



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

March 2023

PREZ SEZ

It seems all I've done since February is watch it rain on the flatlands of Anaheim! The 11.65 inches I've received in 2023 is twice what I typically get in a full year, and I got nearly 5 inches from one "storm" in late February. Could be worse! I have a friend who has lived in Crestline up in the mountains for 35 years and he reports 100 inches of snow from the latest storm; previously, he never had more than 34 inches of snow. He is using snowshoes to get to his house generator so he can dig down to it and provide engine ventilation! News is that everyone is snowed in up there. I wonder if anyone is working on mountain-top repeaters.

We have scheduled our annual FRC Antennas in the Park event for Saturday, May 13. Albert Solomon, our resident chef, has agreed to cook for us again; the Board is discussing the details, but I expect to enjoy the food as usual! Joe Moell has agreed to host the usual ARDF T-Hunt and likely April will present her usual excellent T-Hunt cake! Let's hope it is not still raining in May so we can string some antennas and make some contacts from the park. Please reserve this date and invite some friends to attend.

March 2023 FRC Regular Club Meeting

The March regular club meeting will be held on Wednesday, **March 15, at 7:00 PM**, on Zoom at the usual address and passcode. If you need this connection information, please contact one of the Board members who will provide the information.

Remember that, while we have an excellent club public website managed by Bob Houghton, we also have the groups.io FRC-OC Group. It is easy to send email messages to club members and even include attachments to Group emails. The Group also has its own website to which you can upload photos and files without the need for help from our public website webmaster. There are lots of pictures up already on the Group website of previous Ants and other events.

While we still have no arrangement for in-person regular club meetings, Bob Houghton is managing a weekly club Zoom meeting on Wednesdays at 7 pm. COVID was just terrible and was a real setback but it encouraged use of Zoom for on-line meetings and that has revolutionized how we communicate and share show-and-tell.

Please think about even small articles for Smoke Signals and ideas for club speakers or tour adventures we might share as a club group.

Larry W6FUB

April 2023 FRC BOARD MEETING

The next Club Board meeting will be on

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

We will continue to hold the meeting by Zoom at the usual Zoom ID and passcode.

Meeting time: 5:30 PM

All Members are welcome

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday May 13 will be our date for Antennas In The Park, with the very popular Hidden Transmitter Hunt directed by Joe Moell K0OV. We'll include our usual BBQ lunch.

Details will be in next month's newsletter.

Show -and-Tell

Bring something of interest to the Zoom meeting to show and share your story. Something old, new, or just of interest to hams.

Web site: www.FullertonRadioClub.org

March 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

The March 2023 Board meeting began with casual discussions at 5:28PM on March 1 by Zoom with President Larry McDavid W6FUB presiding. Additional members present were Vice President Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, Secretary Paul Broden K6MHD, Board Members Bob Houghton AD6QF, Walter Clark and Bart Pulverman WB6WUW. Absent was Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO.

Minutes from the February 2023 Board Meetings were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report: US Bank checking account balance: \$6,740.21 as of the end of 2/28/23.

Expenses yet to be paid are \$200 for renewal of ARRL liability insurance plus fees for use of Bob's Zoom license.

Membership: Two membership renewals were received, making the total membership at 27 paid plus 1 life member as of 2/28/23. There are no new members.

Upcoming Activities: Antennas In The Park, including the popular Hidden Transmitter Hunt, is planned for Saturday May 13. Details of the event will be posted in next month's newsletter. Suggestions were made for fieldtrips or tours as Club activities. Walter will contact Fullerton Police Department for a private Club visit and tour of their facility. We will need to determine how many Club members will attend. Larry suggested a potential presentation from whatever agency oversees the process of stormwater/rain runoff management within Orange County.

A brief discussion was held to determine if any of the Board members had identified subject material or articles for inclusion in the newsletter. One article has been received from Bart Pulverman. Bart also had some recent work done on his antenna tower, and Larry suggested that information related to this type of work availability might be appropriate to list in the newsletter. Bart will follow-up with gathering this information.

Old Business: The Zoom meeting backup process seems to be working. A practice session for alternate host operation will be scheduled between Larry and Bob.

New Business: A potential for a Zoom meeting speaker presentation was identified by Bart. The subject is related to the evolution of news reporting, equipment, and technology. The presentation date is yet to be determined.

There being no further identified business the meeting was adjourned at 6:22PM.

Submitted by Paul Broden K6MHD, Secretary

Unlisted Japanese Amateur Licenses; a Solution

Over the past year or more that I have been operating on FT8 I have noticed that a steadily growing number of Japanese stations I have worked are not listed on QRZ, eQSL, or HamQTH.com. My current list of such stations includes 260 contacts. When I worked those stations, I consistently logged the name and QTH information as "NOT LISTED".

Today, I searched one more time for an online index of "unlisted" stations and was successful. There is one major negative about the site I found, other than the cumbersome manor in which it lists information. The

site,

<http://motobayashi.net/callsign/licensesearch.shtml?target=jg1iif>, is not a "secure site"; i.e., it is flagged with a triangle and labeled "Not Secure" to the immediate left of my browser's URL bar since it does not have a VPN. I have decided to take a chance and start using it anyway and see if there are any negative repercussions. In any case, although the site shows QTH information, most of the listings show the licensees name as "(Not Disclosed)".

If you have any information about or ideas on how to identify these "ghost" stations, please let me know.

73, Bart - WB6WUW

Qso Date	Call sign	Band	Freq	Mode	Country	Name	Rst Sent	Rst Rcvd	Comment	Continent	DXCC	CQ Zo...	ITU Zo...	Grid Loc
2023-02-18 14:05:30	JE7BKV	40M	7.076	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-13	-14	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	QM07
2023-02-18 12:40:30	JM8BIU	40M	7.076	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-19	-9	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	QN01
2023-02-18 12:35:30	JF7RZQ	40M	7.076	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-19	-5	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	QM08
2023-02-18 12:32:30	JR3EHU	40M	7.075	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-18	-14	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM74
2023-02-18 12:22:29	JH1CZK	40M	7.075	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-11	-10	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM96
2023-02-17 14:31:59	J11BJS	40M	7.076	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-20	-10	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM95
2023-02-17 13:15:00	JR3TYL	40M	7.076	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-15	-14	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM74
2023-02-17 12:57:30	JH0GEV	40M	7.075	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-18	+2	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	
2023-02-17 12:12:59	JE2KSP	40M	7.075	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-17	-20	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM95
2023-02-17 11:39:30	JE2HXP	40M	7.076	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-20	-14	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM84
2023-02-17 11:32:59	JA5FRK	40M	7.075	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-17	-6	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM63
2023-02-17 10:54:00	JR8HFD	40M	7.076	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-20	-12	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	QN03
2023-02-17 10:43:30	JG1IIF	40M	7.076	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-15	-9	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	QM06
2023-02-17 10:29:30	JA1LLG	40M	7.076	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-14	-13	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM96
2023-02-16 14:06:02	JQ3GAZ	40M	7.076	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-21	-13	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	
2023-02-13 13:20:45	7N4NUC	40M	7.076	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-15	-4	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	QM05
2023-02-09 01:58:44	JA0NST	10M	28.075	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-17	-18	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM97
2023-02-09 01:04:45	JH6DSR	10M	28.075	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-22	-10	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM52HM
2023-02-08 00:26:29	JK1FJC	17M	18.101	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-13	+1	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM95
2023-02-03 23:10:30	JA5SLV	15M	21.076	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-12	-8	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM74
2022-10-19 02:35:29	JH9ATW	17M	18.101	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-18	-3	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	
2022-10-18 00:58:44	JG1TWP	10M	28.075	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-21	-11	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM95LM
2022-10-17 02:20:14	JA6CGI	10M	28.076	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-19	-7	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM53LM
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2022-10-13 01:50:29	JA4CTE	10M	28.074	FT8	Japan	NOT LISTED	-14	+4	NOT LISTED	AS	339	25	45	PM64LM
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AD6QF February POTA Rove

My wife and I recently returned from several weeks of camping in the deserts of Southern California and Arizona. In addition to hiking, wildflower identification, birdwatching, museum visits, cave tours, and other touristy things, I took this opportunity to activate six

parks for the Parks on the Air awards program. Five of these parks were first-time activations for me.

When operating a ham station while traveling, it's always more fun for me if I get to make contacts with friends from back home. I was fortunate to make multiple contacts with several folks who are FRC Zoom regulars.

While my favorite POTA configuration might best be described as "picnic table portable," on this winter trip, the weather was pretty chilly (including snow one day) at our locations, so at all but one of the parks, I set up the IC-7300 on the dining table of my 17-foot Alto camping trailer. On most of the activations, my antenna of choice was a SOTABeams Bandhopper II 40 / 20 meter linked dipole set up as an inverted-vee by using a 7 meter fiberglass push-up mast as a center support. In locations where there was not enough space in my campsite for a full size 40-meter antenna, I used instead a 17 foot Chameleon non-resonant vertical with a single 25 foot counterpoise.

Parks activated:

Joshua Tree National Park
Catalina State Park
Kartchner Caverns State Park
Patagonia Lake State Park
Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

Equipment used:

Icom IC-7300 transceiver
Bioennio 12 Ah LiFePO4 battery
Powerwerx battery monitor (Amp-hour meter)
SOTABeams Bandhopper II 40/20 m linked dipole
SOTABeams 7 meter fiberglass push-up mast
Chameleon MPAS 2.0 Modular Portable Antenna
Sysstem
Rig Expert 'Stick' antenna analyzer

Special thanks to my POTA hunters:

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Tom Smith KB6A
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73, Bob AD6QF



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Touristy Things



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ARRL Member ☐ Yes ☐ No

Dues are \$20 per member, or \$25 per family. Students (full time) \$10

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