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Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

June 2013

President's Message (You Can Blame the Vice-President for this Message)

Now that June is here and the Summer Solstice is rapidly approaching, we all know that Field Day is almost upon us. Although FRC will not be hosting our own Field Day at Hillcrest Park this year, there are plenty of opportunities to participate around Orange County. Everything from QRP operations to emergency and disaster preparedness are available as Field Day experiences. Joe and April, along with other FRC members, will be supporting the hospital group's 24 hour continuous Field Day operation held at Huntington Beach Hospital. The group invites everyone to come join in with all the various activities that are part of a communications drill. You can have the chance to "get on the air", earn some points and, perhaps, earn a "spiffy pin" (you will have to ask April the details regarding this "award"). The real "spirit" of Field Day is to provide the opportunity to develop one's radio operation and communication skills and to meet and work with other fellow hams. Remember, this year's Field Day runs June 22nd to 23rd.

Not to be confused with the little insects that invade your lunch, ANTS (Antennas in the Park) was held with great success this year on May 18th at Tri-City Park. A large turnout, a BBQ lunch provided by the Catalina Amateur Repeater Association (CARA), a balun building class, several operating radio setups, a raffle drawing, a radio controlled quadcopter "fly by" complete with camera, and the always popular T-hunt all contributed to an eventful day. This was, in fact, my first transmitter hunt. Both my wife and I participated with Joe's guidance and teaching (he gave us a few hints regarding where to look). The

reward for the perseverance for all those that walked the lake tracking down the sneaky "hiding spots" was a delicious slice from the special cake that April always provides at the conclusion of the event. Many thanks to the Catalina club for their support and to all who came for their attendance!

That's all for now, the publisher, Paul, is patiently waiting for his "copy".

73; and Bill will see you on the 19th.

June Club Meeting Presentation

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Next FRC Meeting

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Chapman Activity Center, 2515 San Carlos Drive, Fullerton.

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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.

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June 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

President Bill Preston KZ3G, called the June Board meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Others in attendance included Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Secretary Linda Endsley KJ6IHB, Board Members at Large Larry McDavid W6FUB, Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, and Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE, and member, Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU.

Minutes of the May Board Meeting were approved

Treasurer's report: Savings account; \$ 3,072.49. Checking account; \$ 2,391.28.

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.

Antennas in the Park at Tri-City Park was successful. The Catalina group provided the BBQ.

The next OCCARO meetings scheduled for June 19

Field Day will be June 22.

New Business:

There are 3 new renewals as of today. There are 41 paid and 5 lifetime members.

Past records need to be scanned.

The June general meeting speaker will be Christie Edinger – subject: Telegraph/keys/Morse code.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 3, 2013, at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was closed at 8:40 PM

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Endsley KJ6IHB

June Meeting Presentation

Antique Telegraph Instruments

Christie Edinger, K0IU, will present an interesting talk on the topic of antique telegraph instruments. This show and tell will include many examples of early landline instruments and some very unusual items from her collection. The talk will describe some relevant patents and present some early photographs.

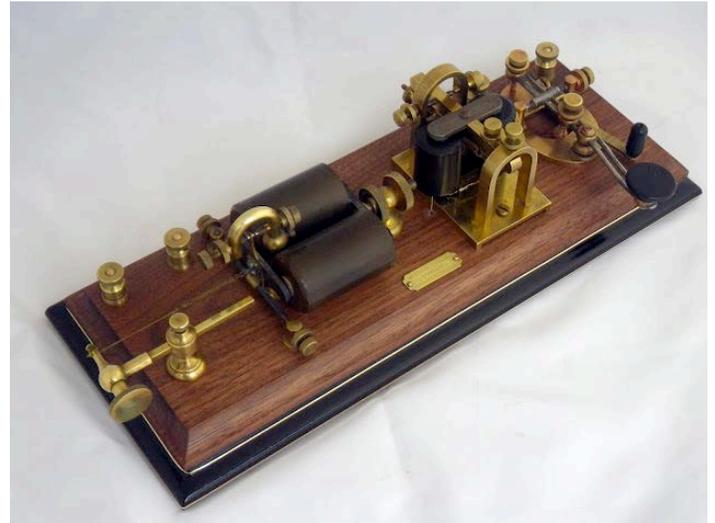
Christie first got into ham radio in 1976 in Carthage, MO. She soon upgraded to extra class in 1977. Her interest with telegraph devices began when she was given a few old telegraph keys by a relative who owned a pawnshop in Vinita, OK, thus, beginning her collection. The hunting and gathering has improved in recent years with the evolution of ebay (many of us can relate to this). Some examples of her collection were exhibited last year at the "Visions of Empire" at the Huntington Library.

She retired January 1, 2012 from the Walt Disney Company where she worked as a senior satellite technician in the media networks group. Prior to Disney, Christie worked in broadcast engineering at KRCA, Compact Video and KOAM-TV.

Her other interests over the years have included running, hiking, cycling and, most recently, large-scale model railroading. She is a volunteer member at the Carolwood Pacific Historical Society and the Los Angeles Live Steamers in Griffith Park.



Antique Telegraph Key



Antique Telegraph Key

FRC Mobile T-hunt Report

The Fullerton Radio Club's monthly mobile transmitter hunt is intended to be easy enough for beginners to succeed, but difficult enough to challenge experienced hunters. Time is not a factor, just odometer mileage. The last two hunts succeeded in both regards. On April 20, Dave Balgie N6MJN waited for the hunters in a parking lot just off Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach, between Seapoint and Golden West streets.

Team Calls	Odo Miles
N6AIN/WA6PYE	26.1
AB6PA/N6BOX/KG6EEK	26.4
N6ZHZ/KD6CYG	28.2

Steve Wallis WA6PYE, one of the winners in April, hid the transmitter on May 18. He was along Balmoral Drive in northernmost Yorba Linda. Everyone found it by 9 PM.

Team Calls	Odo Miles
N6ZHZ	7.7
WA6CYY	8.6
N6BOX/AB6PA	10.2
N6MJN	10.5
N6AIN	11.5

The Fullerton Radio Club's two-meter mobile transmitter hunt is the third Wednesday of each month at 8 PM. Starting point is at the far north end of Acacia Avenue in Fullerton, along the north side of Ladera Vista Drive.

73, Joe Moell K0OV

Antennas-In-The-Park Transmitter Hunt Report

It was a beautiful day for the annual "Antennas-In-The-Park" (AITP) event at Tri-City Park in Placentia on May 18. In addition to members of Fullerton Radio Club and Catalina Amateur Repeater Association, there were several members of Edison Amateur Radio Network who came out to try transmitter hunting. Some brought their own gear, while others made tape-measure beams from kits by Marvin Johnston KE6HTS. It was probably a record high attendance for this event.

There was lots of interest in my four beginner two-meter transmitters near the AITP encampment. We didn't time the dozen or so who practiced their RDF skills by finding them, but we did want to time the separate five-fox two-meter ARDF course. Apparently people didn't get that message, because several went out but only one person stopped at my table for timing. Chris Sanders KE6BRY ran the course in just under 49 minutes. Also finding all five transmitters was first-timer Adam Houser KK6AXY. Dennis Schwendtner WB6OBB, who is blind, found three transmitters with visual help from KE6HTS.

I also put out two easy 80-meter fox transmitters nearby. KE6BRY found both and a couple of other attendees looked for them with borrowed gear.

Thanks to KE6HTS for a successful antenna/attenuator building session, to CARA for a great barbecue and potluck, and to FRC for organizing it all. The annual Foxhunting Weekend cake from April Moell WA6OPS was great, as usual.

The next two on-foot transmitter hunt events will be advanced "training camps" at Mt. Pinos, which is near Frazier Park. They will be on the weekends of July 27-28 and August 24-25 as some southern California radio-orientees prepare for the USA ARDF Championships in North Carolina this October. More information about these events and the championships can be found at www.homingin.com.

Joe Moell K0OV



Hmmmm; where is the "fox"?

July 4 Run for Fun/ Radio Communications

It's that time of year again and the City of La Palma is once again hosting the July 4 Run for Fun. As in years past, we will need the capable assistance of HAM Radio operators to monitor the race and the runners. It is estimated that the total time of the detail will be from about 0700 - 1100 or 1200. If you are able to help out please e-mail Corporal Les Parsons (KJ6JBS) of the La Palma Police Department at lesp@cityoflapalma.org with your name, call sign & shirt size. (volunteer shirts may not be available due to budget issues, but in case they are, he would like to have the info on hand.) Thanks again in advance for your assistance and support of this event.

Gene Thorpe, KB6CMO

HDSCS news

May always seems to be a busy time of year for HDSCS and this year is no different. Members participated in the all city/county RACES and MOU partners drill on May 4. It's an important communications drill because it requires the various emergency groups to contact one another. Finding each other on our various frequencies and passing messages could prove crucial in a real emergency. Thru the month HDSCS coordinators attended drill-planning meetings with EMS and disaster coordinators from various hospitals. At the end of the month members of Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center provided education on warning signs of potential terrorism and the role of the medical liaison. All of this was in preparation for a multi-hospital drill that took place on June 5 involving an explosion at a hospital that then required evacuation of 100 patients that then had to be placed and transported to other hospitals around the county.

HDSCS communications assisted with coordination at the drill site, responded to the EMS Departmental Operations Center, and to 18 hospitals. To keep things interesting some of the hospitals receiving patients from the site also ended up with suspicious packages and evacuations of their own. During this month HDSCS also started a series of special tours of the county emergency operations center with the new Emergency Communications Coordinator for Orange County, Delia Kraft. These small group tours will continue through the summer to allow for the majority of members to participate.

Now into June it's off to the Ham Jam at Ham Radio Outlet, and then HDSCS will spend Field Day back at Huntington Beach Hospital. In addition to the regular Field Day activities we will also host a Boy Scout Merit Badge class and a licensing exam session.

73
April Moell, WA6OPS

FRC Regular Club Meeting

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

Next Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 19, 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
July 3, 2013

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION

Fullerton Radio Club
PO Box 545, Fullerton, CA 92836

(Please Print)

Name #1 _____ Call: _____ Class: _____
Name #2 _____ 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.