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Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

October 2012

President's Message

Hi all. It is now October and time to watch the seasons change, or it would be if we were not in southern California. Anyway, the club is looking for new leadership for the next year and we would really like you to be it. Now you might think I don't mean you specifically, but that is where you are wrong. If you are reading this and have an interest in ham radio and are a member of the club you are who this club needs. We would like to see all our members take an active roll in this club and bring it to a new and exciting height. Thank you all who have given so much for this club and I personally am excited to see how this club can grow in the years to come. That is all and now time for my app review.

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Hello all; today I'm reviewing the app "*Ham Radio Study*". This app is great for those of you who want to study for the ham test, but are not able to take the study guide everywhere. This app contains all the questions from the three classes of test and has the four answers for the questions to choose from. This is a great app to use alongside what ever study guide you use. When you are going through the questions and choose your answer, if you get right it moves automatically to the next question. If you get it wrong it will let you know and you will have to select the right answer and it will tell you it is correct. This app does have some flaws. It does not have the graphs that are on the test and if you tip your phone sideways to landscape the question will change but the sneers will not. Other than that this is a helpful app for those studying for the license or upgrade. That's all for know if you would like to see a review of a specific app let me know and I will see what I can do.

Albert Solomon AG6OF

Reminder – Meeting Location

FRC will continue meeting at the **Chapman Activity Center, 2515 San Carlos Drive, Fullerton, CA 92831** until further notice. Go East on Commonwealth past State College Blvd. San Carlos is the second street on the right. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month (except December). **Starting time is 7:00 PM SHARP.**

October Club Meeting

The program will be a PowerPoint multimedia presentation. It's a historical review of how NASA's space programs have added great understanding of solar affects on Earth's ionosphere as well as ham band conditions. It includes an update of Cycle 24's actual versus forecasts, great space photos & tutorial Videos.

Take Care &73

Bill K., W6ZJE

Club Holiday Dinner

It's hard to believe, but we are rapidly closing in on the holiday season, and it's time to update your social calendar. Our Holiday Dinner and officer installation dinner is scheduled for Friday, **December 14**. Details to follow.

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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

FRC Information Update

Fullerton Radio Club Inc. Is compelled annually, for a \$20 fee, to e-file the CA Secretary of State a declaration to continue under benefits of corporate status. The fact we're still active and under corporate protection after 62 Years serving north O.C. is and has been the a generous gift of a small minority of officers and volunteers from the overall membership.

The State of CA sent a post card telling us that we must file a "Statement of Information" stating who are our current (a) Pres., (b), Secretary (c), Corporate Financial Officer and (d), The filing person, called "Agent For Service Of Process".

The last living Charter member, Paul Lieb KH6HME, dedicated and self supported the unique world class VHF Tropospheric propagation research. He was essentially Married to ham radio for over 70 yrs. Sadly, this year Paul became SK@ 85 Yrs age. Many other FRC members, like Paul, still today continue to raise the bar, in totally unique Amateur radio venues.

Your FRC is an unusually unique club. Very active! Several significant public service activities materially benefit from your generous participation annually. Most of these have been developed, organized, improved and grown in importance during our club history.

As a notable example, the classic book on T-hunting featured by ARRL, was written by Joe, KØOV, and Tom Curlee, WB6UZZ. Additionally, nationally recognized Hospital Disaster Support Communication System (HDSCS) was initiated, organized and continues to operate thru Intense dedication by April, WA6OPS. This actively supplements many area hospitals communication during communication outages or problems through use ham volunteers. And through Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO, Fullerton's ECS RACES officer, also is key in Fullerton's communication for Youth Tennis, The Donate life Event at CSUF, The Izaak Walton Cabin, and much more. Gene is also the Club CFO. President Albert has been a good, faithful and effective President who ably served the 2-year bylaws term limit. Thanks Albert! The remarkably outstanding programs have been superbly arranged by Club VP, Rich Belansky KG6UDD for last 2 years, and in addition, he and Bill, KZ3G, held Amateur License classes. Rich is now expecting increased demands at work so we need a VP nominee volunteer

With over 70 users we surely have the talent. Club bylaws direct that at the October meeting our outgoing president will announce candidates listed by the nominating committee for 2013 offices. The nominating committee will be contacting any of you to solicit support for next year's programs. Any one can be nominated from the floor as long as they the nominee has previously accepted being a candidate. If you benefit from FRC, and have served before, consider another term or, if not yet, be generous and volunteer. Greater involvement is an enriching experience. Every one can help some way. Thanks, & 73

Bill K., W6ZJE
FRC Board of Directors

FRC Transmitter hunt, 9/15/2012

Dave Balgie N6MJN hid a one-watt transmitter and 11-element horizontally-polarized quad on Palisades Drive in Corona, about a mile east of the August hidden transmitter location. He pointed the quad at Mt. Baldy, but there wasn't enough bounce to fool AB6PA and N6BOX. Glenn and Mike arrived with low mileage at about 9:15 PM.

| Team | Odo |
|--------------|--------------|
| <u>Calls</u> | <u>Miles</u> |
| N6AIN/WA6PYE | 30.4 |
| AB6PA/N6BOX | 19.8 |

Come out on October 20 to see where Glenn and Mike put their hidden transmitter. The hunt starts from the north end of Acacia Avenue in Fullerton at 8 PM on 146.565 MHz simplex.

73,
Joe Moell K0OV

October 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

President Albert Solomon AG6OF called the October Board meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Others in attendance include Vice President Richard Belansky KG6UDD, Secretary Linda Endsley KJ6IHB, Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Directors Larry McDavid W6FUB, Bill Preston KZ3G, Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, Bill Kohlenberger W6ZIE and members Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU.

Minutes of the September board meeting were reviewed and approved with correction of 2 new members and 1 renewal for August.

Treasurer's report: Savings account; \$ 3,071.96. \$70.00 was added for membership dues. Checking account; \$1,990.56.

Old business: There were no new members or renewals for September.

December Holiday dinner – was voted to have on Friday, December 14, at Marie Callender's, Placentia.

The dinners at Coco's before the general meetings will be at 5 PM SHARP and will be ending prior to 7 PM so that the general meetings will be able to start on time and end on time.

Next OCCARO meeting – October 10.

La Palma Parade will be November 10. More info to come.

Continuing Tech class – classes every 3rd Thursday (except Oct and Nov) at Cedar Hill Mobile Estates.

New Business:

The October general meeting presenter will be Bill Kohlenberger W6ZIE. Topic: Updates on state of sunspots, cycle 24.

Fullerton Radio Club has the current location for October and November monthly meeting. The Fullerton Senior Center has quoted \$60/hr (for non-profits) if our monthly meetings are moved to the new Community Center.

Need to check about getting a new repeater to use.

Bill reported that someone has old surplus equipment. He will ask if Tom and others wants to inventory. Equipment needs to be moved ASAP.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was closed at 8:10 PM

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Endsley KJ6IHB

FRC Regular Club Meeting

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

Next Regular Meeting
Wednesday,

October 17, 2012

Dinner before the meeting at 5:00 PM at:
Coco's Restaurant, 1011 N. Harbor Blvd.

Meeting time: 7:00 PM

FRC Board Meeting

Open to all members

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

Next Board Meeting
November 7, 2012

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

The Desert Radio Amateur Transmitting Society

invite you to attend the 4th annual * * * Palm Springs HAMFEST!



**Saturday, January 26
9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

<http://www.desertrats.am>

Bring your ham gear to sell, no fee charged for selling if you bring own table and chairs. Or bring it to the club table (commission to the club) ...we'll handle the sale.

Food! Fun! Admission only \$2 Bucks!

Talk-in frequency:

146.940- PL 107.2

WD6RAT Desert RATpeater

Daily Nets Thursday thru Sat.

8 A.M. - Noon - 6 P.M.

An official  Sanctioned Event

HAMFEST!

Email us for more info:

Susie & Gary:

sboskovich@dc.rr.com

or Ricki deRat:

ricki.d.rats@gmail.com

Riverside County ARES
riversidecountyares@gmail.com

-Check ze Tweets @hamradio
@RivCoARES



Jan 26 2013. follow the rat @desertratsam

Event Coordinators Gary Boskovich
KD6QLT and Susie Boskovich KD6TVO
760-328-9662 sboskovich@dc.rr.com

Nearby Hotel: Saguaro

Sunrise & E. Palm Canyon, Palm Springs
760-323-1711 call for best room rate.

RSVP: RV Dry Camping reservations for
vendors: sboskovich@dc.rr.com

Vendor Set-up time 7:00-9:00 AM

Driving Directions:

**Take I-10 to Palm Drive exit
Go South on Gene Autry tr.**

**Cross Hwy. 111
(turns into Matthew Dr.)**

**Follow the RAT...
4193 Matthew Dr. is on left
map @desertratsam**

Lots of vendors and exhibits!

D-star

Rouend Industries

Ham Radio Outlet

Quake Safe Kits

Alpine Antennas

Hi Tech Liquidators

Hi-Q Antennas

Alinco & GRE AMERICA

Survival Mode Kits

Hipham T-shirts

Omnitec Antennas

Bud's Engraving

Impulse Electronics

Nifty Accessories

ARES-CERT-RACES-MARS-CAP

Gordon West W5YI Group

Amateur Television Network

KA6PGN - Military Radios

**Check website for the most
up to date list.**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION

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(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.