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Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

May 2013

President's Message

Here we are in May and I thought we just got past Valentine's Day. Donate Life is behind us and, as always, Gene & Cheryl did a stellar job. Let's see, what's coming up next? Oh yeah, ANTS is just around the corner on May 18th in Tri-City Park. Let's all make a special effort to get out for this event. Antennas In The Park is our very own celebration which we hold every year and the Catalina Club will join us again this year for this small Radio oriented County Fair. If you've been to one of these you know all about it and if you haven't then come on out and see what there is to see and do. Bring \$5.00 and a side dish or dessert for the BBQ. Joe & April will be there doing a T-Hunt complete with an antenna building session. April usually cuts the cake around two.

We asked for a show of hands for those who like to have a PicNic in Hillcrest Park on Field Day and based on the initial poll (4) it would appear that folks have other plans for that day. Please think about it B4 next week when we ask the same question. If we get the same result we will assume that everyone is doing something else for Field Day and cancel the PicNic.

That's all for now. See you on the 15th.

May Club Meeting Presentation

Civil Air Patrol and Amateur Radio

Bill Phinizy, K6WHP, will present a talk on the topic of the Civil Air Patrol and how this important service relates to the communication skills developed as a part of the amateur radio hobby.

Major William Phinizy has been a member of Civil Air Patrol, the USAF Auxiliary, since 2005 and is currently the squadron commander of the Long Beach Senior Squadron based out of Los Alamitos JFTB. He is a Communications Unit Leader, Mission Radio

Operator, and holds the CAP Mission Observer aircrew rating.

He has been an avid ham since 1962 and enjoys QRP, CW, and building radios and kits. His prior service in the Air Force and his desire to bring communication skills to an emergency services scenario caused him to join CAP. He believes that CAP will benefit from the innate communication skills that hams acquire over their career and takes every opportunity he can to recruit them into this exciting and meaningful service.



Bill Phinizy K6WHP

Next FRC Meeting

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Chapman Activity Center, 2515 San Carlos Drive, Fullerton.

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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

May 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

President Bill Preston KZ3G, called the May Board meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Others in attendance included Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Secretary Linda Endsley KJ6IHB, Board Members at Large Larry McDavid W6FUB, Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, and Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE, and member, Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU.

Minutes of the April Board Meeting were approved

Treasurer's report: Savings account; \$ 3,072.44. Checking account; \$ 2,391.28.

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.

Antennas in the Park date is May 18. The Catalina group will join with us. Location will be at Tri-City Park.

The next OCCARO meetings scheduled for June 19

Field Day will be June 22.

Baker to Vegas was successful this year. In 2014, it will be on March 22 and 23.

Donate Life had over 12,000 runners; could have used more radio operators.

New Business:

There are 2 new renewals as of today. There are 43 paid and lifetime members.

The May general meeting speaker will be Bill Phinizy – subject: Civil Air Patrol.

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

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was closed at 8:30 PM

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Endsley KJ6IHB

Next on-foot transmitter hunt at Tri-City Park May 18

Every spring, ham clubs in Orange County organize an outdoor day in Placentia at Tri-City Park where they operate radios, find hidden transmitters and eat lots of good food. The annual "Antennas In The Park" (AITP) event is organized by the Fullerton Radio Club. This year it will be Saturday, May 18 and FRC will be joined by the Catalina Amateur Repeater Association (CARA). CARA members are providing burgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks. A \$5 donation per person is requested if you want to take part in the barbecue. As usual, this year's AITP brings an opportunity to get involved in on-foot radio-orienting, also called ARDF. It's in celebration of the sixteenth annual CQ Worldwide Foxhunting Weekend. All ages are welcome, so bring the family. AITP transmitter hunts will be simple, informal and intended primarily for beginners. There will be no charge for participation in the hunts, which will begin around 11 AM and continue until 2 PM. Be sure to bring your two-meter handi-talkie! If you don't have the antenna/attenuator system for on-foot foxhunting on two meters with your ham radio handi-talkie or scanner, you can easily make one during this session. Beginning at 10 AM, Marvin Johnston KE6HTS will conduct a clinic for building his kits for measuring-tape yagis and for 90 dB offset-type attenuators. An assembled/tested attenuator in a special housing that goes inside the boom of the yagi is also

available. If you want one or more kits, please register in advance by sending e-mail to marvin-at-west.net, so he will have the kits reserved in your name waiting for you. It takes about an hour to put the antenna and attenuator kits together with tools and soldering irons that will be provided. 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! Then with your HT and the kitbuilt equipment, you will be all set to hunt. Besides the transmitter hunts, AITP participants will probably have at least one HF station on the air and will do some radio-controlled sailboating. The traditional Worldwide Foxhunting Weekend cake will be served to participants in the transmitter hunts. A few canopies and tables will be set up, but for eating and sitting around, please bring your own lawn chair. The main entrance to Tri-City Park is at the corner of North Kraemer Boulevard and East Golden Avenue in Placentia. From the 57 freeway, take the Imperial Highway exit, go east to Kraemer Boulevard, turn right (south), continue to Golden Avenue and turn right into the park. This event will be in the northeast corner (to the right as you enter the park). Look for the FRC banner. Entry and parking are free, but empty spaces near the event site may be difficult to find if the park is crowded, so consider carpooling. A map for navigation to the park is in www.homingin.com Call K0OV on K6QEH/R, 146.97(-) PL 136.5 for two-meter talk-in. Questions

about the transmitter hunts? Send e-mail to k0ov@homingin.com before May 15. 73, Joe Moell K0OV

DonateLife Run/Walk April 27, 2013

Thank you to the following hams who provided communications for this event: Shadows David Curlee KE6IPY & David Reed KJ6PQT, Bike Mobile Tom Gaccione WB2LRH, Net Control Alex Valdez K9BLK & Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU, Ambulance Paul Broden K6MHD, and Water Stations April Moell WA6OPS, Shelley Doidge KJ6WUJ, Joe Moell K0OV, & Helen Solomon KJ6IEN. Also those around the route: Mark Zdunich WA6BRD, Jerry VanderZyl KF4YE, Dave Reinhard KJ6REP, Dick Bruno N6ISY, Robert Doidge KI6KYW, Albert Solomon AG6OF, Bill Preston KZ3G, Mike Patchen KJ6VQX, Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, Alfredo Alba KE6EGA, Sue Williams KJ6SQZ, Craig Williams KJ6PRQ, Dale Murry AG6SC, and Ken Simpson W6KOS. The Team Leader was Gene Thorpe KB6CMO.

It was estimated that there were approximately 12,000 runners & walkers participating this year. There were over 200 teams of family & friends of people, young & old, who had donated their organs. Many had come to previous run/walks & use them as a way to remember their loved ones. It took over 1/2 hour just to start these teams. There were also recipients & their families celebrating still having their loved ones with them. Some don't have any direct association with the cause but come to learn. Some were there just to run. Whatever the reason, it was a great event to be involved in.

Again, Thanks for your help.
Gene Thorpe KB6CMO

Antennas In The Park

Antennas In The Park is just around the corner – Saturday, May 18. The intent of this event has been and is to ham it up, demonstrate amateur radio to the public as they stop by, participate in the T-Hunt, picnic, and ham it up again. The Catalina Amateur Repeater Association (CARA) will be joining us as they have in the past.

You may want to bring a portable, or at least transportable, rig for set-up and operation or demonstration. Remember, there will be no source of AC power, so it all has to be battery operated (no generators, please, to keep it quiet for the neighbors). Tables are few, so you will need your own table and chairs.

K0OV's famous T-Hunt will be a big draw. You can participate, learn, build equipment, or just watch, but

any way you take it will be a good Ham experience.

And then there will be the picnic. Details below. Anyone need a 2M mobile rig? Bring \$\$\$ for the raffle.

Antennas In the Park May 18, 2013

Food * BBQ * Raffle prizes * HF radio operation *
T-Hunting
Loads of FUN!

Burgers, hot dogs and beverages are \$5 per person. Side dishes are pot-luck (chips,snacks, veggies, desserts).

Bring the family and friends.

Raffle: Kenwood TM-281A 2m mobile, and other great prizes (\$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5)

FRC members should bring a side dish or dessert to add to the above list as part of the pot-luck.

FRC Regular Club Meeting

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

Next Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2013

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

Meeting time: 7:00 PM

FRC Board Meeting

Open to all members

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

Next Board Meeting
June 5, 2013

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

**Orange County Council of Amateur Radio
Organizations (OCCARO)**
www.occaro.org

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION

Fullerton Radio Club
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(Please Print)

Name #1 _____

Call: _____ Class: _____

Name #2 _____

Call: _____ Class: _____

Name #3 _____

Call: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone #1: _____

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.