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The Official Monthly Newsletter of the
California Public-Safety Radio Association

May 2010 Meeting - Victorville

CPRA serves the people who manage, operate, maintain and supply the communications systems used to safeguard the lives and property of citizens everywhere. Among the CPRA ranks there are over 500 professionals representing the Police, Fire, EMS, Forestry, Highway and Conservation services. CPRA provides many opportunities to grow professionally, share your ideas, upgrade your skills and network with your colleagues.

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at the Hilton Garden Inn – Conference Center, 12603 Mariposa Road, Victorville, CA 92395, San Bernardino County Thomas Brothers Page 4386 - A-6
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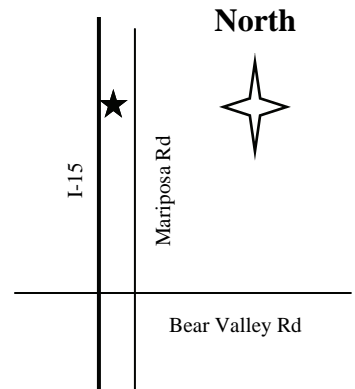
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- ◆ Proceed north, parallel to IS-15 approximately 1 mile to the hotel. The hotel is on the left side.



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| Meeting Hosts | Jack Daniel Ski & Matt Zwarkowski | The Jack Daniel Company Hi-Desert Communications |
| Early Bird Sponsor: | Greg Glenn | Tripower Group |

Agenda:

- 0830 - 1000 Executive Board Meeting
- 1000 - 1100 General Meeting
- 1100 - 1200 Program (See page 2 - Lee Conner)
- 1200 - **Lunch Complements of Harris and Hi-Desert Communications**

Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

**Region 5 700 MHz - Regional planning Committee Meeting
Elect new Vice Chair**

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
GARY POON

The CPRA Banquet Committee, members and volunteers had a busy and productive month in April. To Celebrate "National Telecommunicator's Week," CPRA continued its tradition by hosting a very successful 22nd Annual Telecommunicator Awards Banquet at the Quite Cannon in Montebello. Several hundred dispatchers and managers along with their family and friends attended the Banquet. I salute and congratulate the CPRA 2010 Telecommunicator Awards recipients. Their names, photos and accomplishments will be permanently posted on the CPRA website. I would like to thank the CPRA Operations Committee, chaired by Dawn Lopez and Courtney Allison, for outstanding work. I also would like to thank our commercial sponsors GeoComm, Spillman Technologies, Inc., EADS North America and the many other companies listed in the banquet program for their generous support.

CPRA also honored the managers, engineers and technicians working behind the scenes to support public-safety communications with its Annual RF/IT Technical Awards. The winners will also be posted on the CPRA web for recognition. I would like to thank John Sarkissian, Chair of CPRA Technical Awards Committee, John Wright and many other committee members and volunteers for their tireless efforts in searching for the most exemplary employees and managers for the CPRA Technical Awards.

At the April CPRA meeting, David Bremson of Network Centric Systems of Raytheon Corporation along with Ron Lyon of EADS gave a visually stunning presentation in the Raytheon Technology Demonstration Vehicle. With P25 Standards, they showed us how interoperable systems from multi-brand radios can communicate seamlessly. I would like to thank David Bremson and his technical team along with Ron Lyons of EADS for the presentation. I also would like to thank Craig Bassett of Bassett Sales for the sponsorship of Executive Meeting refreshment.

The CPRA Executive Committee has been preparing letters and filing comments on FCC issues ranging from allowing HAM operators to participate in emergency preparedness communications and requesting the United States Congress allocate the "D" Block spectrum for public safety use. I would like to thank Mike Rowles, CPRA Secretary for his help with many of these filings.

Adriana Spirescu, Chair of the CPRA 75th Anniversary Celebration and Historical Photo Album Committees, continues to prepare for the September 16, 2010 "No-Ties" event at Irvine Regional Park. Please mark your calendar and make your reservation via the CPRA web site for this historical celebration. Thank you Adriana!

The Region 5 700MHz Regional Planning Committee will be meeting for the election of a new Vice Chair for the Southern California Region at the May 20th meeting in Victorville. Visit the CPRA Web at <http://www.cpra.org> for details.

We appreciate your participation!

Lee Connor
Grant Funding Program Manager
Huntsville, AL

Lee Connor leads the Grant Funding Program Management Office (PMO) in the Public Safety & Public Communications (PS&PC) Business Unit of RF Communications Division of Harris Corporation. The Grant Funding PMO researches and tracks all U.S. Federal government grant activity in which interoperability communications equipment is an authorized expenditure. Lee and the sales team work with our customers in developing their grant strategies as they apply for federal grant programs. The PMO also provides training in grant guidance, data analysis of past grant awards and on-site customer support.

Lee holds a B.A. degree in Secondary Education and Psychology and a MBA in Accounting and Finance. She is a Six Sigma Black Belt in Lean Design (SSBBLD), an internationally certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and has been with Harris for over 12 years.

MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING APRIL 15, 2010 THE QUIET CANNON CONFERENCE CENTER MONTEBELLO, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Operations Committee
Early Bird Sponsor: Craig Bassett, Bassett Sales
Secretary's Report: Minutes for the March meeting are posted on the CPRA web site
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: CPRA RF/IT Awards Presentations
 Raytheon Technology Demonstration Vehicle
Presenter: David Bremson
Attendance: --56

AGENDA

Greeting – Gary Poon. Gary opened the chapter meeting at 10:15 a.m. *National Telecommunicators' Week*. He welcomed everyone to the April 2010 meeting and noted that this was the CPRA celebration of "National Telecommunicators' Week." Gary stated that all across the nation, public safety organizations were setting aside time to say "thank you" to technical support teams and 911 dispatch centers for their dedication and hard work.

CPRA Annual Technical Awards. He commented that a very important part of the celebration was the presentation of the CPRA Annual Technical Awards. Gary noted that the awards would be presented later in the meeting however he did ask each of the award recipients and their respective nominators to stand and be recognized.

Additional Items. Mike Rowles led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dawn Lopez provided information about the luncheon arrangements. Gary thanked the Operations Committee for their support. He also thanked Bassett Sales for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments.

Introductions - All. New members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

Membership Report – Ken Shearen. Ken reported that we have 450 members that have renewed for 2010. He noted that there were six new members from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office and one new commercial member. Ken indicated that many members' renewals are still in process through their respective organizations.

Meeting Program Review – Dawn Lopez. Dawn reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings. Details for the 2010 schedules are on the website. She commented that the next meeting is planned for May 20th in Victorville.

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75th Anniversary Celebration Report – Jim Donovan.

Chapter Celebration. It was noted that the “No Ties” meeting in September has been designated as the meeting for the formal 75th anniversary recognition. The planning committee has been actively moving forward with preparing for the event.

Planning. The committee reported that the celebration will include a world-class BBQ, special events amateur station operation, a display of mobile command unit vehicles, a presentation of CPRA history via a commemorative album, dig-nitary recognition, etc.

Location. It was announced that the Irvine Regional Park, Area 3 would be the location for the event.

Treasurer’s Report – John Wright. John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. He stated that total income for the month was \$9,029.07 and the total expenditures were \$5,895.70. Income included meeting registrations, Telecommunicator’s Banquet registrations and sponsorships. Expenses included the March luncheon, Telecommunicator’s Banquet expenses, and printing costs for the CommLink.

Regional Director Report – Richard Granado/Executive Council – Jim Acosta. Richard provided a consolidated report as Jim was unable to attend.

APCO Planning Meetings. Teams of members, elected leaders, and staff recently held meetings to initiate updates to the Strategic Plan, begin work on the FY 2012 budget, and to develop a branding plan for enhancing the image of the Association.

Public Safety Communications Magazine. It was announced that APCO redesigned the header to ensure clarity of APCO’s ownership of the magazine.

Membership Level. It was noted that the APCO membership stands at 14,408 which is 3.3% less than last year at this time.

APCO National Conference – Super Sessions: Keynote Speakers and Featured Presentations. Recently APCO announced featured speaker information. On August 2nd Frank Miles will present “Laugh at Fear: finding the Courage to Achieve. On August 3rd John Chappelle will present “Build Balance and Reduce Stress, Secrets from The Daily Six.”

Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray.

CalSIEC SPA. It was noted that the next Southern Planning Area (SPA) meeting will be April 28th. Jim Donovan reported on recent a data gathering visit provided by Willdan Homeland Solutions in support of SPA services for the development of Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) documents.

FCC Announcements. Gary G. indicated there were no specific FCC actions to report.

700 MHz Update. Dave Buchanan noted that there will be a 700 MHz Committee Meeting to be held in conjunction with the May CPRA/FAC meeting.

800 MHz Update. Jim Donovan commented there were no specific updates to report.

800 MHz Rebanding. Ray Grimes provided an updated report. He noted that there had been no progress regarding a treaty with Mexico pertinent to use of spectrum in the border region. (Please see the “Resources” portion of the CPRA web site to see Ray’s Rebanding Notes.)

CPRA 2010 Telecommunicator’s Banquet – Dawn Lopez. Dawn reported that all last minute preparations for the CPRA Telecommunicator’s Banquet were well underway. She indicated that over 250 people would be attending. Dawn recognized and thanked the major sponsors of the Banquet. They included: GeoComm, Spillman Technologies, Inc., and EADS North America. She emphasized that support from the major sponsors and all the other sponsors was a true success factor for the 2010 CPRA Telecommunicator’s Banquet. She also thanked the Banquet Committee for their superb efforts.

Chapter Commercial Advisory Member – Jack Daniel. Jack was unable to attend. He asked Larry Weber to stand in for him. Larry invited each of the Commercial Members in attendance to do a self introduction and give a brief comment about their respective products and services.

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CPRA Annual Technical Awards Presentations for 2010 – Gary Poon. Gary commented that this was a very special part of the meeting. He asked John Sarkissian, Committee Chair for the CPRA Technical Awards to come forward and assist with the presentations. He also noted that Mike would be reading the Award Citations and Adriana Spirescu would be taking photos. Gary and John then presented awards to the following individuals:

Don Root, “CPRA Telecommunications Manager of the Year”, serving as the Assistant Communications Systems Manager, Wireless Services Division, Sheriff’s Department, County of San Diego.

McKinley Orr, “CPRA RF Engineer of the Year”, serving as a Special Projects Leader, Telecommunications Services Division, Information Services Department, County of San Bernardino.

Alec Martinez, “CPRA IT Technician of the Year”, serving as an Information Systems Analyst III for the Consolidated Fire Agencies of the East Valley Joint Powers Authority (CONFIRE JPA), County of San Bernardino.

Barbara Scannell, “CPRA RF Technician of the Year”, serving as a Senior Management Analyst, Administrative Services Department, City of Simi Valley.

CPRA Membership Photo – Adriana Spirescu. Adriana guided everyone outside to the lawn area where she expertly arranged for and took a CPRA membership photo. She noted that this photo would be included in the commemorative album for CPRA 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Technical Presentation – David Bremson, Network Centric Systems, Raytheon Corporation.

David and his team members presented a technical demonstration of radio systems interoperability. He had arranged for a static display of the Raytheon Technology Demonstration Vehicle. Ron Lyons, EADS participated in the demonstration to portray the viability of multi band, multi vendor operations. Members commented about the value of seeing “hands on” testing of interoperability between various frequency bands and multiple vendors’ equipment. Gary thanked David, Ron and the Raytheon technical team for their support of the CPRA meeting.

Meeting Adjourned. Gary thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Notes for the Record. Following the CPRA Chapter meeting, Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting.

CPRA Certificate of Appreciation. At the beginning of FAC meeting, Gary Poon requested time to present a CPRA Certificate of Appreciation to Barbara Scannell on the occasion of her retirement from the City of Simi Valley. He commented that the certificate was “presented in recognition of the many years of participation in Frequency Coordination service for us all, and for her consistent support of the association over these years.” All those attending the FAC gave her a strong round of applause.

Frequency Request Actions. Ongoing and new frequency requests were then presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rowles
Secretary



California Public - Safety Radio Association

75th Anniversary Celebration

CPRA



Invites You... **To the Wild, Wild, West**
Public Safety Command
Vehicle & Apparatus



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September 16, 2010

Irvine Regional Park
1 Irvine Park Rd,
Orange, CA 92869

- * Vehicle Tours start at 9:00 a.m.
- * \$20.00 lunch includes smoked BBQ Tri-Tip served at "High Noon."

Invited Guests include all CPRA members, The Governor of the State of California, The Chiefs of Police and Sheriff/Fire Chiefs Associations for all Southern California Counties and Cities, All Southern California City Managers and Elected Officials including Senators and Representatives both State and Federal, and all Public Safety Communication Center employees and managers. Be there! RSVP 2010BBQ@cptra.org or Visit www.CPRA.org

2010 Meeting Dates

June 17th
Santa Fe Springs
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday June 1, 2010

October 21st
Annual "Tabletop Meeting"
Montebello
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday October 4, 2010

July 15th
County of San Bernardino
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday June 28, 2010

November 18th
Palm Springs
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday November 1, 2010

August 26th
Downey
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday August 9, 2010

December 9th
Annual Holiday Banquet &
Officer Installation
Monterey Park
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday November 29, 2010

September 16th
Annual "No Ties Meeting"
Thousand Oaks
CommLink Cutoff Date
Tuesday August 30, 2010



May is designated as National Military Appreciation Month and is an important month for those who serve. It is a positive way to recognize all of the men and women in all branches of the military: active duty, National Guard & Reserves, Veterans, Retirees and their family members. Their family members serve too and make many sacrifices.

Those who serve in the United States military services represent the highest caliber of professionalism and loyalty. We ask them to willingly risk their lives. May is the month to applaud them for their contributions and sacrifices. Let us remember all of those who serve, past and present and celebrate:

- May 1st – Loyalty Day
- May 7th – Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- May 8th – VE Day
- May 15th – Armed Forces Day
- May 31st – Memorial Day

The next time you see a service member, whether it is a holiday or not, thank them for their service. It means a great deal to them. Here is a link to send the troops a message of thanks.

We live in the greatest country in the world. Americans may have different points of view, but at the end of the day, we are one nation.

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND OUR UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES!



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