear for a small fee. We almost sold out last year.

Lest I forget, we have a gourmet food service at a bargain price. Raffles every hour. Our event as all about great deals in these tough times.

This year we'll have ICOM, Yaesu, HRO, DX Store, Byonics, RF Stuff, AMSAT, ARRL, Alpine Antennas and more...the list is getting longer ~~ check our website for up to date announcements at <http://desertrats.am>

Come join us for a fun Day with some great buying opportunities! It is worth the drive! Meet Gordon West, Clint Bradford "the Satellite Guy", Leo Meyers and all the ARRL guys from our Division.

I look forward to seeing you at our 2nd annual **ARRL Sanctioned Palm Springs Hamfest**: January 29, 2011

" The Desert RATS" WEB SITE: <http://desertrats.am>

Up to date current information:
<http://desertrats.17.forumer.com/viewtopic.php?t=310>

Peter VE7REZ; 760-318-0186

President --- Desert Radio Amateur Transmitting Society of Palm Springs

DonateLife Run/Walk Event

The annual DonateLIFE Run/Walk event will be held on 30 April 2011. We will need about 25 ARO's for this event. Call Gene Thorpe if you can help (714) 680-4258.

Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament

The "Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament" is a bit over two weeks away on Saturday 29 Jan. 2011 and Sunday 30 Jan. 2011. We need 25 Amateur Radio Operators for this event, covering 15 sites Plus the Net Control Station. We are taking Names/Callsigns & Day/date that you would like to work this event. Hours are from 0700 to 1600 hrs (4pm or so). Thanks. Please call and let me know when you can serve.

Gene Thorpe (714) 680-4258

FRC Transmitter Hunt 12/18/2010

Steve Wallis WA6PYE and Deryl Crawford N6AIN hid the transmitter for the December 18 FRC hunt behind a Ralph's Grocery south of the 91 Freeway and west of Weir Canyon Road in East Anaheim. Dave Balgie N6MJN arrived in about 35 minutes with 11.1 odometer miles. Bob Miller N6ZHZ took an hour and 15 minutes and drove 42.7 miles because he put the pointer on his rotating mast backwards, earning him the nickname "Wrong-Way Bob."

Dave N6MJN will hide the next FRC transmitter hunt on January 15, starting at 8 PM from Skyline Drive, just east of Acacia Avenue in Fullerton. The signal will be continuous on 146.565 MHz. Come on out!

73,
Joe Moell K0OV

Subject: Next on-foot transmitter hunt in San Luis Obispo on Feb 12

The next southern California on-foot transmitter hunting session will be Saturday, February 12 on the beautiful campus of California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California. It will be co-sponsored by the Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club (CPARC) and the Radio Microwave and Photonics Club (RMAP). It is open to ham operators and non-hams of all ages. Your hosts are Jennifer Walters, KJ6GCF of CPARC and Sam Vigil WA6NGH, Professor of Environmental Engineering at the university.

All you must have is a transceiver or scanner that covers the ham radio two-meter band. You can build your own direction-finding antenna and attenuator on the spot from kits if you aren't already equipped. Then try your hand at a 5-fox two-meter international-rules ARDF course of low to moderate difficulty. Experts will be on hand to help you with kitbuilding. They can teach you the basic techniques of on-foot direction-finding.

Beginning about 9 AM, Marvin Johnston KE6HTS will conduct a clinic for building his kits for measuring-tape yagis (\$15) and for 90 dB offset-type attenuators (\$20) in room 20-116. For \$50, you can get the yagi kit and an assembled/tested attenuator in a special housing that goes inside the boom of the yagi. If you register in advance by sending e-mail to marvin-at-west.net before February 10, he will have the kits reserved in your name waiting for you. If you're not an electronic technician, don't worry because there will be plenty of experts to help you. We want you to succeed!

The transmitter hunt will start about 11 AM. There will be an orientation in room 20-129 and then a start by the hamshack tower. Hunters may start the course at any time until 1 PM. Course closes at 3 PM. A \$5 donation to the club is requested for participation in the hunt. The course will include the main campus and Poly Canyon, so be sure to bring some water and wear suitable shoes.

San Luis Obispo is on the central coast of California. From northbound Highway 101 downtown, take the

Grand Avenue exit, turn left and go north uphill to the campus. From southbound Highway 101, take the Monterey Street exit, continue on the frontage road three blocks to Grand Avenue, then go right and uphill on Grand to the campus. A map to the site is at www.homingin.com.

Look for event signs or an orange and white orienteering flag. Park as close as you can to Engineering East Building 20 (the one under the ham radio tower). Parking permits are not required on Saturday but parking meters may be enforced, so be sure to check.

Talk-in is on the CPARC linked repeaters: 146.76(-) PL127.3 and 442.3(+) PL127.3. Both repeaters are located on the campus.

Questions about the hunt? Send e-mail to calpolyradioclub@gmail.com

73,

Joe Moell K0OV

OCCARO News excerpts

V. New Business

1. OCCARO elections for 2011 officers will be held at the regular February meeting. Richard will send an email announcement requesting nominations.
2. Asked if SOARA is managing the 2011 ham radio booth. Discussion followed concluding that Mack Garrett had volunteered to serve as booth chairman but that SOARA had not yet formalized a decision about their club management.
3. Reported that Joy Matlack has requested "OCCARO Support" of a hospitality booth at the 2011 Hamcon convention. Discussion followed concluding that it is not clear exactly what support Joy is requesting. Richard will contact Joy for clarification. It was concluded that OCCARO could help organize volunteers to staff the hospitality suite but that it is unlikely we could provide any financial assistance.

FRC Regular Club Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month
Fullerton Senior Center
340 W. Commonwealth Ave.
Fullerton, CA

Next Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Dinner before the meeting at about 5:30 PM at:
Coco's Restaurant, 1011 N. Harbor Blvd.

Meeting time: 7:00 PM

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FRC Board Meeting

Open to all members

Marie Callender's Restaurant
126 Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia
First Wednesday of each month

Next Board Meeting
February 2, 2011

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

FRC Tuesday Net

8:00 PM – 147.975 (-) PL 114.8

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Call: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

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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.