



# Smoke Signals

## Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

### February 2013

#### President's Message

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The Fullerton Junior Tennis Tournament is now in our rearview mirror and, thanks to Gene & Cheryl, it was a rousing success. There were twenty-two sites, fifteen hundred tennis players, and ten ROs.

I've been told that next year the event will moved to late spring and scaled back. More to follow on that. Special thanks to Gene & Cheryl and all who rolled out to support this worthy cause.

Last night the TAG Team descended on Dennis' QTH for another lively discussion on a variety of topics. As usual, DQ had very little to say and took no strong positions. Larry brought a nifty show & tell item and DQ shared his latest acquisition with us. Ask them to share these gems with you when you see them at the General Meeting next week.

Rich Belansky has set up a very interesting quartet of show & tell items for our next meeting. Prepare to be amazed.

We've been missing one of our longest tenured members lately. Bill Kohlenberger has been providing round the clock care for his ailing wife, Barbara. Best wishes for a speedy recovery from all of us at FRC.

The board is considering a casual potluck picnic at Hillcrest Park on Field Day. Radios are optional and there are no formal hours. We would just be there to have fun. This is not cast in concrete so please weigh in with your feedback.

Tom Fiske has a new flashlight. Very cleverly disguised as an SDR. Ask him to show it to you.

That's enough for now; see you at the meetin'.

Bill KZ3G

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#### The Annual FRC "Show and Tell" Meeting

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Several of our members have graciously volunteered to participate in a prearranged "show and tell" FRC meeting on Wednesday, February 20. This potpourri of demonstrations will include demonstration of a consumer radio-direction-finding instrument presented by Joe Moell, K0OV, the topic of a low cost satellite LNB receivers presented by Dan Slater, AG6HF, an electric field demonstration presented by Walter Clark, and Larry McDavid, W6FUB, will present an interesting "scientific instrument" demonstration.

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#### Reminder – Meeting Location

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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.**

**Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2013**

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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](http://www.FullertonRadioClub.com)**

## February 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

President: Bill Preston KZ3G, called the January Board meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Others in attendance included: Vice President, Richard Belansky KG6UDD, Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Secretary Linda Endsley KJ6IHB, Board Members at Large: Larry McDavid W6FUB, Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, and members Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU, and Paul Broden K6MHD

Minutes of the January Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Savings account; \$3,072.24. Checking account; \$1,595.28.

Old business:

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.

The tennis tournament was February 2 and 3 – went well. Had only 8 radio people to help.

New Business:

There are 29 new renewals as of today.

The February general meeting will be a show and tell.

Hamcon planning meeting will be on March 2. Planning will be for Hamcon 2015.

Baker to Vegas run is April 13 and 14.

Donate Life is April 27

Antennas in the Park date is now TBD. The Catalina group will be contacted about joining with us.

The permit has been obtained for Field Day/picnic in June.

It was decided to not renew the membership with the Southern California Railroad Plaza Association.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 6, 2012, at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was closed at PM

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Endsley KJ6IHB

## 2013 Club Dues

We're into a new year, and club membership dues are now due for payment. \$20.00 per member, or \$25.00 per family. Dues for full-time students are \$10.00. A membership renewal form is included on the last page of Smoke Signals.

## PALM SPRINGS HAMFEST 2013 HAS BEEN CANCELLED, DUE TO LAND USE RESTRICTIONS!

The members of the Desert R.A.T.S. are sad to announce that Palm Springs Hamfest 2013 had to be cancelled and regret any inconvenience to those who already made travel and accommodation plans. Some of the area in which previous Desert R.A.T.S. Palm Springs Hamfests had been held with great success has been deemed a protective habitat for the **Dinacoma Caseyi (Brunnescens?) beetle** and is therefore no longer available as

an event site.

HOWEVER ---

## You are invited to attend Rendezvous 2013

Due to the fact that we had to cancel the Palm Springs Hamfest for 2013, we are going to have a get together at: Lake Cahuilla in La Quinta, CA. If you are in the area please come by and visit us. For more information about Lake Cahuilla Park visit their web site at Lake Cahuilla Park website. We will be in the group camping area on the south west side of the park.

### FRC Regular Club Meeting

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

**Next Regular Meeting**  
Wednesday, February 20, 2013

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**  
**March 6, 2013**

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

## 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.**