



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

September 2013

President's Message

Back from Texas and I can tell you that everyone in College Station will be watching the A & M/Alabama game this weekend. These people love their football.

I went to see Bill W6ZJE, and one of his therapists said he was having a very good day. Tom Fiske was there reading to Bill. We have heard from Barbara that she would love for all of Bill's HAM buddies to go see him as often as possible. He needs the stimulation that provides for his continued recovery. He is at Park Vista, just south of Bastanchury on Brea Boulevard.

The Officer Selection Committee is in the process of putting together a slate of candidates for next years' board and it would be a great help if you would consider serving on the board if asked. Our club is one of the oldest around and we need a few volunteers to keep it healthy & happy.

Gene will be getting out announcements for a few specials events in the coming weeks. Please put these on your calendar and try to participate as often as you can. Think about it, we can all use a little practice from time to time. Along those lines April is always looking for a few good communicators for Hospital Group, so between April and Gene we have ample opportunity to get involved in our community.

We had another lively TAG meeting last night. Larry is back from Harvard and shared the presentation that he gave to the Sundial Society with us. In the process it was discovered that Dan might have a very rare instrument (only four in the world) in his collection. I'm sure Larry is hot on the trail of that rumor. I'm sure that we will be able to hear Larry's whoop and holler all over North Orange County if Dan's recollection is accurate. Dennis will never be able to leave because every time he takes a load to Inyokern he buys twice as much new stuff and installs it in his house in Fullerton. I don't know where he finds it all. That's it for now.

73 Bill KZ3G

September Club Meeting Presentation

At the meeting this month Larry McDavid

W6FUB will broaden your scope with a talk on microscopy and using microscopes. Larry is a long-time member of the Microscopical Society of Southern California and user of microscopes for both electronics and nature studies. Larry will identify and describe the two fundamental types of microscopes and show examples of their use.

Bill Kohlenberger Update

Our long-time friend Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE is improving following his recent heart attack, and remains in Park Vista Nursing Center on Brea Boulevard just west of Bastanchury Road in Fullerton. Bill's family just today asked me to help arrange for more folks who know Bill to visit him and engage him in conversation to encourage his improvement.

I visited Bill on Thursday afternoon 9/12/2013 and found him awake, responsive and active. Though I can understand only a bit of what Bill says, he says a lot! He is so active in bed that the facility placed alarm pads on both sides of his bed to alert them when Bill tries to climb out; please avoid stepping on those pads yourself! Today, I managed to set off the alarm twice so be careful.

Bill is so active that his sleep pattern has been upset. The family and his doctors are working to get Bill to sleep at night but he needs interaction to keep him awake during the day. If you arrive to find Bill asleep, shake his hand and talk to him to wake him up!

Tom Fisk regularly visits and has left a short story book on the bedside table. It is good to read from that book to Bill. Tell him stories you remember of things out of his past; Bill's past memory is better than his recent memory. Bill often calls visitors by their name so we know he recognizes friends. Gene and Cheryl Thorpe and other club members often visit but we need more club members to visit and interact with Bill.

Bill is getting physical and speech therapy so you may find those folks when you visit; be mindful of their work but let Bill know you are there. Bill's family is around a lot also so you may see his wife, Barbara, his sons Bob and Roger, his daughter Carol and his grandson David when you visit; say hello to them, but talk to Bill, please.

Bill has an abdominal feeding tube but is starting to take some fluids by mouth; the problem is to get him to stop talking while trying this! We all remember Bill as an incredibly active and really smart guy and want him back that way, so please visit Bill and help him recover.

I have added several family members to the FRC-OC Yahoo Group. It is good to write a brief email about your visit to see Bill so that his family can be informed of happenings.

Larry W6FUB

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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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Abbreviated Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

The Club board convened at 7:30 PM after our usual pre-meeting dinner at Marie Callender's. Those present included President Bill Preston KZ3G, VP Richard Belanski KG6UDD, Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Board Members Larry McDavid W6FUB & Robert Gimble KG6WTQ, and members Joe Moell K0OV, Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU, & Paul Broden K6MHD. Secretary Linda Endsley KJ6IHB arrived after her journey to the LA County Fair.

Minutes from the August Board Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report: Checking account; \$1839.72. Savings account; no change from the previous month.

There were no changes in membership status.

The OCCARO Meeting was not held last month.

New Business

The nominating committee continues to search for officer candidates for 2014. Nominees will be announced at the October regular club meeting. The committee will convene after the Board Meeting for discussion of candidate suggestions.

A report was presented on the status of member Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE [Ed: See article on front page]

Old Business

Inclusion of tutorials in Smoke Signals remains in the planning stage. More information is to follow.

Speaker for the October is yet to be determined.

A suggestion was made that we include an open invitation to all Club members for submission of articles for inclusion in Smoke Signals.

Submitted by Paul Broden K6MHD

August FRC Transmitter Hunt Report

Steve Wallis WA6PYE was huntmaster for the August 17 Fullerton Radio Club mobile transmitter hunt. His hidden transmitter was end of La Sierra Drive in Chino Hills, near the water tower. This spot has been used before, but the signal from there can fool you, no matter how many times you have been there.

Team Calls	Odo Miles
N6MJN	17.20
N6ZH/KK6BPP	19.30
K0OV/WB2LRH	19.35
N6AIN	19.50
WA6CYY/Tiffany*	21.50
AB6PA/N6BOX	25.80

*Tiffany is a 6-month-old St. Bernard dog. Dave Balgie N6MJN won the hunt and is scheduled to hide on Saturday, September 21 at 8 PM. Start from the top of Acacia Drive in Fullerton. The signal is to be continuous on 146.565 MHz.

73,
Joe Moell K0OV

October 5th and 6th, 2013 – 47th running of the California QSO Party

2013 is the 47th running of the California QSO Party – "CQP" – perhaps the largest US State QSO Party! The objective of the CQP is to work as many stations in California as you can on both CW and Phone. Stations may be worked once per mode/band combination for points with California Counties (58 of them) as individual multipliers.

California stations get credit for working stations inside and outside of the state with US States and Canadian Provinces as their multipliers.

The contest runs from 1600Z October 5th, 2013 to 2200Z on October 6th, 2013.

The full rules for the CQP can be found at:

<http://www.cqp.org/Rules.html>

An all-out effort is being made to beat the record by a wide margin in 2013 – there should be TONS of activity from California!

If you're in California and able to participate in CQP, please register your county by visiting <http://www.cqp.org/>

The Northern California Contest Club sponsors CQP and offers a variety of awards open to stations inside and outside of California. The awards include plaques for the top operators in the Youth (under 18) and YL categories. A list of the awards is included in the rules.

CQP is a lot of fun and we hope to see you on the air!

73

Chris N6WM – CQP Chair

Ian W6TCP - JUG, Newsletter Editor

La Palma Days

Hello all,

Hope you are all well. On November 9, 2013 the City of La Palma will be hosting its annual La Palma Days Parade. As in years past, we are hoping to get RACES/ACS volunteers to assist with the communications at the parade. Please let me know if you will be available to assist at this event.

Thanks, KJ6JBS
Corporal Les Parsons

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Club Officer Candidates Needed

It's already September, and the Club by-laws require that a slate of officer candidates for next year be presented to the Club for acceptance during the regular meeting in October. That leaves little time for the nominating committee to identify willing candidates (candidates must approve their nomination). Additional nominations may be presented from the floor during the October meeting.

All offices are open for identification of candidates; however, we know that both President and Vice President offices will be vacated and require "new blood." Offices open for candidates are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least one Directors-At-Large (we current have four at-large directors).

This is **YOUR CLUB!** If you are asked to serve please give the invitation some serious consideration. No one will bite. Give it a try. **VOLUNTEER**

Smoke Signals Articles Needed

Smoke Signals has been a bit skimpy in recent months. It isn't that the Board and key members have lost interest; it's just that we need a wider source of material for publication. If you can prepare an article of general interest to Club members please submit it to the Editor by no later than the second Wednesday of the month in order for it to be reviewed and approved prior to publication of that month's Smoke Signals.

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity this fall?

We are looking for volunteers for Marathon, weekend October 11-13.

Sign up today to volunteer at the 2013 Long Beach International City Bank Marathon; it is easy! Just click on the volunteer shift you would like to volunteer for and join the fun.

All volunteer will receive a volunteer t-shirt, special volunteer parking, lunch, community service hours, detailed training before your shift begins and a pat on the back for giving back

If you have any questions or would like to sign up as a volunteer group please contact me; awootton@runracing.com.

Thank you,
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Public Service Event

The Special Olympics needs ham radio operators for their event **December 14 & 15, 2013** – Plan ahead. It will be their second event of the year. Contact Mark Lidikay at ke6tnm@scran.org for more info.

FRC Regular Club Meeting

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

Next Regular Meeting
Wednesday,

September 18, 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
October 2, 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.