



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

September 2014

President's Message

Howdy!!! I'm back from Texas and should be here for a while. I hope everyone has had a good summer. Mine just flew by. Our upcoming events include our usual TAG and Regular Third Wednesday meetings and then La Palma Days in November and our Christmas Party in December. We also have our New Officer elections coming up. This is very important since our club cannot operate without the key officers being in place. Rich has a good speaker in place and he'll introduce him in his column.

That's all for now.

Bill KZ3G

Program for September Meeting

"And you thought Arduino was just a piece of hardware"

Arduino has become a ubiquitous solution for small projects requiring some type of automated control. Arduino comes in many I favors and can do many things. Learn about what Arduino really is and find out about some of the "stuff" you can do with Arduino ... From controlling lights to wireless sensors and more.

Presentation by; Dennis Kidder W6DQ

Announcement

Southern California Antique Radio Society, Fullerton Swap Meet

October 18 at Fullerton Airport. Sellers must be members of SCARS. Here's a link for more info:

<http://www.antiqueradios.org/events.html>

From The Editor

For the past several months you have noticed the brevity of Smoke Signals. Historically we have published at least six pages, and now we're down to typical 3 – 4, with one page commonly being ads and the membership application. I thank the regular contributors for their continual support. But, we need more from the membership. I'd like to hear from any of you with potential newsletter contributions. I'm looking for such things as ham-related projects in which you are currently involved, something new that you are doing, equipment experiences, contest in which you were involved (and results, if available), ten-ten activities, on-the-road (trips) activities whereby you used your radios, what band activities have you experienced, and anything else you can think of. It doesn't have to be lengthy or complex. How about any interesting or special contacts that you've made? What DX stations and band/activity contacts have you made? We'll make an activities column for these short stories. Additionally, we'd like to offer a classified ad section if you have some ham "stuff" for sale. Or if you are looking for a specific item tell us what you need. These ads are not always successful, but nothing tried, nothing gained.

The Board of Directors is looking for ways to add interest to the Club, and also identify meeting program subjects and speakers. Again, we need your input. If you have an idea, can identify a presenter, or can/will make a presentation yourself we'd like to hear from you. It's **OUR CLUB**, so we all need to support it.

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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.org

September 3, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

The September 2014 Board meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM by President Bill Preston KZ3G. Other members present were: Vice President, Richard Belansky KG6UDD, Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Secretary Linda Endsley KJ6IHB, Directors Larry McDavid W6FUB, Paul Broden K6MHD, Mike LeFevre WD6AQH, and member Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU.

Minutes from the August Board meeting were reviewed and approved. Treasurer's Report: Checking Account, \$2,758.85. Savings Account, \$3,073.24.

Old Business:

A nominating committee will be formed for selecting candidates for the upcoming election.

La Palma Days Parade will be in November.

Plans are being made for the Christmas dinner in December.

New Business:

A committee will select what to do with the money from the sale of Bill Kohlenberger's radio items. Need to discuss at general meeting what to do with the leftover items of Bill's from the garage sale.

Speaker at the September meeting and topic will be TBA [To Be Announced].

Discussed possible future activities of the club.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 1.

The meeting was closed at 8:53 PM

Submitted by Linda Endsley, KJ6IHB

Transmitter Hunting News

The Seventeenth World Championships of Amateur Radio Direction Finding are in progress near Burabay, Kazakhstan. These World Championships take place every even-numbered year somewhere in the world to see who is best at this combination of radio and orienteering in the forest. Five men and three women, ranging in age from 29 to 72, are representing USA this year. All in all, there are 278 competitors from 25 countries there. Also Marvin Johnston KE6HTS from Santa Barbara is serving as an international referee.

At press time, the first of four days of competition has just concluded and USA has won its first medal. Vadim Afonkin KB1RLI captured silver in the two-meter competition in the category for men ages 40 through 49. More information and updates can be found at www.homingin.com.

We try to have an ARDF introduction and practice session every month somewhere in southern California. Usually it includes a workshop where you can build your own two-meter direction-finding antenna and attenuator. Our next session is being planned for Saturday, September 27 at a park in the Palos Verdes peninsula. These sessions are always open to everyone, with or without a ham license. Latest information is posted at www.homingin.com

Also, the Fullerton Radio Club sponsors a mobile hidden transmitter hunt on the third Saturday of each month, starting from the top of Acacia Avenue in Fullerton. The transmission is continuous on 146.565 MHz. Winner has the lowest start-to-finish odometer mileage. For the August hunt, Steve Wallis WA6PYE was at the end of Soquel Canyon Parkway in Chino Hills, bouncing his signal from Mt. Baldy back to the starting point. The hunters are getting pretty good at figuring out these Baldy Bounces, so the mileages were rather close. Here are the results:

<u>Team Calls</u>	<u>Odo Miles</u>
N6MJN	17.5
N6ZHZ/KK6JDC	17.6
N6MI	17.8
N6AIN	22.1
WA6CYY	25.6
AB6PA/KG6EEK/Ryan	27.1

The next FRC mobile hunt will be put on by Bob Miller N6ZHZ at 8 PM on September 20.

73,
Joe Moell K0OV

FRC Regular Club Meeting

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

Next Regular Meeting
Wednesday,

September 17, 2014

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
October 1, 2014

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM