



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

May 2015

President's Message

Hi all,

It is May and time for Antennas in the park. That's right Ants is on the 16th. It will be held at Hillcrest Park; more info should be below. Donate life was last month and those who worked that event had a good time and we were thankful for their help.

Hamcon is coming up on September 11th – 13th, preregistration is up and I hope you are able to go and support our club at the Con. Our club with Joe Moell K0OV, at the lead, will be putting on a T-Hunt for the Con so we ask those who are going to take some time to man the booth or get in touch with Joe or Gene KB6CMO to see how you can help.

That's all for now hope to see you at Ant's or at the meeting. I would also like to encourage you to bring a guest to the meetings.

Thank you all and 73

Albert Solomon AG6OF
President

May Meeting

Diana Feinberg, AI6DF, is currently serving her fourth term as President of the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club and will talk about "Amateur Radio's International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend" using the Pt. Vicente Lighthouse in Rancho Palos Verdes as one example. She will also mention how the world's nearly 15,500 lighthouses have much in common with the world's nearly 2.7 million amateur radio operators.

First licensed in 2006 and an Extra Class operator

in 2008, Diana divides her operating time between HF and VHF/UHF bands. She lives in Rancho Palos Verdes about 1,500 feet north of the former rhombic antenna site once-owned by noted DXer Don Wallace, W6AM (SK). Despite antenna restrictions she worked 95 countries using indoor wire dipole antennas and 100 watts during the past 14 months. On VHF/UHF bands she is active with numerous public service events for both the PVARC and the Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service that is overseen by the Sheriff's Department.

Diana is also 2015 Chair of the Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs and Chair of HAMCON 2015, the 2015 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention that comes to the Los Angeles/Orange County area once every four years. Professionally, she served in executive and managerial positions within the planning, finance, and marketing functions at three large consumer devote full time to volunteer work.

FRC Regular Club Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month

Chapman Activity Center

2515 San Carlos Dr.
Fullerton, CA

Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday,
May 20, 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

Fullerton Radio Club
P.O. Box 545, Fullerton, CA 92836-0545

President

Albert Solomon, AG6OF
Phone: (714) 348-7938
E-mail: billpreston@roadrunner.com

Vice President

Bill Preston, KZ3G
Phone: (714) 393-8004
E-mail: billpreston@roadrunner.com

Secretary

Linda Endsley, KJ6IHB
Phone: (714) 992-4645
E-mail: lindiend@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer, Public Service, Membership

Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO
Phone: (714) 680-4258
E-mail: kb6cmo@juno.com

HDSCS

April Moell, WA6OPS
Phone: (714) 879-6895
Emergency Coordinator, HDSCS
E-mail: emcom4hosp@aol.com
www.hdscs.org

T-Hunt

Joe Moell, K0OV
<http://www.homingin.com>
E-mail: homingin@aol.com

OCCARO Representatives

Robert Gimbel, KG6WTQ

License Trustee

Albert Solomon, AG6OF
Phone: (714) 348-9097
E-mail: albertsolomon18@yahoo.com

Directors

Larry McDavid, W6FUB
Phone: (714) 630-5672

Robert Gimbel, KG6WTQ
Phone: (714) 657-2862

Mike LeFevre WD6AQH
Phone: (714) 674-7687

Richard Belansky, KG6UDD
Phone: (714) 970-6385

Director & Newsletter Editor

Paul Broden, K6MHD
Phone: (714) 871-9478
E-mail: pbroden@sbcglobal.net

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

May Board Meeting Minutes

The May 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, Richard Belansky KG6UDD, Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, Paul Broden K6MHD, and member Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU.

Minutes of the April Board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report: Checking, \$2599.24; Savings, \$3073.64.

Old Business:

Railroad Days – Will be May 2 and 3

Airport Day – Will be May 9

Antennas in the Park – Will be May 16 – meeting by the tables with the BBQ pits

HamCon – Will be September 11, 12, 13 – Torrance Marriott

Ham Shack – put on hold for now

New Business:

Need a screen (special type) for the projector.

May general meeting speaker will be a HamCon representative

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 3

The meeting was closed at 8:06 PM

Submitted by Linda Endsley, KJ6IHB

Antennas In The Park

Fullerton Radio Club's annual event ANTENNAS IN THE PARK (AITP) will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2015. Delay of the announcement was caused by difficulty in obtaining a place that we can hold the event. In the past we've been at Tri-City Park, but park administrators now charge a substantial fee for group gatherings, so we've moved.

The AITP event will be held this year at Hillcrest Park in Fullerton. Directions and map are below.

This event is here for all of us to bring portable equipment, HF/VHF/UHF, and of course ANTENNAS. Also, remember that this is the time for the popular on-foot T-Hunt put on by Joe Moell K0OV. Joe's message for the T-Hunt event is:

Every spring, hams in Orange County organize an outdoor day in the park where they operate radios and find hidden transmitters. The annual "Antennas-in-the-Park" (AITP) event is organized by the Fullerton Radio Club. This year, AITP will take place at Hillcrest Park in Fullerton on May 16.

All ages are welcome, so bring the family. AITP transmitter hunts are suitable for beginners, but advanced hunters can treat them as a "sprint." 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 and know how to program it to any frequency in the two-meter band.

If you don't have the antenna/attenuator system for on-foot foxhunting on two meters with your ham radio handi-talkie or scanner, a limited amount of equipment will be available for loan. Better yet, you can easily make your own 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@west.net, so he will have the kits reserved in your name waiting for you.

At least one optional 80m transmitter will be on the air for you to try. Besides the transmitter hunts, AITP participants will probably have at least one HF station on the air. 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.

Hillcrest Park in Fullerton is bounded on the west by Harbor Boulevard, on the north by Brea Boulevard, on the east by Lemon Street and on the south by Valley View Drive. From the 91 Freeway, take the Harbor Boulevard exit and go north about 1.8 miles to Valley View Drive.

The hunt will begin in the Lower Picnic Area. Park in the lot north of Valley View, midway between Harbor and Lemon (See map on page 5). Look for the orange and white orienteering flag at the entrance to the parking lot. Walk north through the playground into the lower picnic area.

Talk-in is on K6QEH/R, 146.97(-) PL 136.5. Send inquiries to homingin@aol.com.

73,
Joe Moell K0OV

Set up for the radio operations will begin as early as 7:00 AM, with the T-Hunt to begin at approximately 11:00 AM. We typically continue until about 3:00 PM or so.

See map and directions on page 5.

Classified Ads

- 1) Hammarlund HQ 170 A receiver that works on 160 - 10 meters with 6 meters as a possibility. I haven't tried it on 6. Probably works OK. 6 doesn't work, so it is hard to test, except when I use a sig generator. (\$50.00)
- 2) Heathkit Pawnee 2 meter transceiver with FM added. No CTCSS (\$10.00)
- 3) Realistic DX 302 **Receiver** (Covers broadcast to 10 meters). Receiver only. Great for youngsters who want to listen and have no license. Looks good, seems to work OK. (\$25.00)
- 4) Kenwood TS-700 2 meter transceiver with limited CTCSS. (\$35.00)

Offers by:

Thomas S. Fiske, Author

Amateur Radio AA6TF

Web Site: <http://www.fiskefamily.com/>

Thank You 4 your Help with Donate LIFE Run/Walk Event

Folks, A Very Big THANKS to ALL of U for a Job well done. We waited way to long before

the Run started but that is what they asked US to do (is be ready & waiting ahead of time) and that is what we did. So Again Thank you for you Service to this event. We hope U will help us out again on another day/event. Thanks for your Help.

Gene & Cheryl Thorpe & the Staff of Donate LIFE Run/Walk Team.

Next Board Meeting:

FRC Board Meeting

Open to all Club members

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

Next Board Meeting
June 3, 2015

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION

Fullerton Radio Club
PO Box 545, Fullerton, CA 92836

(Please Print)

Name #1 _____

Call: _____

Class: _____

Name #2 _____

Call: _____

Class: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phone #1: _____

Email #1: _____

Phone #2: _____

Email #2: _____

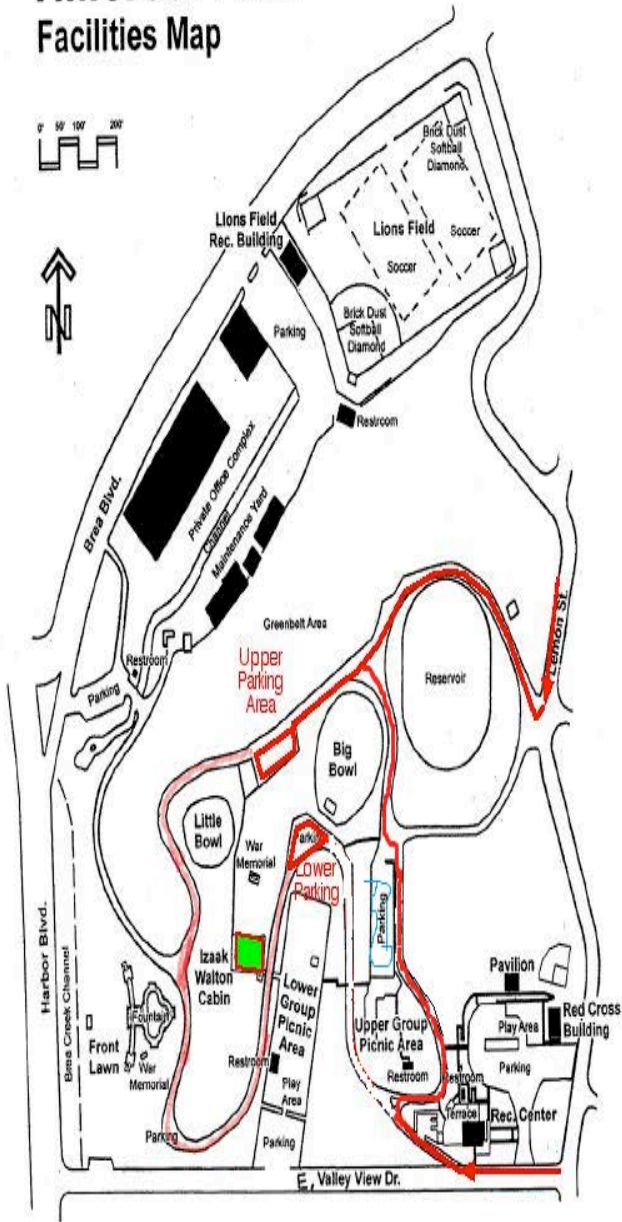
ARRL Member Yes No

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.

Hillcrest Park Facilities Map



from north, go south on Lemon St (from Brea Blvd) to park entrance on right. Enter park & follow roadway to stop sign, turn right & curve left to **upper parking area** on the left.

from south, go west on Valley View Dr. (from Lemon St. NOTE: there is no left turn off Lemon into main entry of the park.) to 2nd entry (1st goes into Rec Center etc) . Follow roadway to the right, curve left to stop sign. Continue straight ahead to left curve to **upper parking area** on the left.

If **upper parking area** is full, there is additional parking in **Lower Parking**. Continue following the roadway down hill to the right & back up hill.

A parking lot that requires some steps is located on around the roadway. Those who come in off Valley View Dr. pass it by the stop sign.