



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

November 2011

President's Message

Hello everyone,

It is getting closer to the end of the year and so we will gather the family around as best we can and get to know them once again. It is also time for us to vote for the board for next year, so come on out to the meeting and have your choices in mind. Next month we have the Christmas dinner and we would like for everyone to get their preorders in as soon as possible. Thank you all for your support this year and look forward to working with you next year. And now it's time to bid you adieu.

Albert KI6WRU

November Club Meeting

"Tracking Big Things That Move"

Dale Petes, KI6ANS, will be presenting at our November 16, 2011 meeting a talk on the topic of combining radio and computer technologies to track the movement of trains, planes and ships. Dale has been licensed as a radio amateur since 2005. He is primarily interested in the VHF and UHF bands for the purpose of public support. He is a member of the Hospital Disaster Support Communication System (HDSCS). He has a degree in electrical engineering and in his "former life" worked in both the aerospace and commercial arenas. He retired early, leaving a 33-year career as a design engineer, engineering manager and program manager. During his tenure in the working world, Dale managed the development of various instruments for analyzing proteins, atmospheric monitoring and mass spectrometers for both the semiconductor and the petroleum industry. Dale has always been

interested in the movement of trains, planes and ships. This interest started in his boyhood years and has remained throughout his life. His primary interest has been in the operational aspects of the transportation industry. He started this hobby in the early 60's with monitoring the VHF voice communications of railroad and aircraft using rudimentary Heathkit receivers. This activity later progressed to include computers that allow for the real time monitoring and display of operational information regarding the movement of "big things". This hobby happily combines elements from Dale's various interests including transportation, his work experience and amateur radio.

November Meeting Information:

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

- **Chapman Activity Center**
- **2515 San Carlos Drive, Fullerton, CA 92831**

From downtown Fullerton proceed east on Commonwealth Avenue past State College Boulevard. San Carlos Drive is the second street past State College. Turn right and look for the Activity Center in Chapman Park.

- Meeting time: 7:00 PM sharp.
- Visitors are always welcome.

December Meeting

December will find us at Marie Callender's restaurant in Placentia for our annual holiday dinner meeting and installation of new club officers. A reservation form for the dinner meeting is attached with date, time and location details. Reservations for the dinner **MUST** be received by no later than December 1 so the restaurant can be informed of our attendance expectations.

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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

November 2, 2011 FRC Board Meeting Minutes

President Albert Solomon KI6WRU called the November Board meet to order at 7:30 PM. Meeting attendees included VP Richard Belansky KG6UDD, Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Secretary Paul Broden K6MHD, Board members Larry McDavid W6FUB, Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE, Bill Preston KZ3G, OCCARO Representative Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, and club members Helen Solomon KJ6IEN and Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU.

Minutes of the October Board Meeting were approved as printed in Smoke Signals.

Treasurer's report: Checking; \$1928.21 – Savings; \$1691.86

Old Business:

- Anyone with prize donations for the December holiday meeting should contact Gene Thorpe.
- Reservations deadline for the December holiday meeting is set for December 1. Please see the attached dinner reservation sheet for menu and details.
- Membership: The club now has a total of 63 members; 46 primary members; 11 family members; and 6 life members. Annual club dues are payable for the 2012 year. A new membership roster was presented by Larry W6FUB, including updates and Yahoo groups members. Additional updates will be sought, especially to email addresses that may have changed.
- The Club brochure has been revised.
- No updates on the outcome of HamCon, except that it was a success.
- Nominations for 2012 Club officers were presented. See election article elsewhere in Smoke Signals.

New Business:

- Railroad Days will return to the Fullerton Station on May 5 & 6. FRC will participate, and the Board voted to donate \$50 to the organization. Details of our participation will be provided later.
- Community service events for 2011 are projected to include the usual Junior Tennis Tournament, DonateLIFE, Antennas-in-the-park, and Field Day. An additional request has been made for communicator support for a Hawaiian-theme event at Fullerton High School. Details to be provided later by Albert Solomon.

No further business identified. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

Paul Broden K6MHD, Club Secretary

2012 Club Officer Nominations

Election of Club Officers and Board Members-at-large will take place at the regular November meeting. Installation of the new officers will take place at the December holiday meeting. Club by-laws require election of four Officers; President; Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, plus at least one Board Member at-large.

Candidates for office have been confirmed (with nominee's approval) as:

- President; Albert Solomon KI6WRU
- Vice President Richard Belansky KG6UDD
- Secretary; Linda Endsley KJ6IHB
- Treasurer; Gene Thorpe KB6CMO
- At-large Board Members (Choose at least one)
 - Robert Gimble KG6WTQ
 - Larry McDavid W6FUB
 - Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE
 - Bill Preston KZ3G

Additional Committee representatives are appointed by the Board and include:

OCCARO representatives – Robert Gimbel and Larry McDavid

Membership – Gene Thorpe and Larry McDavid
Newsletter (Smoke Signals) Editor – Paul Broden
K6MHD

On-Foot T-Hunt

Lake Los Carneros Park in Goleta will be the site of southern California's next international-style on-foot foxhunt on Saturday, November 12, 2011. A ham radio license and knowledge of radio equipment are not required. Bring the kids and grandkids, then go out on the course with them! Besides some easy fox transmitters just to help you learn and test your equipment, there will be a beginner-level international-rules course. The site area is slightly less than 140 acres. It is relatively flat, making it a good site for foxtailers of all skill levels. If you need some one-on-one help to get started, just ask. Full-color orienteering maps will be available. If you don't already have the antenna/attenuator system for on-foot foxhunting on two meters with your ham radio handi-talkie or scanner, you can easily make it during this session. There will be a workshop for building kits for measuring-tape yagis and for 90 dB offset-type attenuators. An assembled/tested attenuator in a special housing that goes inside the boom of the yagi is also available. Please register in advance by

sending e-mail to marvin-at-west.net, so he will have the kits reserved in your name waiting for you. It takes about an hour to put the kits together with tools and soldering irons that will be provided. If you're not an electronic technician, don't worry because there will be plenty of experts to help you. We want you to succeed! Then with your HT and the kitbuilt equipment, you will be all set to hunt. Kitbuilding and transmitter hunting start promptly at 9:30 AM. Hunters may start out on the courses at any time until 1 PM. Courses close at 2:30 PM. Weather: In case of rainy or very wet conditions, the event might be postponed. Check www.homingin.com before you set out to make sure that the event is a "go". Directions to Lake Los Carneros: From US 101 about 8 miles west of downtown Santa Barbara, take the Los Carneros Road exit, head north about 1/4 mile and turn right into the Stow House parking lot. There should be plenty of free parking. Look for the orange-and-white orienteering flag. The building session and hunt start will be in the picnic area, just east of the railroad depot. Ham radio talk-in is on the WB6OBB repeater, 147.000(+) PL 131.8.

73, Joe Moell K0OV

FRC October Transmitter Hunt

New hunters Glenn Tobey AB6PA and Mike Box N6BOX were hiders for the October FRC mobile transmitter hunt. They put their transmitter at the very end of First Street in Seal Beach in the parking lot of a beachfront restaurant. They aimed their antenna to draw hunters over to Belmont Shore on the other side of the channel and discourage them from going out into the restaurant lot. Everyone but winner Dave Balgie N6MJN, were fooled and put on extra miles.

<u>Team Calls</u>	<u>Odo Miles</u>
N6MJN	21.6
N6ZHZ/KD6CYG	37.2
AJ6B/KD6CAT/K6ASM	37.8
N6AIN/WA6PYE	43.5
K0OV	Unofficial

73, Joe Moell K0OV

ARRL sanctioned Palm Springs Hamfest!

January 28, 2012 opens 9:30- 4:30 PM

--**Entry fee only \$2**

Over 25 Commercial Vendors such as HRO, CQ Magazine and Manufacturers like Alinco.

Swap Meet, Consignment sales bring your surplus gear and we'll sell it off for you.

Food Concession, various how to Demos.

No charge for Vendor or Swap Meet space

...we have a few commercial spaces and lots of swap meet space still available book early!

--setup time for Swap Meet sellers 7-9 AM
Special Events Station 7.2517.251 & 14.251 or check <http://www.dxsummit.fi> to spot us

Presented by the Desert RATS Club of Palm Springs

**see our Forum at <http://desertrats.am> for up to date information

Ratpeater Talk-in 146.940- PL 107.2 in Palm Springs or 146.520 (convoy frequency)

Convoy of RV's from Quartzfest on January 27th headed by Gordon West!

Last year over 700 happy Hams rendezvous at Palm Springs Hamfest hope to see you on January 28, 2012.

Hours from 9:30AM to 4:30PM

For more information go to our website <http://desertrats.am>

email: PalmSprings.hamfest@gmail.com

4193 Mathew Drive, Palm Springs

ARRL - Palm Springs Hamfest 2012
January 28, 2012

hosted by the Desert RATS Club , Palm Springs, CA

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or call Gary or Susie Boskovich at [760-321-6012](tel:760-321-6012)

FRC Regular Club Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month
Chapman Activity Center – new location
2515 San Carlos Dr.
Fullerton, CA

Next Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 16, 2011

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
December 7, 2011

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

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



Fullerton Radio Club Welcomes Members and Guests to our Holiday Dinner

Friday, December 16, 2011. QSO time starts at 6:30
Dinner will be served promptly at 7:00 PM

At Marie Callender's Restaurant – Kraemer at Yorba Linda Boulevard, Placentia

Menu: **Select from one entrée, plus dessert.**

No. 1: Salad Bar and Soup

Crisp greens, fresh fruit, garden vegetables and an array of special salad, plus all the necessary garnishes to complete our masterpiece. Visit the salad bar as often as you like. Served with toasted garlic bread or our famous golden cornbread.

No. 2: Chicken Broccoli Fettuccini

Fettuccini and spinach tortellini, with slices of grilled chicken breast and fresh broccoli in a creamy sauce. Served with a crisp green salad and toasted garlic bread.

No. 3: Chicken Pot Pie of the Day

Tender chunks of chicken with seasonings and vegetables. Served with a crisp green salad.

No. 4: Marie's Home-style Meatloaf

Meatloaf topped with a tasty old-fashioned gravy. Served with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables.

No. 5: Oven Roasted Turkey Dinner

Hand carved slices of fresh roasted turkey with our special apple-walnut dressing. Topped with giblet gravy and served with cranberry sauce.

Salmon: Prepared in your choice of one of two styles. Both served with fresh vegetables and rice.

No. 6: Cajon

Lightly coated with New Orleans style spicy seasonings.

No. 7: Garlic Lemon Pepper

Grilled with fresh garlic, herbs, and seasonings.

For dessert, make your choice from the following pie selection.

- **Lemon** – Slightly tart and slightly sweet, this pie is topped with light and airy meringue.
- **Apple** – Fresh apples slightly spiced with cinnamon.
- **Pumpkin** – Pumpkin, spice, and everything nice have made this an American favorite.

Served with your choice of coffee, tea or soft drink.

ALL FOR THE PRICE OF \$23.00. Tip and tax included.

Cash-and-carry bar available.

Please return this form with your payment to the Fullerton Radio Club meeting on October 19 or November 16, or mail **no later than December 1** to: **Fullerton Radio Club. P.O. Box 545, Fullerton, CA 92836-0545**

Make checks payable to: **Fullerton Radio Club**

Qty.	Menu Item & Number	Dessert
	X \$23.00 =	
	For server only:	
	Table #	

I'll be attending but not eating:

Name: _____

Call Sign: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Call: _____