



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

October 2013

October Club Meeting

The overall health of the US population has been in a long-term decline for the last 50 years. This has been evidenced by climbing obesity rates, increasing needs for medical intervention, reduced quality of life and longevity.

Dan Slater (AG6HF) will explore some possible reasons for this declining health trend and provide some suggestions as to how to achieve a healthy lifestyle. Dan is vice president and co-founder of Nearfield Systems Inc, an aerospace company that manufactures antenna measurement systems. Previously he worked as a consulting engineer for the TRW Space Communications Division and prior to that in the motion picture industry.

Notes from the Kohlenberger Family

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Radio Club newsletter. I found a small amount of time to write something! Here's some words that I have been writing on line to friends, and thought they would be appropriate.

Dad lived a full life, but he was such a huge influence in our family that he will be sorely missed. Between the Ham Radio Club, Boy Scouts, Radio Emergency Services (RACES), his love of Geology, Astronomy and all things Scientific, I can safely say he was an all-around renaissance man! Besides all that, he was dedicated to helping others, especially his children and grandchildren.

As you all know, one of his favorite things was Ham Radio. I remember many a late night as a teenager, when Dad was still up, chatting away with Ham buddies. I would have to wait patiently (well, sometimes patiently) for him to pause and try to answer some question about homework, or answer another important question common to teens. When I went away to college, Dad would write me letters on his "Model 19 Teletype machine, used for the transmission of weather information" as he explained. This was easier than using a typewriter, apparently. He even sent me a list of the symbols used by

weather people when transmitting, so I would understand the punctuation. One story he told might be of interest to all of you. Here it goes:

1/30/1973, 2230 hours

Dear Carol: Howdey(comma), and how are things going up there with you + (encircled, question mark), Got your last card and got the message so here is a letter..... Things have been very busy since the first of the year. In spite of that, I was able to go on a campout with Roger and the Troop. We went out to Joshua Tree NM, There was lots of excitement. The boys enjoyed hiking through the large quartz manzanite boulders. Then Vern Strachan and I hiked up to the top of a nearby hill and ran across an outcropping of copper ore. Couldnt (apostrophe mark) claim it though as it was located within the boundary of the monument. As we were hiking down the hill, we heard a loud rumble and looked up to see a large cloud of dust rising from a curve in the road about a mile away. We hurried over to see what all the disturbance was about and found that a guy had failed to make the turn and rolled his pickup truck across the desert. Fortunately, He wasnt hurt because he had his shoulder harness and safety belt on when the truck rolled. After I put in a call to the Park Ranger on the Ham Radio, we pulled the truck from where it was lying on its side to right it again. the Troop thought that all this was real adventure".....

73 and 88s, Dad

Many times when we were on trips or campouts as a family, he would assist others in need, arranging "patches" or calling out on his portable Ham Radio unit. He also arranged Ham patches to talk to me way up in Arcata to reduce charges. That was my Dad. I strive to meet my goals in life as well as he met his, and to do as much for others as he did. He will live on in our hearts. Thank you again everyone for all your thoughts, stories and sympathy. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Carol L. K. Rush (Bill's eldest daughter)

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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

October Board Meeting Minutes

The Board convened on October 2, 2013 at 7:35 PM after our usual pre-meeting dinner at Marie Callender's. Those present included President Bill Preston KZ3G, VP Richard Belanski KG6UDD, Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Secretary Linda Endsley KJ6IHB, Board Members Larry McDavid W6FUB & Robert Gimble KG6WTQ, and members Joe Moell K0OV, Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU, & Paul Broden K6MHB.

Minutes from the September Board Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report: Checking account; \$1859.72. Savings; \$3,072.69.

There 47 current paid and life members.

Old Business:

Tennis tournament - Will check with the person in charge to find out the status.

The nominating committee continues to search for officer candidates for 2014. Nominees will be announced at the October regular club meeting. The committee will convene after the Board Meeting for discussion of candidate suggestions.

New Business:

The speaker for the general membership meeting in October will be Dan Slater. The topic will be nutrition.

OCCARO Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 9.

La Palma Parade will be Saturday, November 9.

Special Olympics will be December 14/15.

The Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 13. The Board agreed to submit \$300.00 for prizes.

The Board would like to recognize Paul Broden for a the work he did with the article on Bill Kohlenberger

Submitted by Linda Endsley KJ6IHB

La Palma Days

Hello all,

Hope you are all well. On November 9, 2013 the City of La Palma will be hosting its annual La Palma Days Parade. As in years past, we are hoping to get RACES/ACS volunteers to assist with the communications at the parade. Please let me know if you will be available to assist at this event.

Thanks, KJ6JBS
Corporal Les Parsons

La Palma Police Department
Administrative Support Bureau
7792 Walker Street
La Palma, CA 90623

Remembrance of Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE (SK)

The Club published a Special Edition of Smoke Signals last month with several tributes to our member, friend and mentor, Charles William "Bill" Kohlenberger, W6ZJE. We tried to post this edition to everyone with interests in our Club and activities, especially to those who knew Bill. But we may have missed some and if so, our apologies.

If memory serves me correctly, Bill became licensed as an amateur radio operator in 1947. Soon after, Bill became active with a group of Hams that formed a new club called **Fullerton Radio Club**. The group incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of California on October 17, 1950. His active service to and with the Club lasted 63 years.

Although Bill's name and signature are not on the Corporate papers he often spoke of his involvement at that time. In recent years Bill was active in maintaining the Club's corporate registration and Federal IRS filings requirements.

Bill was full of knowledge and information about amateur radio which he most willingly shared with anyone who would ask, and sometimes even if you didn't ask. My observations were that he could carry on a verbal conversation while copying CW in his head at 30 – 35 WPM, and never miss a word of either dialog. That should be a challenge to most of us that struggle with copy of 13 WPM – without the verbal QRM.

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WA6RJE ANOTHER SILENT KEY

A few days ago I received notice from Pam Foster that her dad, **Dick Blosser WA6RJE**, passes away on September 25 at age 85. Dick and his wife, Ruth N6YBJ, have been long-term members of FRC. Pam indicates that a memorial will be held for Dick on November 4, but we have no details at this time. We'll keep you posted as further information becomes available.

Paul Broden K6MHD

Holiday Dinner Meeting

Ho Ho Ho! Or maybe it's Bah. Humbug; but either way you select to identify the season we need to plan ahead; its just around the corner. Our annual Club dinner meeting and officer installation is set for Friday, December 13, so reserve the date on your calendar. We'll be at our usual location; Marie Calender's; at the corner of Kraemer and Yorba Linda Boulevards. QSO begins at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00 PM. Officer installation – whenever the mood is right! There should be lots of "goodies" in the raffle. Don't come alone; invite a friend – maybe a new Club member in the making. Reservations for the dinner are required. The menu will be available at the next regular Club meeting and in the November issue of Smoke Signals. Reservations will be required for the dinner, and must be received by Monday, December 2.

Club Officer Nominations

Club By-Laws designate October as the month for the Club President to make announcement of candidates for 2014 Club officers. Officially, these nominations can be accepted only

if seconded from the floor at the October meeting.

The nominating committee has a slate of candidates, but, additional nominations will be called for from the floor at the October regular Club meeting, and are subject to approval of the candidates. Even with the presented slate of candidates you still have an opportunity to run (as a candidate, not for the door). All offices are open; President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; and a minimum of one director-at large.

So ... its time for **YOU** to identify what **YOU** can do within the Club as an elected officer. Speak up; volunteer. It won't kill you. We like to see you in the audience, but you can do more than just be a seat-warmer.

Our dear friend Bill W6ZJE (SK) worked for and with this Club for over 63 years. We all need to keep up his spirit and enthusiasm for Ham Radio through active participation in the Club. Here's one way we can do it.

Election of officers will occur at the November regular club meeting, with installations at the December dinner meeting.

Public Service Event

The Special Olympics needs ham radio operators for their event **December 14 & 15, 2013** – Plan ahead. It will be their second event of the year. Contact Mark Lidikay at ke6tnm@scran.org for more info.

Newsletter Articles Requested

How about some input from the members? Does anyone have an article of interest to club members that we can present in the newsletter? It's getting hard to fill the "white space."

FRC Regular Club Meeting

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

Next Regular Meeting
Wednesday,

October 16, 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
November 6, 2013

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.