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CHAPTER MEETING **CPRA 75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** SEPTEMBER 16, 2010 IRVINE REGIONAL PARK ORANGE, CA

SUMMARY

Meeting Host: Jim Donovan, County of Orange
Early Bird Sponsor: Multiple sponsors loyal to CPRA
Secretary's Report: Minutes for the August meeting are posted on the CPRA web site
Treasurer's Report: Report deferred
Program: CPRA 75th Anniversary Celebration & "No Ties" BBQ
Presenter: Sheriff Sandra Hutchens, Orange County Sheriff's Department
Attendance: 104

AGENDA

Greeting – Gary Poon. President Gary opened the chapter meeting at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the September CPRA meeting and 75th Anniversary Celebration. Gary introduced Robert Stoffel, Orange County Sheriff's Communications who served as the Master of Ceremony for the CPRA 75th Anniversary Celebration. Robert masterfully guided the events of the celebration as noted in the Program details shown.

Program

National Anthem. Courtney Allison opened the celebration by singing the *Star Spangled Banner*. She beautifully sang our national anthem and set the tone for a superb celebration event.

Military Service Recognitions & Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Rowles asked members of the military to stand and be recognized as part of the nation's public safety team. This included active service, retired, and former members of the armed forces. He then invited everyone to join together in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions. New members were welcomed. Members and guests in attendance were asked to introduce themselves.

Commercial Member Intros. Jack Daniel the Chapter Commercial Advisory Member (CCAM) was unable to attend. He asked Larry Weber to stand in for him. Larry invited each of the commercial members and guests to introduce themselves, and briefly announce their respective company names, products, and services.

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History of CPRA. Chuck Taylor presented a “walk through the decades” with CPRA. He presented well researched and nicely compiled remarks about the organizational beginnings of CPRA, plus changes to the chapter in subsequent years. Chuck also reviewed technology changes and other historical events of importance occurring during the 75 years of CPRA history, 1935 – 2010.

Recognition of Past & Present CPRA Officers. Chuck asked present & past CPRA officers in attendance to stand and be recognized. All were given a round of applause. Also everyone in attendance who had served as CPRA President gathered near the lectern for a photo. It was noted that many years of dedicated service were represented by such a distinguished group.

Introduction of the Orange County Sheriff. Robert Stoffel introduced Sandra Hutchens, Orange County Sheriff. He read a brief biographical sketch covering Sheriff Hutchens points of public safety service concluding with her assuming the position of Sheriff for Orange County.

Remarks by the Orange County Sheriff. Sheriff Hutchens commented about the importance of public safety communications systems and the critical role they play in the life of first responders. She noted the progress in applying new technologies for public safety communications. Sheriff Hutchens extended a hearty word of thanks to the chapter and all the CPRA members for their ongoing service to the public safety community. Upon the conclusion of her talk, everyone gave her a resounding round of applause. Robert then presented Sheriff Hutchens with a complimentary copy of the CPRA 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book.

Birthday Cake. Chuck presented to the audience a specially crafted birthday cake displaying a “75” on the top. The candles were lit then in a fine barbershop chorus voice, Chuck led everyone in singing “Happy Birthday” to CPRA.

Officer Candidate Speech. In anticipation of officer elections to be held in October, the chapter traditionally uses a few minutes of the September meeting to hear from individuals running for CPRA office. Tim Trager, candidate for Vice-President introduced himself, spoke briefly about his 20 plus years in public safety communications and commented about his willingness to serve the chapter. The audience gave him a warm round of applause.

Door Prizes. As the final agenda item for the meeting, Robert conducted drawings for the door prizes. There were over 25 prizes to be awarded, many contributed by the commercial members and some by the chapter itself. There were a variety of prizes to include baseball game tickets, gift cards, household small appliances, baseball caps, audio equipment, and other items of value. Robert thanked all the commercial members that contributed prizes.

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Notes of Appreciation.

-Master of Ceremonies. CPRA President Gary Poon offered a sincere “thank you” to Robert Stoffel for serving as the MC.

-Anniversary Committee. President Gary also extended a special thanks to Adriana Spirescu for serving as the Committee Chair, 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee. He commented about her hard work, creativity, and the many, many long hours she and her committee devoted to completing preparations for the celebration. Gary thanked everyone who served on the committee to include: Charles Taylor, Gary Gray, Gary Poon, Jim Donovan, Ken Mann, Mike Rowles, and Jack Daniel.

-CPRA's 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book. President Gary highlighted the anniversary book. He noted it is a marvelous book that identifies the extensive history information of the chapter presented in narrative form and via photographs. Gary thanked Adriana, Chuck, Gary, and Jack plus all who contributed to the contents of the book. Most significantly, Gary thanked Jack & Pat Daniel, and The Jack Daniel Company for sponsoring CPRA's 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book. He observed that the sponsored page reads “The Jack Daniel Company has served public safety agencies over 50 years and CPRA over 25 years. Thank you. We wish CPRA another 75 years of success and service to the public safety community.”

-BBQ. President Gary gave a special thanks to Jim Donovan and the Orange County Sheriff's Department Radio & Microwave Unit for preparing the BBQ lunch.

-Mobile Command Vehicle Participants. President Gary recognized the many agencies that provided a mobile command vehicle for the “Communications Roundup”. A variety of county and municipality units set up and demonstrated their communications vehicle capabilities. He complimented the communications crews that came with the vehicles for their participation.

-Ham Radio Station. President Gary noted that the CPRA ham radio call sign W6ID was activated as part of the anniversary celebration. Radio equipment was set up by members of the Orange County RACES team. Gary Gray served as the primary operator. Using the 20m band, Gary G. completed 9 contacts which included 1 to Canada, 2 to Texas, and 6 to other states.

Arrangements were made to send QSL cards and/or certificates to stations involved in the completed contacts. President Gary thanked the RACES team for their support. He offered a big “thank you” to Gary Gray for carrying through with the operation of ham station W6ID.

-Member Participation. President Gary also thanked all members, commercial members and guests for participating in the anniversary celebration.

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Meeting Adjourned. President Gary adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m. and invited everyone to the BBQ lunch.

Lunch Is Served. Jim Donovan and his crew provided a truly superb luncheon buffet. The menu included a variety of salads, potatoes, vegetables, BBQ chicken, BBQ tri tips, a generous array of pies, cakes, and cookies for dessert plus soft drinks and water. Many commented about the tasty BBQ and the excellence of all the other selections. All were in appreciation of Jim and his crew for their extensive planning and preparation of the best ever "No Ties" BBQ luncheon.

Canyon High Pep Band. The pep band from Canyon H.S. presented a short concert during the luncheon. They opened their program with the CHS fight song, then presented a variety of other musical selections enjoyed by all. The music added a special touch to the anniversary celebration.

Presentation of Band Gift. A donation to the band's music program was presented by CPRA in appreciation for the performance.

Notes for the Record.

Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC). Gary Gray convened the Frequency Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting following the anniversary celebration events. Ongoing and new frequency requests were then presented and acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rowles
Secretary