



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

May 2016

ANTENNAS IN THE PARK – THIS SATURDAY!

Where? Hillcrest Park – Fullerton; Take Valley View east from Harbor Boulevard (across from Ralph’s market). Turn left into the parking lot about half way up the hill. (Look for the T-Hunt flag) Walk through the picnic area and find us there.

When? **Saturday, May 14!** Come when you can. We’ll be there from about 9AM. The T-Hunt begins with antenna building at 10AM, and the “hunt” at 11AM. Probably will last until???

What? Make this what ever you want it to be! HF / VHF / UHF demonstrations, contacts, equipment, maybe a radio-controlled “craft” of some sort.

Food? FRC will be providing hot dogs, burgers, soft drinks, etc. No charge, but donations accepted.

May Club Meeting

The May Club meeting will feature Ken Miller K6CTW, who will be providing a special program on Morse Code. Ken has demonstrated the use of Morse Code as used on Amateur Radio versus today’s popular “Text Messaging”, including on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Come see what he has to say about this 176 year-old means of messaging. History? Today’s use/non-use? Where are you with use of code? Where would you like to be?

Dinner before the Club Meeting

For several years some Club members have been dining before the monthly meeting at Coco’s on Harbor Boulevard. THINGS HAVE CHANGED! If you haven’t noticed, Coco’s has closed. Beginning this month the before meeting dinner will be held at Sizzler, 1401 N. Harbor Boulevard just north of Valley View/Brea Boulevard. Time is 5:30PM. First person there will arrange for a table.

May 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

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The May 4, 2016 FRC Board meeting was called to order by President Albert Solomon AG6OF at 7:46pm. Present: Vice President Walter Clark, Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Secretary: Linda Endsley KJ6IHB. Directors: Larry McDavid W6FUB, Paul Broden K6MHD; Mike LeFevre WD6AQH; Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ and member Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU. Guest Joe Moell, K0OV

Treasurer's report:

Checking \$2,294.21

Savings \$4,606.29

Old Business:

Donate Life Run at Cal State Fullerton. Sat., April 30- all went well.

More articles are needed for input in the newsletters.

New Business:

ANTs in the Park will be Sat., May 14. Assembling kits start at 10am, with T-hunt immediately after.

Approved cap of \$250.00 for food and soft drinks.

Speaker for the general meeting – Dr. Ken Miller/Morse code

Need to change location for dinner before general meeting. The restaurant is now closed.

Next board meeting: 01 JUNE 2016

Adjourned at 8:36 pm

Submitted by Linda Endsley KJ6IHB

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.

FRC Mobile T-Hunt Report

Is this USA's longest continuous string of regular transmitter hunts? Fullerton Radio Club has had a mobile T-hunt every month since 1975, starting from the same place: The intersection of Skyline and Acacia in the hills of Fullerton. Back when it started, that spot was beside the oil field where FRC used to set up its annual Field Day. Now it's in a neighborhood of million-dollar estate homes. But we still think it's a great place to hear (or try to hear) the hidden transmitter, which could be a block away (and very low powered) or down by the ocean, or out by Prado Dam, or ... well you get the idea.

On February 20, 2016, Dave Balgie put his transmitter at the Yorba-Slaughter Families Adobe Historical Landmark, running ten watts into a quad pointed toward Yorba Linda. It's an interesting place, but closed at night of course. What's more, it's out of bounds for this hunt by a few hundred feet. But that never stops the intrepid FRC transmitter hunters, as all arrived there by 10:05 PM. The results:

<u>Team Calls</u>	<u>Odo Miles</u>
AB6PA/KG6EEK/Ryan	25.9
N6AIN/WA6PYE	27.9
WA6CYY	35.2
N6ZHZ/KK6JDC	40.1

Glen Tobey AB6PA and Bill Greganti KG6EEK, the winners, took on the task of hiding for the March 19 hunt. They chose Back Bay Drive in Newport Beach, a popular place for confusing signals. Glen planned to run just five watts into a beam, but the radio was actually putting out 35 watts the whole time. That gave everyone a good test of their RF attenuators. The results:

<u>Team Calls</u>	<u>Odo Miles</u>
WA6CYY	21.8

N6AIN, WA6PYE and Teddy (K9DOG) 24.8
N6ZHZ 37.2

N6MJN, Unofficial, started from from home

Ron Allerdice WA6CYY was last to arrive by ten minutes, but he had lowest elapsed mileage so he was declared to be the winner and the "stuckee" for hiding on April 16. He chose Serrano Park at the end of Apache Creek Road in the city of Orange for his hiding spot. Everyone arrived before 10 PM.

<u>Team Calls</u>	<u>Odo Miles</u>
KG6EEK/AB6PA	13.5
N6AIN/WA6PYE	20.1
N6MJN	24.2
WB6JPI	30.4
KK6JDC/N6ZHZ	46.6

Newcomers are always welcome at our FRC transmitter hunts, which start at 8 PM on the third Saturday of each month. Glen Tobey AB6PA and Bill Greganti KG6EEK will be huntmasters on May 21.

73,

Joe Moell K0OV

Donate Life Run/Walk Thank You

Folks, Just a note to say Thank You for Volunteering your Time & Equipment (Portable Repeater) and other things to make this event a success. Again Thank You for All of your help with this event. Hope to see you again later this year and next year.

God Bless America & U 2
Gene Thorpe KB6CMO

Photos from the April Meeting



Dick Palmer WB6JDH with one of his QRP rigs



More of the QRP radio demonstration

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Why? Because of the lack of input from club members!

DUES ARE OVERDUE!

It's now May, 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 May Club Meeting

**Wednesday,
May 18, 2016**

Chapman Activity Center

2515 San Carlos Dr.
Fullerton, CA

Dinner before the meeting at 5:30 PM at:

**Sizzler
1401 N. Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton**

(Note: Change of location!)

**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
June 1, 2016**

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.