President's Corner

At this month’s meeting we will present a revised set of club by-laws for review by club members with intent to vote on acceptance (or rejection) of the new by-laws as part of the October meeting. The board recognizes that sometimes we need to review and modify the rules by which we operate, so have tried to update the by-laws to keep in line with the realities of what the club is and will continue to be. Fundamentals of the revision include:

- General wording was changed for overall clarity and understanding. We’ve clarified that dues are due and payable in January instead of once per year, with delinquency after March.
- There are no changes in membership requirements.
- We’ve reduced the number of required board members. The board currently consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 3 at-large members, plus the immediate past President, for a total of 8 board members. This is a clumsy number because decisions are typically made by groups consisting of uneven numbers to ensure that tie votes do not occur. The revised by-laws reduce this number to 5 (Pres., VP, Sec., Treas., and 1 at-large member. The past President is no longer included automatically.)

We will have copies of the proposed by-laws revision at the September meeting for you to examine, review, comment, etc., prior to the October meeting. Voting requires a quorum of members, which constitutes 20% of paid membership.

As noted in last month’s Smoke Signals it is now time to select officer and board member election candidates. Although we are searching for members to serve all offices, we know for sure that the offices of President and Vice President do not currently have candidates. The club needs your support – won’t you consider becoming a candidate for one of the offices?

For those of you who receive this newsletter before Saturday, September 16, remember the Airport Days at Fullerton Airport. Several FRC members will be part of the team assisting with communications. This is always an interesting and fun event, so come out 10AM to 4PM even if you’re not participating in the amateur radio communication support.

73 for now
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VE Exam Results
It was a "Long Haul" for two of three applicants at Bob's Garage on Saturday, Aug 12th. One applicant (obtained Extra) came from Winchester, the other (Technician) came down from Squaw Valley. The third was a local applicant and was unsuccessful.

The new Tech exam questions are now in effect, and there are no schematics on that exam any more.

Next session is on the second Saturday of October (10/14/06). Call Bob at (562) 691-1514 one week prior to the test date to pre-register for any of the three elements.

T-HUNT REPORTS
For the July FRC T-hunt, Deryl Crawford N6AIN found an interesting hiding spot in the Park-and-Ride facility at the east end of the 105 Freeway, under the overhead transition from the 605. That made it only a few feet inside the western border. The only entrance is at the north, but everyone converged on the south end, several blocks away. Not only could one not get in from there, but there was no way to park on that street.

Team Calls Odo Miles
K0OV/KO6IC 16.65
N6ZH/KD6CYG 17.70
W6DFW/KG6ZOE 21.00
KF6GQ Went home

When Jack Hafner KO6IC and I checked out our August hiding spot, we knew the hunt would be tricky, but who would have thought that nobody would find us? That's exactly what happened. So we'll be hiding again on September 16, beginning at 8 PM. Maybe we'll be at the same spot, or maybe not. Hunter starting point, as usual, will be the top of North Acacia Avenue, where it intersects with Skyline and Ladera Vista Drives. Come on out!

73, Joe Moell K0OV

Board Minutes September 6, 2006
Meeting began at 7:52 P.M. at Marie Callender's in Placentia
Members present for Fullerton Radio Club board meeting - President Paul Broden, Vice President Bill Kohlenberger, Secretary Gary Miller, Treasurer Manuel Borges, Board Member Gene Thorpe, Board Member Cheryl Thorpe, Board Member Tom Curlee, OCCARO Representative Larry McDavid

Speakers/ Topic for Sept. Marcos O'Rourke (KG6YWT) / H D Radio

Club Bylaws: The most current draft will be submitted for approval at the next meeting. Copies will be at the next general meeting and on the club web site.

Club Web Page: The club is looking for a new webmaster.

Club Call W6ULI: The club will appoint an official representative to give out the 10 –10 number for the club for one year.

Fullerton Airport Day: Sept. 16 Operators need to show up early Saturday morning.

Nominations Nominations are still needed for all club positions. Contact a board member if you can help.

Generators: Still for sale.

Raffle: Drawing this month

Meeting ended at 8:54 p.m.
Gary Miller, ka6gpc
Secretary Fullerton Radio Club
FULLERTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING

Date: Three 8 hour sessions on October 28th, November 4th and November 11th
Time: 8am-4pm.
Location: Fullerton City Maintenance Yard, 1580 W. Commonwealth Avenue
          (Class entrance and parking off Basque)
Cost: $40/ per person, includes lunches, a CERT response kit and class materials.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
Please pick up your registration packet during normal business hours at:

Fullerton Fire Department Headquarters
312 E. Commonwealth Avenue
Fullerton, CA  92832
(714) 738-6500

Frequently asked questions:

Q.  What is CERT?

   A.  The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness
       for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light
       search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.  Using the training learned in the
       classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following
       an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.  CERT members also are
       encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness
       projects in their community.  There is a CERT overview paper located at
       http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/CERT/overview.asp that gives you a complete description of CERT.

Q.  How does CERT benefit the community?

   A.  People who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home,
       workplace and community and can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards on themselves, their
       homes or workplace.  If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply
       the training learned in the classroom and during exercises to give critical support to their family, loved ones,
       neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives.  When help does arrive, CERTs provide useful
       information to responders and support their efforts, as directed, at the disaster site.  CERT members can also
       assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community.  CERTs have been used to
       distribute and/or install smoke alarms, replace smoke alarm batteries in the home of elderly, distribute disaster
       education material, provide services at special events, such as parades, sporting events, concerts and more.

Q.  Who can take the training?

   A.  Naturals for the training are neighborhood watch, community organizations, communities of faith, school staff,
       workplace employees, scouting organization and other groups that come together regularly for a common
       purpose.  CERT skills are useful in disaster and everyday life events.

For further information please contact the Fullerton Fire Department CRV (Community Response Volunteers) office at
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Next VE Exam: **Oct. 14, 2006**
*Please call one week in advance to reserve a place*