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Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

March 2016

President's Message

Hello everyone,

It is now March and so El Niño is supposed to be hitting us pretty hard, are you prepared? This is what being a Ham is all about preparedness, communication, and experimentation. I think this is a good time for all of us check our gear and emergency supplies and see what we need. It may not be needed now but who knows when it will be. And also it's California so whenever it rains it may as well be the end of the world, am I right? Anyway, joke aside, I would like to hear what everyone has done for emergency preparedness so if you have pictures or list of supplies bring it to the meeting on the 16th for a little show and tell after the speaker if there is time. Well that's all I have this month, if you have a topic or speaker for one of our meeting contact our VP Walter

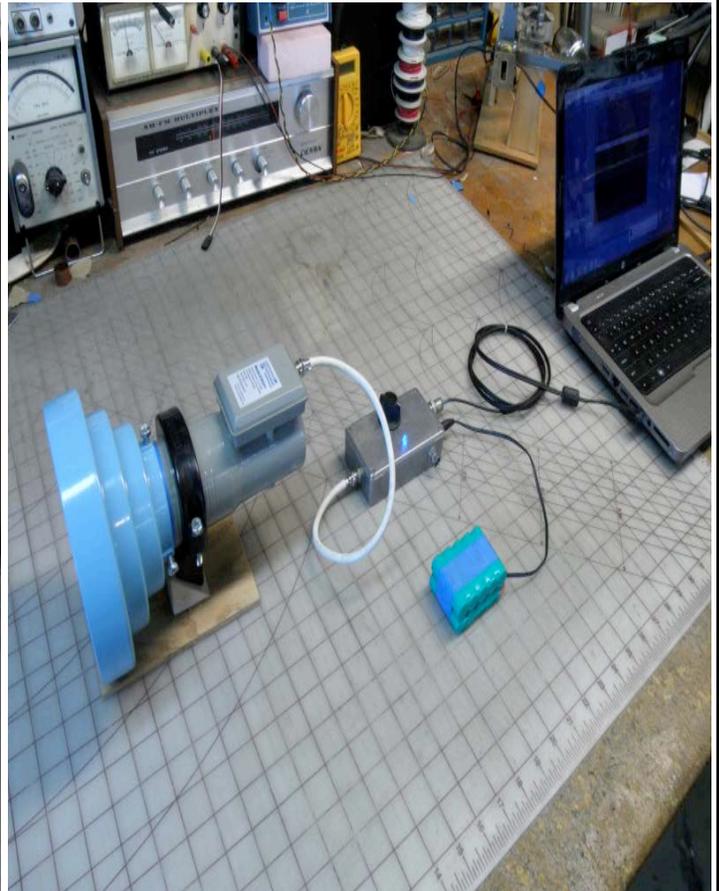
Clark and if you have any input for the newsletter send it to Paul Broden K6MHD.

Thank you,

Albert Solomon
AG6OF
President

March Club Meeting

Walt will show us how to make a radar monitor for airplanes landing at LAX. It uses easily obtained satellite dish hardware, some of which can be found free because it uses the older C-band hardware. There's very little soldering involved (just the removing of a capacitor.)



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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.org

March Board Meeting Minutes

The March 2, 2016 FRC Board meeting was called to order by President Albert Solomon AG6OF at 7:30pm. Present: Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, and Secretary: Linda Endsley KJ6IHB, Directors: Richard Belansky KG6UDD, Larry McDavid W6FUB, Paul Broden K6MHD and Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ; and members Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU, and Bill Preston KZ3G

Old Business:

February minutes were approved with the addition of attendance of Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, and correct the email address of the Club President.

Names of those who have not paid dues in several years will remain on our list.

Renewals for 2016 need to be paid ASAP.

New Business:

More articles are needed for input in the newsletters.

April 30, Sat., Donate Life Run at Cal State Fullerton; volunteers are needed.

Next board meeting: 06APR2016

Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Submitted by Linda Endsley KJ6IHB

The World of Amateur Radio

While looking for some material to promote ham radio, I ran across this old gem.

If you don't have 25 minutes, at least watch from 7:10 to 8:33 and you will see somebody you know!

<https://youtu.be/5CVnzNNSsdU>

Enjoy

Bob - AD6QF

Next on-foot transmitter hunt at Schabarum Park on March 12

The next southern California on-foot transmitter hunting session will be Saturday, March 12, 2016 at Schabarum Regional Park near Rowland Heights. This session is intended for both beginner and advanced level transmitter hunters. Try your hand at some easy two-meter transmitters set by Joe Moell K0OV plus a 5-fox two-meter international-rules course of moderate-to-advanced difficulty, set by Marvin Johnston KE6HTS. One or more fox transmitters on the 80-meter band may also be set up to try.

The emphasis in this session will be training to help you improve your bearing-taking, map-reading, navigating and course-planning skills. Experts will be on hand to help you. This is the last of three sessions for those preparing to compete in the 2016 USA ARDF Championships in Texas during April.

If you have receivers, scanners, directional antennas, attenuators, or other equipment suitable for on-foot RDF, be sure to bring it. Make sure all batteries are fresh. A limited amount of RDF gear will be available for loan.

For those who want to build RDF gear for use with their own two-meter hand-held radios or scanners, Marvin will have kits for measuring-tape yagis and active attenuators. There will be tools and soldering stations for building. If you're not an electronic technician, don't worry because there will be experts to help you. Send e-mail to Marvin (marvin@west.net) to pre-register

and get more information about equipment. The building session will only take place if there are sufficient advance registrations. If you already have equipment and just want to hunt transmitters, you don't need to pre-register.

If it takes place, the building session will start at 9:30 AM. Please be prompt. Beginner transmitters will be on the air at that time. The main 5-fox hunt will start about 10:30 AM. Hunters may start the courses at any time until 1 PM. Courses close at 3 PM.

The starting point for the full ARDF course will be in a remote part of the park, so if you plan to take on that course, please arrive at the gathering area before 10 AM so we can transport that group to the starting point and do starts at five-minute intervals. Beginners will start from the gathering area and will not need to be transported.

For the advanced 2-meter course, electronic scoring will be used. If you have an "e-stick," be sure to bring it. A \$5 donation is requested for the advanced course to cover expenses related to the use of Los Angeles Orienteering Club's e-punch equipment and maps. The beginner course and the 80-meter transmitter hunt are free of charge and e-punch is not required for them.

Trails are primitive in some areas of the park, so wear sturdy shoes. All ages are welcome, but young children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Schabarum Regional Park is on the south side of Colima Road, just east of Azusa Avenue in Hacienda Heights. (Thomas Guide 678-G4)

There is a vehicular entry fee for the park, so carpooling would be a good idea. Upon passing through the entry gate, drive south (straight ahead, don't turn right) and continue to the end of the road (about 0.7 mile). Call K0OV on 146.52 MHz simplex if you have trouble finding the gathering area within the park.

73,
Joe Moell K0OV
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Donate LIFE Run Walk April 30, 2016

Amateur Radio Operators
NEEDED

Please Save Saturday 30, April 2016 for the Donate LIFE Run/Walk & Family Festival at CSUF.

We need 30 Amateur Radio Operators all around the course. Time: 0700 - 1130 hrs. or so.

Contact: Gene Thorpe
KB6CMO@Juno.com with your Name, Callsign, E-mail Address and Phone#. I need the info **ASAP**.

Thanks

DUES ARE OVERDUE!

It's now March, and Club membership renewal is past the dues payment time. If you haven't renewed your membership there is a renewal application attached at the end of the newsletter. It's time to **SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!**

FRC March Club Meeting

**Wednesday,
March 16, 2016**

Chapman Activity Center

2515 San Carlos Dr.
Fullerton, CA

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

**Meeting time: 7:00 PM
Visitors are welcome**

FRC Board Meeting

Open to all Club members
Marie Callender's Restaurant
126 Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia
First Wednesday of each month.

Next Board Meeting

April 6, 2016

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM
Meeting: 7:30 PM

Build a Ham Radio for under \$50?

Don't believe it? Check out the article on page 39 in the March 2016 issue of QST. Co-authored by our own Dennis Kidder W6DQ. I might even try this one myself.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION

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(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.