



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

January 2021

President's Column - January 2021

As Yogi Berra is alleged to have said, "It's like déjà vu all over again." That said, after a two-year break, it's time for me to take another turn at bat as president of your club. Sorry, those baseball references came out of left field.

The past year has been interesting, to say the least.

In 2019 we supported communications for the Donate Life event held at Cal State Fullerton. We did ARDF, played radio, and ate hamburgers at Hillcrest Park during our (usually) annual May Antennas in the Park event. In June, we held a successful Field Day. We held monthly general meetings at the Chapman Community Center, TAG meetings in Walter Clark's living room, and ended the year with a fun Holiday Dinner at Marie Callender's. In 2020, we mostly stayed at home and social distanced. Oh, and we all learned how to use Zoom.

It hasn't all been bad, however. Our normal monthly TAG and general meetings have been replaced by weekly Zoom get-togethers and we started a weekly net on the K6QEH repeater. After all the Zoom sessions, I feel that I got to know many of the club members better than I did during my previous four years in the club. Also, despite the lack of usual activities, the club gained four new members.

While it is still uncertain when things will "return to normal," I'm cautiously optimistic that we'll be vaccinated and once again able to meet in person, before the year is over.

Here's to the future!

Best Regards,
Bob Houghton AD6QF

January meeting program - A workshop to increase our proficiency with Zoom.

For the past ten months, we have been "meeting" each other every Wednesday by using the Zoom communications platform. I'm not sure if any of us had used Zoom before March. I had never heard of it. While many club members have become proficient at using Zoom to join a meeting and participate in the conversation, several folks have mentioned not being confident in using all of Zoom's features, such as selecting and using virtual backgrounds, video filters, screen sharing, sharing your phone's screen (makes a good remote camera), and other features. Let's make Wednesday's meeting a workshop of using Zoom.

In preparation for the meeting, I would like to assign you some "homework."

- If you have not had much opportunity to use Zoom's "screen sharing" feature, come to the meeting with a picture or document to practice sharing already open on your computer's desktop.
- If you have more experience with Zoom, prepare to share a feature you would like to highlight and demonstrate to the group. I hope to learn more about Zoom from those of you who use it frequently.

By the end of our meeting I would hope we will all be comfortable using screen sharing, as it is a feature that really enhances your ability to share and demonstrate things on Zoom.

Best Regards,
Bob Houghton AD6QF

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Election Results

Following are the results of election of Club officers and board members for 2021.

List of Officers:

President:	Bob Haughton AD6QF
Vice President:	Paul Broden K6MHD
Secretary:	Linda Endsley KJ6IHB
Treasurer:	Gene Thorpe KB6CMO

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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.

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January Board Meeting

The January 2021 FRC Board meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm by President Bob Houghton AD6QF via Zoom (Coronavirus). Others present: Vice President Paul Broden K6MHD, Treasurer Gene Thorpe; KB6CMO; Secretary Linda Endsley KJ6IHB, and Board member Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ.

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report:

Checking - \$3,980.42; \$Savings - \$2,608.62. As of 12/09/20.

New expenses: PO Box rental \$51.

Old Business:

Gene received 1 family renewal, 5 individual renewals and 1 new family membership.

[Election results were confirmed. See Election Results listing in the column to the left.]

15 paid and 3 life members received as of 1/12/21

New Business:

Document new officers in January Smoke Signals.

Time for online tax filings (confirm with Tom G).

Next board meeting: 12 February 2021

Adjourned at 6:12 pm

Submitted by Linda Endsley KJ6IHB [Edited by Paul Broden]

TAG: There was no TAG meeting in January

January FRC Meeting

The January Club meeting will again be presented by video teleconference using Zoom. Members will receive Zoom connection information by our [Groups.io](https://groups.io).

Meeting date: January 20 2021;

On ZOOM! 8:00 PM

February FRC BOARD MEETING

The next Club Board meeting will be on February 10, 2021 and will be conducted using Zoom video conferencing platform.

5:40 PM

Members are welcome.

FRC Wednesday Net:

We're continuing to conduct a 2-meter net on Wednesday evenings. All members, prospective members and friends are welcome. Raytheon repeater, 7:30 PM: 146.970 (-) PL 136.5. This is followed by a chat session on Zoom at 8:00PM. Members will have the Zoom code, but we don't publish it openly to prevent unwanted interruptions.

TAG MEETING

The Technical Advisory Group (TAG) typically meets each second Wednesday at 8:00 PM by Zoom, until such time as safe small group meetings are acceptable. We don't publish the Zoom log-in number or password to prevent unwanted interference, but you can receive this information by contacting club president, Bob Houghton by email. Join us if you'd like to.

Smoke Signals Input Request

You will notice that we have an abbreviated Smoke Signals this month. You, yes you, can help overcome this brevity. Your input doesn't have to be elaborate, or extensive; just of interest, and perhaps related to amateur radio. Use your imagination. But help fill the pages with Amateur Radio "stuff" that will demonstrate that at least some of us are active within the hobby, and interested in the Club. Send to my email address (see Newsletter Editor; page 2). Any format: .doc, .docx, .txt, .rtf. I can edit photos to fit the space available. I reserve the option to edit as needed. Thanks. Paul Broden, K6MHD, Newsletter Editor

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION

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(Please Print)

Name #1	_____	Call: _____	Class: _____
Name #2	_____	Call: _____	Class: _____
Address:	_____	City: _____	State/Zip: _____
Phone #1:	_____	Email #1: _____	
ARRL Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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.