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Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

December 2012

President's Message

Hi all. AG6OF here with my final Presidents message. It has been an honor being the president of this fine club for the last 2 years. I would like to thank all of you for your support and advice, it has helped me to grow and learn. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season and hope you all can spend time with your loved ones. And so for the last time as your club president I will say 73.

Albert Solomon AG6OF

App review

Hi everyone, AG6OF here, today I will be reviewing the home depot app. This app is great to help your shopping at your local home depot. It will locate the store closes to you and will give you directions to get there. You can then use this app to shop the store, look at prices and see if your store has it in stock. You can look up items by name, you and even by taking a picture of its bar code. When looking up items this app has reviews from consumers to help you choose what is rightly for you. When you are done finding what you want you can then order and have it delivered to you or choose pick up in store and have everything waiting for

you when you get there. Over all I think this is a very useful app if you shop at home depot. Thank you all and if you have an app you would like me to review then let me know.

Albert Solomon AG6OF

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Remember, the Club Holiday meeting, with dinner, new officer installation, and special raffle, is set for Friday, December 14. QSO begins at 6:30, with dinner promptly at 7:00PM. We trust that you made reservations!

Officers were elected at the November meeting, with the new year responsibilities going to:

President: Bill Preston KZ3G

Vice President: Rich Belansky KG6UDD

Treasurer: Gene Thorpe KB6CMO

Secretary: Linda Endsley KJ6IHB

Board Member at Large:

Larry McDavid W6FUB

Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ

Albert Solomon AG6OF

Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE

If you've forgotten, the Holiday dinner is at Marie Calender's, corner of Kraemer and Yorba Linda Boulevard in Placentia.

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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

December 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

President Albert Solomon AG6OF called the December Board meeting to order at 7:31 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 W6ZJE and members Paul Broden K6MHD Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU.

Minutes of the November Board Meeting was approved.

Treasurer's report: Savings account; \$ 3,072.19. Checking account; \$2,060.56. All check will be deposited tomorrow. Check to be sent for P.O. service fee of \$52.00.

Old business:

There was one renewal for December.

December Holiday dinner – will be on Friday, December 14, at Marie Callender's, Placentia. The Board voted to provide funds of \$250 for raffle items. Installation of the new Board members for 2013 will be at the dinner.

Next OCCARO meeting – December 12

LaPalma Days – It didn't rain (was cool). There were 32 bands in the parade. They could have used more radio operators.

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.

New Business:

Fullerton Radio Club will continue to have the general meeting at the same location, Chapman location.

Elected 2013 Board of Directors:

President: Bill Preston

Vice President: Rich Belansky

Treasurer: Gene Thorpe

Secretary: Linda Endsley

Board Member at Large:

Larry McDavid

Robert Gimbel

Albert Solomon

Bill Kohlenberger

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, January 2, 2012, at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was closed at 8:02 PM

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Endsley KJ6IHB

N0D - - Special Event Station: celebrating The End of the world!



That's right, the end is finally near. According to one of the three Mayan Calendars, the End of the world will occur on Dec 21, 2012. To celebrate this literally once in a lifetime event, Special Event Station N0D (Now Zero Days) will be activated on 10-80

meters and on several satellite passes for three days during and after (?) the end of the world. December 20; is a celebration of the end of the world. December 21, the day of destruction, we will be on the air as long as possible. December 22nd, that is a little iffy right now.

Amateur radio stations around the crumbling globe are invited to contact N0D, who will be operating from a secret, undisclosed location. Our operating schedule may be a little erratic as destruction rains down upon us and as long as our antennas hold out. Those who may be looking skyward for the end of the world, N0D will be operating on several satellite passes.

This will provide cosmic, maybe even intergalactic coverage for the end of the world as we know it. Our Doomsday Special Event has been picked up by the Amsat News Service and will be carried in a future bulletin.

You can celebrate Doomsday by contacting N0D directly on the air. Amateurs can also become an official Doomsday station by registering on our website. You will be given a registration number and the authority to identify yourself as "Official Doomsday Station" followed by your Doomsday number.

QSL with SASE to KK5W. If Doomsday actually does happen, we regret that a QSL will not be possible so hold on to your SASE until the 22nd at least. Check out our website for a preview of the N0D QSL card.

Amateurs can also become an official Doomsday station by registering on our website. You will be given a registration number and the authority to identify yourself as "Official Doomsday Station" followed by your Doomsday number. Official Doomsday stations will receive the Doomsday Station Certificate.

It is not entirely clear exactly how it will happen. Will it be a cataclysmic shift in the earth's magnetic field, Global Warming on steroids, earthquakes, volcanoes floods, global thermonuclear war, meteor collision, the 10 plagues of Egypt, UFO invasion who knows? There are scientists, soothsayers and philosophers on both sides of the question. Either way it will be an event worth remembering or maybe there will be no one left to remember it?

More information is available on the Official N0D website, www.nowzeroday.com

You can also e-mail the N0D team at N0D.Doomsday@gmail.com. Check our website for the latest updates. www.nowzeroday.com

Socks and Underwear

When I was first a Ham in the 1940's I found that no one knew what to give me for Christmas or for my birthday. If I wanted something in the Ham radio area I found I had to save up for it or I had to make it. Nobody understood what I really wanted. In the meantime I got lots of socks and underwear.

In the past 5 years that I have been a Ham once more, I find I am still getting lots of socks and underwear with a shirt or two thrown in. With money saved from various ventures I am buying my own Ham gear. I am a stoic about the clothing that people give me.

Let's face it: Hams are hard to buy for!

While I have been collecting new and used Ham gear for me, I find I have extras. I decided to give away all sorts of stuff to Hams who have too much underwear, too many pairs of socks, and not enough electronics. They can augment their Ham gear by looking over my supplies from time to time. I wish I knew me 55 years ago!

For instance, I have a lightweight beam rotator and dial indicator that works, a fairly modern Oscilloscope that works up to 40 MHz, a small in-line wattmeter that shows SWR as well as output up to 60 watts, and a modest field strength meter. Maybe a 5 element, 70cm beam for up to 100 watts. It is a home brew.

These may be gone by the time you get around to asking for them, but for the moment they are available. Please see me, Tom Fiske, AA6TF, by calling 1.714.529.4559.

Come and have a look. Leave your checkbook and old underwear at home. This stuff is free. If anyone wants to donate to the cause, I will be happy to collect your gear and redistribute it.

Thomas S. Fiske, Author
Amateur Radio AA6TF

Web Site: <http://www.fiskefamily.com/fiskacetics/>

Next 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 2, 2013**

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

Support Requested: Youth in Ham Radio

<http://www.amateurradiosupplies.com/youth-s/222.htm>

Greetings: My name is Jeff Demers, N1SNB.

I wanted to take a quick moment to tell you about a new program to support youth activity on the HF bands.

Chances are, if you were like me, getting on the air after getting your first license was a little challenging. Parents were bugged. Pennies were saved. Numerous "compromise" measures were taken to get that first station on the air! My company, Amateur Radio Supplies LLC, of Haverhill, Massachusetts seeks to help a few lucky young hams get on the HF bands and make some contacts! Do you know any deserving young hams? We will be giving away 3 complete HF stations per year in order to support activity on the ham bands,

My sincere hope is that you can spread the word to your club membership. Link the giveaway from your club website, mention it in your newsletter - anything you can do - to help make sure this program is a success is greatly appreciated. The more kids we can get on the air, the better!

If you have a young ham to nominate, email us. Otherwise individuals are invited to apply right from our website: <http://www.amateurradiosupplies.com>

Your support is greatly appreciated. The future of ham radio depends on youth activity. Please help spread the word.

73!

Jeff Demers, N1SNB

President - Amateur Radio Supplies

Details at:

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.