



# Smoke Signals

## Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

### July 2014

#### July Meeting

**Wild Bill Wiederhold will present:**

Tales of a Suitcase DXPedition

2011 CQWW SSB - Yet another grand adventure that took us to Rarotonga, South Cook Islands where we operated as E51Z. We had a tremendous amount of help from local hams: Victor Rivera, E51CG - E51USA and his lovely wife Eleanor. Also from Jim, E51JD and Bob, E51BQ. All great hosts that really showed us a great time while we were there! The Cook Island Newspaper had Rachel Reeves come out to interview our group. She put together a great article about our operation. From there, four of us went on to ZL land (New Zealand) for some exploring.

Wild Bill was around ham radio as a young man because his father, K6SMT, (SK) was quite active running health and welfare traffic from various parts around the world. But his license wasn't in the stars till he got together with his YL Ellen, N6UWW back in the year 2000. It wasn't long after that he followed through from the years past, got his license and is an extra class licensee. He did heavy equipment repair for thirty plus years in So Cal and now runs the communications for the off road race series in the southwest and Baja California. Races like the SCORE Baja 500, Baja 1000 and the BiTD

Vegas to Reno races. He has operated from about a dozen different countries and five different continents.



#### July Meeting Information

The July Club Meeting Presentation Information is located above.

**Meeting: July 16, 2014. 7:00 PM**  
**Chapman Activity Center**  
**2515 San Carlos Dr., Fullerton**

**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.org](http://www.FullertonRadioClub.org)**

## July 2, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

The July 2014 Board meeting was called to order at 7:27 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, OCCARO representative Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, and member Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU.

Minutes from the June Board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account, \$2,433.85. Savings Account, \$3,073.14.

Old Business:

The last payment for the radio equipment was received. This and annual dues received were just deposited (\$325.00).

Trustee in pursuit.

Our club needs more members. Ideas were exchanged as to how this might be accomplished. We also need to make contact with Placentia RACES.

The WARA meeting will be at Walter Knott School in Buena Park on Saturday, June 28, 1pm.

Our Christmas Dinner is in the planning phase.

Field Day was successful. Several Field Day sites were visited by multiple club members.

New Business:

The LaPalma 5K/10K run will be on July 4.

TBA will speak at the July general meeting. The topic will be TBA [To Be Announced].

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, August 6.

The meeting was closed at 8:32 PM

Submitted by Linda Endsley, KJ6IHB

## Next ARDF is training camp at Mt. Pinos

The next southern California on-foot transmitter hunting event is a two-day ARDF "training camp" at Mt. Pinos, near Frazier Park, on Saturday and Sunday, July 19-20, 2014. It is especially for radio-orientees who are in training for the IARU World ARDF Championships this September. It is open to all other radio-orientees, but please understand that these are advanced courses. You must be capable of walking or running at high elevation for at least 5 kilometers. A ham radio license is not required, but you should have some map-and-compass orienteering experience.

The organizer is Marvin Johnston KE6HTS. His plan is to set a full 2-meter course Saturday morning and a full 80-meter course on Sunday morning. If time permits and he has enough help, there will be a foxoring course on Saturday afternoon. That will be followed by a Santa Barbara style tri-tip barbecue supper prepared by Marvin.

An excellent course map by the Los Angeles Orienteering Club will be provided for each event. There will be a nominal charge of \$22 per person to cover the maps, e-punch, barbecue and other expenses.

If you plan to attend, please send e-mail to Marvin to help him make plans and to insure that you'll be expected at start time. (marvin@west.net) He will reply to tell you the starting locations and times for each day.

Mount Pinos terrain is mostly runnable forest. The air is clear and there is no poison oak. There will be a 3-hour time limit for both the 2m and 80m courses. Scoring for ARDF will be electronic. If you have an "e-stick," be sure to bring it.

Please be on time for this event. The starts for all courses will only be open long enough to get everyone going (about 30 minutes). We will try to monitor 146.52 MHz simplex for incoming ham operators, but may not be able to hear you if you're not close by.

Directions: Take the Frazier Park exit from Interstate 5 and go west on Frazier Mountain Park Road. Continue 8 miles, passing Frazier Park and Lockwood Valley Road (which is your last chance for supplies and water). Four miles beyond the Lockwood Valley turnoff, stay left at the fork onto Mt Pinos Road. (If you reach Pine Mountain Club, you went the wrong way, so turn around and go back to the fork.) Go another five climbing, winding miles to McGill Campground on your right or continue to the announced gathering point. (See map at [www.homingin.com](http://www.homingin.com).) Forest Service Adventure Passes are not required for this area, but there is a day-use fee for vehicle parking at McGill Campground.

Lodging: Overnight camping is available at McGill Campground for \$20 per night per campsite on a first-come-first-served basis (\$10/night if you have an Interagency Senior Pass). If McGill is full, continue up the road to Mt. Pinos Campground. The campgrounds are dry, so bring your own water. Depending on the fire danger, campfires may be prohibited. (If that happens, we'll move the barbecue to Frazier Park.) If you don't want to camp, you can stay at the Holiday Inn Express or the Motel 6 (formerly the BestRest Inn), both at the Frazier Park exit of I-5. There is also an Econolodge at the Gorman exit of I-5.

73,  
Joe Moell K0OV

## FRC T-hunt report for Smoke Signals

### FRC Transmitter Hunt 6/21/2014

Dave Balgie N6MJN was hider for the Fullerton Radio Club mobile transmitter hunt on the third Saturday of June. He was in a well-used location along Workman Mill Road in Whittier, but he put a "spin" on the signal by using an 11-element beam pointed through Rose Hills toward the starting point in Fullerton. Some hunters reported extremely strong signals along Turnbull Canyon Road in Hacienda Heights, so they tried unsuccessfully to get to him via Skyline Drive from Turnbull Canyon, adding lots of miles. The last team to arrive came in at 10:30 PM, but all the mileages were relatively close.

<u>Team Calls</u>	<u>Odo Miles</u>
WA6CYY	28.4
N6ZHZ/KK6JDC/Rob	30.2
AB6PA/KG6EEK	31.2
N6AIN/WA6PYE	32.7

Your next opportunity to join the T-hunting fun will be Saturday, July 19 when the transmitter will go on the air at 8 PM on 146.565 MHz. Hunters will gather on Ladera Vista Drive east of North Acacia Avenue in Fullerton.

73,  
Joe Moell K0OV