



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

July 2017

JULY CLUB MEETING

We're doing something different this month. YOU will be doing the presentation; or at least some of you will. The focus of this month's meeting will be "SHOW-AND-TELL". We've had excellent success with this format at the TAG (Technical Advisory Group) meetings, and now we need to bring this process to the monthly Club meeting. If you have a project related to ham radio, electronics, or something related that will be of interest to club members bring it and be prepared to provide a brief description of what, how, why, and your attraction to the project. Maybe someone else would have a similar interest and this might just kick them in the behind to get something started. Look at the last two or three issues of Smoke Signals where Walter Clark has given a summary of several projects that were show-and-tell at TAG meetings. I know that's what spurred me on to complete a project that had been "on the shelf" for a year or two, but is now nearly complete. Depending how much we *all* put into it this will be fun and enlightening meeting.

We also need more of the membership in attendance!!! Hello; anyone out there? Where are you? Your Club Board of Directors, and particularly VP Walter Clark, is trying to provide topics of interest, but it does little good if you don't support the Club by your attendance at meetings.

July Meeting:

Chapman Activity Center

2515 San Carlos Dr.

Fullerton, CA

March meeting will be:

Wednesday,

July 19, 2017

Dinner before the meeting; 5:00 PM – at:

Sizzler

1401 N. Harbor Blvd.

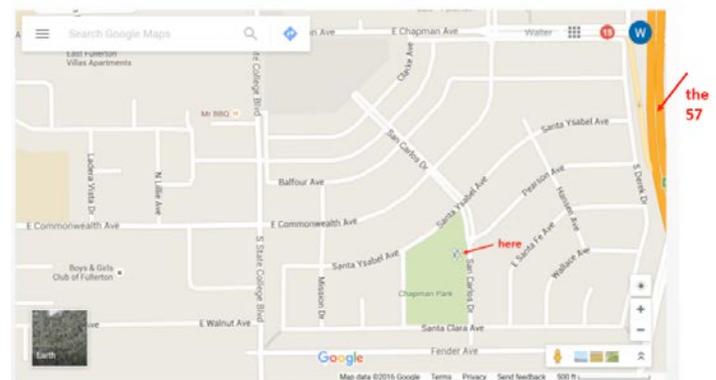
Fullerton

Meeting time: 7:00 PM

Visitors are welcome



Chapman Activity Center



Chapman Park location

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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

Board Meeting Minutes

The July 2017 FRC Board meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Vice President Walter Clark. Others present: Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO and Secretary: Linda Endsley KJ6IHB. Directors: Larry McDavid W6FUB, Paul Broden K6MHD, Richard Belansky KG6UDD, and Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ. Members: Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU and Bill Preston KZ3G.

Treasurer's report: Savings - \$2,607.06; Checking- \$4,093.01

Minutes from the June Board Meeting were read and approved after correction of La Palma Run/Walk was on July 4th.

Old Business:

Need speakers for the general meetings. Names of three potential speakers were submitted.

New Business:

Dues are due for those who have not paid.

The July general meeting will be a show and tell. The August general will be a swap meet.

In the future, some general meetings may be without a speaker; will offer radio items for sale.

Ham Jam will be on July 8th at HRO Anaheim.

Ham Con will be September 15th, 16th, and 17th.

Next board meeting: 2 AUG 2017

Adjourned at 8:15 pm

Submitted by Linda Endsley KJ6IHB

HAMCON 2017

As you are no doubt aware, there is a HAMCON coming to Torrance this September. You can register by going online to hamconinc.org.

There will be quite a few vendors and Tech Talks. Our Section Manager, Diana Feinberg, AI6DF, is working hard on this project, along with a great HAMCON committee.

In addition to the Vendors, Tech Talks, and meals, there will also be a swap meet that Sunday morning. So, if you or your club would like to sell used ham-related equipment please go to the afore mentioned website, click on "Swap Meet", read the rules, download the swap meet registration form, and follow the instructions. If you have any questions about the

swap meet, you can contact me. My contact information is below.

If you have nothing to sell, but you are in the market for a good price on some used ham equipment, you might spend that Sunday morning by stopping by the HAMCON swap meet, which will be next to the parking structure at the Torrance Marriott Hotel. You never know, you might find that one item you have been looking for. There are only a limited number of spaces available. So, sellers must register for that as soon as possible.

In closing, there are about a dozen clubs working hard with our Section Manager to make this HAMCON a success for hams all over our division. So, please support our local HAMCON, and be sure to register early so you

can reap the benefits of early registration. There will be a lot of new ham equipment being shown in the Vendor Room. Learn from the Tech Talks, and sell and/or buy some used ham equipment at the swap meet. Also, you might just meet face-to-face some of the people you have talked to on the air. Anything related to ham radio is fun. So, register today to attend this HAMCON, and be a part of the fun. We hope to see you there.

73,

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HAM JAM

The annual Ham Jam was held on Saturday, July 8 at and sponsored by HRO Anaheim. As is typical it was on a beastly hot day, but attendance was still good. Below are a few pictures of some activities. Photos courtesy of Walter Clark



Northrup Grumman Amateur Radio Club
Emergency Truck



Amateur Radio Tower Trailer Team (ARTTT)



CW Station and WB6NOA's famous Emergency Communication vehicle



Anaheim RACES

HDSCS ACTIVITIES

One can always tell it's summer for the HDSCS folks. Field Day, Ham Jam, and "termite activity" occur during the warm and sunny time of year. Field Day was once again at Huntington Beach Hospital. The hospital is a great host allowing members to have the experience of creating antennas and setting up stations under emergency conditions. It's a collaborative effort making use of hospital structures, surge capacity tents, portable generators, and equipment members bring to the setting. Some FRC members visited as did folks from some other clubs in the area and even some new hams found us using the locator on the ARRL site. Dick Norton, N6AA, our Southwestern Division Director, visited us on Saturday evening. Nursing students from Concorde Career Academy just happened to be doing some of their final practical training at the hospital that weekend and stopped by to see what we were doing. Not only did they end up in the GOTA tent learning how to make some contacts, they also were back on Sunday morning for an ad hoc inservice give by WA6OPS about Amateur Radio as a communications resource for hospitals in emergencies. Ham Jam was the next activity for HDSCS members. Ham Radio Outlet hosted this event for the 6th year. FRC members Joe, KØOV; April, WA6OPS; and Paul, K6MHD. It was great to be set up right by the front door but we almost melted in the morning getting direct sun on us. We enjoyed

linking up with hams from other emcom groups and also had some folks that could become new members soon. And there is some termite activity taking place. It's not quite so wild as in the past and it's not just one month. We do want to encourage members to be monitoring HDSCS frequencies since we are an emcom group. Being able to activate members on frequency can save valuable time in a callout. Time is of the essence when responding to a hospital. For the termite exercise we encourage the monitoring and WA6OPS comes up on one of the HDSCS frequencies from time to time throughout the day and makes a call for members, does a random roll call or picks a call sign out of the HDSCS blue bowl. If HDSCS members respond they earn points. At the end of a designated time period such as two weeks, the member with the most points wins a special prize. If you hear some strange conversations on the air about "the woodwork", mounds, or termites, it's probably the HDSCS members. It has encouraged more listening, but equally important, has been the checking of equipment. Can't monitor if your batteries are dead! To know more about HDSCS check out the website at www.hdscs.org.

73

April Moell, WA6OPS

Hospital Disaster Support Communications System

**Annual Orange Section Amateur Radio Emergency Services
Seminar & Training**



August 5, 2017

9:00am – 3:00pm

**Alvord Unified School District
Board Room
9 KPC Parkway
Corona, CA 92879**



Amateur Radio Emergency Services, Operations Overview

Bob Turner, W6RHK

Orange Section Emergency Coordinator

California State RACES, Operations Overview

Jeff Lee, KF6NXQ

Deputy State RACES Officer, So. Calif.

San Bernardino County Emergency Communications Services

Operations Overview

Zack Mullennix, KD6KOG

San Bernardino County Fire Department

Office of Emergency Services

Other Speakers TBA

Lunch Provided.

Please RSVP to W6RHK@yahoo.com

(need headcount for lunch)

