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Newsletter of the Fullerton Radio Club

June 2008

PREZ SPEAKS

The May-June period is very busy again this year for FRC. Many visitors stopped by our Fullerton Railroad Days ham radio booth and the trains were great as usual. If you did not attend Antennas in the Park, you missed a very nice event! We had at least 38 present at one time but folks came and went throughout the day. We operated several VHF/UHF stations as well as HF; Dino K6RIX of WARA brought a tower trailer and built a new tri-band HF beam. Joe Moell K0OV ran the on-foot T-Hunt and we all enjoyed April's famous T-Hunt cake. The Fam-Comm folks brought a large canopy that was enjoyed by all. Ants in the Park is a social event with some ham radio activities added for spice and this year it also provided an opportunity to meet members from two other local clubs. Now, it is June and time for Field Day!

Our May meeting program was spectacular, as are the Disneyland fireworks Frances Marquez told us about. She brought safe examples of the pyrotechnics used and told about the behind-the-scene activities needed to put on this massive nightly show. Disneyland was first to choreograph music and fireworks with other park activities, and is the largest single consumer of fireworks in the world!

This month, Manuel Borges will present the plans and help us organize for Field Day 2008. We have again, with the help of Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, secured the use of the Isaac Walton Cabin in Hillcrest Park. This venue was excellent for our 2007 Field Day and this year will be even better! Manuel AE6SG and Bill W6ZJE have been discussing long-wire antennas possible in this large park setting. Field Day allows us to demonstrate our emergency operating capability but really is a lot of fun also. We unexpectedly ranked sixth in our class last year so who knows what will happen this year! Field Day is Saturday-Sunday, June 28-29 so mark your calendars and plan to participate with your club.

Our website can now be reached at either fullertonradioclub.org or fullertonradioclub.com domain addresses, thanks to help from David Curlee. Our FRC-OC Yahoo Group now has 32 members! Those of you who have joined our FRC-OC Group have received some interesting email announcements and comments from members. Those of you who have not yet joined, please do so! You don't need an invitation email to join; just browse

over to <http://groups.yahoo.com> and enter FRC-OC in the Find a Group text box; from that group homepage, you can join our club Group.

FRC has numerous new members this year and that is very good news. Please help our Membership Chairman, Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, by renewing your membership and paying your dues now. Our dues are not costly but are important to fund the many events we organize for you during the year.

I enjoy the Show-and-Tell each month and hope you do, too! Please find something of interest and bring it or plan to talk briefly about something you've done. Remember, this need not be a big presentation, just stand up and show what you've brought; if practical, pass it around the room for folks to enjoy.

Join us for dinner at the Carrow's Restaurant on Harbor Boulevard near Brea Boulevard about 6:00 PM before each club meeting.

Larry W6FUB

JUNE MEETING

FIELD DAY PLANNING

This month we will use the regular meeting to plan our Field Day activities. This will include the identification of radio equipment, antennas, tuners, coax, batteries, and other "stuff" needed to operate the 4B – battery powered QRP – station. Come with your list of available equipment.

ALSO: We will need to know *when you can be there*, even if only for a short time. Remember, this is a 24-hour activity, and we need a minimum of 2 persons at all times. We will begin with breakfast at Carrows (Harbor Blvd. near Brea Blvd.) at 8:00 AM, followed by set-up at the site. Operation will begin at 10:00 AM. This event is always a bunch of fun, so plan on being a part of the activity. **COME TO THE MEETING AND SIGN-UP FOR FIELD DAY!**

Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, at the Fullerton Senior Center, 7:30 PM

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Show-and-Tell

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

NOTE: WEB SITE ADDRESS

The FRC web site can now be reached at either
www.fullertonradioclub.org or
www.fullertonradioclub.com.

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENT

It's not too soon to be thinking about the 4th of July Fitness Run for Fun! The La Palma Recreation and Community Services Department has already begun planning this popular community event and we need your help!

La Palma's Fitness Run for Fun attracts participants from all over Southern California. To keep this competitive crowd moving around the beautiful 3.1-mile course takes over 150 volunteers, which is why we need you! The Run starts at 7:30 a.m. sharp on the morning of the 4th of July. What a healthy way to start Independence Day with your family, friends, and neighbors - cheering the competitors on, sharing a pancake breakfast with your neighbors, and being a vital part of making this great event successful!

For more information and/or to volunteer please contact Larry Tichauer (KE6AKE) at: ltichauer@sbcglobal.net.

T-Hunt Activities

FRC T-hunt 4/19/08

With an all-day on-foot hunt at Schabarum Park on April 19, followed by an ARDF planning meeting, I figured that there wouldn't be any time to go into deep hiding for the Fullerton hunt in the evening. Fortunately, Jason KD6ICZ volunteered to hide for us. Everything looked good until Friday, when the transmission went out on Jason's vehicle and he had to have it towed to the service shop.

So after the ARDF meeting in La Puente, April and I headed up Hacienda to the 10 freeway. We put the quad atop the van on the second floor of a parking garage next to the theater complex at The Plaza in West Covina, just south of the boundary and east of Vincent Avenue. It only took 400 milliwatts into the quad to get a signal back to the starting point, so we hoped it was a Baldy Bounce.

Deryl and Steve must have gotten the bounce, because they headed all the way up the 57 and put on 33.5 miles. Dave did better, getting off the 57 at Grand and working his way to us. He stopped just short of driving into the garage with his quad. Apparently Bob and Eusebio weren't fooled at all, because they came up Hacienda and had nearly perfect mileage.

Results:

<u>Team Calls</u>	<u>Odo Miles</u>	
N6ZHZ/Eusebio	18.1	Winner!
N6MJN	19.8	
N6AIN/WA6PYE	33.5	

FRC T-hunt 5/17/08

It must have been a busy weekend, or everyone was too tired after Antennas In The Park, because only Dave Balgie N6MJN showed up to hunt Bob Miller N6ZHZ on May 17. Bob was on Victoria Street, just west of the 55 Freeway in Costa Mesa. Dave found him in 30 minutes, so he will be hiding in June.

73,
Joe K0OV

Board Minutes June 4, 2008

Meeting began at 7:35 P.M. at Marie Callender's in Placentia. Members present for Fullerton Radio Club board meeting: President Larry McDavid, Vice President Bill Preston, Secretary Gary Miller, Treasurer Robert Gimbel, Board Member Tom Curlee, Board Member Gene Thorpe, Members Cheryl Thorpe & Bill Kohlenberger.

Treasurer Report: The club currently has \$1632.27 in checking and \$1684.19 in savings. We now have 48 paid up members.

Field Day: We will operate 4B, the same as last year plus have a GOTA station for the new hams.

Antennas in the Park: The event was well attended with 3 clubs represented. Larry counted 38 guests at one time during lunch. Larry spent between \$50 & \$60 and was reimbursed \$37 from the donation jar. An exact amount will be submitted to the secretary later.

Club Canopy: Four weight sacks have been approved to be purchased to keep the canopy from getting tossed in the wind.

Orange County Fair Booth: A sign-up sheet will be at the June meeting for time slots.

EQSL: Larry has not changed the password on EQSL. When he does Gordon, WB6JVP and the secretary will be responsible for maintaining a log of W6ULI contacts.

Volunteers Radio operators will be needed in the early morning of July 4th in the city of La Palma. See Gene, for more information.

Events to keep in mind:

June 18 Meeting: Field Day Planning with Manuel AE6SG. Bill, W6ZJE will have something also to present if time permits.

Field Day June 28-29: Hillcrest Park

Orange County Fair: Friday, July 18

Installation Dinner: December 12

Meeting ended at 8:19 p.m.

Gary Miller, ka6gpc
Secretary Fullerton Radio Club

FRC Monthly Board Meeting

Open to all Members
Marie Callender's Restaurant
126 Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, JULY 2, 2008
Talk and Dinner: 7:00 PM
Meeting: 7:30 PM

FRC Regular Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month
Fullerton Senior Center
340 West Commonwealth Ave.
QSO 7:00 PM – Meeting 7:30 PM

Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, JUNE 18, 2008
Dinner 6:00 PM at Carrow's, Harbor at Brea

Fullerton Radio Club Web Site

<http://www.FullertonRadioClub.org>

FRC Tuesday Net

Remember the FRC Tuesday evening net
meets at 8:00 PM on 147.975 (-) PL 114.8
Join us!

Hidden Transmitter Hunt

FRC operates a 2-meter mobile T-Hunt every
3rd Saturday. We meet at the corner of Acacia
Avenue and Skyline Drive at 8:00 PM sharp
for deployment on the hunt. You are invited.
There is no need to be a licensed ham to
participate.

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<http://www.occaro.org>

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Dues are \$20 per member, or \$25 per family, Student (Full-time) \$10.00

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