



# Smoke Signals

## Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

### July 2017

#### JULY CLUB MEETING

We're doing something different this month. YOU will be doing the presentation; or at least some of you will. The focus of this month's meeting will be "SHOW-AND-TELL". We've had excellent success with this format at the TAG (Technical Advisory Group) meetings, and now we need to bring this process to the monthly Club meeting. If you have a project related to ham radio, electronics, or something related that will be of interest to club members bring it and be prepared to provide a brief description of what, how, why, and your attraction to the project. Maybe someone else would have a similar interest and this might just kick them in the behind to get something started. Look at the last two or three issues of Smoke Signals where Walter Clark has given a summary of several projects that were show-and-tell at TAG meetings. I know that's what spurred me on to complete a project that had been "on the shelf" for a year or two, but is now nearly complete. Depending how much we *all* put into it this will be fun and enlightening meeting.

We also need more of the membership in attendance!!! Hello; anyone out there? Where are you? Your Club Board of Directors, and particularly VP Walter Clark, is trying to provide topics of interest, but it does little good if you don't support the Club by your attendance at meetings.

#### July Meeting:

##### Chapman Activity Center

2515 San Carlos Dr.  
Fullerton, CA

March meeting will be:

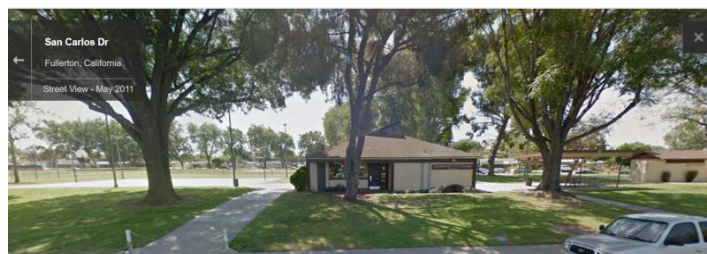
**Wednesday,  
July 19, 2017**

Dinner before the meeting; 5:00 PM – at:

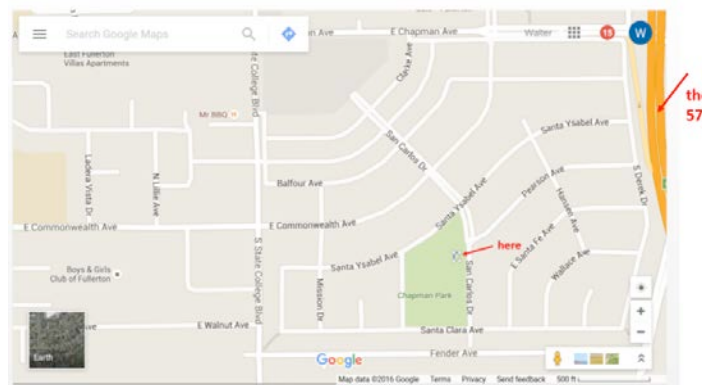
**Sizzler  
1401 N. Harbor Blvd.  
Fullerton**

**Meeting time: 7:00 PM**

**Visitors are welcome**



Chapman Activity Center



Chapman Park location

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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)**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

The July 2017 FRC Board meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Vice President Walter Clark. Others present: Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO and Secretary: Linda Endsley KJ6IHB. Directors: Larry McDavid W6FUB, Paul Broden K6MHD, Richard Belansky KG6UDD, and Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ. Members: Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU and Bill Preston KZ3G.

Treasurer's report: Savings - \$2,607.06; Checking- \$4,093.01

Minutes from the June Board Meeting were read and approved after correction of La Palma Run/Walk was on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business:

Need speakers for the general meetings. Names of three potential speakers were submitted.

New Business:

Dues are due for those who have not paid.

The July general meeting will be a show and tell. The August general will be a swap meet.

In the future, some general meetings may be without a speaker; will offer radio items for sale.

Ham Jam will be on July 8<sup>th</sup> at HRO Anaheim.

Ham Con will be September 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>.

Next board meeting: 2 AUG 2017

Adjourned at 8:15 pm

Submitted by Linda Endsley KJ6IHB

## HAMCON 2017

As you are no doubt aware, there is a HAMCON coming to Torrance this September. You can register by going online to [hamconinc.org](http://hamconinc.org).

There will be quite a few vendors and Tech Talks. Our Section Manager, Diana Feinberg, AI6DF, is working hard on this project, along with a great HAMCON committee.

In addition to the Vendors, Tech Talks, and meals, there will also be a swap meet that Sunday morning. So, if you or your club would like to sell used ham-related equipment please go to the afore mentioned website, click on "Swap Meet", read the rules, download the swap meet registration form, and follow the instructions. If you have any questions about the

swap meet, you can contact me. My contact information is below.

If you have nothing to sell, but you are in the market for a good price on some used ham equipment, you might spend that Sunday morning by stopping by the HAMCON swap meet, which will be next to the parking structure at the Torrance Marriott Hotel. You never know, you might find that one item you have been looking for. There are only a limited number of spaces available. So, sellers must register for that as soon as possible.

In closing, there are about a dozen clubs working hard with our Section Manager to make this HAMCON a success for hams all over our division. So, please support our local HAMCON, and be sure to register early so you

can reap the benefits of early registration. There will be a lot of new ham equipment being shown in the Vendor Room. Learn from the Tech Talks, and sell and/or buy some used ham equipment at the swap meet. Also, you might just meet face-to-face some of the people you have talked to on the air. Anything related to ham radio is fun. So, register today to attend this HAMCON, and be a part of the fun. We hope to see you there.

73,

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## HAM JAM

The annual Ham Jam was held on Saturday, July 8 at and sponsored by HRO Anaheim. As is typical it was on a beastly hot day, but attendance was still good. Below are a few pictures of some activities. Photos courtesy of Walter Clark



Northrup Grumman Amateur Radio Club  
Emergency Truck



Amateur Radio Tower Trailer Team (ARTTT)



CW Station and WB6NOA's famous Emergency Communication vehicle



Anaheim RACES

## HDSCS ACTIVITIES

One can always tell it's summer for the HDSCS folks. Field Day, Ham Jam, and "termite activity" occur during the warm and sunny time of year. Field Day was once again at Huntington Beach Hospital. The hospital is a great host allowing members to have the experience of creating antennas and setting up stations under emergency conditions. It's a collaborative effort making use of hospital structures, surge capacity tents, portable generators, and equipment members bring to the setting. Some FRC members visited as did folks from some other clubs in the area and even some new hams found us using the locator on the ARRL site. Dick Norton, N6AA, our Southwestern Division Director, visited us on Saturday evening. Nursing students from Concorde Career Academy just happened to be doing some of their final practical training at the hospital that weekend and stopped by to see what we were doing. Not only did they end up in the GOTA tent learning how to make some contacts, they also were back on Sunday morning for an ad hoc inservice give by WA6OPS about Amateur Radio as a communications resource for hospitals in emergencies. Ham Jam was the next activity for HDSCS members. Ham Radio Outlet hosted this event for the 6th year. FRC members Joe, KØOV; April, WA6OPS; and Paul, K6MHD. It was great to be set up right by the front door but we almost melted in the morning getting direct sun on us. We enjoyed

linking up with hams from other emcom groups and also had some folks that could become new members soon. And there is some termite activity taking place. It's not quite so wild as in the past and it's not just one month. We do want to encourage members to be monitoring HDSCS frequencies since we are an emcom group. Being able to activate members on frequency can save valuable time in a callout. Time is of the essence when responding to a hospital. For the termite exercise we encourage the monitoring and WA6OPS comes up on one of the HDSCS frequencies from time to time throughout the day and makes a call for members, does a random roll call or picks a call sign out of the HDSCS blue bowl. If HDSCS members respond they earn points. At the end of a designated time period such as two weeks, the member with the most points wins a special prize. If you hear some strange conversations on the air about "the woodwork", mounds, or termites, it's probably the HDSCS members. It has encouraged more listening, but equally important, has been the checking of equipment. Can't monitor if your batteries are dead! To know more about HDSCS check out the website at [www.hdscs.org](http://www.hdscs.org).

73

April Moell, WA6OPS

Hospital Disaster Support Communications System



# Annual Orange Section Amateur Radio Emergency Services Seminar & Training



August 5, 2017

9:00am – 3:00pm

Alvord Unified School District

Board Room

9 KPC Parkway

Corona, CA 92879



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## Amateur Radio Emergency Services, Operations Overview

Bob Turner, W6RHK

Orange Section Emergency Coordinator

## California State RACES, Operations Overview

Jeff Lee, KF6NXQ

Deputy State RACES Officer, So. Calif.

## San Bernardino County Emergency Communications Services

Operations Overview

Zack Mullennix, KD6KOG

San Bernardino County Fire Department

Office of Emergency Services

Other Speakers TBA

Lunch Provided.

Please RSVP to [W6RHK@yahoo.com](mailto:W6RHK@yahoo.com)

(need headcount for lunch)

## ARE YOU BEHIND IN DUES???

We've just looked at the latest roster of members and have tallied the status of dues paid for 2017. Of the 75 names on our list of active and inactive members we're shocked that less than 30 (including 3 Life members) have maintained current in dues payment for 2017. Seven haven't paid since 2011, six since 2012, eight since 2013, eight since 2014, three since 2015 and thirteen since 2016. That's over 60% of our roster that are behind in dues payment!!! The year is half over and dues are still not paid? Additionally, attendance at regular club meetings has dwindled to an average of 12 to 14; that's very disappointing. Your Directors are curious as to why for both issues. What do we need

to do to spark interest in YOUR club? We'd like your input, attendance at meetings and, of course, maintenance of current dues. We need all of us as active participants, including you and me. Come out next Wednesday (July 19), enjoy the "show and tell", show some interest in the club, provide your input for club activities and presentations, and **pay our dues**.

Then let's all begin preparation for the August meeting. Plans are to again replace the regular format, this time with a swapmeet. The exact details are yet to be determined, but you can be prepared by digging out items from your ham shack that are no longer needed. Details will be in the next issue of Smoke Signals.

### FRC Board Meeting

#### Open to all Club members

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

#### Next Board Meeting

**August 2, 2017**

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.**

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