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

September 2012 - Annual "No Ties Meeting"

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at the Conejo Creek Park, 1379 Janss Rd., Thousand Oaks
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CPRAs serve 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.

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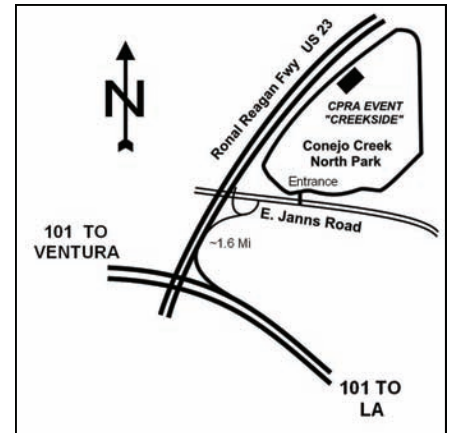
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Directions:

From 101 Freeway:

- ◆ Exit 101 Freeway on CA-23 north.
- ◆ Travel north 1.9 miles to Janss Rd.
- ◆ Take Janss Rd. exit.
- ◆ Turn right at the signal and go 1 block.
- ◆ Turn left onto Library/Park North.
- ◆ Drive around the park to Creekside, approximately 3/4 mile.



Meeting Host:

Charles Taylor

Ventura County (Retired)

Early Bird Sponsors:

Larry Feige

Talley Inc.

Craig Bassett

Bassett Sales

Erik Borg

Chair Pros

Agenda:

- 0830 - 1000 Executive Board Meeting
- 1000 - 1100 General Meeting
- 1100 - 1200 Program
- 1200 - Lunch

Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
ADRIANA SPIRESCU

As we wrap up the summer, we thank you for your attendance and continued support of the monthly CPRA meetings. Our appreciation goes out to David Buchanan for hosting last month's meeting at the Apple Dumpling Restaurant where we enjoyed delicious apple turnovers and apple pies. Dave presented a 700 MHz Nationwide Broadband Network Update, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, and outlined the US Band Plan versus Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) Band Plan.

Our gratitude goes out to Kevin Persing, from Axell Wireless USA, who was the Early Bird Sponsor. Kevin gave a brief presentation on the specific products offered and product features offered by Axell Wireless.

As our membership continues to grow, we welcome new members: Marta Andrade with the Navy Region Southwest in San Diego and Joseph Belli with Riverside County Sheriff.

Just a few weeks ago, many attended the 78th Annual APCO Conference & Expo in Minneapolis, where for the 1st time in APCO history, voting took place online. With over 940 votes cast, CPRA Treasurer and APCO Life Member **John Wright was elected as the new APCO 2nd VP**. We congratulate John!

During the Sunday session, CPRA hosted a Jack Daniel Memorial Tribute where friends and acquaintances of Jack had to opportunity to come by and pay their respects and share memories with Pat and their daughter Michael-Anne.

The Western States Regional Consortium met on Monday and discussed items of mutual concern and the upcoming Western Regional Conferences. We congratulated once again the Alaska Chapter for putting on a great Regional Conference back in February. We continue to strengthen our relationship with our sister chapter to the north, NAPCO at a dinner board meeting.

At the Blue & White Gala on Tuesday night, a special tribute to Jack Daniel was given and Pat Daniel was presented with the new APCO-International Award titled **"Jack Daniel Award of Distinction"** in the midst of a standing ovation.



The night ended with John Wright presenting a video showcasing what Southern California has to offer and Inviting everyone to come out to Anaheim next year!!

The newly elected APCO Executive
Committee of the Board of Directors:
President - Terry Hall
First Vice President - Gigi Smith
Second Vice President - John Wright
Immediate Past President - Gregory Riddle

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CHAPTER MEETING

August 9, 2012

Apple Dumplin's Restaurant & Bakery
38578 Oak Glen Rd
Oak Glen, CA 92399

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Dave Buchanan, San Bernardino County (retired)

Early Bird Sponsor: Kevin Persing, Axell Wireless USA

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the July 2012 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.

Treasurer's Report: See comments

Program: "Broadband Update" presented by Dave Buchanan, County of San Bernardino (retired)

Attendance: 37

AGENDA

Welcome–Opening – Adriana Spirescu. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM. Adriana welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the August CPRA Meeting at the Apple Dumplin' Restaurant.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles

Thank you (Host and Early Bird Sponsor)/Acknowledgement: Thanks were given to Dave Buchanan for hosting our meeting, and Kevin Persing with Axell Wireless for sponsoring our meeting.

Self Introductions: Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group. Additionally, John Wright introduced himself to the group as one of the APCO 2ND VP candidates.

2012 Meetings Review – Tim Trager.

General Meetings: Tim gave an update of the next few meetings' locations. Specifically, he covered September's meeting in Thousand Oaks, when Ontario PD will bring their helicopter for the program. In October, our Table-top meeting is at Quiet Cannon in Montebello. The November 15th meeting is in Downey at Rio Hondo Golf Course. The December Installation Dinner is at Knott's Berry Farm Hotel. The Frequency Coordination Meeting on that day will be at 3:00 PM.

Membership Report – Bill Carpenter.

Membership Numbers: Current membership shows a total of 412 members, including 99 commercial members. Bill advised we have two new members. He also mentioned the new members will receive the requisite complimentary lunch. They included:

Active:

-Marta Andrade, Navy Region Southwest, San Diego
- Joseph Belli, Riverside County Sheriff

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Throughout the duration of the Conference, CPRA was very active promoting **APCO 2013** Conference in Anaheim. Several raffle prizes were handed out, together with brochures, stickers, sticky notes, and of course California raisins. Check out www.apco2013.org for the new 2013 Conference look!!



Congratulations to a long time commercial member **Ron Lyons** with Simoco on being elected to the APCO- International Commercial Advisory Council. He has been an active member for many years and will be a great addition to the CAC. Mike Sage with the Sales Group from NAPCO was also elected to the CAC.

Join us for the Annual **No-Ties BBQ in Thousand Oaks on September 20th**. The presentation will be an Airborne Video Demonstration by the Ontario PD. Lunch will be catered by Wood Ranch Barbeque.

Look forward to seeing you!!



CPRA & NAPCO Members together with the newly elected 2nd VP John Wright!!

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APCO International Conference & Exposition

Jack Daniel Memorial/Tribute-Adriana Spirescu: Adriana invited everyone attending the conference to join us on Monday, August 20th, for the Jack Daniel Memorial/Tribute. Pat Daniel will be on hand, for a time during the day, to greet visitors.

Treasurer Report – John Wright.

Monthly Financial Report: John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He stated the total income for the month was \$3,395.83 and the total expenditures were \$3,969.39. Income was noted as CD Interest Income, meeting registrations, and APCO dues. He outlined specific dollar amounts regarding income and expenditures, all of which can be made available upon member's request.

Regional Director Report – Richard Granado. There will be a regional teleconference meeting with other Regional Directors on August 15th. There is nothing else to report at this time.

Executive Council Report – Jim Acosta. Electronic voting is in full swing. Voting will close at 1:45 PM CST, which is 11:45 AM PST. Candidates for APCO 2nd VP are John Wright from CPRA and Brent Lee from Nevada. Gigi Smith is running with a "yes" or "no" vote for 1st VP. Chapter Membership Awards were issued to: Florida APCO Chapter for Growth Number, Pacific APCO Chapter for Growth Percentage, and Montana APCO Chapter for Membership Density. The current national membership is at 15,661. Jim covered various membership events at the upcoming conference to include: Chapter Leaders Training Course, Sunday the 19th at 8:00 AM, New Attendee Orientation, Sunday the 19th at 11:00 AM, Chapter Officers Meeting with the Commercial Advisory Council (CAC), Wednesday the 22nd at 8:00 AM, and Chapter Officers Workshop, Wednesday the 22nd at 9:30 AM. He advised there is a golf tournament on that Sunday for anyone interested. Jim also mentioned there are conference-related receptions, specifically mentioning the 2nd VP Reception on Tuesday the 21st, 4:45-5:30 PM. Jim let the group know Preston Thompson from Northern California was nominated for an APCO Lifetime Membership.

Frequency Coordinator Update.

FCC Updates – Gary Gray: We are trying to get a Frequency Update book out, so please get all updates to Gary so he can complete the book.

800 MHz Update – Jim Donovan: Jim asked the group how we want to handle the ITAC repeater. He suggested discussing it at the next SPA meeting.

Commercial Membership Introductions – Larry Weber. The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer.

Sponsor Presentation – Axell Wireless. Kevin Persing gave a short presentation about the company and where they are headed, technology-wise. His slide presentation covered specific products offered by Axell Wireless, as well as some of the products' features.

Door Prizes. A Talley polo shirt, Black and Decker Power Inverter, and a \$25 Starbucks Gift Card (provided by The Sales Group) were won by lucky members.

Program Presentation – NPSTC. Adriana introduced the Program Presenter, Dave Buchanan, to the group. She announced Dave as the recipient of this year's NPSTC Richard DeMello Award. The award is presented to one individual in Public Safety Communications who has demonstrated the highest levels of Personal & Professional conduct and performance in the Local, State, and National Public Safety Communications Arena. Prior to Dave's presentation, he gave the group some information about the Oak Glen area and what it has to offer. Dave then presented a 700 MHz Nationwide Broadband Network Update to the group. He covered H.R. 3630, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012; where one can find the authorization to create a Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (PSBN), and what

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2012 Meeting Dates

January 19, 2012

Hughes Center - Claremont

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday January 3, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor Alcatel.Lucent

February 16, 2012

Loma Ridge - Orange County

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday January 30, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor TriPower Group

March 15, 2012

San Marcos

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday February 27, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor Motorola

April 12, 2012

Quiet Cannon - Montebello

Technical Awards AM

Annual Dispatchers' Banquet PM

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday March 26, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor SIMOCO

May 17, 2012

Bakersfield - Petroleum Club

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday April 30, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor Communications Enterprises

June 21, 2012

Santa Fe Springs - Talley

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday June 4, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor Talley Communications

July 19th 2012

Knott's Berry Farm - Buena Park

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday July 2, 2011

Early Bird Sponsor The Sales Group

August 9, 2012

Oak Glen (Yucaipa)

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday July 30, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor Axell Wireless USA

September 20, 2012

Annual "No Ties Meeting" - Thousand Oaks

CommLink Cutoff Date

Tuesday September 4, 2012

Early Bird Sponsors Bassett Sales, Chair Pros & Talley Communications

October 18, 2012

Quiet Cannon - Montebello

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday October 1, 2012

Early Bird Sponsors TriPower Group & Open

November 15, 2012

Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course Event Center

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday October 29, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor Open

December 6, 2012

Annual Holiday Banquet & Officer Installation

Buena Park - Knott's Berry Farm Resort

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday November 19, 2012

Meeting Sponsor Open

2012 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

January 4, 2012 - Orange County

April 4, 2012 - American Red Cross, West LA

July 11, 2012 - San Bernardino County

November 7, 2012 - SBRPCA

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specifically is authorized and established in the creation of the network. Dave outlined the US Band Plan versus Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) Band Plan and answered questions from the group on the subject.

Meeting Adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Notes for the Record.

Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC). Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Espindola
Secretary

ATTENTION!!!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHAPTER OFFICER? CHAPTER ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 18, 2012

If you are interested in becoming an officer of our Chapter, or know someone you would like to nominate, please contact Ken Shearen
(310) 973-1802 Ext 203 or send an email to: kshearen@rcc911.org

The Executive Committee requires a letter of support from each prospective candidate's agency to become eligible for the ballot. Listed below are the offices that will appear on this year's ballot, and their respective commitments.

President-Elect: Requires a two year commitment to progress through the chairs from President-Elect, President, followed by three years of involvement.

Vice-President: Requires a three year commitment to progress through the chairs from Vice-President, President-Elect, President, followed by three years of involvement.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Requires a one year commitment.

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President-Elect: Richard Granado - Los Angeles County ISD (Retired)

Vice-President: Don Miller - City of Long Beach (Retired)

Sergeant-at-Arms: Ken Mann - City of Los Angeles