



# Smoke Signals

## Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

### July 2015

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#### President's Message

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Hello everyone,

First I would like to ask how everyone's field day went? I was over with WARA for their field day and had a good time. I took a late night early morning shift and made around 14 contacts on 80 meters. My sister and a new ham were on 20 meters and between the 2 made 9 contacts, 2 of them from Hawaii. With that we had a good time and got to spend time with friends doing the things we enjoy.

Now on to other topics. The club needs you. If you have been to a meeting lately you may notice that the attendance has been a little lower this year. I would highly encourage you to come out to the meetings and bring a friend. We are also looking for speakers for the meetings. If you or someone you know has a topic they would like to talk on or a presentation they would like to give please let me or one of the board members know. This is your club and if you want to see it grow and continue we need to pull together and make it stronger. Thank you.

Albert Solomon  
AG6OF  
President

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#### July Meeting

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As we finalize the July edition of Smoke Signals we have not identified a speaker for the meeting. Please recognize that we have been requesting assistance in finding suitable presentations from all club members, but only a few have responded. We seriously need leads for monthly club meeting presentations, and it is unfair to expect the VP, or

even the entire Board, to identify these presentations. **We need and expect your input. It's your club!** Please respond to any Board member with suggestions of the type of presentations you'd like, as well as sources for making the presentation. **We need responses from all of you!** How about showing up at one of the Board meetings and providing some worth input.

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#### FRC Regular Club Meeting

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

**Next Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday,**  
**July 15, 2015**

**Dinner before the meeting at 5:00 PM at:**  
**Coco's Restaurant, 1011 N. Harbor Blvd.**  
**Fullerton**

**Meeting time: 7:00 PM**  
**Visitors are welcome**

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#### FRC Board Meeting

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Open to all Club members  
**Marie Callender's Restaurant**  
126 Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia  
First Wednesday of each month.

**Next Board Meeting**  
**August 5, 2015**

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM  
**Meeting: 7:30 PM**

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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.org](http://www.FullertonRadioClub.org)**

**June Board Meeting Minutes**

The June 2015 Board meeting was called to order by President Albert Solomon AG6OF at 7:40 PM. Others present included Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Secretary Linda Endsley KJ6IHB, Board members Larry McDavid W6FUB, Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, and members Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU and Helen Solomon KJ6IEN.

Minutes of the June Board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report: Checking, \$2,567.24; Savings, \$3073.74. Paid deposit on safety deposit box.

Old Business:

Membership – one renewal received

HamCon – Will be September 11, 12, 13 – Torrance Marriott.  
Need help to support Joe with T-hunts.

Need a screen (special type) for the projector. Albert is checking, will bring information.

New Business:

July general meeting – no speaker scheduled yet.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 5.

The meeting was closed at 7:53 PM

Submitted by Linda Endsley, KJ6IHB

## Ham Jam

**Saturday, July 11** will be a day of ham radio fun at Ham Radio Outlet in Anaheim from 10AM-5:30PM.

Join us and various manufacturer representatives, Gordon West, the Red Cross, Orange County RACES, Hospital Disaster Support Communication System (HDSCS), local clubs, and other experts who will be showing us “what’s new in ham radio” from C4FM digital to an antenna analyzer with a full color TFT LCD screen. See a 200w mobile HF installation in a Smart Car, and compare notes about what you learned at Field Day this year.

There will be three prize drawings throughout the day, and hot dog lunches to keep you fortified. We will offer license testing for all classes from 11AM to 3PM (be sure to call or email the store for reservations.)

Come join us to learn, to see and be seen, to laugh, to eat, and completely enjoy a day filled with everything ham radio.

Kind 73,

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## HAMCON

We’re HAMCON, Inc., and we organize the American Radio Relay League’s Southwestern

Division Convention in the Los Angeles-Orange County area every four years.

HAMCON 2015--also the 2015 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention-- is produced by 13 amateur radio clubs in Los Angeles and Orange Counties committed to providing a positive convention experience for all attendees.

The ARRL’s annual Southwestern Division Convention rotates yearly from the Los Angeles-Orange County area to a location in Arizona, then to a site in Santa Barbara or Ventura County, and finally to the San Diego area before repeating this four-year cycle. The ARRL’s Southwestern Division includes the Southern California counties of Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura as well as the entire state of Arizona. It is 2nd largest of the ARRL’s 15 Divisions in terms of amateur radio licenses issued—only the ARRL’s Southeastern Division (all of Alabama, Florida, and Georgia) has slightly more amateur licenses outstanding.

We welcome all amateur operators to HAMCON 2015 during September 11-13, 2015, at the Torrance Marriott South Bay Hotel. You don’t need to be an ARRL member to attend and hams living outside the ARRL’s Southwestern Division are also invited. No matter what your amateur radio experience level we’re sure you will find many topics, products, and people of interest at HAMCON 2015.

HamCon will be held Torrance again this year, on September 11 – 13, 2015. Check the website at [Hamconinc.org](http://Hamconinc.org) for details and

registration. Volunteers are needed for this event. Contact Gene KB6CMO at Phone: (714) 680-4258 or E-mail: [kb6cmo@juno.com](mailto:kb6cmo@juno.com).

## FRC Mobile T-hunt Report

Deryl Crawford N6AIN and Steve Wallis WA6PYE put on the June 20 mobile transmitter hunt for FRC. They put a half-watt transmitter and four-element vertically polarized beam near the west end of 16th street in Newport Beach. Here are the results:

<u>Team Calls</u>	<u>Odo Miles</u>
WA6CYY	21.3
AB6PA	23.7
WB6JPI	34.2
N6ZHZ	35.6

Winner Ron Allerdice WA6CYY will hide the next hunt on Saturday, July 18, beginning at 8 PM. Hunters will gather at the top of Acacia Avenue in Fullerton and listen for a continuous signal on 146.565 MHz.

73,  
Joe Moell K0OV

## USA ARDF Championships in Colorado this August

Registration is now open for the 2015 USA and IARU Region 2 Championships of Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF), which will take place during the last week and weekend of August. The site will be Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, a beautiful 3300-acre facility at 7000 feet elevation, about 40 miles southeast of downtown Denver and 30 miles northeast of Colorado Springs. Events will include classic competitions on two meters and eighty meters, plus sprints and foxoring, all on

excellent orienteering maps.

An optional ARDF "training camp" will take place on Monday through Wednesday, August 24-26, just prior to the championships.

Separate morning and afternoon sessions are being planned for each day. Participants can attend as many sessions and days as they wish. These practices will concentrate on taking reliable bearings, interpreting reflected signals, determining the likely control locations, course strategies, route choices, and other essentials for doing well.

The training venues will be separate from the weekend competition areas. The training

courses are expected to be shorter than competition courses, and will be suitable for first-timers as well as experienced radio-orienteers.

Classic two-meter and 80-meter competitions, as well as foxoring and the sprints, will take place at the Scout Ranch. The Event Information Page ([http://www.homingin.com/usa\\_champs2015](http://www.homingin.com/usa_champs2015)) includes the schedule, transmitter frequencies, directions, plus details about maps, transportation, lodging, ranch rules, weather and much more.

Please pass this message along to anyone interested in on-foot hidden transmitter hunting.

Thanks and 73,  
Joe Moell K0OV  
ARRL ARDF Coordinator

**Margaret Signorelli  
WA6PZO, SK**

Margaret Signorelli WA6PZO of Orange, California passed away June 30 at the age of 72. She was very active in the Anaheim Amateur Radio Association and served as its president for several years. She took time out from her southern California ham radio activities to serve as a shipboard radio officer, just like our own Bill Preston KZ3G.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION**

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(Please Print)

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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.**