



# Smoke Signals

## Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

### January 2012

#### President's Message

Happy new year everyone! Its time to start anew and welcome our new board members. The first thing that I would like to mention is the Fullerton Junior Tennis tournament; we need lots of operators, so please see Gene KB6CMO to sign up. We have a few more opportunities to volunteer, and if you look in the minutes for the board meeting you'll find the dates. Also, membership dues are due so please help the club and stay current. Other than that, have a great year and we will see you soon.

Albert KI6WRU

[Ed. See page 3 for more info on the tennis tournament.]

#### January Club Meeting Presentation

##### "You Could Be a Transmitter Hunting Champion!"

You have heard Joe Moell K0OV announce transmitter hunting activities at many FRC meetings, but at the January meeting you will be able to see for yourself what it's all about. Joe will have lots of photos of transmitter hunters in action (including FRC members) and he'll explain the basics of how radio direction finding (RDF) is done. It's easy and inexpensive, and you may already have everything you need to get started. FRC has sponsored monthly mobile transmitter hunts for almost 40 years and on-foot events in various parks for 15 years. You'll be amazed at the unusual transmitter hiding places and surprised by the lengths that some hunters will go to in order to put on a unique hunt. Many southern California on-foot "foxhunters" have won medals at national championships and have competed at international championships in places such as Hungary, Korea, China, Croatia and Australia. In a

few months, USA's national championships will be right here in southern California and we'll be selecting a team to travel to Serbia for the World Championships three months later. You could be part of it and Joe will tell you how.

Joe has been hunting transmitters since he was a pre-teen and has been promoting it for almost as long. His articles on the subject have appeared in every ham radio magazine as well as the ARRL Handbook. Joe collaborated with Tom Curlee WB6UZZ, also a FRC member, to write the book "Transmitter Hunting -- Radio Direction Finding Simplified." Joe's regular "Homing In" column on RDF now appears in every issue of CQ-VHF Magazine. He also serves as ARRL's national ARDF Coordinator and as the Moderator of the annual CQ Worldwide Foxhunting Weekend. News of past and upcoming events can be found in his Web site: [www.homingin.com](http://www.homingin.com).



*"T-Hunt" photo from the recent Hamcon event, showing the January meeting presenter Joe Moell K0OV on the left.*

#### Remember

We're still meeting at **Chapman Activity Center, 2515 San Carlos Drive, Fullerton, CA 92831**

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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](http://www.FullertonRadioClub.com)

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## January 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

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President Albert Solomon KI6WRU called the January Board meeting to order at 7:36 PM Others in attendance included Vice President Richard Belansky KG6UDD, Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Directors Larry McDavid W6FUB, Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, Bill Preston KZ3G, and Smoke Signals editor Paul Broden K6MHD.

Minutes of the December Board meeting were reviewed and approved as published in Smoke Signals.

Treasurer's report: Savings account; \$1691.86. Checking account; \$2167.44. A check for \$1379 has been received as proceeds from the recent Hamcon that FRC sponsored. Of this amount \$200 represents "seed money" provided by the club to initiate Hamcon activities. The Hamcon money will be deposited in savings. Gene reported that a total of \$140 was spent on the holiday dinner for raffle prizes. Club members donated additional prizes.

**Old business:**

- The Fullerton Junior Tennis Tournament will be held on two consecutive weekends; January 28 – 29, and February 4 – 5. A new location has been added to the sites, so additional communicators will be needed.
- Baker-2-Vegas run will be held on April 21.
- DonateLIFE is scheduled for April 28. Volunteers are needed.
- No date has been selected for the next Technician license class. Bill KZ3G suggested consideration of adding two additional optional days for those who would like to proceed to the General license level.
- Railroad Days will be held in May. Club participation details are not yet available.

**New Business:**

- Its time to make plans for Antennas in the park. Target dates suggested are either May 12 or 19, but must be verified with all potential participants.
- The club will pay \$20 annual dues for OCCARO membership. An additional amount of \$50 will be donated through OCCARO for support of the Ham boot at the Orange County Fair.
- A discussion will begin at the next meeting to see if there will be sufficient participation this year to make Field Day a worthwhile event.

The meeting was closed at 8:20 PM

Submitted by Smoke Signals editor, Paul Broden K6MHD

## Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament 2012

Hello Folks; It is Back Again!!!

Are U Ready for a Fun Two Weekends coming up very soon? Please save the Last Weekend in January and the First weekend in February for the "Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament". YES, We are taking names NOW for the Upcoming event: Jan. 28 - 29 & Feb.4 - 5, 2012. Not much time until the event. Sign up NOW. We have an additional location this year, so this will require more HAMS. Please respond to Gene KB6CMO; phone (714) 680-4258 or email kb6cmo@arrl.net as soon as possible.

God Bless America and You too.

Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO

## ARRL - PALM SPRINGS HAMFEST 2012 - January 28

We have over 30 Vendors and groups attending. One main focus of our event is live Demos that will go on throughout the Day.

Presenters like Gordon West, Clint Bradford / AMSAT, San Bernardino Microwave Society, The Fast Scan TV Group from Los Angeles, D-STAR, and others!

See our web site or Forum for all the details <http://desertrats.x.am>.

WE have just received word Yaesu is coming ....that adds to ALINCO (with some new products to view and hands on trying out) and Elecraft who are manufacturers of Ham products. Kenwood will be in attendance to discuss their line but will not have a display of their products. Raffles all day long! Great food ...cooked home style by our volunteers and YL's. YUM. SWAP MEET space free for sellers so bring along your stuff ...make money... and buy some new stuff to play with and *this Winter is the perfect time to build something ...as it says on the cover of QST !*

Its all about having fun and camaraderie like the good old

fashioned Hamfests of bygone days! Remember the old burger joint hangout! Like Palm Springs of old it's all about nostalgia. Time to grease up the old ducktail or ratsnest hairdo, dress 50's - 60's! Our Hamfest is the Desert RATS Club's gift to all Hams and all about Ham Radio + . Meant to be a fun place to spend the day. Come in your RAT ROD! Bring a friend that has one...or vintage / classic stock gem, or custom chopped and channelled beauty! I wonder if we will have more Fords than Chevies? An Event where it didn't cost you an arm and a leg to attend. \$2 is all it is (and that's our cost to get you clean state of the art biffies. hi hi ) The air waves are already aBUZZ about Palm Springs on January 28. Handicapped friendly with a shuttle service from car to event and back.

If you only have a few items you want to sell off we have our very successful 2nd Hand Store where our expert Club members will sell it for you for a slight commission of 10% no hassle for you and you can enjoy the day.

For complete details go online.

### FRC Regular Club Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month  
**Chapman Activity Center**  
2515 San Carlos Dr.  
Fullerton, CA

**Next Regular Meeting**  
Wednesday, January 18, 2012

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

**Meeting time: 7:00 PM**

**Orange County Council of Amateur Radio Organizations (OCCARO)**  
[www.occaro.org](http://www.occaro.org)

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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 1, 2012

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

**Meeting: 7:30 PM**

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
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(Please Print)

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Name #3 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**