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

October 2013 - Annual "Tabletop Meeting"

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2013 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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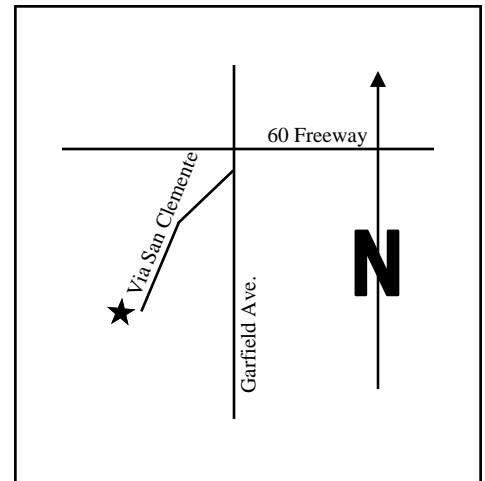
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Meeting Host: CPRA Commercial Members

Early bird Sponsor: Evans Consoles

Meeting Sponsor: Harris Corporation

Agenda:

- 0600 - 0800 Vendor setup (Day of show only)
- 0800 - 0900 Executive Committee Meeting
- 0800 - 1200 Affirmation voting of officers
- 0830 - 1300 Vendor displays (Optional displays until 1500)
- 1230 Door Prizes & Announcements
- 1200 - 1300 Lunch and Officer Elections
- 1315 - Early teardown (NOT during lunch or talks please)
- 1500 - 1600 Final teardown (Vacate room by 1600)

Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

CHAPTER MEETING

September 19, 2013
Conejo Creek Park
1379 E Janss Rd
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Chuck Taylor, County of Ventura (retired)
Early Bird Sponsor: Craig Basset - Basset Sales, Larry Feige - Talley Communications
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the July 2013 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.
Treasurer's Report: See comments
Program: "Fire Communication Plan" presented by Theodore Smith, Division Chief, Ventura County Fire
Attendance: 43

AGENDA

Call to Order - Tim Trager. The meeting was called to order at 10:16 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance - Don Miller

Welcoming Remarks - Tim Trager

Tim welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the September CPRA Meeting.

Self Introductions: Members were welcomed. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group.

Commercial Members Introductions - Larry Weber. The various commercial members introduced themselves and spoke briefly of the products they offer.

Chapter Officer Reports:

Future Meetings Report - Richard Granado:

President-Elect – Meeting Schedule – Richard Granado.

Richard covered upcoming meetings and programs.

October 17 th	Tabletop at the Quiet Cannon - Montebello
November 13th	Last Dispatch Roundtable for the year - Rio Hondo Golf Course, Downey
November 21st	Chapter Meeting at the Hughes Center - Claremont (Presentation by JPL)
December 19 th	Officer Installation. Most likely taking place at the Proud Bird. Luncheon event. Inviting dispatchers to attend the daytime event.
January	Rio Hondo Golf Course, Downey - No Program

Membership Report – Don Miller.

Membership Numbers: Don advised we have 81 new members. Current membership shows a total of 581 Chapter members including 292 Full, 98 Commercial, 97 On-Line, and 93 Associate members.

He also mentioned the new full members will receive the requisite complimentary meeting registration.

They included:

Active:

- Kasandra Bowen - Irvine Police Department
- Jim Compton - Burbank Water & Power Communications
- Larry Harris - Radio Systems Lead – American Red Cross
- Jeff Kermode - City of Tehachapi Police Dept.
- Michael Tobey - Los Angeles City Fire Department

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PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

October is the time of year where CPRA's Commercial and Regular Member membership enjoy the opportunity to join together and get a chance to match agency requirements to what is available in the commercial equipment and professional services market place, all during an exciting morning in Montebello. On October 17 at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello, CPRA presents our chapter's annual Table Top Show. CPRA's Commercial Community does a great job in showcasing their latest offerings, in a setting that allows more time for browsing and asking questions than is usually available at the larger venues. I've had several vendors tell me that this is their favorite show, because they are able to cater directly to their Southern California clientele, and are often able to interact with their customers that may have not attended some of the larger events earlier in the year. Due to the local relevance of the Table Top event, along with the very convenient place and time it occurs, CPRA encourages members to bring their technical staff members to partake of the event and a complimentary lunch. In partnership with the Commercial Membership, CPRA is able to waive all Meeting Fees in October at our Table Top Show. Hope to see everyone there!

October is also the month where CPRA elects its leaders for the coming calendar year. This year, we have a full slate of gentlemen that have chosen to give back to the chapter through their upcoming service as chapter leaders. Please join the CPRA family in providing an affirmative vote for the slate of leaders that will be presented at our October meeting. Your attendance is a great show of support for our incoming chapter leaders.

I want to thank Ventura County Fire Department's Division Chief Theodore Smith for presenting at our September meeting in Thousand Oaks. Chief Smith's presentation on Fire Communications Planning gave insight into the organization and character of a wind driven, wildland fire, and the importance of good communications planning and resource availability to protect the public, firefighters, and property assets during these types of fire emergencies. I would also like to thank Chuck Taylor for hosting this event, and setting up the delicious Wood Ranch BBQ. I would also like to thank all of our members that were in attendance; we were glad to see everyone and catch up on the events of our summers.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the 17th in Montebello.

Stay safe, and my best to everyone.

Tim Trager

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.

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- David Wilson - Assistant Police Chief - Ventura Police & Fire Department
- Nicholas Thomas - IT Technician - North County Dispatch Joint Powers Authority
- Jim Griffiths - County of Riverside

Commercial:

- Kristina Ackermann - Pennwell Corporation
- Jack Chamberlin - CIO Pacific Region - Harris Dailey and Wells Communications
- Gary Correia -
- Jessica Deragisch - Account Manager of Radio Sales S. California - Harris Corporation
- Don Ferguson - CFO - Mobiletrec Corporation
- Patricia Ferguson - Subject Matter Expert - MCM Technologies
- Alan Gatlin - Regional Sales Manager - Firetide
- Chris Odenthal - Federal Engineering, Inc.
- Henry Sigel - VP Emerging Markets - Mobiletrec Corporations

Program Presentation - Ventura County Fire. Tim introduced Division Chief Theodore Smith Division Chief. Chief Smith spoke on the Fire Communication plan in place in May of 2013 for the Conego Grade Fire. Ventura CO Fire partnered with the Sheriff's Department. Freedom Park was where the Mobile Command Post was established. CAL Fire brought the State assets and embedded with the Ventura County Fire Dept. On hand were 40 hand crews, 235 fire engines. The fire ended up running two weeks along.

Fire was divided into geographical areas and units were assigned to specific areas. Aircraft support was lost due to air turbulence. Did not have airborne video, but tapped into news feeds of the media

Lessons Learned: Coordinating with law enforcement. "Sheltering in place" is hard to do when a wall of fire is near. When having an evacuation plan, have an assigned incoming route and an assigned outgoing route, otherwise chaos is created. Too often, due to turbulence, aircraft support is lost, therefore cannot count on them. Radios worked great.

Treasurer's Report - Joe Parrino.

Monthly Financial Report: Joe provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He stated the total income for the month was \$11,005.38 and the total expenditures were \$10,245.10. He outlined specific dollar amounts regarding income and expenditures, all of which can be made available upon member request.

C&B Revision - Gary Gray.

Second Reading of the Constitutional By-Laws Amendment.
C&B Revision was approved.

Senior Membership Nominee - Gary Gray:

Gary Gray brought forth three nominations for Senior Membership: Robert Stoffel, Spence Leafdale and Mike Rowles. All meet the requirements for Senior Member.
Motion made on the floor and passed.

Executive Council Delegate Report - Jim Acosta: No report given

Regulatory Update.

FCC and FAC Update - Gary Gray:

Region 5 700 and 800 MHz Update - Dave Buchanan/Jim Donovan:

FCC Proposal

NPSTC to define specifications for emission mask to be used for digital modulation vs. analog modulation, in response to growing interest in TETRA network deployment. NPSTC will recommend the rule change to the FCC. Alert that the FCC has put a freeze any equipment that will not provide analog modulation on 800 MHz Mutual Aid channels. Ray Grimes 800 MHz Rebanding. Rebanding meeting on the 25th at OCFA Headquarters.

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Officer Election Speeches. Each of the below candidates spoke to the group regarding the positions they seek.

President - Richard Granado. Richard gave his list of qualifications with CPRA and APCO.

President-Elect - Don Miller. Don gave his list of qualifications with CPRA and APCO.

Vice-President - Ken Mann. Ken spoke of his current position and involvement with CPRA.

Secretary - Scott Espindola. Adriana Spirescu listed Scott's list of qualifications on his behalf.

Treasurer - Joe Parrino. Joe gave his list of qualifications with CPRA and APCO.

Sergeant-at-Arms - Jeff Loveland. 28 year member of CPRA. Has been active in the federal level of disaster response and management since 1983.

Nominations From the Floor - Tim Trager. Tim asked the group if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations.

Motion - Nominations to be CLOSED. Dave Buchanan made a motion to accept and close the nominations as they stand. Larry Weber seconded the motion. The Chapter voted affirmatively to close the nominations.

Raffle.

Meeting Adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 11: 50 AM.

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,
Adriana Spirescu

2014 CPRA Officer Slate

President - Richard Granado

President-Elect - Don Miller

Vice-President - Ken Mann

Secretary - Scott Espindola

Treasurer - Joe Parrino

Sgt.-at-Arms - Jeff Loveland

Executive Council - Jim Acosta

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 19, 2013

Annual Holiday Luncheon & Officer Installation

The Proud Bird - Los Angeles

CommLink Cutoff Date

Monday December 2, 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.

**CPRA Officer
Installation Luncheon
Thursday December 19, 2013
General Meeting 10:00 a.m.**

**The Proud Bird
11022 Aviation Blvd
Los Angeles
(310) 670-3093
Thomas Brothers 702-J6**

**Pre-Registration Requested
Meeting Fee: \$20.00 per person**

Name: _____ Chicken _____ Steak _____

Guest: _____ Chicken _____ Steak _____

Agency/Company: _____

Phone: _____

REGISTRATION DATELINE IS TUESDAY DECEMBER 10TH

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