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Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

March 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CQ CQ CQ FRC, this is KZ3G with traffic.

Just returned from TAG Meeting. What a great group. Comet watching, vintage measurement equipment show & tell, high tech helicopters, a whole new layer of antique radio gear and lots of good old fashioned rag chewing. If you haven't been to one of these wide ranging evenings you might want to try it. Second Wednesday, seven pm.

Next week, third Wednesday, April WA6OPS will be sharing the antics of the Hospital Group with us. This nationally recognized ARES organization is dedicated to emergency communications within the 35+ hospitals in Orange County. April's 30+ years at the helm of this group of elite communicators has blazed a trail for others to follow if they have the will to succeed and the perseverance to carry through.

Two big events in April. Baker to Vegas on the 13th, and Donate Life on the 27th.

Here's an opportunity to dust off your H/T and be a real help to two worthy causes. See Gene or Cheryl.

We're back at Tri-City Park in May for ANTS. Put it on your calendar May 18th starting anytime after seven am. If you roll out early enough I'll buy the Starbucks. Of course if Rich gets there ahead of you there may not be any left. We'll be joined by Catalina again this year, and once again they're bring the core elements of a great Pic-Nic. There will be burgers and dogs, soft drinks, chips, etc for \$5.00. Everyone bring a side dish or a dessert. You might also bring a rig out and make a few contacts. As always Joe and April will be there with their patented T-Hunt for beginners through experts. I'll bet April will even show up with a cake that outdoes last years'. Maybe we'll have a prize for the first person to make contact with Dennis at his new maritime station on the shores of beautiful China Lake.

That alone should cause everyone in the club to leap out of bed and get set up in the park in time to substitute for Dennis alarm clock. Early bird, and all that. Hope Tim & his tribe can make it in from the desert.

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March Program

The Hospital Disaster Support Communications System of Orange County has successfully provided emergency communications to hospitals since 1980. In those 33 years, 36 medical facilities have chosen to include Amateur Radio in their disaster plans. Now in 2013, after responding to 116 emergencies, participating in 180 drills and 110 standby operations, lessons have been learned and some things have changed. But many things haven't! Come find out what it *really* takes to back up communications critical to patient care in 2013. (Check out www.hdscs.org to prepare for this presentation)

Next FRC Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

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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

March 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

President: Bill Preston KZ3G, called the January Board meeting to order at 7:34 PM. Others in attendance included: Vice President, Richard Belansky KG6UDD, Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Secretary Linda Endsley KJ6IHB, Board Members at Large: Larry McDavid W6FUB, and Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ.

Minutes of the February Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Savings account; \$ 3,072.34. Checking account; \$ 2,411.28.

Old business:

The dinners at Coco's before the general meetings will be at 5 PM SHARP and will be ending prior to 7 PM so that the general meetings will be able to start on time and end on time.

Baker to Vegas run is April 13 and 14.

Donate Life is April 27 at Cal State Fullerton. Need 30 radio operators.

Antennas in the Park date is now May 18. The Catalina group will join with us. Location will be at Tri-Cities Park. We will work on getting more activities for this event.

Field Day/picnic will be June 29.

OCCARO is still discussing if they will participate in the Orange County Fair. The next OCCARO meeting scheduled for June 3.

New Business:

There are 4 new renewals as of today.

The March general meeting speaker will be April Moell WA6OPS with hospital updates.

Another Hamcon planning meeting will be in June. Planning will be for Hamcon 2015.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was closed at 8:40 PM

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Endsley KJ6IHB

Public Service Event

April is Donate Life month. The Hostert family of Fullerton had experience in donating & being a recipient. Kathleen donated a kidney to her husband Craig. They decided they wanted to do something to give back to their community & get the word out about the need for donors to save lives of others who are awaiting the life saving "gift of life". They decided to do a run/walk. It is an event that brings donors & recipients, families & friends, and runners & walkers with no direct connection to donation together for a day of stories that touch the heart, info on donation, a chance to run or walk for a good cause.

Please consider joining us at California State University Fullerton on April 27, 2013 for the 11th annual DonatLife Run/Walk & Family Festival. Members of our club (along with additional hams from other clubs as needed) have provided communications along the route & to some of the committee members since the first run. Every year it grows (over 10,000 last year). This is a great public service event & a good way to practice your emergency radio skills. We are there to provide extra eyes & ears to help insure the safety of the participants.

We are in need of 30+ amateur radio operators to support this event. Please send your name, call sign, e-mail address, & phone number to Gene Thorpe KB6CMO via e-mail: KB6CMO@ARRL.net Time: 0700 - 1030 hrs, or so with Family Festival afterwards.

God Bless America and You too.
Thank You,

Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO

Public Service Event

The Special Olympics needs ham radio operators for their event June 9 & 10, 2013

Contact Mark Lidikay at ke6tnm@scran.org for more info

FRC Mobile Transmitter Hunts

January and February 2013

Just another Butterfield Ranch hunt with a Mt. Baldy bounce, right? Not exactly. Dave Balgie N6MJN is moving out of southern California and January 19 was to be his "swan song" hunt. He kept everyone driving for over two hours by putting his transmitter out-of-bounds on Pomona Rincon Road, just east of Highway 71 in Chino. His 5-watt signal went into a quad pointed at Mt. Baldy. Once hunters figured out that he wasn't in the mountains, his signal was strongest near Butterfield Ranch Road at the Pine Avenue ramps to the freeway, but Pine Avenue dead-ends and does not connect to Pomona Rincon Road. Hunters had to go out of the way to the Euclid Avenue offramp, then outside the boundaries to gain access.

Team Calls	Odo Miles
N6AIN/WA6PYE	42.4
AB6PA/KG6EEK	43.9
K0OV	Unofficial

Deryl Crawford N6AIN wanted to hunt, so teammate Steve Wallis WA6PYE was hider for the February 16 hunt. It should have been an easy location, the peak of Grand Avenue between Diamond Bar and Chino Hills, in the parking lot of Summit Ridge Park. Everyone got there in less than an

hour and three of the teams drove pretty much straight to it.

Team Calls	Odo Miles
N6MJN	11.5
N6ZHZ	12.7
N6BOX/AB6PA/KG6EEK	12.8
N6AIN	16.3
WA6CYY	22.6

So Dave N6MJN hasn't left the area yet. Will he hide in March? Come out and find out on March 16. The hunt starts from the north end of Acacia Avenue in Fullerton on the third Saturday of each month at 8 PM. Read the rules and boundaries at:

<http://www.homingin.com/beginr>

73,
Joe Moell K0OV

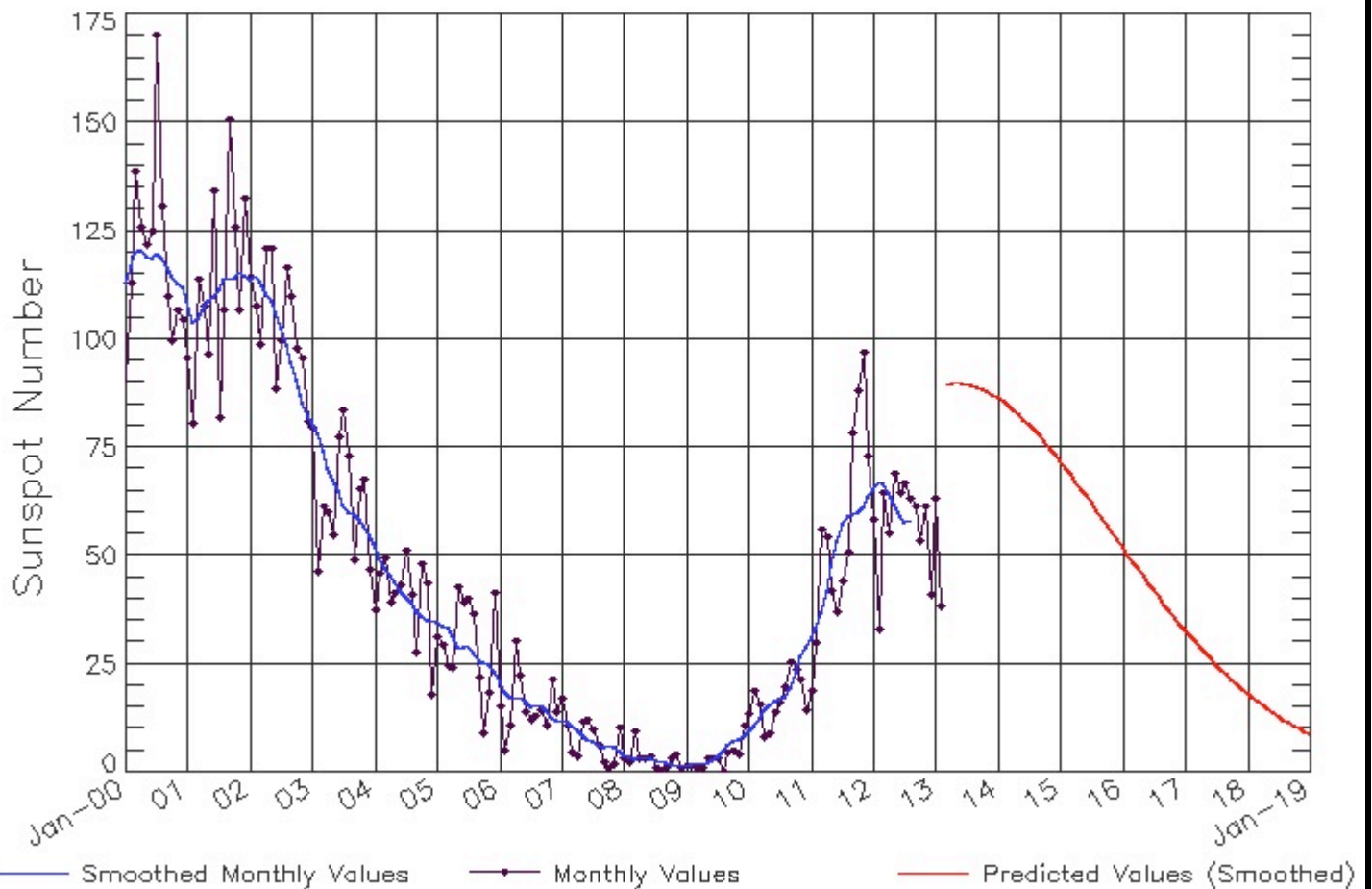
Club Dues

Folks; We are now better than half way thru the month of March and the Club Dues are NOW!

PAST DUE. Please Folks fill out the Membership Form on the last page of the Newsletter and send your check and the form to the P.O.Box 545 Fullerton, Ca. 92836 or bring to the FRClub meeting on Wednesday 20 March 2013. Please. Thank You, GT

Latest Sun Spot Data, attached is still very low. The peak is below forecast so keep trying for DX. Also the 10.7 cm solar output is low. Colder Winter??

ISES Solar Cycle Sunspot Number Progression
Observed data through Feb 2013



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NOAA/SWPC Boulder, CO USA

Also:

NASA Science News for March 1, 2013

Something unexpected is happening on the sun. 2013 is supposed to be the year of Solar Max, but solar activity is lower than expected. At least one leading forecaster expects the sun to rebound with a double-peaked maximum later this year.

VIDEO: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6j4bl57D_1U

FULL STORY: http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2013/01mar_twinpeaks/

FRC Regular Club Meeting

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

Next Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Dinner before the meeting at **5:00 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
April 3, 2013

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
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Address: _____ City: _____ State/Zip: _____
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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.