



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club, Inc.

February 2010

Welcome to February Floods! OK, our newsletter is still titled Smoke Signals, however given the rains of late, it is certainly hard to see any "smoke" (bad joke... they do not get better). Lake KI6KYW was rehabilitated, although no fishing will be allowed in the 2-1/2" lake by our garage.

The weekend of January 30-31 was our first public service event of the year. Each year, we provide multi-site communications support for the Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament. This year we had three "new" hams participating and they did a great job! My XYL volunteered (was recruited) and she sounded great on the radio. As a new ham, it really does take practice to remember your call sign! This event also requires pre-event planning, including site assessments. Special thanks go out to KE6TZU (Cheryl) and KB6CMO (Gene) for their planning, setup, and implementation of another successful event. Thank you also all the FRC members that participated!

At the February Board Meeting, we discussed and agreed to move ANTS (Antennas in the Park) from a spring event to a fall event this year. This change was driven by the number of spring events that are already on the calendar.

Also discussed was the need to provide a new round of public amateur radio classes. We have a number of people interested in taking the classes. Do you know of some as well? If so, please email Bill K. (W6ZJE) with your information.

Finally, remember that we meet at Coco's for our pre-meeting dinner. See you at the meeting!

73's,

Robert (KI6KYW)

February 2010 Program

The February FRC meeting will feature Wayne Berringer KB6UJW who will be presenting a program on Emergency Communications. The program will include demonstrations his emergency communications trailer that he refers to as an Incident Support Unit (ISU). The ISU is outfitted with multiple VHF, UHF, MURS, FRS, CB and Marine radios. See page 3, **OC Disaster Preparedness Exercise**, for additional details.

Meeting on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 PM.

Location: Fullerton Senior Center, 340 W. Commonwealth Ave, Fullerton.

FRC Tuesday Net

Don't forget to check into the Fullerton Radio Club net each Tuesday at 8:00 PM. In the past this has been active net with control operator assignments, but in recent times we barely get 2 to 4 members checking in. First operator on frequency usually opens the net and calls for others, but there is no formality beyond that. We're open to general ham-talk or technical topics. The group is typically operational for about 30 minutes, but that's not formal either. **We welcome visitors.**

Check out the net: **147.975 (-) PL 114.8** (WD6DPY repeater). The next net will be Tuesday, February 16, at 8:00 PM, or thereabouts (sometimes a minute or two late).

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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.com

For the DX Hunter

Former FRC member from 1961-1963 Jim Carmody (then WA6KCK, now NN5O) will be operating with his new lifetime Irish call, EI8KB, from County Kerry, Ireland for ARRLDX SSB in March, single band 15 with ops on all bands before and after the test. A QSL prize to all FRC members who make contact. See QRZ.com for details and check DX Summit for spots.

73, Jim, nn5o, ei8kb

Thanks to the Volunteers of the Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament

Folks, A Big Thanks to each and every one of you for your assistance with the Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament this year. We are finished for this year. We were especially glad there was no rain, as we then only had to work the first weekend of the event. There were 1,620 participants in this event. We manned 14 sites on Saturday 30 Jan. and 8 sites on Sunday 31 Jan. 2010. We had a total of 22 Amateur Radio Operators: 12 ARO's from the FRC and 10 ARO's from other clubs. FRC members were: Dave Curlee KE6IPY, Shelley Doidge KI6WUJ, Tom Gaccione WB2LRH, Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU, Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE, Albert Solomon KI6WRU, Robert Doidge KI6KYW, Bill Preston KZ3G, Mark Shapiro K6OGD, Paul Broden K6MHD, & Gene Thorpe KB6CMO. From other clubs/groups were: Justin Miller KI6AFZ, Marty LaRocue N6NTH, Mark Pugh KI6SHD, Gardner Harris W6AXM, Larry Tichauer KE6AKE, Dave Schneider KC6PIR, Andrew Adamson KI6WRV, Dick Bruno N6ISY, James Payne KB6WUM, & Ryan Pugh KI6SHE.

This was the first Public Service event for three of the ARO's. Our main functions were passing scores & keeping the person in charge informed of missing/late participants or problems with the sites. Again, thanks to all who volunteered for this event, and a very special thanks to those who worked both days.

God Bless and Take Care of You

Always Say A Prayer
Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO
Team Leader

[Ed: See page 4 for photos of the event. Our thanks to Jere Greene for providing the photos.]

Thanks Received

FRC has received two thank you notes within recent days. The first was from Guide Dogs for the Blind, with recognition of the \$100 donated by the club in memory of Jana Valdez as assistance to Alex K9BLK in his quest for a new guide dog.

The second note was from the family of Darrel Tibbets KI6QKR (SK) expressing their thanks for our (Club) support in their difficult time, and with indication that Darrel enjoyed being a part of the club. Eight members of FRC attended Darrel's funeral service on January 25. For those who missed the January club meeting we passed the "hat" for donations to Darrel's widow, and were able to present Sylvia with a cash donation of \$160.

Yuma Hamfest

This is just a reminder that the Yuma Hamfest event is only a couple of weeks away, February 19 & 20, and we ask your help in getting the word out to hams in your area. The Yuma Hamfest continues to grow; this year both Icom and Yaesu will have exhibits at the show, and we are hoping that HRO will join us as a vendor. Since Yuma is only about a 2½-hour drive from the metro areas of San Diego and Phoenix, we invite hams from those areas to come join us. Likewise, Las Vegas and Los Angeles / Orange County hams can be here in a few hours.

Yuma offers something many "hamfests" don't: a true hamfest environment. Besides the usual tailgating which everyone has, the Yuma Hamfest offers commercial exhibitors, a full seminar schedule (two seminar tracks running in parallel), VE testing, a

hospitality area in the main hall, numerous hourly door prizes, a food concession run by a professional chef, a consignment sales area, on-site RV camping, the now-famous Saturday evening Buzzard BBQ dinner, \$1 admission, free parking, and an incredible grand prize package. This year we are giving away a Kenwood TS-2000, Icom IC-7200, Kenwood TM-D710A, Yaesu VX-8R, Hi-Q 3/80RT antenna and an MFJ-269 analyzer.

Please visit www.yumahamfest.org for the latest information.

Roger Hunt
K7MEX
Yuma Hamfest Volunteer

OC Disaster Preparedness Exercise (Positions Available)

A series of disaster preparedness exercises are now scheduled for the 3rd Sunday afternoon (1330-1500) of each month beginning in Apr/2010 and concluding in Dec/2010. The exercises will be conducted on simplex frequencies from various locations throughout the county, and use the Modified Mercalli scale to gather preliminary damage assessment reports from ANY field station wishing to participate.

If any member of your organization might be interested in assisting to conduct the monthly exercise, please ask them to contact me at your earliest convenience. Potential applicants must be able to access and receive messages from the OC-RACES/R and/or the KD6DDM/R machines.

Positions available for EACH monthly exercise:

- (x01) Site Information Officer
- (x02) Net Control Station radio operators in ISU (*)
- (x02) Net Control Station scribes in ISU (*)

- (x01) Safety/Travel Net Monitoring Station in ISU (*)
- (x01) Safety/Travel NCS (with ZR5-07AD logs)
- (*) Incident Support Unit

Additional details available from: <http://OrangeCounty.CA-ARES.us>

Be safe. Get prepared. Stay ready.

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February Board Meeting Minutes

President Robert Doidge KI6KYW called the February club board meeting to order at 7:39 PM. Those present also included VP Albert Solomon KI6KRW, Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Secretary Paul Broden K6MHD, board members Bil Kohlenberger W6ZJE, Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, Bill Preston KZ3G, Larry McDavid W6FUB, and club member Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU.

Minutes from the previous board meeting were approved as published in Smoke Signals. The newsletter editor apologized for not catching and correcting an error in the January issue of Smoke Signals related to the day of the week for the monthly club T-Hunt.

Treasurer's report: At year end (12/31/09) the checking account had \$1,272.18 and savings \$1,689.85. We've just received \$5 from the club coffee donation container.

Membership: we currently have 32 paid members. 20 from last year's membership have not yet paid their dues. Sylvia Tibbets, widow of recently deceased member Darrel Tibbets KI6QKR will be attending the next club meeting and pre-meeting dinner. Eight club members attended Darrel's funeral on January 25.

Public Service: Gene KB6CMO indicated that he is glad that the past weekend (tennis tournament) is over. Gene expressed his thanks to everyone who helped with communications at the tournament sites. The board thanked Gene for a job well done. Upcoming service events were discussed. These events may be reviewed in the calendar located elsewhere in Smoke Signals.

Antennas In The Park will be postponed until fall due to other conflicts in May.

OCCARO: The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 10. Group elections will be held at this meeting. OCCARO will be soliciting for a volunteer club to manage amateur radio activities at the Orange County fair this year.

TAG meeting: Bill KZ3G will be meeting with Troy high school staff on February 18 to better identify ways to implement Ham clubs at the schools without raising issues with the school board. The February club meeting will feature Wayne Berringer KB6UJW wh will be speaking on the subject of emergency communications.

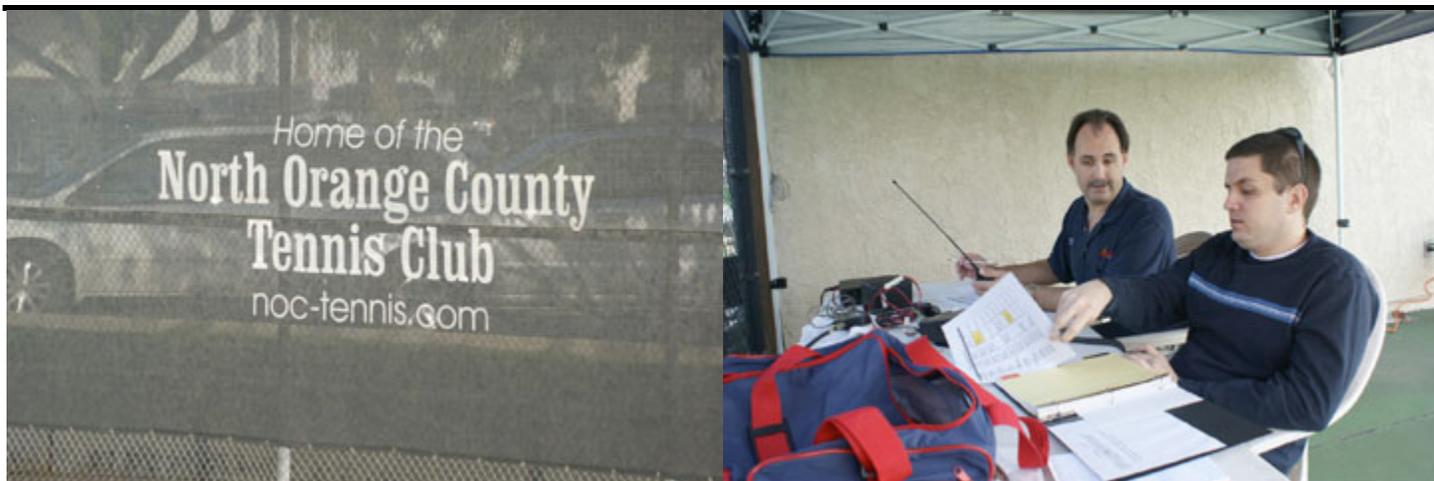
Ham classes: No new schedule has been developed for Technician and/or General license classes, but plans are still being made. Permission has been received for conductance of the class at Cedar Hill Mobile Estates clubhouse. We will need additional club assistance as teaching staff.

Club Net: An article needs to be placed in Smoke Signals to remind members about the Tuesday club net.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM

Paul Broden K6MHD
FRC Secretary

Photos from the Tennis Tournament



This is what its all about

Robert Doidge KI6KYW and Dave Curlee KE6IPY at Net Control



Albert KI6WRU at a sign-up table



Robert KG6WTQ with a tournament official

Event Calendar

Following are events calendared for FRC members who may want to participate.

1. March 21: LA Marathon. For those who may want to provide assistance as emergency communicators you may register at: <http://www.doitsports.com/volunteer/>
2. May 1: DonateLife Run/Walk. This is a morning-only event at Cal State Fullerton, and is very worthwhile in support of their organ donor program.
3. May 1: Railroad Days [its back!]. The event will be in downtown Brea this year, and is the same day as DonateLife. Gene will be looking for sign-up for both events as early as possible so both events can be staffed. We are NOT able to set up for RR Days in advance of the event, so this means an early start for participants.
4. April 17 – 18: Baker to Vegas run.
5. May 22: Fullerton Airport days.
6. June 26 – 27: Field Day. ARRL has released the

information packet for this year's event. You may download from the ARRL website as you prepare for this activity. Bill Preston KZ3G is actively looking for volunteers to assist with coordination of field day activities. Bill needs someone to take charge of several operating categories such as individual operating frequency coordination and antenna design and use. Please contact Bill to volunteer.

Note that Antennas In The Park is not listed. At this time plans are to postpone the "ANTS" to the fall time period.

More information will be forthcoming for each of these events, as we get closer to the activity date. Just remember, that all of the above events need YOUR participation.

FRC Regular Club Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month
Fullerton Senior Center
340 W. Commonwealth Ave.
Fullerton, CA

Next Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Dinner before the meeting at about 5:30 PM at:
Coco's Restaurant, 1011 N. Harbor Blvd.

Meeting time: 7:00 PM

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FRC Board Meeting

Open to all members

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

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 3, 2010

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

FRC Tuesday Net

8:00 PM – 147.975 (-) PL 114.8

Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
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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.