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

July 2011 Meeting - Santa Barbara

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at the Chase Palm Park Center, 236 E. Cabrillo Blvd, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Santa Barbara County Thomas Brothers page 996-C5

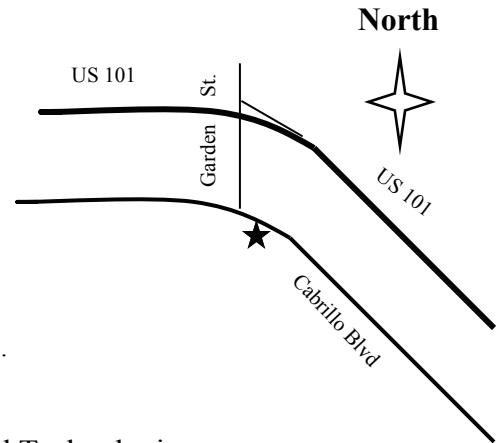
CPRA serves the people who manage, operate, maintain and supply the communications systems used to safeguard the lives and property of citizens everywhere. Among the CPRA ranks there are over 500 professionals representing the Police, Fire, EMS, Forestry, Highway and Conservation services. CPRA provides many opportunities to grow professionally, share your ideas, upgrade your skills and network with your colleagues.

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- ◆ Turn LEFT onto GARDEN ST.
- ◆ Turn LEFT onto E CABRILLO BLVD / CA-225.



Meeting Host: Scott Gillam Applied Technologies

Early Bird Sponsor: Scott Gillam Applied Technologies

Desert Sponsor: Larry Weber The Sales Group

Agenda:

- 0830 - 1000 Executive Board Meeting
- 1000 - 1100 General Meeting
- 1100 - 1200 Presentation by: Rick Smith-Telecom Engineer at Chevron/Texaco
Presentation: Current issues / problems in Land Mobile Industry.
The proposed change in intrinsically safe specifications and the licensing of non-standard frequency pairs within the 450-470 MHz Band
- 1200 - Lunch

Frequency Coordination Immediately Following Lunch

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM
KEN SHEAREN

To plagiarize a line from a long time associate, Greetings, Salutations and Hello there; for some of you, you will know who this is. The staff at Talley performed in their usual outstanding manner of hosting our June chapter meeting. Thanks go to Kenny, Celina, all of the Talley Staff, including Mr. Wooden and Ms. Sweeney and Larry Feige for their hospitality and arranging the lunch fare for us. There are several personnel on the Talley staff who also happen to be long time CPRA members.

Talley also made the arrangements for the June meeting presenters. Peter Craven, Bird Technologies Group and Jeff Boettcher, Aritsu Company provided us an excellent description of the capabilities of their sophisticated test equipment and how it can be used to look for and locate sources of interference. Something many of us are required to do on more occasions than we care to recall. From personal knowledge this can be a very frustrating experience, not only for the RF people, but the field and operations staff as well. They just need good working channels.

There has been a lot of news lately, a major item being the passage of Senate bill S. 911 by the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee. This bill allocates the D block to public safety. APCO President Bill Carrow recently sent a letter asking APCO members to urge their respective Representatives to support the introduction of a companion bill to S.911. There is a link on the CPRA web site which will direct you to his request for support and give you information on how and who we need to contact.

More importantly we need all CPRA members to forward this message up the ladder to their administrators and urge them to contact their appropriate Congressperson. This legislation is vital to public safety communications. So get your peers and colleagues involved. Here is the link: <http://psc.apcointl.org/2011/06/23/urgent-immediate-action-is-needed-on-the-d-block/>

There has been a lot of press on LightSquared and its future. The impact the Light Squared system has upon its RF neighbors is not positive. This was demonstrated in two publicized reports from the field trials. What is a little more disturbing is there are some who believe and are promoting that by simple attrition, the older less tolerant GPS receivers will eventually be replaced with new improved units. This may hold true for many consumer items like GPS mapping units, but in my estimation this may not be so viable in the public safety or aircraft sectors. Even cell phones can be impacted when they are within a certain distance of a LightSquared site. It has taken years for us to get wireless 911 call locations provided to our dispatch centers. This could be disrupted. Or worse yet the call location could be inaccurate with first responders being sent to the wrong location. This may have a profound impact just in this one instance alone.

Following the June luncheon, Jack Daniel convened the first quarterly meeting of the CPRA Commercial Committee. All CPRA commercial members are a part of, and invited to be active with the Commercial Committee. The purpose of the quarterly meetings is to enhance the value of chapter membership. We are very fortunate to have an active commercial membership in CPRA as compared to other chapters in the region. CPRA commercial members partner with us in our quest to provide the service and support our agencies and entities demand.

We recognized CPRA Past President and current Director Robert Uribe at the June meeting. Robert is being reactivated for a military deployment in the Mid East. He will be leaving us for about 18 months. Please keep Bob and his family in your thoughts and prayers. We wish him a safe return home. "Be safe Master Chief." Bob is a key member of the City of Long Beach Communications Division.

We are looking forward to returning to Santa Barbara for the July meeting at the Chase Palm Center, a truly picturesque location. Applied Technologies is serving as host, sponsor and arranging for the presentation. Larry Weber from the Sales Group is also a sponsor. Check the CPRA web page for details. Plan to join us for another meeting filled with great information and enjoy a chance to catch up with your peers. To all CPRA members, have a very safe and fun filled 4th of July.

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CHAPTER MEETING

JUNE 16, 2011

TALLEY CORPORATION

SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Larry Fiege, Talley Corporation

Early Bird Sponsor: Larry Fiege, Talley Corporation

Secretary's Report: Minutes for the May meeting are posted on the CPRA web site

Treasurer's Report: See comments

Program: "Interference Identification, Coverage Mapping & Acceptance Testing"

Presenter: Jeff Boettcher, Field Applications Engineer, Anritsu Company

Program: "Interference and Remote Monitoring"
Peter Craven, Western Regional Sales Manager, Bird Technologies

Attendance: 53/45

AGENDA

Greeting – Ken Shearen. President Ken opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the June CPRA meeting.

Opening. In recognition of Flag Day, and the upcoming 4th of July, Mike Rowles and John Wright provided an inspirational video that presented a vocal rendition of verse 4 from the National Anthem. Mike then led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sponsorship. Ken thanked Talley for sponsoring the Early Bird refreshments and hosting the meeting.

Recognition – Bob Uribe. President Ken invited Bob Uribe to come to the front of the room. Ken announced that Bob would be returning to his Navy duties with a deployment scheduled for the near future. Bob indicated that he would be back in uniform for the next 18 months. Ken extended a big "thank you" to Bob for his service. All in attendance applauded with a standing ovation.

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

Membership Report – Tim Trager. Tim reported that we have 425 members. He noted that eight new people joined APCO and CPRA. They included:

Active

- Michael Anderson, City of Menifee, Public Safety Coordinator
- Miguel Guardado, City of San Luis Obispo, Network Services Supervisor
- Steve Schmidt, City of San Luis Obispo, IT Manager
- Sue Willy, San Diego County Sheriff's Communications, Wireless Services Division Manager

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Commercial

- Paul Bennett, RPInc., President
- Abe Bui, GreatCall, Inc., Director, Customer Operations
- Joe Hasson, ATT, Chief Operating Officer
- Jon Mitchell, PB Telecom, Area Manager/Project Manager

Tim commented that each individual had been sent a welcome letter. He let them know in the letters that they had a complimentary lunch coming when they attended their first CPRA meeting.

Meeting Program Review – Adriana Spirescu. Adriana reviewed the upcoming schedule for meetings. It was noted that details for the 2011 schedule are on the website. Adriana reminded everyone that the next CPRA meeting would be held in San Barbara on July 21st. Applied Technologies will serve as the sponsor for the meeting. Adriana noted that the December meeting would be a dinner cruise that will depart from the Long Beach area. She encouraged everyone to “save the date” for Friday evening, December 9th.

Treasurer’s Report – John Wright.

Monthly Financial Report. John provided a report of income and expenses for the previous month. He stated that total income for the month was \$2,127.22 and the total expenditures were \$2,416.91. Income included button sales, meeting registrations, and sponsorships. Expenses included luncheon reimbursements, Visa card officer travel payments, and printing costs for the CommLink.

Regional Director Report – Richard Granado. Richard provided a report as follows:

APCO Board of Directors Meeting. The APCO Board of Directors conducted its quarterly meeting on May 18th. The meeting included a week of activities in Washington D.C. that included the APCO Broadband Summit, Leadership in Policy Awards Dinner, Tech Roundtable, and the Capitol Hill outreach on D Block legislation.

D Block. Richard noted that the legislation allocating the D Block to public safety communications had passed the Science & Technology Committee and would continue working its way through Congress.

APCO Logo. Richard also provided status of the APCO logo conversion. It was noted that a new logo design was approved by the Board. Members of the chapter expressed sincere concern about the process and results of the Branding Task Force project.

Executive Council – Jim Acosta.

Membership. Jim reported that there were 111 new members registered in APCO during the month of May. He indicated that total APCO membership was 12739.

APCO Executive Director. It was noted that George Rice was taking a new position. Jim reported that a search committee effort was underway.

APCO 2011 Conference & Exposition. Jim reported on attendance, exhibitors, and sponsorships for the conference. He also noted that the entertainment for the Blue & White Gala would be the Dueling Pianos of Michael and Amy. He indicated that they were last seen on stage at the 2007 Gala. They were being welcomed back for another evening of comedy antics and great music.

CommLink Editor – Jim Acosta. Jim commented that the July CommLink will be a full length printed edition.

APCO-OPOLY Games. Jim noted that the chapter had purchased 36 games. They were the last ones available from APCO. He announced that they would be for sale to chapter members for \$15. Also the games would be used as a raffle at the Chapter meetings.

Web Site & Telecomm Services – Ernest Gallo. Ernest provided information on website technologies

Website Advertising. It was noted that spaces are available with pricing posted.

Cvent Renewal. Ernest reported on the offer from Cvent. It was noted that its primary use was for major events like the WRC. Ken announced that this topic would be addressed further at the July Quarterly Workshop.

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Social Media Account. There was discussion about CPRA having a Facebook account to “keep up with the times” and attract people to the chapter. Ken noted that this will also be discussed further.

2012 Telecommunicator’s Banquet – John Wright.

Banquet Volunteers. John indicated that the volunteer staff was pretty well in place for the 2011 banquet. Most of the 2011 committee members were repeating their service for 2012.

Buttons. John indicated that the number of buttons will be reduced to more accurately reflect that actual sales reflected over the last few years.

Frequency Coordinator Updates – Gary Gray. The following reports were provided:

CalSIEC SPA. It was noted that the next Southern Planning Area (SPA) meeting will be held on July 13th at the Arcadia Police Department.

FCC Announcements. Gary G. presented information pertinent to the NTIA.

LightSquared Report. Dave reported on the ongoing process of addressing the interference problems associated with LightSquared services. He indicated that National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) intends to send a letter to the FCC with their comments attached. The primary issues surround interference with GPS signal applications.

800 MHz Rebanding. Ray Grimes provided an updated report. He noted that there had been no progress regarding a treaty with Mexico pertinent to use of spectrum in the border region. (Please see the “Resources” portion of the CPRA web site to see Ray’s Rebanding Notes.)

APCO Publications – Chuck Taylor. Chuck invited people who are attending the APCO Conference to serve on the “Hot Topics” evaluation committee. He also encouraged CPRA members to set up a PSC Connect account.

Chapter Officer Elections – Ken Shearen. President Ken commented about the importance and value of serving as a chapter officer. He encouraged chapter members to consider serving CPRA as a chapter officer.

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. Jack announced that there would be a meeting of the Commercial Members following lunch, to be held at the same time as the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting.

Technical Presentations - Speakers. Jeff Boettcher, Field Applications Engineer, Anritsu Company gave a presentation that covered interference identification, coverage mapping, and P25 system testing. Peter Craven, Western Regional Sales Manager, Bird Technologies presented additional information focusing on interference, remote monitoring, and methodologies to find interference. President Ken commented how informative the presentations were and those in attendance extended to each speaker a strong round of applause.

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

Notes for the Record.

Commercial Committee. Jack Daniel convened the Commercial Committee for an idea sharing session.

Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC). 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 Meeting Dates

August 25th Oak Glenn CommLink Cutoff Date Monday August 1, 2011	October 20st Annual "Tabletop Meeting" Quiet Cannon - Montebello CommLink Cutoff Date Monday October 3, 2011	December 9th Annual Holiday Banquet & Officer Installation New Port Dinner Cruise CommLink Cutoff Date Monday November 21, 2011
September 15th Annual "No Ties Meeting" Thousand Oaks CommLink Cutoff Date Tuesday August 29, 2011	November 17th Downey CommLink Cutoff Date Monday October 31, 2011	

2011 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

November 2, 2011 Long Beach

Save The Date

Officer Installation & Dinner Cruise
Friday Night December 9, 2011
Boarding at Shoreline Village
Long Beach

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.

ATTENTION!!!

ARE YOU 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.

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