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

May 2011 Meeting - Victorville

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.

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at the Hilton Garden Inn – Conference Center, 12603 Mariposa Road, Victorville, CA 92395, San Bernardino County Thomas Brothers Page 4386 - A-6
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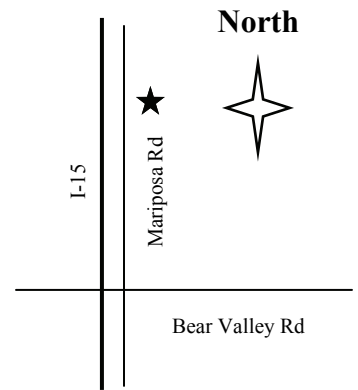
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Meeting Host: Jack Daniel The Jack Daniel Company

Early Bird Sponsor: Matt Zwarkowski Hi-Desert Communications

Agenda:

0830 - 0950 Executive Committee Meeting
 1000 - 1055 General Meeting
 1100 - 1200 Presenters:
 Ed Clemente - Harris Corporation, Sr. Finance Manager
 Russell Munson - PNC Equipment Finance, Vice President
 Program:
 Financing your Land Mobile Radio System & Project Financing Solutions
 Lunch

Frequency Coordination Immediately Following Lunch

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
KEN SHEAREN

Thank you to all who participated in the CPRA Technologist and Telecommunicator award presentations this past month. We wish to once again congratulate all of the award winners! Both the afternoon and evening award presentations were very exciting and well organized. For additional information on this year's recipients, as well as those from past years, go to CPRA's web site at http://www.cpra.org/Telecommunicator_Awards.html.

Several dignitaries from many of the public safety agencies in our chapter were present, including State Assembly Member Norma Torres, who happens to be a former LAPD dispatcher. Many thanks to Ms. Torres for presenting the Assembly recognitions to this year's nominees.

Numerous accolades go to the following individuals for their efforts in organizing this year's banquet: Courtney Allison, Cris Martinez, Julia Cesena, Eva Espinosza-Montano, Mae Ford, Terri Nelson, Lena Maria Ramos, Adriana Spirescu, John Wright and Jack Daniel. These individuals donated several hours preparing for the banquet, decorating, developing a theme, drafting the pamphlets, promoting the event and making all of the arrangements. It was a wonderful evening filled with much laughter and great memories! Some of us even learned to Hula dance!!

Mr. Robert Stoffel, Orange County Sheriff's Communications Division, flawlessly served as Master of Ceremonies. His services are greatly appreciated and we are indebted to him for his ongoing contributions and support of CPRA.

Thank you to this year's 25+ sponsors! A majority of the raffle gifts were provided by sponsors and our evening would have not been as successful without your participation.

Our appreciation is also extended as well to Mel Samples and Chris Salkeld of AT&T for their presentation at our April afternoon meeting, and to Jonah Teeter-Balin of Allergy Systems for sponsoring the early refreshments.

As we look forward to the remainder of the year, there are many challenges ahead, some of which are technical in nature. For example, Light-Squared, an organization which provides broadband wireless access service, would like to deploy a spectrum which is immediately adjacent to the L band on which many of our GPS receivers operate. GPS technology is utilized in many facets, such as vehicle location, timing reference for many networks (CAD, clocks, simulcast systems, computer work stations, etc.). In the rush to provide broadband wireless service to the masses, the potential impact a Light Squared system could have upon the services which use GPS signaling could be overlooked. Refer to the FCC Order and Authorization DA-11-133 for additional information.

Due to the poor economic situations facing many of our organizations, budgets are also of concern. We must all make an effort to be resourceful in our efforts to obtain funding. Luckily, potential resources for project funding will be discussed at the May meeting in Victorville. Tight budgets don't necessarily mean that system planning must come to a halt! Plans might become delayed or postponed, but we must continue to plan. Come to the meeting on May 19th to learn more on this topic. Feel free to bring a co-worker or associate! See you at the May meeting. Come join us.

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.

MINUTES

CHAPTER MEETING APRIL 14, 2011 THE QUIET CANNON CONFERENCE CENTER MONTEBELLO, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Jack Daniel, Jack Daniel Company
Early Bird Sponsor: Jonah Teeter-Balin, Altery Systems
Secretary's Report: Minutes for the March meeting are posted on the CPRA web site
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: CPRA RF/IT Awards Presentations
 AT&T Disaster Preparation & Capabilities During Emergencies
Presenter: Chris Salkeld, AT&T, Associate Director NSEP
Attendance: --52 (43)

AGENDA

Greeting – Ken Shearen. Ken opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Opening. Ken welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mike Rowles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

National Telecommunicators' Week. Ken commented that this was the CPRA celebration of "National Telecommunicators' Week." He stated that all across the nation, public safety organizations were setting aside time to say "thank you" to technical support teams and 911 dispatcher centers for their dedication and hard work.

CPRA Annual Technical Awards. Ken commented that a very important part of the celebration was the presentation of the CPRA Annual Technical Awards. He noted that the awards would be presented later in the meeting.

Host, Sponsor & Program. Ken thanked the Jack Daniel Company for serving as the meeting host. He also thanked Altery Systems for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments and AT&T for providing the program.

Introductions - All. New members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance was asked to introduce themselves.

Membership Report – Tim Trager. Tim reported that we have 412 members that are active for 2011. He noted that there were four new members: John Gannon, Lieutenant, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Carolina Milan, Emergency Communications Chief, Vandenberg Fire Department; Wes Hishina, Communications System Analyst, City of Simi Valley; Mark Wilkins, Lieutenant, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Tim indicated that new members and their guests receive a complimentary lunch. He asked that people contact him for any membership questions.

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Meeting Program Review – Adriana Spirescu. Adriana reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings. Details for the 2011 meetings are on the website. She commented that the next meeting is planned for May 19th in Victorville.

Treasurer’s Report – John Wright. John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. He stated that total income for the month was \$7,457.23 and the total expenditures were \$3,368.34. Income included meeting registrations, Telecommunicator’s Banquet registrations, supplementary receipts from the Western Region Conference, and sponsorships. Expenses included the March luncheon, Telecommunicator’s Banquet expenses, and printing costs for the CommLink.

Regional Director Report – Richard Granado. Richard provided advisory information regarding radio frequency interference (RFI) related to forthcoming wide band services provided by LightSquared and existing GPS operations. He encouraged each agency to submit written objections relating to this issue to the FCC. Ken Shearen commented that a template letter would be made available to assist with this action. Topic was noted in the FCC Updates below.

Executive Council – Jim Acosta. Jim presented Executive Council information as follows:

APCO News – Public Relations. APCO International was in 426 articles during the month.

FCC Interoperability Forum. President Bill Carrow provided opening remarks at this first ever event. Held at the FCC, this event focused on developing a path to a public safety broadband network.

Professional Celebrations. The E911 Institute hosted the 911 Honors Gala at the Ronald Reagan Center in Washington.

APCO International 77th Conference & Exposition. Registration is now open. The conference will be held in Philadelphia, August 7 – 10, 2011.

APCO Committees. The deadline to register is April 15th.

APCO-opoly. There were 36 games available. CPRA bought them all for use at future meetings as raffle items.

Frequency Coordinator Update – Gary Gray.

Art McDole, Silent Key. Gary announced that Art McDole died April 13th. For over 60 years Art was a dedicated professional, mentor, friend, and knowledgeable resource to many APCO leaders and members. Ken led the chapter meeting in observing a time of silence out of respect for him. He commented that Art will be truly missed.

CalSIEC SPA. It was noted that the next Southern Planning Area (SPA) meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 13th in Arcadia.

FCC Announcements.

-NPRM: BDAs. There was discussion about the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) pertinent to bi-directional amplifiers (BDAs).

-LightSquared. Also comments were presented regarding LightSquared’s proposed mobile broadband offering that would operate in the L Band. Concerns were expressed regarding potential interference with GPS signaling.

-NPRM: P.S. Broadband Network. It was noted that the comment process was underway.

700 MHz Update. Dave Buchanan noted that there will be a 700 MHz Committee Meeting to be held in conjunction with the May CPRA/FAC meeting.

800 MHz Update. Jim Donovan commented there were no specific updates to report.

800 MHz Rebanding. No update for this meeting. (Please check the “Resources” portion of the CPRA web site to see Ray’s Rebanding Notes.)

APCO Public Safety Magazine-April 2011, Editorial Board Member – Chuck Taylor. Chuck called attention to the Telecommunicator Spotlight article on Gary Poon (p.15). The interview features Gary’s background, his work with L.A. County, and his leadership in CPRA. Chuck noted that it took a little coaxing but the end result was an excellent write up. Chuck also commented about the Radiohead author giving kudos for the CPRA hosted Western Region Conference (p.56).

CPRA 2011 Telecommunicator’s Banquet – Courtney Allison. Courtney reported that all last minute preparations for the CPRA Telecommunicator’s Banquet were well underway. She indicated that over 250 people would be attending. Courtney emphasized that support from the 26 donors was a true success factor for the 2011 CPRA Telecommunicator’s Banquet. She also thanked the Banquet Committee for their superb efforts.

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Chapter Commercial Advisory Member – Jack Daniel. Jack invited each of the Commercial Members in attendance to do a self introduction and give a brief comment about their respective products and services.

Technical Presentation – Chris Salkeld, Associate Director, National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP). Chris presented a thorough review of AT&T's disaster preparation and emergency response capabilities. He addressed best practices, coordination processes with Federal, State, and local agencies, and ongoing training exercises to prepare AT&T teams for their next emergency. Ken thanked Chris for his very interesting and informative talk.

CPRA Annual Technical Awards Presentations for 2011 – Ken Shearen. Ken commented that this was a very special part of the meeting. He asked John Sarkissian, Committee Chair for the CPRA Technical Awards to come forward and assist with the presentations. He also noted that Mike Rowles would be reading the Award Citations and Adriana Spirescu would be taking photos. Ken and John then presented awards as follows:

-THE WINNER OF THE 2011 “CPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGER OF THE YEAR” IS [ANNA TELLEZ](#), CITY OF COSTA MESA, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION. HER NOMINATOR IS REENA BOLLE, CITY OF COST MESA COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION.

-SELECTED AS RUNNER UP OF THE 2011 “CPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGER OF THE YEAR” AWARD IS [JOSE REVERA](#), SOUTH BAY REGIONAL PUBIC COMMUNICATIONS AUTHRORITY. HIS NOMINATOR IS GARY STEVENS, SOUTH BAY REGIONAL.

-SELECTED AS HONORABLE MENTION FOR THE 2011 “CPRA TELECOMMUNICATIONS MANAGER OF THE YEAR” AWARD IS [DANAH PALMER](#), OXNARD POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT. HER NOMINATOR IS MEGAN BOCANEGRA, OXNARD POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT.

-AND THE WINNER OF THE 2011 “CPRA RF TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR” IS [ANNA HOLMES](#), COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO. HER NOMINATOR IS DON ROOT, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO.

Ken asked the award recipients to join for a group photo, and then concluded the award ceremony by asking for one more round of applause for them.

Meeting Adjourned. Ken thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Notes for the Record. Following the CPRA Chapter meeting, Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting. Ongoing and new frequency requests were then presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rowles
Secretary

2011 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

July 6, 2011 - Los Angeles
November 2, 2011 Long Beach

2011 Meeting Dates

June 16th
Santa Fe Springs
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday May 30, 2011

July 21th
Santa Barbara
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday June 27, 2011

August 25th
Oak Glenn
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday August 1, 2011

September 15th
Annual "No Ties Meeting"
Thousand Oaks
CommLink Cutoff Date
Tuesday August 29, 2011

October 20st
Annual "Tabletop Meeting"
Quiet Cannon - Montebello
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday October 3, 2011

November 17th
Downey
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday October 31, 2011

December 9th
Annual Holiday Banquet &
Officer Installation
New Port Dinner Cruise
CommLink Cutoff Date
Monday November 21, 2011

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CHAPTER OFFICER? CHAPTER ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 20, 2011

If you are interested in becoming an officer of our Chapter, or know someone you would like to nominate, please contact Gary Poon (323) 267-3004 or send an email to: gary9888@yahoo.com

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.
- Secretary:** Requires two years commitment.
- Treasurer:** Requires two years commitment.
- Sergeant at Arms:** Requires a one year commitment.
- Executive Council Delegate:** Requires two years commitment.



Arthur "Art" McDole

1917-2011

SALINAS – Born in Colorado Springs, Colorado on April 3, 1917 to Arthur and Iva McDole. Preceded in death by his loving Wife Mary and Sister Idabeth McDole. Art was raised in Minturn Colorado where he graduated from high school 1st in his class and worked as a carpenter and cabinet maker.

Art married his high school sweetheart Mary Cline in April 1940. They moved to Salinas in 1942, where Art worked at Salinas Planing Mill, then went to work for Coin-a-Matic repairing jukeboxes. Art was always interested in radio and in 1949 he was hired by Sheriff Jack McCoy at the rank of Sergeant, to build and install radios in the Sheriff's cars, and handle radio communications. Art rose to the rank of Captain before leaving the Sheriff's Dept to head a new County Communications Department, creating a consolidated dispatch center in 1969 in the basement of the new North Wing of the Courthouse. In his new department, Art also headed the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Telecommunications Division, as well as served as a volunteer firefighter, member of the search and rescue team, assisted the Civil Air Patrol, and worked with the MAST helicopter rescue program at Fort Ord.

In 1972 Art worked with State Assembly Member Charles Warren to draft and pass the Warren 911 act, which requires counties to answer the new emergency number and created the telephone surcharge that still pays for the infrastructure and answering equipment in local Communications Centers; and with State assistance built the first countywide 911 system in the nation in January 1975. In 1988 he built the first countywide enhanced E911 system in California. Art also created and installed the Alert system still used by the Water Resources Agency (WRA) to remotely monitor water levels throughout the County. Art retired in 1990 after 41 years of service and continued working as a volunteer with WRA, OES, and APCO.

Art was a lifelong Ham radio operator, call sign W6WJM, member of the Radio Club of America, member of the Monterey County Peace Officers Association, charter member of Northminster Presbyterian Church, member Masonic Lodge, SIRS #56, and a Life Member of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), serving for over 50 years as a Frequency Coordinator for Northern California – a job he continued to perform until one month before his death at age 93. His work with APCO and the FCC spanned decades, technologies and regulatory upheavals. APCO's highest award for technical excellence is the Art McDole Award.

In his free time, Art was an avid outdoorsman, hunter, fisherman, and member of the German Short Hair Dog Club, through which he participated in many field trials. Art is survived by his Son Gary of Berkeley, Daughter Maridee of Arizona and Chilean daughter Maggie of Florida; Sister Jane Black (Harold) of Salinas, Brother-in law Jim Cline of Wolcott, Colorado; one Great Grandchild, a host of Grandchildren, Nieces, and Nephews; and a legion of dear friends and colleagues.

Art was a spellbinding story-teller with many great personal stories to tell. He will be sorely missed. A two hour video of Art's life – his history and stories captured for posterity and interviews with colleagues – was thankfully made in 2006. It is available for viewing at http://www.share-a-vision.com/mcdole_video.html

A Memorial Service and Celebration of Life will be held on May 14th at 11:00 AM at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 315 E. Alvin Drive, at McKinnon, Salinas, 93906. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the APCO Historical Archive (386) 322-2500 or apco@apcointl.org (checks should be made to APCO International, Inc., and the memo should refer to the Art McDole Donation or Heritage), or Northminster Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund (831) 449-2717, or a charity of your choice. Friends are encouraged to leave messages of condolence at <http://mcdole.share-a-vision.com>

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