

Smoke Signals Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club April 2010

FRC Field Day Information Update

Field Day 2010 is fast approaching and your Field Day Committee needs you to step up to one or more of the many positions available for this year's extravaganza. This is a big event so we will need for everyone to take charge and be responsible for at least one specific area within the overall structure.

After reading the tea leaves spread around the TAG table last night (Wednesday) it seems that our best approach is to follow the generally accepted ARRL guidelines, up to a point. The point at which we choose to deviate has to do with our own special needs and the limited manpower available to us. This year, as we did last year, we will run in the 2A category. This means two full HF stations, one VHF/UHF station and one GOTA station. The VHF/UHF station can work from 6 meters up and in different modes, but only one frequency and mode at any given time. We will qualify for a GOTA station but we will only implement it if we have resources available and new members or friends who are interested in participation.

Our strategy is to take the long-term view and focus on education and coaching to develop operator competency and technical skills. To that end we will organize our teams around band captains (accomplished operators) within the appropriate time slots for those bands. As this suggests, we will not be operating on all bands during all time slots. This will allow for more scheduling flexibility and greater educational opportunity.

Each team will consist of a band captain with the appropriate license, one recorder with at least some experience and one field day novice. During each time slot the responsibilities will be swapped around such that the maximum amount of instruction is achieved. Our primary goal is to upgrade the overall skill level of our club.

The transmitter captains will determine our time slots, and we will operate as long as we have full teams participating. The band captain, or a suitable appointed substitute, must be present and actively leading the team at all times. The objective is to rotate the recorder and the field day novice into the operator's position as soon as they are comfortable in doing so. This will allow the band captain to provide quality coaching on radio settings and operation as well as on air techniques. While we're about it there's nothing

wrong with racking up a few points but this is definitely a secondary objective.

This year, thanks to two of our members who have already volunteered, we will have a full up, automated, computer network for recording our results. This system will also inform us immediately if we are attempting to enter incorrect data or duplicate stations. It will also make things much easier to summarize our results and then forward them to the contest officials.

Our plan for this year is to have several practice sessions before Field Day so we can have total confidence in our gear and in our own ability to use same. This should allow us to be set up and fully operational before the official kickoff time.

There are many more details to be worked out but the most important thing for now is to get signed up for the specific areas you would like to be responsible for and then put together your own action plan. As you can see from the Field Day Volunteers list there are a variety of things that need to be done so everyone should find ways to contribute to the overall success of Fullerton Radio Club Field Day 2010. Some of the "Captain" positions already have volunteers, but we need more: – WE NEED YOU. Further assignment and duty descriptions will be discussed at the April Club meeting. Volunteer names will be received at that time as well.

Bill Preston KZ3G, Field Day Chairman

FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS		
VHF/UHF CAPTAIN		
#1 HF TRANSMITTER CAPTAIN _		
#2 HF TRANSMITTER CAPTAIN _		
ANTENNA DESIGN CAPTAIN _		
ANTENNA WRANGLER CAPTAIN _		
LOG CABIN CAPTAIN _		
COMPUTER NETWORK CAPTAIN _		
GOTA STATION CAPTAIN _		
ADMIN/BONUS POINT CAPTAIN _		
FOOD CAPTAIN		
SAFETY CAPTAIN		

April FRC Meeting

Fullerton Radio Club will meet at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at the Fullerton Senior Center, 340 W. Commonwealth Ave, Fullerton. The location is across the street from the Library. See page 2 for program details. Visitors are welcome.

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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

DonateLIFE Run/Walk

FOLKS, This year's DonateLIFE Run/Walk is less than a month away. If you have NOT already signed up, please sign up ASAP. We still need about 15 Amateur Radio Operators for this event. It is a short day's event from 0700 to about 1000 hrs. Even "New" Hams came work this event. Date: Saturday May 1, 2010 at CSUF. After the R/W, there is a Health Festival and a Concert- All-4-One! Please E-mail me your info ASAP. Thanks to those who have volunteered already. Hope to hear from you very soon.

73's Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO HP#714-680-4258

March FRC T-Hunt Report

The March 20 Fullerton Radio Club transmitter hunt was put on by Monte Variakojis KE6GQO. He claimed that he didn't know the FRC hunt boundaries but thought it would be all right to put his transmitter on Balboa Peninsula at the entrance of a parking lot near the pier. His transmitter was an HTX-202 running about one watt into a homemade 5-element arrow shaft yagi. All seven teams figured out that he was beyond the Pacific Coast Highway boundary by almost a mile and found him. Most of them thought at first that Monte was on Balboa Island, so the ferry operators got used to taking vehicles with strange antennas from the island to the peninsula.

Team	Odo
<u>Calls</u>	<u>Miles</u>
N6MJN	23.2
N6AIN/WA6PYE	24.5
KF6GQ	25.0
K0OV/WB2LRH/KI6RWU	26.5
N6ZHZ	31.4
KI6LYZ/family	38.0 (First hunt!)

N6LN 73. Joe Moell K0OV

April Meeting Program

39.0

Our speaker for Wednesday's meeting will be Donna Boston, emergency manager for the Orange County Sheriff's Department. She has two daughters, is on the steering committee for ReadyOC and is affectionately known as "O.C.'s Emergency Mom." Donna will be speaking about Emergency Preparedness and what we should do to be ready for the next disaster. She was featured in an article in the Orange County Register titled "Getting the family ready for an emergency" By Carine Nadel on Dec. 23, 2009.

April Board Meeting Minutes

Vice President Albert Solomon KI6RWU called the board meeting together at 7:30 PM on April 7. Other members present included Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Secretary Paul Broden K6MHD, Board Members Larry McDavid W6FUB, Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE, Alex Valdez K9BLK, Field Day Chairman Bill Preston KZ3G, and club member Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU.

Minutes of the March Board Meeting were reviewed and approved.

The treasurer's report indicated that the club has \$1,689.85 in savings, and \$1,897.18 in checking accounts.

Membership: Three new members have been added to the list, making a total of 53 paid members: Robert Bordwell KE6JDH, James Carmody NN5O (a member from the 70's who has renewed his membership for 5 years), and Michael LeFevre WD6AQH. We've also lost one member, Arnold Unger KB6KPH (SK).

Members are reminded to visit our Yahoo Groups page (FRC-OC@yahoogroups.com) and join the group, or contact Larry McDavid with questions or for additional information update.

Members are also reminded to join in on the FRC Tuesday night "small talk and gossip" net at 8:00 PM each Tuesday, 147.975 (-) PL 114.8. We'd like to hear from you.

Community Service: Railroad Days will be in Brea this year on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 & 2. FRC members are needed to help with set-up, participate in the booth, and help with booth teardown. Sign-up at the April Club meeting. Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE will contact Brea RACES to see if they would like to join us at the RR Days event.

DonateLife Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, May 1

(yes, same day as Railroad Days). See information on page 2.

Fullerton Airport Days will be held on Saturday, May 22. Twenty hams are needed for this event. President Robert Doidge KI6KYW will be the team leader. Contact Robert to sign-up.

There will be an all-city/county RACES & MOU drill on Wednesday, May 19, the same day as our May club meeting. Club members who are part of RACES, and HDSCS members may be participating in the drill, thus meeting attendance may be somewhat reduced.

Amateur radio classes will be offered in Downey on May 14 - 16. See the notice below for details.

Field Day plans were discussed. Please refer to the article on page 1 for details.

OCCARO will meet at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 14 at the Red Cross office in Santa Ana. FRC has selected Friday, 23 for our day at the OC Fair Ham Booth. The booth requires three operating shifts, each with 2 – 3 hams. Please contact Larry McDavid W6FUB to sign up. The booth operation will be discussed at the next club meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Submitted by Paul Broden K6MHD Club Secretary

Arnold Unger KB6KPH - Silent Key

It is with sadness that the Club recognizes the passing of long time member, Arnold Unger KB6KPH. Arnold passed away on March 29, 2010, at the age of 83. Arnold had been an electrical engineer with Autonetics division of North American Aviation, Rockwell International, and Boeing.

Learn To Be An Amateur Radio Operator

A three-day program leading to a Technician Class License wil be sponsored by Alta Los Angeles Hospitals, Inc., and hosted by Downey Regional Medical Center, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday May 14 – 16. Classes will be held at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90242.

Times:

Friday, May 14, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 15, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 16, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

YOU MUST ATTEND ALL THREE DAYS.

Cost: \$20.00, which includes refreshments, all materials and F.C.C. examination fee.

Participants must register by no later than May 3, 2010. Attendance is limited to 40. Register by calling Henry Fromenta at (562) 904-5458.

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FRC Regular Club Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month Fullerton Senior Center 340 W. Commonwealth Ave. Fullerton, CA

Next Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 21, 2010

<u>Dinner before the meeting at about 5:30 PM at:</u>
Coco's Restaurant, 1011 N. Harbor Blvd.

Meeting time: 7:00 PM

Orange County Council of Amateur Radio Organizations (OCCARO) www.occaro.org



FRC Board Meeting

Open to all members

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

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, May 5, 2010

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM FRC Tuesday Net

8:00 PM - 147.975 (-) PL 114.8

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(Please Print) Name #1		Class:
Name #2	Call:	Class:
Name #3	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.

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