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

March 2012 Meeting - San Marcos

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at the The Old Spaghetti Factory, 111 North Twin Oaks Valley Rd, San Marcos, North San Diego County, CA, San Diego County - Thomas Bros. Page 1108-H7

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.

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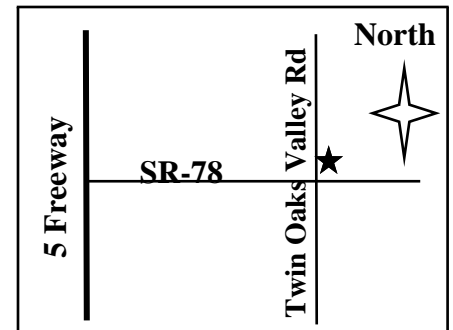
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From the Los Angeles or San Diego Area:

- ◆ I-5 to SR-78 East.
- ◆ Travel East for 12.8 Miles
- ◆ Exit on Twin Oaks Valley Rd
- ◆ Turn left (North) past freeway underpass
- ◆ Turn right into first driveway



Meeting Host: Anna Holmes

San Diego County Sherriff's
Communications

Early Bird Sponsor: Max Mata

Motorola

Agenda:

- 0800 - 1000 Executive Board Meeting
- 1000 - 1030 General Meeting
- 1030 - 1200 Program

Presentation by: Presented by AT&T.

"The Three Keys to Mobilizing Public Safety" - addressing the unique challenges Public Safety agencies face supporting their mobile workers.

Presentation by: Assistant Chief Patrol Agent James T. Parker, US Customs and Border Protection Agency.

"Southwest Border Communications."

1200 - Lunch

Frequency Coordination: Immediately Following Lunch



Silent Key: Jack Daniel

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM ADRIANA SPIRESCU

The 2012 Western States Regional Conference took place two weeks ago in Anchorage, Alaska. The conference team did an excellent job in putting together a great conference. The WRC hosted several meetings and the three days were filled with good training, networking and new resources. Several CPRA members made the trip and were amazed at the beautiful Alaska scenery. A unique privilege for conference attendees was to witness the Ceremonial Start of the last great race, the Iditarod. John Wright promoted his agenda to conference attendees for his bid for the APCO Second Vice President. The 700 MHz D block is awarded to public safety and the HR Bill 3630 was signed in to law by President Obama earlier this month. This is a great victory for Public Safety, and will affect many in the LA County Region, San Francisco and the top 13 major metropolitan markets who have several large systems already built out.

It is with a pronounced sorrow that we must report the passing of a long time CPRA member, supporter, CPRA/APCO life member and Executive Council member – Jack Daniel. Jack passed away on March 2, 2012, in Victorville. He will be greatly missed by many of us. Jack has often been referred to as the back bone of CPRA. He was instrumental in organizing our annual October Table Top meetings, designing many of our CPRA Chapter pins, and most recently the 75th Commemorative pin. He was a major contributor of the Annual Telecommunicator Banquet and past WRC Conferences. CPRA is in the process of assembling a proper tribute to Jack Daniel and his life accomplishments. Please check the CPRA web site for additional information and contributions that can be made in Jack's name. There are no words we can express to this loss and our heartfelt condolences go out to Jack's wife Pat and their family. Further information will be forthcoming.



CHAPTER MEETING
February 16, 2012
Orange County Communications/EOC
2644 Santiago Rd
Silverado, CA 92676

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Jim Donovan, Orange County Sheriff's Department Communications

Early Bird Sponsor: Greg Glenn, TriPower Group

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

Treasurer's Report: See comments

Program: Tour of Orange County Sheriff's Department Communications/EOC

Attendance: 64/42

AGENDA

Welcome–Opening – Adriana Spirescu. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mike Rowles

Thank you (Host and Early Bird Sponsor): Thanks were given to Jim Donovan for hosting the meeting and Greg Glenn for being our Early Bird sponsor.

Self Introductions: Members were welcomed. The microphone was passed around the room for everyone in attendance to introduce themselves to the group.

Membership Report – Bill Carpenter.

Membership Numbers: Bill advised we have five new members since the January report. He also mentioned the new members will receive the requisite complimentary lunch. They included:

Active:

- Wendy Distler, Brea 911 Communications – Senior Public Safety Dispatcher
- Tina Meyer, Brea 911 Communications – Senior Public Safety Dispatcher
- Megan Anzalone, Metro Fire Authority

Commercial:

- Richard Young, Public Safety Technologies Inc. – President
 - Michele Pelletier, Cassidian Communications – Event Marketing Manager
- Renew APCO/CPRA membership:* We have 276 Chapter members, 205 Active members and 71 Commercial members. Commercial members make up about 26% of our membership. We have 172 members, including Commercial members, who have not yet renewed their membership for the year.

2012 Meetings & Programs Review – Tim Trager. Upcoming meeting dates and locations were covered. Tim also mentioned today's Dispatcher Roundtable.

2013 APCO National Conference in Anaheim – Adriana Spirescu. Adriana invited all to attend the event hosted by CPRA.

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Executive Council Report – Jim Acosta. Regarding the upcoming APCO Annual Conference & Expo, Flash Day is on March 1st. Full, Associate and Commercial APCO members, in good standing, will have the opportunity to secure full registration for the conference at the rate of \$325.00, \$100.00 off the regular rate. Online registration will be available from Midnight–11:59 PM EST on March 1st.

Officer Nominations: The Credentials Committee has certified the candidate declarations of for Second Vice –President of APCO from John Wright-CPRA and Brent Lee-Nevada. Gigi Smith has also filed her declaration to seek the next highest office of First Vice-President. In accordance with policy, Terry Hall automatically advances to the position of President following the close of the 2012 Conference.

Web Site: APCO is set to launch its new web site on February 23rd. It should be easier to navigate.

Treasurer – 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 \$6145.83 and the total expenditures were \$7125.53. Income was noted as CD Interest Income, meeting registration and button sales cash and credit card deposits, and APCO membership dues. Expenses included officer travel reimbursements, Visa card officer travel payments, and the Telecomm Banquet deposit of \$2400.00. Additionally, John spoke of his candidacy for APCO 2nd VP and encouraged everyone to vote.

Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray. .

FCC Updates: Public safety frequency coordination groups, in looking forward to the upcoming narrowbanding, states there will no longer be protections of the 12 ½ KLh and 15 KLh. Further discussion will be at the Frequency Coordination meeting.

CalSiec/Spa – Robert Stoffel: The next SPA meeting will be in Buellton at Anderson’s Split Pea Soup Restaurant. Rick Pohalska spoke of CalSiec updating IFOGs. There will be a lot of outreach over the next 45-60 days. Rick gave appreciation to Dale Digiambattista for his participation in the Radio Rodeo. Announcements for the next quarter’s SPA meeting have gone out. We are looking for RSVPs.

800 MHz – Dave Buchanan: The FCC released a public notice that there are taking back their conditional waiver. Dave advised the group to go on recording their support of the FCC taking back their waiver. D-Block will be taken out of the legislation extending the tax break for social security taxes. The FCC is requiring a lot of justification when filing for a waiver to extend the Narrowbanding deadline.

Door Prize Drawing. A drawing was conducted for three door prizes, donated by commercial members TriPower Group, Sales Group, Axel, and TXRX Systems. Ray Grimes, Joe Perrino, Larry Weber and Ken Bourne were the drawing winners.

Chapter Commercial Advisory Update .

Commercial Membership Introductions: The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer. Greg Glenn from TriPower Group spoke extensively to the group regarding current technological developments. Greg will also be speaking at IWCE.

Meeting Presentation – Robert Stoffel. Robert, Director, Communications Technology Division, gave a brief history of the Loma Ridge facility. Vicki Osborn, Assistant Emergency Manager, spoke on current operations of the center, prior to conducting tours.

Meeting Adjourned. Tim Trager adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.

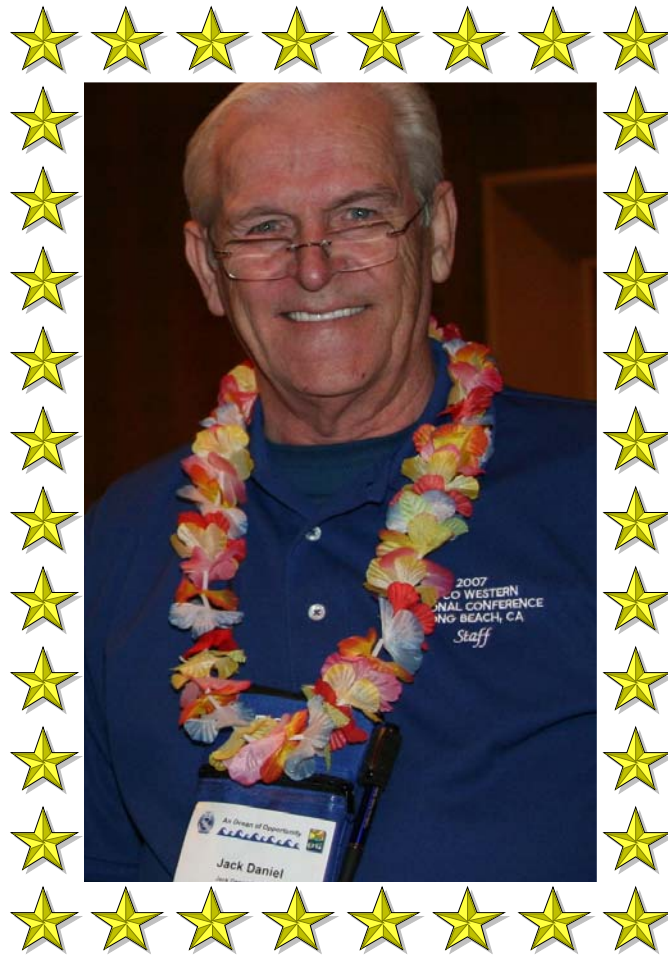
Notes for the Record.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Espindola
Secretary

Jack Daniel

November 23, 1936 - March 2, 2012



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Farewell

Friend

Mentor

&

Father of the WRC

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

TBA

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday July 30, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor Axell Communications

September 20, 2012

Annual "No Ties Meeting" - Thousand Oaks

CommLink Cutoff Date

Tuesday September 20, 2012

*Early Bird Sponsors Bassett Sales &
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 7, 2012

Annual Holiday Banquet & Officer Installation

TBA

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday November 19, 2012

Early Bird Sponsor Open



John Wright addressing the attendees during the 2012 WRC Business Meeting

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

CommLink Reminder

The CommLink is published on a quarterly basis. The CommLink will be printed and mailed out in January, April, July and October. The rest of the months you will receive a half page postcard giving you meeting information. You can download the monthly CommLink from the website.



***National Telecommunicator's Week Buttons
for Sale by CPRA Chapter***

The California Public-Safety Radio Association (the Southern California chapter of APCO, Int'l.) is making available National Telecommunicator's Week buttons again this year. Cost is still \$1.00 each, plus shipping and handling.

This year's buttons are 2 1/4" round pin-backed. They are worn during National Telecommunicators' week (April 8-14, 2012) to show support for our professionals.

To order buttons, send your name, address, and quantity desired to CPRA, P.O. Box 1181, Riverside, California 92502 or fax to CPRA at 213.291.9411). Check, money order or purchase order should be made payable to "CPRA."

National Public Safety Telecommunicators' Week honors all those in public safety communications. In some areas, the observance is called National Telecommunicators' Week. The week historically has been acknowledged by a letter from the President of the United States congratulating the dedicated and hard working individuals who work in our industry.

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