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

### October 2015 Meeting - Annual Tabletop Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday October 22, 2015 at the "Quiet Cannon" (Montebello Golf Course) 901 Via San Clemente, Montebello, Thomas Bros. 636-A7

#### **DIRECTIONS:** From 60 Freeway:

#### **Westbound 60 Freeway:**

- ◆Exit Wilcox-Garfield Ave
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Meeting Host:CPRA Commercial MembersEarly bird Sponsor:CPRA Commercial MembersMeeting Sponsor:CPRA Commercial Members

Agenda: 0600 - 0800 Vendor setup (Day of show only) **Executive Committee Meeting** 0730 - 0900 0800 - 1200Voting of officers Vendor displays (Optional displays until 1500 0900 - 1300 Door Prizes & Announcements 1230 1200 - 1300 Lunch and Officer Elections 1315 -Early teardown (NOT during lunch or talks please) 1500 - 1600 Final teardown (Vacate room by 1600)

1200 Lunch

**Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch** 

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# PRESIDENT'S PODIUM DON MILLER

hanks go to all of you who attended the September "No Ties" BBQ and 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Rio Hondo Golf Course. Your participation made the event a huge success. It was great to see that 18 CPRA past presidents could join us, and thank you Henry for your contribution making the occasion even more memorable. Also many thanks go to Chuck Taylor for the CPRA history lesson. I understand he worked very hard to condense it into such a short time. Special thanks to Adriana Spirescu for putting together the slide show and for the cake and decorations.

In reading the September October issue of "Public Safety Communications" magazine, I noted comments by Brent Lee the newly elected APCO President. He talks about thinking in terms of a mentality that focuses on "WE" instead of "I". He stated that "WE are the The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials International, WE are the premier public safety communications association and I, as one of the WE's, dedicate my efforts over the next year to ensuring we remain as such." I observe that Brent's comments are well placed. The reason I share them with you is because I believe that he needs look no further than CPRA to see one of the finest examples of "WE" teamwork in the whole association. The proof is in the pudding: just look at the Telecommunicator Banquet & Technical Awards program, significant events such as the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, the upcoming Table Top Expo, and other programs created throughout the year. My hat is off to all who make this possible.

Please be sure to attend the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Table Top Expo and see what our Commercial members have on display. This is an opportunity to view many interesting products and services. Come out and show your support for our Commercial members. They are such a vital part of CPRA. Bring a big appetite for a great luncheon buffet.

We will also be holding our annual CPRA officer elections. This will be your opportunity to help select the chapter leadership team for 2016.

See you there.

# 2016 CPRA Officer Candidates

President - Ron Wong

President-Elect - Dale Digiambattista

Vice-President - Scott Espindola

Secretary - Jim Bare

Treasurer - Joe Parrino

Sgt.-at-Arms - Jeff Loveland

Executive Council - Jim Acosta

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#### CHAPTER MEETING September 24, 2015 Rio Hondo Golf Course 10627 Old River School Rd Downey, CA 90241

**SUMMARY** 

**Meeting Host:** Jim Acosta, Downey Fire Department (Ret.)

**Early Bird Sponsor:** Craig Bassett, Bassett Sales and Larry Feige, Talley, Inc. **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the August 2015 meeting are posted on the

CPRA website.

**Treasurer's Report:** Available upon member request

**Program:** "Software to Manage Trunked Radio Systems," presented

by Peter Hambuch, The Genesis Group

Attendance: 50

#### **AGENDA**

**Call to Order – Don Miller.** The meeting was called to order at 10:11 A.M. *Pledge of Allegiance – John Sarkissian.* 

Welcoming Remarks – Don Miller. Don thanked everyone for attending today's Chapter Meeting. He stated he is happy to be presiding over our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration meeting. He thanked Jim Acosta for hosting today's meeting. He also thanked Craig Basset, Basset Sales and Larry Feige, Talley, Inc. for being the Early Bird Sponsors. He welcomed today's program presenter, Peter Hambuch, The Genesis Group, and thanked him in advance for his program presentation.

August Chapter Meeting Minutes Approval – Don Miller. Don asked for a motion to approve last month's Chapter Meeting Minutes. Dick Granado made the motion. Jim Acosta seconded the motion. No discussion ensued. The motion carried. Chapter Past Presidents Member Introductions – Gary Gray. Gary, who is a Chapter Past President, 1980 and 1984, read off a list of 18 Past Presidents who are present at today's meeting. Past Presidents Lynn Diebold and Brian Hawkins were unable to attend and sent their regrets and salutations.

Self and Commercial Member Introductions: Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group. The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer. Don took this opportunity to congratulate Joe Parrino and Ernest Gallo for being awarded Life Membership.

Present Senior Member Certificates and Pins – Don Miller and Ron Wong. Don requested Ron Lyons, John Sarkissian, Larry Weber, and Don Miller (himself) to the podium. Don awarded Senior Member Certificates and Pins to John, Ron and Larry. Ron Wong presented Don with his Senior Member Certificate and Pin. Adriana Spirescu took pictures of the presentations.

**CPRA Past Presidents Photo** – **Adriana Spirescu.** Attendees were given a short break while the Past Presidents in attendance stepped out onto the patio to have a group photo taken.

**Presentation of Chapter Officer Candidates.** Dick Granado listed each of the following candidates, and the positions they are seeking, to the group. He also advised if there is anyone else a member would like to nominate for office, this would be the time to do so. The current candidates are:

President-Elect - Dale Digiambattista. Vice-President - Scott Espindola

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#### 2014 Board of Officers

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Secretary - Jim Bare Treasurer - Joe Parrino Executive Council Delegate – Jim Acosta Sergeant-at-Arms - Jeffrey Loveland

**APCO Immediate Past President - John Wright.** John congratulated CPRA on its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He also pointed out CPRA is a few months older than APCO. He congratulated Gary Gray for receiving the Presidential Award at this year's APCO International Conference and Expo. He thanked Gary for his services as Chapter Past President and APCO Past President. John encouraged members to get involved by running for an Executive Council office. He congratulated everyone again on being a Chapter for 80 years, and stated how proud he was to be a CPRA Chapter member. Ron Wong thanked John for his service on the APCO Executive Committee as well as being last year's APCO President.

**CPRA History – Chuck Taylor.** Chuck thanked Adriana for creating a picture slideshow, highlighting CPRA activities, as part of the Chapter's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. He also thanked her for organizing the celebration and providing a cake and decorations. She was met with a warm round of applause from attendees. Chuck proceeded to give a comprehensive history of CPRA, from its beginnings to today.

**Special Program – Dr. Henry Richter.** Dr. Richter advised he joined CPRA in 1946. He left the Chapter for 20 years, rejoining in 1976. Dr. Richter spoke of the fact he has had various careers in his professional life. Dr. Richter was with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) when Explorer One was launched on January 31, 1958, just before NASA took over JPL from the US Army. He also stated he was available for a signing of his book, America's Leap into Space: My time at JPL and the first Explorer satellites, after the meeting.

Chapter Officer Candidate Speeches – Dick Granado. Dick invited Dale Digiambattista, Scott Espindola, and Jim Bare up to the podium to speak to the group. Individually, each candidate advised attendees of their interest and qualifications to run for their prospective offices. CPRA President-Elect Ron Wong [who will automatically move up to the position of President] also addressed the group by introducing himself, as well as advising of his history and qualifications. He let everyone know he is looking forward to being the Chapter President in 2016.

**Program Presentation – Peter Hambuch.** Ron Wong introduced Peter Hambuch up to the front. Peter gave the group a brief history of his background. Peter then spoke to the group and gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding software to manage trunked radio systems. His Power Point incorporated graphs and charts to help enlighten attendees.

**Meeting Adjourned.** Prior to adjourning the meeting, Ron Wong asked anyone in the group who is interested in purchasing a CPRA shirt to advise so by raising their hands. The shirts are available for sale. He also advised we will be having a gift raffle. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 P.M.

**Raffle.** Ron Wong presented raffle prizes to several lucky winners, some of who were fortunate enough to receive a copy of Dr. Richter's book.

#### 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 Page 5 CommLink

## 2015 Meeting Dates

#### **January 15, 2015**

#### **Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course Event Center**

CommLink Cutoff Date Monday December 29, 2014 Early Bird Sponsor -

#### February 19, 2015

#### **Hutten Communications**

CommLink Cutoff Date Monday February 2, 2015 Early Bird Sponsor -

#### March 12, 2015

#### Claremont - Hughes Center

CommLink Cutoff Date Monday February 23, 2015 Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Relm Wireless

#### April 8-10, 2015 - 2015 WRC

#### Sacramento Convention Center - Sacramento, CA

#### April 16, 2015

#### Buena Park - Knott's Berry Farm Resort

Technical Awards AM Annual Dispatchers' Banquet PM CommLink Cutoff Date Monday March 30, 2015 Early Bird Sponsor -

#### May 21, 2015

#### **Duarte - Old Spaghetti Factory**

CommLink Cutoff Date Monday May 4, 2015 Early Bird Sponsor -

#### June 18, 2015

#### Goleta - Moseley Wireless Solutions

CommLink Cutoff Date Monday June 1, 2015 Early Bird Sponsor - Applied Technology Group Meeting Sponsor - Moseley Wireless Solutions

#### July 16, 2015

#### San Marcos - Old Spaghetti Factory

CommLink Cutoff Date Monday June 29, 2015 Early Bird Sponsor - Zetron

# August 16-19, 2015 - APCO Intl Conference Washington D.C.

#### August 27, 2015

#### **Talley Communications**

CommLink Cutoff Date Monday August 10, 2015 Early Bird Sponsor - The Sales Group

#### **September 24, 2015**

#### **Annual "No Ties Meeting" - Downey**

CommLink Cutoff Date
Tuesday August 31, 2014
Early Bird Sponsors - Bassett Sales & Talley
Communications

#### October 22, 2015

#### Quiet Cannon - Montebello

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday October 5, 2015
Early Bird Sponsor & Meeting Sponsors - Commercial
Members - See Program Guide at Venue

#### **November 19, 2015**

#### **Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course Event Center**

CommLink Cutoff Date Monday November 2, 2015 Early Bird Sponsor - Rockwell Collins/ARINC.

#### **December 10, 2015**

#### **Annual Holiday Officer Installation**

#### Long Beach - The Reef

CommLink Cutoff Date Monday November 23, 2015 Early Bird Sponsor

#### 2015 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

January 21, 2015 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course April 1, 2015 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course July 8, 2015 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course November 4, 2015 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

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Past CPRA Presidents

# **CPRA Installation Dinner**



Thursday December 10, 2015 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

The Reef Restaurant 880 S Harbor Scenic Dr. Long Beach, CA 90802



Registration \$35.00 per person



Name:	_
Guest:	-
Agency/ Company:	-
Phone #: ()	-

Please make checks payable to: California Public-Safety Radio Association
Or email your credit card info to <a href="mailto:Treasurer@cpra.org">Treasurer@cpra.org</a>
Please mail form with payment to

CPRA
P. O. Box 39100





# 2015 Annual CPRA/APCO Vendor Display & Luncheon

# THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

Quiet Cannon, Montebello, CA

901 N. Via San Clemente, 90640 Tel: 323-724-4500

Hilton Garden Inn is located adjacent to Quiet Cannon. 801 N. Via San Clemente, Montebello Telephone: 323-724-5900

**BOOK EARLY**, THIS HOTEL ALWAYS SELLS OUT!

The Annual CPRA Vendor Display is the premier place to promote your communications products and services to key decision makers representing many cities, counties, state and other public agencies serving over 19 million citizens throughout the area. Past events have been sell-outs.

If you are dealing with more than one agency in Southern California, you need to be here!

# Purchase Your Exhibit Space TODAY!

Please use the reservation and payment form on the next page and email, fax or mail to:

Larry Weber, CCAM c/o The Sales Group, Inc. 23942 Craftsman Road Calabasas, CA 91302

Mobile: 818-512-1888

FAX: 818-222-0833, or larry@thesalesgroup.com

#### 2015 CPRA Vendor Exhibition Space Reservation and Payment Additional information on page 3

#### 1. Vendor Information

Company:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Contact Name:	Tel No:	
Fax No:	E-Mail:	
2. Space Reservation a Payment is enclosed to r		50/table = \$
One lunch ticket provided	d with each table or booth.	
Or 10' x 4' booth position	ons @ \$ 350.00/ each	.= \$
Plus Additional lur	nches @ \$ 20.00 each (see ba	ack) = \$
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CPRA FID: 95-4324700		TOTAL = \$
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a. Checks: Make checks	payable to: California Public-Sa	nfety Radio Assn., not CPRA, and r
CPRA c/o Larry Weber, The	Sales Group, Inc, 23942 Craftsm	an Rd, Calabasas, CA 91302
b. Credit Card payme	nt:	
Name on card:		
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Credit card number:		
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Send registration & payment to: <a href="mailto:larry@thesalesgroup.com">larry@thesalesgroup.com</a>

or by Fax to: 818-222-0833

#### CPRA / APCO 2015 ANNUAL VENDOR EXPO: EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2015 (See time schedule below)

Address: Quiet Cannon (at Montebello Country Club)

901 N. Via San Clemente, Montebello, CA 90640

Telephone: 323-724-4500 FAX: 323-724-0950 <a href="http://www.quietcannon.com/">http://www.quietcannon.com/</a>

Driving directions: 60 freeway: Exit at Wilcox/Garfield, South on Garfield 1/2 block to Via San Clemente (right turn only at large sign). Go west to facility. Elevator to upstairs ballroom.

Display types: \$250.00 per 8 foot x 30 inch draped table. (end-to-end 'in a row' layout)

\$350.00 per 10 x 4 ft. booth position. 1 table included. LIMITED QUANTITY!

Call if you have special needs -----

ABSOLUTELY No refunds after October 1, 2015

Table/Booth location is selected by CPRA for best fit with surrounding vendors.

**Set-up** and earliest display area availability: 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM, **day of show only. Displays Open: Approximately 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.** (Optional displays until 3 PM)

Early Tear-down: After 1:00 PM but NOT during lunch or chapter election meeting, please.

Final Tear-down: 3:00 PM, vacate room by 4:00 PM.

- PLEASE RESPECT OTHERS BY NOT LEAVING EARLY OR MAKING LOUD NOISES -

Exhibit storage and transportation is each exhibitor's own responsibility. For pre-show exhibit material deliveries, contact Quiet Cannon directly at 323-724-4500.

110 VAC outlets available (max, 1 x 15 A circuit each) but bring your own 25 - 50 ft extension cords.

**Luncheon:** Lunch tickets are free for all non-vendor attendees to build attendance. Exhibitors are provided free lunch tickets on the following schedule:

1 lunch ticket per table top.

2 lunch tickets per booth space.

ADDITIONAL VENDOR LUNCH TICKETS ARE \$20.00 EACH.

On-site Registration: Attendees and Exhibitors must register to obtain a lunch ticket.

The registration desk will open in the foyer entrance at approximately 8:00 AM. Please register no later than 10:30 AM to assure enough lunches for all. Your cooperation will be appreciated. See Larry Weber for lunch tickets that come with space rental, the registration desk cannot help you.

#### **DOOR PRIZES:**

Non-vendors will receive an additional ticket that enters them into a door prize drawing during lunch. We would like to have at least each vendor provide a quality door prize donated for this purpose. The donor/sponsor will be announced with each prize. Promotional items (caps, pencils, t-shirts, etc.) may be included BUT are not appropriate to be the prize itself.

**Refreshment Sponsorships: 2 available at \$500**: 6 - 9 AM and 9 AM - Noon. These are early sellouts. Sponsor signage and recognition in the program. The president announces and thanks from the podium at lunch in recognition of refreshment sponsors.

Contact: Larry Weber, CCAM at 818-512-1888 for more information