



# COMMILINK

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

## April 2014 Meeting - Buena Park

This month's meeting will be held on Thursday April 17, 2014 at the  
at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel, 7675 Crescent Ave., Buena Park,  
CA. Thomas Brothers Page 767-H4

**C**PRAs 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 From downtown Los Angeles area:  
From 91 Freeway:**

- ◆ Exit Knott Ave.
- ◆ Go south on Knott Ave to Crescent Ave.
- ◆ Go east on Crescent Ave to hotel

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**Meeting Host:** Operations Committee

**Early Bird Sponsor:** Kevin Persing Axell Wireless  
**Meeting Sponsor:**

**Agenda:**

0830 - 1000	Executive Committee Meeting
1000 - 1045	General Meeting
1045 - 1130	Presentation: "Port of LA P25 700/800 MHz Trunked Voice/ Data Network"
	Presentation By: Gary Kimmerle, Director West Dailey-Wells Communications
1130 - 1200	Presentation of the CPRA Annual Technical Awards
1200	Lunch

## Frequency Coordination Meeting - Following Lunch

1800 - 2200 26th Annual CPRA Telecommunications' Banquet

**PRESIDENT'S PODIUM**  
**RICHARD GRANADO**

March's meeting at the Orange County Loma Ridge Emergency Operation Facility had a great turn out with 50 attendees. Thanks go to all those members who attended.

I want to thank Times Microwave, Bogey Klobassa for providing the Early Bird Coffee and Rolls. I also want to give a special thanks to Times Microwave for being the meeting sponsor as well.

It was a great pleasure to present to Robert Stroffel and Tim Trager Senior Member Status. They both have contributed to the organization and are deserving of the elevated status. I hope in the future we can elevate more members to Senior as well as Life.

At our March Meeting we had one fantastic presentation on grounding. Mr. Bogey Klobassa with Times Microwave provided a very informative presentation on how to and how not to ground your equipment at your facilities. He covered everything from the Tower grounding rod, antennas, cables, and entrance to the facility as well as the equipment in the facility. Many of us may think we have our grounding in order at our facilities but I am sure after Mr. Klobassa's presentation we all have some second thoughts now.

I want to thank our host Adriana Spirescu for putting the meeting all together. A very special thanks to Jim Donovan, our cook and his staff of the Radio & Microwave Unit from Loma Ridge for cooking a wonderful lunch meal. The Corn Beef and Clam Chowder were just first class.

The April meeting will be held at the Buena Park, Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel on the 17th. Dailey-Wells Communications will present a program on the Port of Los Angeles P25 700/800 MHz Trunked Voice/Data Network.

Following the Port of L.A. program, we will present the CPRA Technical Awards as a part of the National Telecommunicator Week activities. Then that evening the Chapter will host the 26th Annual Telecommunicator Banquet.

We are looking forward to seeing everybody at our next meeting. Always check our web site [www.cpra.org](http://www.cpra.org) for updates and please feel free to contact me at [President@CPRA.org](mailto:President@CPRA.org) if you have any questions or thoughts.



**CHAPTER MEETING**  
**March 20, 2014**  
**Orange County Loma Ridge Facility**  
**2644 Santiago Canyon Rd**  
**Silverado, CA 92676**

**SUMMARY**

**Meeting Host:** Adriana Spirescu, County of Orange  
**Early Bird Sponsor:** Bogey Klobassa, Times Microwave  
**Meeting Sponsor:** Bogey Klobassa, Times Microwave  
**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the February 2014 meeting are posted on the CPRA website.  
**Treasurer's Report:** See comments  
**Program:** "Lightning and Grounding Technology" presented by Bogey Klobassa, Times Microwave  
**Attendance:** 50

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order – Dick Granado.** The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M. Dick welcomed everyone to Orange County. He introduced Lieutenant Jeff Passalaqua, who welcomed everyone to Loma Ridge.

*Pledge of Allegiance – Mike Rowles.*

*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. Larry also mentioned we are in need of Early Bird Sponsors for some upcoming meetings.

**Senior Member Presentation – Dick Granado.** Dick read a letter from the APCO President, and presented APCO Senior Membership status to Tim Trager and Robert Stoffel, which was met with a round of applause from those present.

**Chapter Officer Reports.**

*Future Meetings Report – Don Miller:* Don covered upcoming Chapter meetings, sponsors, programs, and those still in need of a program. Larry W. advised the group the October Table Top meeting has been moved back one week, so it no longer coincides and conflicts with National Shakeout Day and Week.

*Executive Council Delegate Report – Dick Granado:* APCO Awards nominations need to be in by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Nominees do not have to be members of APCO. The Institute began accepting CAC & Silent Key Scholarship applications from January 1 – March 31, 2014. Currently, 38 applications have been submitted, with 177 pending. Scholarship recipients must be current APCO members and maintain membership throughout the scholarship period. Membership numbers, March 1, 2013 versus March 10, 2014 are as follows: Associate, 2901 vs 2882; Commercial, 894 vs 833; Full, 5970 vs 5784; Full Group, 1763 vs 2572; and Online, 3851 vs 6869. The 2014 Broadband Summit and Leaders Dinner will be May 5-6, 2014 in Washington, D.C. The 2014 APCO International Conference & Expo will be

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August 3-6, 2014. Flash Day is on April 2, 2014, from 12:01 A.M.-11:59 P.M. EST. Criteria to register on Flash Day is, the registrant must do it online and must use a credit card. The registration savings on that day will be \$100.00. Exhibit numbers are as follows: 10X10s sold/held-520; exhibiting companies-194; repeat exhibitors-175, and new exhibitors-19. Dick also mentioned there will be Grant Writing Training in Anaheim on May15-16, 2014. He asked anyone who may be interested to approach him and will provide them with further information.

*Treasurer's Report – Joe Parrino.*

*Monthly Financial Report:* Joe provided a report of income and expenses for the previous 30 day period. He outlined specific dollar amounts regarding income and expenditures, all of which can be made available upon member request.

**Regulatory Update.**

*FCC Issues – Gary Gray:* There are no FCC issues, but Gary took the opportunity to let the group know April 1<sup>st</sup> is the due date to sign-up for an APCO Committee. Dave Buchanan had nothing new to report. Jim Donovan reminded the group the joint RPC meeting is today.

**Program Presentation – Bogey Klobassa.** Dick introduced Bogey Klobassa. Bogey said today's presentation will be about Lightning Protection and Grounding Solutions for Wireless Networks. He conveyed this presentation will be at a base level without getting extremely technical. Bogey infused his thorough, informative, and enjoyable presentation with passion, wit, and humor.

**Meeting Adjourned.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 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. Following the Frequency Coordination meeting, the Joint Meeting of the 700 MHz and 800 MHz Regional Planning Committees convened.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Espindola  
Secretary

## *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.

## 2014 Meeting Dates

### January 16, 2014

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

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday December 30, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor - The Sales Group*

### February 20, 2014

#### **Duarte—Old Spaghetti Factory**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday February 3, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor - Survey Technologies Inc*

### March 20, 2014

#### **Loma Ridge**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday March 3, 2014

*Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Times Microwave*

### April 17, 2014

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

Technical Awards AM  
Annual Dispatchers' Banquet PM  
CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday March 31, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor - Axell Wireless*

### May 7-9, 2014 - 2014 WRC

#### **Wigwam Resort - Litchfield Park, AZ**

### May 15, 2014

#### **Irvine - Double Tree Irvine Spectrum**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday April 28, 2014

*Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Aeroflex*

### June 19, 2014

#### **Goleta - Moseley Wireless Solutions**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday June 2, 2014

*Meeting & Early Bird Sponsor - Moseley Wireless Solutions*

### July 17th 2014

#### **Orange County Sheriff's Academy**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday June 30, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### August 3-6, 2014 - APCO Intl Conference

#### **New Orleans**

### August 21, 2014

#### **San Diego**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday August 11, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### September 18, 2014

#### **Annual "No Ties Meeting" - Thousand Oaks**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Tuesday September 2, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsors - Bassett Sales & Talley Communications*

### October 23, 2014

#### **Quiet Cannon - Montebello**

Annual "Tabletop Meeting"  
CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday September 29, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### November 20, 2014

#### **TBA**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday November 3, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### December 5, 2014

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

#### **TBA**

CommLink Cutoff Date  
Monday November 24, 2014

*Early Bird Sponsor*

### 2014 Executive Committee Quarterly Meetings

January 8, 2014 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

April 9, 2014 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

July 9, 2014 - Redondo Beach Yacht Club

November 12, 2014 - Downey - Rio Hondo Golf Course

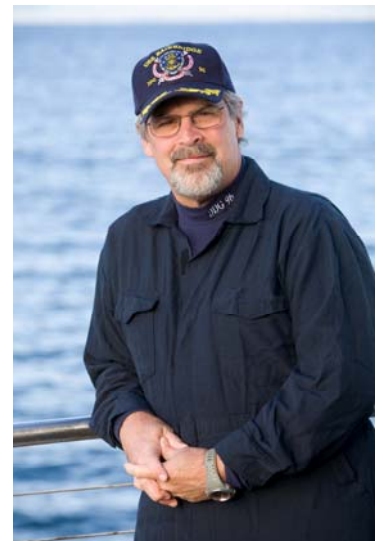


APCO International is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & Expo in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 3-6, 2014. We invite you to join us in the celebration and look forward to seeing you at APCO 2014.

## **Captain Phillips Will Share His Story at APCO 2014**

The true story of Captain Richard Phillips was transformed into a blockbuster movie of hijacking, heroism and honor in the high seas. APCO is excited to announce that Captain Phillips will share his experience during the Distinguished Achievers Breakfast August 5 at APCO's Annual Conference & Expo.

Captain Phillips will not only share his compelling story, he will draw lessons from those dramatic events that can help you survive and thrive, even in times when hope and support seem to be in very short supply. He will discuss the vital importance of leadership and teamwork, combined with a belief in the power and potential of yourself and your team, as seen through the eyes of an unassuming hero who conquered an extraordinary challenge. This "Hero of the High Seas" has a powerful and timely message that will inspire you.



# 2014 APCO Western Regional Conference

Wednesday, May 07, 2014 8:00 A.M. Thru  
Friday, May 09, 2014 2:00 P.M. (Mountain Time)

**The Wigwam Resort**  
300 East Wigwam Blvd.  
Litchfield Park, Arizona 85340  
(602) 457-6427

**T**he 2014 APCO Western Regional Conference is hosted by the Arizona Chapter of APCO/NENA, and will be held at the historic Wigwam Resort located in scenic Litchfield Park, Arizona. This premier event features opportunities for directed and timely training, exposure to an impressive vendor exhibition and industry networking. Please plan now to attend this exciting event. Attendees who select to travel by air, are encouraged to utilize Sky Harbor International airport which features over 990 flights daily and is home to Tempe based US Airways and a focus hub for Southwest airlines.

The Wigwam's beginnings date back to 1918 when the resort was first built as a quaint gathering place for the Ohio based executives of Goodyear Tire & Rubber who discovered the West Valley of Phoenix as a prime location to grow cotton for rubber production. Quickly growing in popularity as a warm weather escape, additional accommodations and amenities were added and in 1929 the Wigwam opened as a full service resort. In January 2011, the resort unveiled the completion of a rejuvenation project led by sports icon Jerry Colangelo and relaunched under it's original name - The Wigwam. Today, The Wigwam offers more than 400 acres of fun, including first-class amenities, unforgettable dining experiences and endless recreation.

On behalf of our conference committee, we welcome you to Arizona and we hope you enjoy the conference training and activities we have planned.

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Wednesday Day Pass:	\$75.00
Thursday Day Pass:	\$75.00
Friday Day Pass:	\$50.00

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