Pres Speaks

As we close out 2010, I look back on the past year and wonder where did it go? Our club has enjoyed wonderful speakers, contributed public service hours to local events, welcomed new members, and learned a few things along the way. We are a busy club and I am privileged to part of such a great organization.

In November, we had the public service opportunity to serve the City of La Palma (RACES) in their annual parade. It was a wonderful opportunity to fine-tune our communication skills, multiple frequency management, patience in transmitting important traffic, and the opportunity to work with other event volunteers. Thank you Gene for all your hard work in coordinating our public service events!

As is our custom, we will not be holding a general meeting this month. In its place, will be our Annual Holiday Dinner, held on Friday, December 17, 2010, at Marie Callender's Restaurant (Yorba Linda Boulevard in Placentia). We will formally introduce the new club officers at this dinner, along with meeting with friends and guests for food, drink, QSO, and the opportunity raffle!

As I “retire” as your FRC President, I am very pleased to pass the gavel to Albert Solomon (KI6WRU). Albert has served as VP this year and had done an outstanding job. Supporting Albert will be incoming VP Richard Belansky KG6UDD. Although our club is not very big, it really runs very smoothly with the continuing support of the entire board, for which I cannot thank them enough.

Finally, I can’t sign off without extending a big THANK YOU to FRC Secretary Paul Broden. Thank you Paul for putting up with my consistent “down to the deadline” article submissions, for keeping us all on track, and for your time/expertise in publishing our monthly newsletter!

73’s
Robert Doidge (KI6KYW)

December Meeting

The December FRC meeting will be our Holiday dinner and 2011 Club officer installation banquet. As noted on the dinner reservation form, all reservations for the Club special dinner were to be received no later than December 1; however, you may still come and order from the restaurant’s regular menu or, if you prefer not to have dinner with us please come for the installation and raffle drawings. We will be meeting for QSO at 6:30 PM with dinner served promptly at 7:00. We expect the raffle to be at approximately 8:15, following the installation.

Meeting Location: Marie Callender’s Restaurant, Corner of Kraemer and Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia.

Date: Friday, December 17, 2010

Just to pique your interests, the raffle grand prize will be a Yaesu FT 1900 2-meter mobile transceiver.

You can’t win unless you purchase raffle tickets; so loosen up the purse strings and show up for the dinner.
2011 Election Results

Election of Club officers for 2011 occurred at the November meeting, as required by the By-Laws. The nominating committee provided one nominee for President, Secretary, Treasurer, and OCCARO representative, plus four names for Directors at large. As is typical, the nominating committee was unable to identify candidate(s) for the office of Vice President; however, two names, Richard Belansky KG6UDD and Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, were submitted from the floor, and both candidates accepted their nominations. Nominees for all offices and Directors, with exception of Vice President, were elected by unanimous verbal vote. Written ballots were provided for the Vice President vote, with Richard KG6UDD winning the position. Club officers for 2011 will be installed at the December 17, 2010 dinner meeting.

Fullerton Radio Club Officers, 2011:

President Albert Solomon KI6WRU
Vice President Richard Belansky KG6UDD
Secretary Paul Broden K6MHD
Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO

Directors at-large
Larry McDavid W6FUB
Bill Preston KZ3G
Bill Kohlengerger W6ZJE
Robert Doidge KI6KYW

OCCARO Representative
Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ

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
Janet Diekman KA6DLG, SK

Former FRC member Janet Diekman KA6DLG passed away on November 5, 2010 at age 68. She and OM Ken WA6JQN (now K6KRD) were very active in our club during the 1970’s, enjoying T-hunts, Field Day, and chatting on "Channel X." Ken was working for Pacific Telephone and Janet was a frequent volunteer helper to April Moell WA6OPS during "Rehab Radio" sessions at St. Jude’s Rehabilitation Center. In this photo from 1981, Janet (in white coat) is holding the mike for one of the rehab patients at WD6BPT.

Shortly after that, Ken accepted a transfer to the Placerville area to work on mobile telephones and other radio systems for PacTel. Not long after their move to the little town of Rescue, their daughter Christine was born. Janet home-schooled Christine, who is now WH7RU and is a teacher in Hawaii.

No information about services or memorials is available at this time.

Joe Moell K0OV

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FRC T-Hunt Report, 11/20/2010

Dave Balgie N6MJN usually hides near his home in Costa Mesa, but for the November 2010 FRC hunt, he was at the end of Peters Canyon Road in Tustin. He ran ten watts into a horizontally-polarized four-element quad pointed into Peters Canyon Regional Park.

Even though Dave was less than twelve miles from the start point as the RF flies, it took over an hour and a half for the first hunter to arrive and all mileages were amazingly high. Dave says that he saw Deryl Crawford N6AIN within 500 feet of the transmitter 45 minutes into the hunt, but it was an hour and 15 minutes after that when he finally found it.

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December Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1933 by president KI6KYW.

KB6CMO reported 18 membership renewals. 24 people have signed up for the DEC dinner.

Treasure’s report: checking $1541.76, with $325 to be deposited.

E990 came back- Gene going to talk to Paul. POB dues to be paid before end of year.

W6FUB noted that OCCARO meeting DEC 8,2010. Nothing to report from last meeting.

KB6CMO Public service events:

La Palma Days went well. Short discussion about various participant’s experiences. Larry T from La Palma RACES sent thank you. Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament coming up in JAN/FEB. Have not heard specifics yet. Donate Life - APRIL 30,2011 Sign up sheets will be available at the DEC dinner.

DEC dinner: W6FUB to make nametags. Main raffle prize still a mystery

New Business:
List of new officers needs to be published. KZ3G brought up possibility of FRC "clubhouse". Discussion re senior center/boys & girls club being demolished & rebuilt in near future. Possible other building. Need feedback what we would like & the benefits for the city.

Albert moved "To support a request for comments from membership regarding ideas for FRC radio shack /classroom /clubhouse” Gene 2nd. Passed.

Discussion followed as to what plans in place for alternate meeting place for those who use the facilities. Not known.

KI6KYW closed meeting at 2026.

Present: KI6KYW, KG6WTQ, W6FUB, KB6CMO, KE6TZU, KI6WRU, KG6UDD, KZ3G

Submitted by Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU
Clubhouse Potential

I had an opportunity to speak to the incoming Fullerton City Manager recently and figuring that if you don’t ask you don’t get I suggested that the FRC would like to have a clubhouse made available to us. We discussed a number of advantages that might accrue to both the City and also to FRC and he said that it might be doable if we were not in a huge hurry. I told him it was much more important to get it right than to get it fast. He told me that the city would be re-allocating some of their facilities over the next couple of years and that if we would draft a proposal for him he would see if there might be a way to include us in the process.

To this end, I would like to ask each of you to give this matter some serious thought and send me an email on whatever comes out the other end of that process. This could be a BIG deal for our club and also for the various projects and organizations we support, not to mention the fact that FRC would have a permanent shack available to all of us. If we really get lucky we could end up with one or more towers and the antennas to go with them. This could be the only way for us a gain access to equipment of this kind.

Give it your best shot.

Bill KZ3G

New General Class Exam Pool

Special Bulletin 8  ARLX008
From ARRL Headquarters
Newington CT  December 7, 2010
To all radio amateurs
SB SPCL ARL ARLX008
ARLX008 NCVEC Releases New General Class Question Pool
The Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) released the new General class (Element 3) question pool on Tuesday, December 7. This new question pool -- including graphics and diagrams -- will become effective for all General class examinations administered on or after July 1, 2011; it will remain valid until June 30, 2015. The current General question pool that became effective July 1, 2007 will expire June 30, 2011. The new General pool contains 457 questions, from which 35 are selected for an Element 3 examination.

The current Technician class question pool that was effective July 1, 2010 is valid through June 30, 2014. The current Amateur Extra class pool that was effective July 1, 2008 is valid until June 30,2012.

Fullerton Junior Tennis Tournament

Please save these dates for next year’s Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament: The last weekend of January, 2011. Saturday 29 Jan. 2011 & Sunday 30 Jan. 2011. I am also taking names for this event. Please send me an E-mail with Your Name, Callsign and date available ASAP. Thanks and Happy Holidays to you all.

73’s

God Bless America and You too.

Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO
So much for small solid-state transmitters

These tubes will warm your ham shack

W6DQ on 75 meter AM net

The above photos were taken last Wednesday as Dennis, W6DQ, fires up his Collins 550-A1 transmitter for operation on the West Coast AM Club net on 75 meters. How long has it been since you operated either 75 meters or as an AM station? Reports were that Dennis’ signal was great, but what else would you expect from 500W?

Check out the net at www.ami-west.com, or tune in at 3870 KHz, Wednesday at 2000 hours. Remember, its an AM net – NO sideband operation.
FRC Regular Club Meeting
Third Wednesday of each month
Fullerton Senior Center
340 W. Commonwealth Ave.
Fullerton, CA

Next Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 19, 2011
Dinner before the meeting at about 5:30 PM at:
Coco's Restaurant, 1011 N. Harbor Blvd.
Meeting time: 7:00 PM

Orange County Council of Amateur Radio Organizations (OCCARO)
www.occaro.org

FRC Board Meeting
Open to all members
Marie Callender's Restaurant
126 Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia
First Wednesday of each month

Next Board Meeting
January 5, 2011
QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM
Meeting: 7:30 PM

FRC Tuesday Net
8:00 PM – 147.975 (-) PL 114.8

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION
Fullerton Radio Club
PO Box 545, Fullerton, CA 92836

(Please Print)
Name #1 ___________________________ Call: ______________ Class: __________
Name #2 ___________________________ Call: ______________ Class: __________
Name #3 ___________________________ Call: ______________ Class: __________
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.