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# Smoke Signals

Newsletter of the Fullerton Radio Club

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November 2006

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## President's Column

I know that the last thing you want to hear is another word with even the slightest hint about elections, but there is one more vote that you need to cast this month. We will be casting our ballots for FRC officers and board members at the November club meeting to determine who guides our club through the next year. A list of nominees for each elective office is posted on page 4 of Smoke Signals. Additional candidates can be nominated from the floor prior to the election – just in case there are some of you who have waited until the last minute to “throw your hat in the ring.” If you decide to add your name to the list of candidates a paid member of the club must nominate you. We will be selecting President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a minimum of one Board Member At Large. One very important thing to keep in mind for the election: Club By-Laws state that we must have a quorum for the vote to be official, and a quorum is 20% of paid club membership. I could tell you how many members that will take, but I'd prefer to just encourage you to be there to make your vote count.

Changes in life's responsibilities have redirected time availability for Phil Goodman, WA6HOO, who, for the last few years has served as our Webmaster, and Phil will no longer be able to maintain this duty. We are, however, very fortunate that Dave Curlee, KE6IPY, has volunteered to take over this responsibility and put us back on track for updating and maintaining of the website. We have a bit of catching up to do with the project, so will need to have a bit of patience and not expect to see everything completed immediately. I'm sure Dave will keep us posted as to his progress.

It's hard to believe, but we are just one month away from the annual holiday meeting at Marie Callender's. Be sure to reserve **Friday, December**

**15** for the activity. This year we will not be combining our meeting with any other club, but, as always, everyone is welcome. See page 5 for the dinner menu and reservation form. Please note that there is a target date for getting our reservations submitted, as we need to let the restaurant know in advance how many will be attending. So don't be late with the form – perhaps by this meeting, or at least by the first of December. As always, we are planning to liven-up the holiday meeting with a good selection of door prizes. There will be a variety of items; some specific to the interests of Hams, and some picked deliberately for guests who may not be interested in radio stuff.

That's all for now.

Paul Broden, K6MHD  
Club President

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## **FRC November Meeting** **Wednesday, November 15, 2006**

Fullerton Senior Center  
340 W. Commonwealth Ave.  
QSO 7:00 PM – Meeting 7:30 PM

***See Page 3 for meeting details.***

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## **Fullerton Radio Club Net**

Each Tuesday, 8:00 PM  
147.975 (-) PL 114.8

Please join us for technical discussions and/or just chatter. Visitors are welcome.

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**WB6GCT – SILENT KEY**

We are saddened to report that FRC member, Gary Holoubek, WB6GCT, died in his sleep Thursday morning at his home in Tennessee.

Gary had been an active club member, sharing his time with many community service events, including the youth tennis tournaments held in north Orange County each February. Gary was a life member of the Club.

As many of you know, Gary was afflicted with Parkinson's disease as well as diabetes. These challenges never changed Gary's commitment to ham radio, and he attempted to remain active with his radios as long as possible. Gary's funeral will be in Tennessee on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers the family prefers that any donations be made in honor of Gary Holoubek to one of the organizations fighting Parkinson's.

At this time we know nothing about a memorial service in California.

We ask your prayers for Gary's family during this time of loss.

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**Board Minutes November 1, 2006**

Meeting began at 7:30 P.M. at Marie Callender's in Placentia  
Members present for Fullerton Radio Club board meeting – President, Paul Broden; Vice President, Bill Kohlenberger; Secretary, Gary Miller; Treasurer, Manuel Borges; Board Members, Gene Thorpe, Cheryl Thorpe, Tom Curlee, and OCCARO Representative Larry McDavid

Speakers/ Topic for Nov. Glenn Shiery; Marketing Ham Radio

HAMCON 2007: Our club has changed its position and will not be supporting the T-hunt this coming year. The event will be in Torrance next year on Sept 7-9.

Club Bylaws: The most current corrected bylaws will be emailed to the board by Paul.

Club Web Page: The club is soon to have a new webmaster. Tom Curlee's son David, KE6IPY, has agreed to take on the position.

December Meeting: The board voted to spend \$200 for prizes plus the left over money from the raffles. Reservations and payment are needed by Dec 1.

Nominations/ Election: Nominations are still needed for all club positions. Contact a board member if you can help.

Generators: Still for sale. Why not make an offer?

Raffle: none this month

Meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

Gary Miller, ka6gpc  
Secretary Fullerton Radio Club

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November Fullerton Radio Club program  
"MARKETING AMATEUR RADIO FOR EMCOM"

Fullerton has not paid for two insurance policies and may not need to. Surrounding cities similarly have the good fortune to also have these policies without significant expense.

Fullerton's two insurance policies...**Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service** (RACES) teams that are entirely volunteer and interdependent. Orange county's Sheriff has seen and acknowledged RACES real value to the county by actively supporting and investing in an O. C. RACES operation.

Here in Fullerton, One RACES group reports through Fullerton's Fire chief, the other reports through the Security administration at Ca. State University. Is That a Surprise?

Consider that CSUF daily contains a significantly large population, in Fullerton. They must be also served during any kind of Disaster or emergency events affecting the university. CSUF and City Fullerton intimately coexist, although with largely independent administrations and budgets. Neither municipality will ever have sufficient extra budget from their main purposes to fully equip or maintain emergency communications facilities and personnel we could wish for. Present facilities, and trained people can saturate and be inadequate to demand during a massive event.

Of the many privileges and opportunities we radio amateurs have, is contributing our unique experience, training and talent to preparing to meet a rarely called for emergency public need. OK, so how often should we reexamine our ability to adequately respond to such urgent needs.

For our November program we have a very special privilege. CSUF's RACES officer, Glen Shiery, AF6Z very generously has agreed to share with us a very creative approach to this problem he's been proactively working on. His purpose is to inform CSUF and other universities management and faculty of their emergency communications risks, needs and opportunities.

In my view, his approach has much to benefit Fullerton too. He also offers numerous recommendations for how Amateur Radio's technologies are capable of helping to economically meet these needs.

Make sure your calendars are marked, reminding you to see Glen's presentation. Also be sure to invite anyone who is interested or active in emergency preparedness. We must remember that future support by amateur radio will improve with new knowledge and ideas. Be aware, you will leave with a new understanding of Ham power.

73, Bill Kohlenberger  
Vice President

Thanks also to all who help finding these interesting programs

## FRC T-Hunt Report

After finally finding the "unfindable" transmitter last month, Steve Wallis WA6PYE and Deryl Crawford N6AIN got to hide on October 21. They picked a spot in the Whittier hills, on Southwind Drive. Two teams had little trouble, but one ended up putting on lots of mileage.

<u>Calls</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Time</u>
KF6GQ	19.8	9:03 PM
N6MJN	Unofficial	9:10 PM
N6ZHZ	19.6	9:30 PM
KE6GQO/KK6KK	69.3	10:10 PM

73,  
Joe Moell K0OV

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Try this web site if you need a long-lost instruction manual. Lots of good stuff!

Bob, KD6DA  
<http://www.usersmanualguide.com/>

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## OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

Elections will be held on Wednesday, November 15, at the regular monthly meeting. A slate of candidates is noted below. Additional candidates can be nominated from the floor during the meeting, with approval of the proposed candidate.

Nominee list:

President: Larry McDavid, W6FUB  
Vice President: Bill Kohlengerger, W6ZJE  
Secretary: Gary Miller, KA6GPC  
Treasurer: Manuel Borges, AE6SG

Board Member: (Select at least one)  
Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO  
Tom Curlee, WB6UZZ

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## FULLERTON RADIO CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION P.O. BOX 545, FULLERTON, CA 92836

[Please Print]

Name #1; \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member  Yes  No

Name #2; \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member  Yes  No

Dues are \$20 per member, or \$25 per family, Student (Full-time) \$10.00

Bring your dues payment to the next meeting or mail to the above PO Box.

**Fullerton Radio Club Welcomes All Our Holiday Guests**  
**Dinner Menu for Friday, December 15, 2006 Club Meeting**

[At: Marie Callender's Restaurant – Kraemer at Yorba Linda Boulevard, Placentia]

**No. 1. Salad Bar and Soup**

Crisp greens, fresh fruits, garden vegetables and an array special salads, plus all the necessary garnishes to complete our masterpiece. Visit the salad bar as often as you like. Served with toasted garlic bread or our famous golden cornbread.

**No. 2. Chicken Broccoli Fettuccini**

Fettuccini and spinach tortellini, with slices of grilled chicken breast and fresh broccoli in a creamy sauce. Served with a crisp green salad, and toasted garlic cheese bread.

**No. 3. Chicken Pot Pie of the Day**

Tender chunks of chicken with seasonings and vegetables. Served with a crisp green salad.

The items below include a crisp green salad and cornbread

**No. 4. Marie's Homestyle Meatloaf**

Meatloaf topped with a tasty old-fashioned gravy. Served with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables.

**No. 5. Oven Roasted Turkey Dinner**

Hand carved slices of fresh roasted turkey with our special apple-walnut dressing. Topped with giblet gravy and served with cranberry sauce.

**Salmon**

Cooked to perfection. Served with fresh vegetables and rice.  
Prepared in you choice of one of two styles

**No. 6. Cajun**

Lightly coated with New Orleans style spicy seasonings.

**No. 7. Garlic Lemon Pepper**

Grilled with fresh garlic, herbs and seasonings.

**For Dessert - Pie**

Your choice of:

<p>Lemon Apple Slightly tart and slightly sweet, this pie is topped with light and airy meringue.</p>	<p>Pumpkin Fresh apples slightly spiced with cinnamon.</p>	<p>Pumpkin Pumpkin spice and everything nice Have made this pie an American favorite</p>
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Your choice of coffee, tea or soft drink  
**ALL FOR THE LOW PRICE OF \$19.00**  
 Cash-and-carry bar. Tax and tip included.

Please return this form and payment to the **Fullerton Radio Club** meeting of October 18 or November 15.  
 Or mail **no later than December 1**, to:

Fullerton Radio Club, P.O. Box 545, Fullerton, CA 92836  
 Make checks payable to: **Fullerton Radio Club**

Qty.	Menu Item
	X \$19.00 =
	<i>For use by server only</i>
	Table #

I'll be attending but not eating <input type="checkbox"/>
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Monthly Board Meeting**

Open to all Members  
Marie Callender's Restaurant  
126 Yorba Linda Blvd.  
Placentia

**Next Board Meeting: December 6, 2006**

Talk and Dinner: 7:00 PM  
Meeting: 7:30 PM

**Orange County Council of Amateur  
Radio**

**Organizations (OCCARO) Web Site**  
[www.occaro.org](http://www.occaro.org)

**Fullerton Radio Club Web Sites**

<http://www.FullertonRadioClub.org>

**VE Sessions**

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Or check the Fullerton Radio Club  
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Next VE Exam: **December 9, 2006**

Please call one week in advance to  
reserve a place

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