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California Public-Safety Radio Association

November 2013 Meeting - Claremont

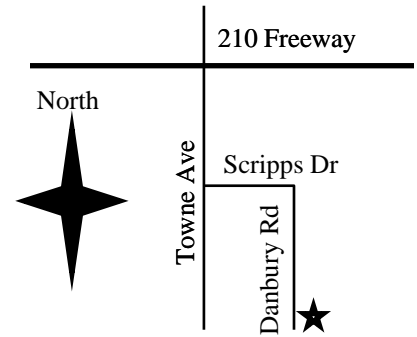
This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at the Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Rd., Claremont San Bernardino Thomas Brothers 601-B1

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.

Directions:

Westbound/Eastbound 210 Freeway:

- ◆ Exit Towne Ave
- ◆ South on Towne Ave. to Scripps Dr.
- ◆ Left on Scripps Dr. to Danbury Rd.
- ◆ Right on Danbury Rd. to address



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Meeting Host: Tim Trager, Mike Rowles

Early Bird Sponsor: Larry Weber

County of San Bernardino
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Agenda:

- 0830 - 1000 Executive Board Meeting (Grove Room)
- 1000 - 1045 General Meeting (Padua Room)
- 1045 - 1115 **Presentation:** Tour of March ARB Mobile Emergency Ops Center (MEOC)
- 1115 - 1200 **Presentation:** "Predator Mission - Wildfire Support"
Presenters: Members of the 163rd Reconnaissance Wing (RW), March Air Reserve Base
- 1200 - 1300 Lunch
- 1300 - 1430 Transition Administrator (TA) 800 Rebanding Presentation

**Frequency Coordination Following the Transition Administrator (TA)
800 Rebanding Presentation**

CHAPTER MEETING
October 17, 2013
Quiet Cannon Conference Center
901 Via San Clemente
Montebello, CA 90640
Annual “Table Top Expo & Luncheon”

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Commercial Members
Early Bird Sponsor: Commercial Members
Secretary’s Report: Minutes from the September 2013 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.
Treasurer’s Report: See comments
Program: Officer Election Report and Door Prize Drawings
Attendance: 138

AGENDA

Call to Order – Tim Trager. The meeting was called to order at 12:27 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles:

Welcoming Remarks – Tim Trager: Tim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the October 2013 Table Top Expo & Luncheon. He expressed his appreciation to Larry Weber, who organized today’s event. Tim also thanked the vendors who helped make today a success. They were given a hardy round of applause.

C&B Update – Gary Gray. Gary covered the changes/updates to the C&B. Gary covered some wording changes (or “housekeeping”), regarding to Life Membership. He also quickly reviewed clarification and changes to the duties of the Secretary, which include sending a copy of monthly Chapter Meeting Minutes to APCO. An additional change includes the Secretary becoming the Chair of the Resolutions and Bylaws Committee.

Officer Elections (Executive Committee for 2014) – Tim Trager. Tim announced the results of the election by confirmation. The following individuals will serve as the elected members of the CPRA Executive Committee for 2014:

President: Richard Granado

President-Elect: Don Miller

Vice-President: Ken Mann

Secretary: Scott Espindola

Treasurer: Joe Parrino

Sgt.-at-Arms: Jeff Loveland

APCO Executive Council Delegate: Jim Acosta

Tim asked for a motion from the floor to destroy the ballots. Bill Carpenter made the motion. Keith Jensen seconded. No discussion ensued. The motion carried.

Door Prizes Presentations – Larry Weber and Tim Trager. Larry and Tim conducted the drawings for the door prizes bestowed upon many lucky winners. Big thanks were extended to the vendors for contributing the prizes.

Meeting Adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 1:12 P.M.

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

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

So would anyone disagree that 2013 is slipping by way too fast? Costco has had their holiday displays up for a couple weeks now, even though Southern California is still reaching into the 80's on many days. Season Greetings is nearly at our doorsteps, even it is dressed in shorts sleeves.

I want to thank everyone that joined us for CPRA's annual "Table Top" last month in Montebello. I especially want to thank our vendor community for supporting this event, and let them know how much we appreciate their partnership with CPRA.

During the meeting in Montebello, we voted to ratify the candidates for the Chapter's 2014 Leadership Panel. Congratulations to Richard Granado as President, Don Miller as President-Elect, Ken Mann as the Vice-President, Scott Espindola as Secretary, Joe Parrino as Treasurer, Jim Acosta as Executive Council Delegate and Jeff Loveland as Sergeant at Arms. Jeff is a Fire Captain with the Riverside Fire Department, a long time CPRA member, a genuinely good guy, and can be counted on to serve CPRA well in his position along with the other Chapter Officers who are committing their time and efforts to better CPRA.

Changing things up a little, our December Officer Installation Meeting will be held as a daytime luncheon on December 19 at The Proud Bird, located by LAX. This event does require registration, with a choice of entrees. Please make sure you sign up for this event. Also, we found out that CPRA will be one of Proud Bird's last customers. Sadly, The Proud Bird will be closing its doors a few days after our event. So our event may be your last chance to enjoy the great dining and views of aircraft on final approach to LAX that is so uniquely The Proud Bird.

Please be sure to join us for our November 21st meeting in Claremont, at the Hughes Center near the 210 Freeway and Towne Avenue. We are looking forward to the 163rd Reconnaissance Wing out of March Air Reserve Base joining us with a presentation on how their Predator Aircraft is used to advance the safety and efficiency of Wildland Firefighting. This group supported the Yosemite Wildfire during the summer, and will speak of their experiences during that mission. Immediately after lunch, the 800 MHz Transition Administrator will offer a very timely and informative presentation on the next steps in 800 MHz Rebanding in Southern California, including a discussion on how frequency "blocks" will need to be managed. 800 MHz licensees should be well served to attend this meeting.

For the dispatchers in our group, CPRA will be hosting its final 2013 Dispatcher's Roundtable in Downey on Thursday, November 14th. The Dispatcher's Roundtable provides a great opportunity for Southern California's first, First Responders to gather and discuss current issues, events, and trends in Public Safety Dispatching. There is no charge for this event, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Further information is available on the CPRA website and from Scott Espindola with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department at sespindola@sbcscd.org, or at 909-356-2337.

Yours in Service,
Tim Trager
CPRA President

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Amateur Radio Spotlight at APCO 2013

By: Charles Taylor

Amateur radio has been around for a long time. The Radio Club of America, founded in 1909, was noteworthy for its early experiments with wireless technology. Since that time, amateur radio operators have served to “get the word out” from the scene of emergencies around the world. Sometimes amateur radio, also called ham radio, was the only link to the outside world for hours or even days after a disaster.

Many APCO members are ham radio operators. In order to provide an opportunity for over-the-air networking, members from the California Public-Safety Radio Association (CPRA) and the Northern California chapter of APCO (NAPCO) established a “special event” ham station from the Marriott hotel during APCO’s 79th Annual Conference & Expo in Anaheim, Calif.

The call sign was K4AI which is the club station call sign for the APCO International Amateur Radio Club. The station operated on frequency bands of 2 meters (146.940), 20 meters (14 MHz) and 40 meters (7 MHz).



CPRA hams erect an antenna on the roof of Anaheim Marriott during APCO 2013. From left to right: chapter frequency adviser Gary Gray, chapter treasurer Joe Parrino, chapter board member Ken Mann and CPRA president Tim Trager.

During the show, members of CPRA and NAPCO, along with other visiting hams, were able to make contact with some 40 amateur operators around the country. The most distant contacts were from Ohio, Texas and Washington. A local 2-meter repeater atop the Anaheim Convention Center was available to APCO attendees for local use during the conference.

A special certificate is being prepared to commemorate the event and will be mailed out to the various “contacts” made during the conference.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC-SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.



**INVITATION
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
“DISPATCHER’S ROUND TABLE”**

DATE: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013
TIME: 1000 – 1200 HRS
LOCATION: RIO HONDO GOLF COURSE
ADDRESS: 10627 OLD RIVER SCHOOL ROAD
DOWNEY, CA 90241

WHAT IS IT?

AN INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION, EXPLORING TOPICS OF INTEREST TO DISPATCH PERSONNEL

COST?

FREE

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

DISPATCHERS, LEAD DISPATCHERS, DISPATCH SUPERVISORS

TAKE AWAY INFORMATION:

COMMUNICATE WITH DISPATCHERS FROM OTHER AGENCIES ON MATTERS SUCH AS: TRAINING - CURRENT POLICY MANUALS; NEW TECHNOLOGIES - DISCOVERABILITY; CENTER “COMFORT” ACCOMODATIONS; AND, ANYTHING ELSE TIME ALLOWS (EMAIL SUGGESTIONS IF YOU’D LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING ON THE LIST OF TOPICS. WE’LL DO OUR BEST TO COVER IT)

FACILITATOR:

*SCOTT ESPINDOLA, DISPATCH TRAINING SUPERVISOR
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT*

CHANGES:

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE TIME FROM OUR USUAL. THIS ROUND TABLE WILL NOT BE FOLLOWING THE CPRA MEETING. A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED.

SPACE IS LIMITED - RESERVE A SEAT NLT 11/12/13. CONTACT :

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2013 Meeting Dates

January 17, 2013

Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course Event Center

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday January 2, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *MCM Technology, LLC*

Dispatchers' Round Table

February 21, 2013

Santa Barbara

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday February 4, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Moseley Wireless Solutions Group*

Meeting Sponsor *Applied Technology Group*

March 21, 2013

Vista

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday March 4, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Datron World Communications*

Meeting Sponsor *Datron World Communications*

April 18, 2013

Buena Park - Knott's Berry Farm Resort

Technical Awards AM

Annual Dispatchers' Banquet PM

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday April 2, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Simoco Americas*

May 16, 2013

Downey—Raytheon

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday April 29, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Panorama Antennas*

Meeting Sponsor *Raytheon*

Meeting Sponsor *Dailey-Wells*

June 20, 2013

Arcadia - LA County Arboretum & Botanical Gardens

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday June 3, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *The Sales Group*

July 18th 2013

Santa Fe Springs - Talley Communications

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday July 2, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Talley Communications*

August , 2013

Anaheim

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday August 5, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Open*

September 19, 2013

Annual "No Ties Meeting" - Thousand Oaks

CommLink Cutoff Date

Tuesday September 3, 2013

Early Bird Sponsors *Bassett Sales*

Talley Communications

October 17, 2013

Quiet Cannon - Montebello

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday September, 2013

Early Bird Sponsors *Open*

November 21, 2013

Hughes Center - Claremont

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday September 4, 2013

Early Bird Sponsor *Open*

December 6, 2013

Annual Holiday Banquet & Officer Installation

TBA

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday November 25, 2013

Meeting Sponsor *Open*

2013 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

January 9, 2013 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

March 27, 2013 - Montclair P. D.

July 10, 2013 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

November 13, 2013 - Montclair P. D.

2014 CPRA Executive Board

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Secretary - Scott Espindola

Treasurer - Joe Parrino

Sgt.-at-Arms - Jeff Loveland

Executive Council - Jim Acosta

Director - Tim Trager

Director - Adriana Spirecu

Director - Ken Shearen

CCAM - Larry Weber

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