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

April 2012 Meeting - Montebello

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at the
"Quiet Cannon" (Montebello Golf Course)
901 Via San Clemente, Montebello, Thomas Bros. 636-A7

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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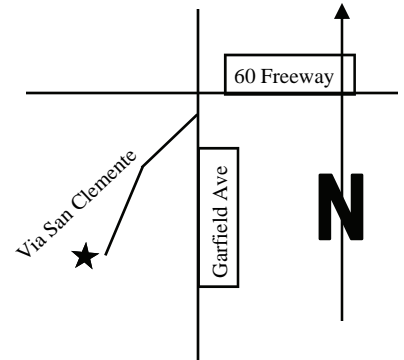
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- ◆ Exit Wilcox-Garfield Ave
- ◆ Travel South on Garfield 1/2 Block to Via San Clemente
- ◆ Right turn only at large sign
- ◆ Follow road to facility



Meeting Host: Operations Committee

Early bird Sponsor: Ron Lyons *SIMOCO*

0800 - 1000
1000 - 1100
1100 - 1130
1130 - 1200

Executive Board Meeting
General Meeting

Presentations: RF/IT Annual Awards

Presenter: Alan Tilles, Esq.

Presentation: FCC Regulatory Updates - Latest on narrow banding, 700 and 800 MHz, D-Block and the nation-wide public safety data system.

1200

Lunch

Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

1800 - 2200

24rd Annual Telecommunicators' Awards Banquet

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
ADRIANA SPIRESCU

I wish to thank Anna Holmes from the San Diego Wireless Services Division for hosting the March meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory in San Marcos, where over 50 people were in attendance. The early bird sponsor was Kim Caplan of Motorola, whom we thank for providing us with our morning refreshments and goodies.

A special thanks goes to Mal Samples of AT&T for facilitating the program, "The Three Keys to Mobilizing Public Safety" and sponsoring the lunch for everyone in attendance. He introduced Mary Ellen Cantrell, who presented information about the products and services NetMotion Wireless provides.

James Parker from the US Department of Homeland Security and US Customs and Border Protection presented how communication and interoperability play into U.S. Border Patrol's mission, particularly with regard to the expansion of its jurisdiction, and the importance of being able to communicate with other agencies.

I would like to extend my greatest appreciation to Ski Zwarkowski of Hi Desert Communications for his exceptional effort and planning of Jack Daniel's Memorial Service Reception at the Spring Valley Lake Country Club.

April is the time of year when we recognize the outstanding performance of dispatchers, trainers and supervisors during "Telecommunicators Week" April 9th through 13th. CPRA's 24th Annual Telecommunicator Awards Banquet will take place on the evening of April 12th, 2012, at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello. Join us at the banquet as we recognize those outstanding individuals and teams who have been selected as our 2011 Telecommunicator award winners. For a list of the winners, to purchase tickets, and for more information, please visit www.CPRA.org.

Join us at our monthly meeting on April 12th (in Montebello). Allan Tilles will be presenting the latest FCC Regulatory updates, and CPRA will be recognizing the RF & IT winners.

CPRA 2012 RF & IT Winners



RF Engineer of the Year

Todd Paulick

Orange County Sheriff's Department - Communications & Technology Division

RF Technologist of the Year

Steven Page

City of Pasadena Department of Information & Technology

RF Technologist of the Year Runner-Up

Steve Hall

ComSerCo, Inc.

IT Technologist of the Year

Brent Rolf

San Bernardino County Information Services

CHAPTER MEETING
March 15, 2012
Spaghetti Factory
111 N. Twin Oaks Valley Rd.
San Marcos, CA 92069

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Anna Holmes, San Diego County Sheriff's Department

Early Bird Sponsor: Kim Caplan, Motorola

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

Treasurer's Report: See comments

Program: Mal Samples of AT&T facilitated the program "The Three Keys to Mobilizing Public Safety"

Presented by: Mary Ellen Cantrell - NetMotion Wireless
 "Southwest Border Communications" presented by Assistant Chief Patrol Agent James T. Parker, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency

Attendance: 54/51

AGENDA

Welcome–Opening – Adriana Spirescu. The meeting in honor of Jack Daniel, who passed away on March 2nd, was called to order at 10:04 AM. We're happy to have Pat and her daughter, Michaeleen Malobovich, in attendance at the meeting today.

Pledge of Allegiance - Mike Rowles

Moment of Silence – Mike Rowles: In honor of Jack Daniel.

Thank you (Host and Early Bird Sponsor): Thanks given to Anna Holmes for hosting and Kim at Motorola for their sponsorship.

Self Introductions: Members were welcomed. The microphone was passed around the room for everyone in attendance to introduce themselves to the group. Larry Weber advised the second round of introductions for the commercial members will be dispensed of today. Pat told the group Jack had been on dialysis since 2005, so in addition to making donations to the APCO Scholarship, donation can be made to the Kidney Foundation in Jack's honor.

Membership Report – Adriana.

Membership Numbers: Adriana advised we have three new members since the February report. She also mentioned the new members will receive the requisite complimentary lunch. Adriana asked if any of our new members were in attendance. None were. They included:

Commercial:

-Sheri Pender, Hitech Systems

-Joseph Requelme, Hitech Systems

-Dallas Neville, Nevillewood Group

Renew APCO/CPRA membership: We have 306 Chapter members, 218 Active members and 88 Commercial members.

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Treasurer's Report – Adriana.

Monthly Financial Report: Adriana provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. She stated the total income for the month was \$1092.92 and the total expenditures were \$3572.79.

2012 Meetings & Programs Review – Adriana. Next month's meeting will be at Quiet Cannon in Montebello on April 12th, followed by the Telecommunications Banquet.

Senior Membership – Adriana. Adriana advised the group Robert Uribe qualifies for Senior Membership. A motion was made by Ken Shearen to award Senior Membership for Robert. Jim Acosta seconded the motion. A vote was called. The motion carried.

Frequency Coordinator Update – Dave Buchanan. .

FCC Updates: Dave updated the group regarding the latest from National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC). Additionally, the FCC indefinitely suspended LightSquared's effort to build a national wireless broadband network; determining LightSquared's interference with other devices, including GPS devices, was unavoidable.

Executive Council Report – Jim Acosta. Jim advised APCO is doing great.

Meeting Presentation – AT&T. Mel Samples welcomed the group and introduced co-presenters, Sam Hamood with AT&T and Mary Ellen Cantrell with NetMotion. Sam thanked the group for coming then turned the presentation over to Mary Ellen. Mary Ellen presented NetMotion wireless products and services to the group.

Meeting Presentation – US Border Patrol. James T. Parker outlined the magnitude and scope of the US Border Patrol's jurisdiction. He went on to convey how communications and interoperability play into the U.S. Border Patrol's mission, particularly with regard to the expansion of their jurisdiction and how they must communicate with other agencies.

Meeting Adjourned. Adriana adjourned the meeting at 11:53 AM.

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

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.

A Tribute to a Legend

It was with great sadness that members of CPRA learned of the passing of Jack Daniel on March 2, 2012. Only two weeks earlier, Jack had attended a regular meeting of the Chapter, where he notified the Board of his intent to step down as the chairman of the CAC, but continue his support of Chapter activities. It is very difficult to imagine a function without Jack's presence. His passing is a major loss in the Telecommunication Industry and the Public Safety Community.

Jack was born in Texas in 1936 and he attended school and worked in the Corpus Christi area. He had more than 50 years experience in land mobile wireless communications, ranging from field tech rep to corporate management. Jack was the Western area distributor for Bird Technologies with sales areas including California, Arizona, Nevada and the Bay area, and he was very successful at moving its product lines. While working in this capacity, he noted that Chapters in these areas were without a CAC and he volunteered to step into that role, resulting in his membership in multiple Chapters.

Jack was a member of many organizations including NFPA, ICC, IACP, and the IAFC. He was a fellow of the Radio Club of America, a Senior and Life Member of APCO, and a longstanding commercial supporter of APCO International from the CPRA Chapter. Jack was one of our most visible members since getting involved many years ago, and was one of the very few Commercial members to become a Life Member.

The changing technology greatly affected Jack's life. With the advent of 800 MHz trunking, cell phones, simulcast, broadband networks and a few other things, system requirements changed. Everyone wanted to talk inside of buildings, tunnels, jails, and numerous other places. This gave rise to a host of products including the bi-directional amplifier or BDA, for in-building communication systems. As reports of system problems continued to rise, Jack was quick to learn that some BDAs caused many more problems than they solved. He began an almost one man effort to resolve this problem, and worked very hard at all levels to develop standards for these devices. Jack received a patent for a piece of equipment he designed during this time period.

He was an expert on National Fire Protection Association and International Fire Code in-building communications codes for first responders. He worked diligently with the NFPA to develop and publish nationwide standards for the engineering and implementation of these devices. Thanks to Jack, these standards have been ratified and are now in place nationwide, an accomplishment that is a lasting legacy to his skill and determination to do things right.

Over the past 15 years, his company had become known nationwide as a leading authority in advanced in-building and underground radio communications system designs and products for public safety and industry, including the use of fiber-optic cables for RF signal distribution and software augmented signal boosters. He was a speaker at numerous APCO International Annual Conferences, as well as IWCE and other national level conferences on RF distribution of cellular, private radio and public safety wireless signals. He was the author of multiple articles in trade publications.

One of his greatest achievements, and one he was most proud of, was helping establish the APCO Scholarship Fund. This fund assists APCO members in furthering their education in Public Safety. He contributed heavily to this effort with both time and money, and he relentlessly encouraged other commercial organizations to contribute to the fund, leading to considerable account expansion.

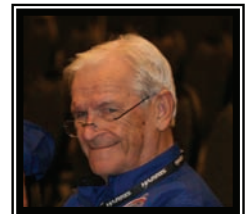
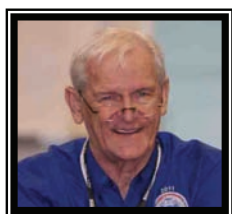
Jack was a professional and gentleman, admired by his peers for his humor and quick wit. Lowering his glasses and stating, "I may be wrong, but..." has become legendary. He brought energy and enthusiasm to any room he entered, and his presence in a meeting was always felt. With his sense of humor, yet professionalism he got things done and turned ideas into reality. He worked tirelessly, whether finding sponsors for events, putting together dispatcher awards banquets, finding presenters for monthly meetings, or designing Chapter pins; he always went beyond the call of duty.

Jack was a family man, and his lovely wife Pat was always at his side. On many occasions Jack would be seen winking at his life partner from across the room. They have two grown children: Chris, who lives in Plano, Texas a Senior Technical Specialist for the Frito Lay Research and Development Company, and their daughter, Michaeleen, who is a member of the Tempe, Arizona, Police Department.



Jack Daniel

November 23, 1936 - March 2, 2012



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

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



John Wright addressing the attendees during the 2012 WRC Business Meeting



Birth Announcement

Ernest Gallo (CPRA Webmaster)
is the proud new dad of a baby boy

Vincent Anthony Gallo

Time of Birth: 7:58 am
Date of Birth: 03-19-12
8 Lbs and 21 Inches



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