



# Smoke Signals

Newsletter of the Fullerton Radio Club

November 2007

## PREZ SPEAKS

Bad stuff happens and a lot of bad stuff has happened just recently. Many of us have friends or family who were affected by the recent fires, which surely were a major disaster. I can't remember when such serious fires were simultaneously creating havoc over such a wide area of Southern California. I had friends from Malibu and Fallbrook affected; we all have stories to tell of these serious events. As always, hams volunteered in this disaster. We are used to being among the first responders in emergencies but our participation this time was a bit different from our usual activities. Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE supported some unexpected help requests and will this month tell us about his and other volunteer efforts in the fires.

The recent ham convention in Torrance featured a dinner speaker whose topic was earthquake preparedness. Bill W6ZJE followed up on this topic by exploring the California Earthquake Center's website and discovered new data predicting disastrous results from an earthquake on our local Puente Hills fault. This will happen folks, we just don't know when. Ham volunteers will again participate I'm sure but, based on changing needs, our participation is likely to change from our previous experience. Bill will report what he found on this Earthquake Center website and how it might affect us.

Ours is not a large club but it still takes some management to run smoothly. We are at the time for election of directors and officers for next year and still need additional volunteers to serve. Manual Borges has decided to move out of the area and can no longer serve as treasurer or membership chairman. We need another director-at-large candidate as well. This is a good opportunity for you to help your club and agree to run for office for next year. Many of the present officers have served for many years and the club will benefit from having new members on the Board of Directors. Not much time is required really and even newly licensed hams can serve well and bring new ideas to the club. Please make an effort to help your club and contact me or one of the present officers about volunteering to serve.

In December we will hold our traditional Christmas dinner rather than a regular meeting. Dinner plans are complete and we are even buying raffle prizes. But, very few have already returned the reservation form from last month's

newsletter. Please see that form in this month's Smoke Signals and return it to so we can verify the head count for the dinner at Marie Calendar's Restaurant. Remember, deadline for dinner reservations is December 1.

I used to regularly attend the TRW swap meet but have found less and less there that is of much interest. But, I have discovered that there is an electronics-only swap meet sponsored by Chino Hills High School on the morning of each third Saturday. Surprisingly large, this swap meet is primarily electronics and ham radio focused. I've enjoyed attending it and I invite you to visit and enjoy it as well. Chino Hills High School is easily accessed; I go east on the 91 Freeway and north on Highway 71 to Soquel Canyon Parkway, then south on Pomona Rincon Road to the high school. There are maps and more information on the Internet; Google Chino Hills High School Swap Meet.

I enjoy the Show-and-Tell each month and hope you do, too! I'll have a thing or two again this month but I don't want to be the only one showing and telling so find something of interest and bring it or plan to talk briefly about some interesting thing you've done. Remember, this is not a big presentation, just stand up and show what you've brought; if practical, pass it around the room for folks to enjoy.

Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, our never-tiring public service coordinator, has lots of activities in need of our support. Gene just can't do it alone, so please support Gene with your volunteered help.

Remember our dinner at the Carrow's Restaurant on Harbor Boulevard near Brea Boulevard about 6:00 PM before each club meeting. And, remember to bring a Show-and-Tell item for the meeting!

Larry W6FUB

### November FRC Meeting

**Topic: "Southern California's CATAclysmic Intermittent Natural Disasters; Past, Present, and Future"**

A brief look at the Ham Radio involvement in the Santiago fire, followed by "Shift Happens", a more detailed view of latest information about our Seismic Risk Potential. Finally, a look at what we have learned that helps in better choices of preparedness methods.

7:30 PM, Wednesday, November 21  
Fullerton Senior Center, 340 W. Commonwealth

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## Election of club officers

Annual election of officers for Fullerton Radio Club will be held at the November 2007 meeting. Elected officers will be installed at the special Holiday dinner meeting on Friday, December 14.

The slate of nominated candidates are:

President;	Larry McDavid W6FUB
Vice President;	Bill Preston KZ3G
Secretary;	Gary Miller KA6GPC
Treasurer;	Open
Directors, at-large (select a minimum of one)	Tom Curlee WB6UZZ Gene Thorpe KB6CMO

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the November meeting with permission of the candidate.

It's not too late for **YOU** to speak up and volunteer to serve your club as an officer or director!

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### **EI2VNO DXpedition**

Last month's Smoke Signals noted that JIM CARMODY NN5O, former Fullerton Radio Club member now living in Texas, would be operating as **EI2VNO** from **County Kerry, Ireland** during the last weekend of October, and prizes would be given to all FRC members making contact with Jim during the expedition. Well, Bill Kohlenberger has heard from Jim regarding the activities. Gale force winds prevailed, reducing operating time by 2/3, and limiting contacts. Jim reports that his furthest DX contact was Thailand, and there were no winners of the EI2VNO prizes. The photo is from the Ireland expedition, and shows two Switchable Vertical Dipole Array antennas yielding a bit to the gale winds.



## VE Exam Sessions End

Bob's Garage held it's last SCHEDULED exam session on Saturday October 13, 2007. Four applicants attended and three were successful. All three became Techs.

Bob and his VE crew want to thank the three Amateur Radio organizations for all the help that has been given during the several years the Garage has been active. Past records show that nearly 500 applicants have passed through the Garage for examinations.

Please keep in mind that Bob and his crew are still an accredited VE Examiner for the W5YI-VEC and can hold exams for any group that requests it; please give them ample notice if an examination is needed.

## FRC Mobile T-Hunt Report

Dave Balgie N6MJN hid the October FRC transmitter hunt, running five watts into a four element quad pointed at Mount Baldy. His spot was at the end of Equestrian Lane, tucked between the railroad tracks and San Jose Creek, just north of the 60 freeway in the City of Industry. It took two hours for everyone to find him.

Team	Odo
<u>Calls</u>	<u>Miles</u>
KF6GQ	25.4
N6AIN/WA6PYE	28.8
N6ZHZ	34.6

73,  
Joe Moell K0OV

## Hamcon T-Hunt results

On September 7, 2007, N6MI and KF6GQ put on a [mobile] transmitter hunt for the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in Torrance, California. The Fullerton Radio Club sponsored this event and coordinated the prizes. (Thank you!)

There were two transmitters. The first transmitter was hidden in Rowland Heights, along the Los Angeles County and Orange County border (near a water pumping station). This transmitter ran 4 watts into a 1/2-wave whip. The transmitter was high and had a clear view to Torrance and Monrovia.

The second transmitter was hidden on a residential street in Monrovia (near a water storage facility). This transmitter ran 25 watts into a 4-element yagi (pointed southeast toward the first transmitter). Both antennas were vertically polarized.

The results: N6MJN (first); N6AIN (second); N6ZHZ/KD6CYG (third); WB6JPI (fourth); W8RRV (fifth); and WB6ARK (sixth).

Next year, we will all be hunting at the convention in Arizona.

73,  
J. Scott Bovitz, N6MI

## Web Site Updated

If you haven't checked the FRC web site you really should. It has been updated by David Curlee KE6IPY, with an impressive format filled with club information and photos. Check it out at [www.fullertonradioclub.org](http://www.fullertonradioclub.org), and recommend it to your friends.

## Board Minutes Nov 7, 2007

Meeting began at 7:35 P.M. at Marie Callender's in Placentia. Members present for Fullerton Radio Club board meeting: President Larry McDavid, Vice President Bill Kohlenberger, Secretary Gary Miller, Smoke Signals Editor Paul Broden, Board Member Tom Curlee, Member Bill Preston

Treasurer Report: Bank statement states that the club has \$556.84 in checking and \$1683.33 in savings. We currently have 47 paid up members.

Speaker / Topic for Nov. – Bill Kohlenberger, W6ZJE / Emergency Efforts Now and in the Future.

Installation Dinner: The menu will again be in this month's Smoke Signals. The cost, which includes tax and tip, will be \$22.00 this year. Raffle tickets will again be available before the meal.

Club Officers: All officer positions are open for nomination at the November meeting. We need some new members to step forward and help with our club especially that of VP and Treasurer.

Events to keep in mind:

- November Meeting, Senior Center Nov. 21. Bring something to share with the group.
- Club Installation Dinner: Friday, December 14.
- RR days: First weekend in May 2008.

Meeting ended at 8:25 p.m.

Gary Miller, ka6gpc  
Secretary Fullerton Radio Club

### FRC Monthly Board Meeting

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

#### Next Board Meeting

**Wednesday, December 5, 2007**

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

### SPECIAL HOLIDAY DINNER MEETING

The FRC annual holiday dinner meeting will be held on **Friday, December 14, 2007** at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Placentia. Reservations for the dinner must be received no later than December 1, 2007. See the attached reservation form and bring it to the November club meeting, or mail to arrive at the club by the deadline date.

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### FRC Regular Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month  
**Fullerton Senior Center**  
**340 West Commonwealth Ave.**  
**QSO 7:00 PM – Meeting 7:30 PM**

#### Next Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, November 21, 2007**

Dinner 6:00 PM at Carrow's, Harbor at Brea

### Fullerton Radio Club Web Site

<http://www.FullertonRadioClub.org>

### FRC Tuesday Net

Remember the FRC Tuesday evening net meets at 8:00 PM on 147.975 (-) PL 114.8  
Join us!

### Orange County Council of Amateur Radio Organizations (OCCARO) Web Site

<http://www.occaro.org>

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION

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[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 Members and Guests to our Holiday Dinner

Friday, December 14, 2007. QSO time starts at 6:30  
Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00 PM

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

Menu: **Select from one entrée, plus dessert.**

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

Crisp greens, fresh fruit, garden vegetables and an array of special salad, 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 bread.

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

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

**No. 4: Marie's Home-style 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 gibley gravy and served with cranberry sauce.

**Salmon:** Prepared in your choice of one of two styles. Both served with fresh vegetables and rice.

**No. 6: Cajon**

Lightly coated with New Orleans style spicy seasonings.

**No. 7: Garlic Lemon Pepper**

Grilled with fresh garlic, herbs, and seasonings.

**For dessert, make your choice from the following pie selection.**

- **Lemon** – Slightly tart and slightly sweet, this pie is topped with light and airy meringue.
- **Apple** – Fresh apples slightly spiced with cinnamon.
- **Pumpkin** – Pumpkin, spice, and everything nice have made this an American favorite.

Served with your choice of coffee, tea or soft drink.

**ALL FOR THE LOW PRICE OF \$22.00.** Tip and tax included.  
 Cash-and-carry bar available.

Please return this form with your payment to the Fullerton Radio Club meeting on October 17 or November 21, 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 & Number	Dessert
	X \$22.00 =	
	For server only:	
	Table #	

I'll be attending but not eating: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_