



# *The Short Circuit*

## ***White Elephant Sale!!!***

**Following our long standing tradition, the May URAC meeting will be the White Elephant Sale.**

**Time to clean out your shack and garage, and lug your stuff down to the Maritime Museum to help raise funds for the 2015 URAC Field Day operations.**

**There's usually some interesting items, some great items, and some true "White Elephants" to bid on, along with some tasty items from the URAC Ladies Auxiliary.**

**Items seen at past White Elephant Sales have been complete HF stations, VHF/UHF radios, scanner radios, power supplies, antennas, coax, tubes, and more.**

**Don't miss the sale, to be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the LA Maritime Museum.**

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The Club's No-host Breakfast is held 8:00 am on the First Saturday of each month at the **Think Cafe** at 302 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, CA

Saturday, May 2, 2015

The day after May Day saw 15 members and guests gather for the **First Saturday Breakfast**. Following the Breakfast, a contingent headed out to provide the radio support to the annual CROP Hunger Walk at Point Fermin. Here's what was recorded of the buzz around the table:

Doug, W6HB is here between trips. He just got back from the trip to the DX convention in Visalia, (his driving companion won big). After the convention he continued on up to the bay area where he met with the group running the radio station aboard the USS Hornet. Great ham gear on the Hornet: 8000 sq. ft. of radios, extensive radio equipment including a real spark gap set up. You can see a complete tour of the Hornet Museum on You-Tube. He and Ana are looking forward to the Cook Islands trip: He is already E51DLD.

Ana, Doug's WF reports a 20 Year Warranty on knees for her upcoming knee surgery.

Gary, N6HMR told his tire horror story from camping in Death Valley. Be aware that tires can wear out without showing extensive tread wear...and it is not all that much fun changing tires in Death Valley. Treva, N6HMS suggests a smaller trailer.

Martin, N6UB and WF Mary recently returned from their annual race (or rally) in west Texas. This year the wildflowers were spectacular (that's where all our rain went...). The race went well: no crashes now for 5 years in a row.

Scotty, K6ZNL gave an update on Field Day: still awaiting permit from the City for the Angels Gate Park site, but the liability insurance issues have been resolved; she will follow up on the permit this coming week. The issue with the club tower, which turns out to be stored in the maintenance yard of the upper reservation, is being worked. Steve, K6NT will be towing.

Also, K6AA is signed up for Museum Ship's Weekend: June 6 and 7 during Museum hours.

Tom, KJ6JPZ is in need of a new power supply for his Baofeng radio, which prevents him from helping out today on the Hunger Walk. He is mainly concerned with the switch-over from his old Windows XP computer to his new Windows 8 computer...and not an easy process.

Steve, K6NT reminds us that Gina, KF6MYQ will be handling the food for field day again this year and will start shortly contacting members to get headcounts for the various meals (also a reminder that according to an outside source, we had the best food in the LAX section last year: Go Gina) Steve will be participating today in the Palos Verdes Loop Trail Relay today, segment 42, starting at 1 pm.

Nick, N6EFI reminds us (and Tom especially) of the importance of back-up or recovery disks for your computer operating system. He is scrambling to gather up ham stuff for our annual White Elephant Sale which will be the May 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting this month.

Bill, W6AJ had another Timmy the Turtle story for us, along with the continuing saga of strange requirements for a minor medical procedure.

John, KC6JHV will be one of the volunteers for Museum Ship's Weekend at the station. He told us about the old bombers to be on display at the Torrance Airport this weekend.

Homer, K6HKT, John, WA6SDK, and Andy, N7KFL were also in attendance. Mary won the certificate.

Scotty K6ZNL, still FSB scribe.( with thanks to Tom, KJ6JPZ, who took the notes

## MAY-JUNE CALENDARS

~ May 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 First Saturday Breakfast, Think Café, 8 am. CROP Hunger Walk Radio support 11-3
3	4	5	6	7 URAC weekly net 8 pm 145.380	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 URAC weekly net 8 pm 145.380	15 URAC monthly meeting 8 pm LAMM White Elephant SALE	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18	19	20	21 URAC weekly net 8 pm 145.380	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28 URAC weekly net 8 pm 145.380	29	30
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~ June 2015 ~						
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14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18 International Picnic Day URAC weekly net 8 pm 145.380	19 15 URAC monthly meeting 8 pm LAMM	20
21 Father's Day / Summer Solstice	22	23	24	25 URAC weekly net 8 pm 145.380	26	27 ARRL FIELD DAY, Angels Gate Park
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**Two Free Amateur Radio Courses**

FCC "**Technician**" course (entry level)

FCC "**General**" course (2<sup>nd</sup> level)

Each course is 2 sessions

The sessions will be on 25 July & 1 August 2015

**Technician** 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM both Saturdays (bring your lunch)

**General** 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM both Saturdays

The FCC tests will be 10:00 AM to noon on 8 August 2015

At the start of the 25 July Technician course, the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club will give a 30 minute presentation on how to get further involved with amateur radio.

The location is the Fred Hesse Community Park,  
29301 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes.

**Confirm your attendance to Walt, K1DFO at [waltordway@juno.com](mailto:waltordway@juno.com)**

**There is no fee for either course.**

**Taking the FCC test is \$15.**

**Optional Material (sold at cost)**

Gordon West books with all the FCC test questions,

\$22 for the Technician and \$26 for the General

- Paper copy of my Power Point charts,

\$20 for the Technician and \$20 for the General -

For courses sponsored by the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, students thru grade 12 who pass their examination at a PVARC VE test session will, upon application to the Club, be eligible for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$50 to cover the cost of materials and the examination fee.

Everyone who obtains their first ham radio license through a PVARC VE session, regardless of age, will receive a free membership in the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club for the remainder of the current calendar year.

## News From the Maritime Museum



As any of our club operators will tell you, it's SPRING! And that means our tour season is in full swing. It's a great time to volunteer at the station and introduce school groups to the mystery of Morse code and ham radio. "Many thanks" to our loyal group of operators who dedicate their time each week.

If you happen to be in the harbor area this August, be sure to stop by during Navy Days, August 8-9. We are expecting to welcome several active duty Navy and Coast Guard vessels, which will be open for free public boarding. As more details become available we will post them on our website and share them with URAC. See you at the Museum!

Marifrances Trivelli, Director, LA Maritime Museum

## **URAC's VE Corner ... Gary N6HMR**

*Paperless licenses* ... to print an official copy of your Amateur license, log into the ULS (Universal Licensing System) with your FRN and password.

Not sure what your FRN is? Look on your license, or go to <http://wireless2.fcc.gov/ULsApp/ULsSearch/searchLicense.jsp> and enter your callsign. You'll find your FRN displayed.

Don't have a password? Go to <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>; under "ONLINE FILING" select "Forgot Password."

Once you have your FRN and Password, go to <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/ULsEntry/licManager/login.jsp> and Log In. In the yellow banner to the left, select the third option "Download Electronic Authorizations." In the "My Authorizations" box, highlight your amateur license, select the "ADD" button to move it to Authorizations to Download," then select the "Download" prompt at lower right. This will download your license, with "Official Copy" across it. (Accessing your license from the original license search gives the same document with "Reference Copy" across it.)

In April we had successful MROP and Amateur Tech, General and Extra examinees; also one Tech upgraded to General based on credit for having a Technician Class license prior to 1987. As a reminder, the General Class question pool change is effective July 1st. If you're ready (or about ready) for an exam, please let club president Bill W6AJ or myself know and we'll put an exam team together for you.

Many thanks to our VEs and CEs for your participation. Without the volunteer help, these exams would not be possible. And our continued thanks to Marifrances for making the Brass Room available; a very quiet, comfortable environment for testing.

## DX OPERATIONS FOR MAY 2015 Per NG3K

Surinam, PZ5LP: Is now operating thru 6/5/2015. QSL via PA1LP.

Sable Is, CY0: Is now operating thru 6/5/2015. QSL via JE1LET.

Guinea, 3XY5M: Is now operating thru 5/31/2015. QSL via PA5M.

Saba & St Eustatius, PJ6: Is now operating thru 5/11/2015. QSL via NM1Y.

Crete, J49TSL: Is now operating thru 5/10/2015. QSL via SV1GE.

Ogasawara, JD1YBT: Is now operating thru 5/11/2015. QSL via JP1IOF.

Madeira, CT9: Is now operating thru 5/10/2015. QSL via DF5AU.

Barbados, 8P9EE: Is now operating thru 5/11/2015. QSL via K2HVN.

Christmas Is, VK9X: Is now operating thru 5/10/2015. QSL via JA0JHQ.

Chatham Is, ZL7: Is now operating thru 5/13/2015. QSL via F8FUA.

Isle of Man, MT0IXD: Is now operating thru 5/13/2015. QSL via M0QXO.

Cayman Is, ZF2ZL: Will be operating from 5/9 thru 5/15/2015. QSL via W8ERI.

Bahamas, C6ASZ: Will be operating from 5/9 thru 5/16/2015. QSL via N8YSZ.

Maldives, 8Q7BI: Will be operating from 5/10 thru 5/17/2015. QSL via DG4ABE.

Mauritius, 3B8: Will be operating from 5/10 thru 5/19/2015. QSL via EA5IDQ.

Guadeloupe, FG: Will be operating from 5/13 thru 5/19/2015. QSL via G4SGX.

Jersey, MJ: Will be operating from 5/14 thru 5/18/2015. QSL via ON6EF.

Niue, E6ZS: Will be operating from 5/15 thru 5/25/2015. QSL via JA2ZS.

So Cook Is, E51: Will be operating from 5/17 thru 5/23/2015. QSL via W6HB.

Rodrigues Is, 3B9: Will be operating from 5/19 thru 5/24/2015. QSL via EA5IDQ.

Aruba, P40: Will be operating from 5/19 thru 5/26/2015. QSL via M0OXO.

Cayman Is, ZF2EM: Will be operating from 5/20 thru 5/25/2015. QSL via N8PR.

Burkina Faso, XT2AW: Will be operating from 5/20 thru 6/26/2015. QSL via M0OXO.

Kenya, 5Z0L: Will be operating from 5/21 thru 5/31/2015. QSL via IK7JWY.

Jamaica, 6Y5: Will be operating from 5/22 thru 6/2/2015. QSL via DL5DI.

Grenada, J38: Will be operating from 5/23 thru 5/31/2015. QSL via W6NN.

Market Reef, OJ0W: Will be operating from 5/23 thru 5/31/2015. QSL via OH3WS.

Iceland, TF: Will be operating from 5/24 thru 5/30/2015. QSL via F5LIT.

St Martin, FS: Will be operating from 5/28 thru 6/16/2015. QSL via K9EL.

Lord Howe Is, VK9: Chatham Is Will be operating from 5/30 thru 6/3/2015. QSL via DL1YAF.

Niger, 5U5U: Will be operating from 5/30 thru 6/16/2015. QSL via F4WBN.

## K6AA Quarterly Station Report:

In the first quarter of 2015, 8 station operators put in 209 hours and made the following contacts:

Month	# of QSOs	# of DX	# of CW
January	91	7	12
February	104	21	15
March...	72	14	3
Totals	267	42	30

In addition, K6AA contacted 45 of the 50 states.



DX entities: Anguilla, Argentina, Aruba, Australia, Bora Bora, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Guantanamo Bay, Isle of Man, Japan, Martinique, Mexico, Navassa Island, Netherlands, Puerto Rico, Sakhalin Island (Russia), St. Helena Island, St. Lucia, Uruguay, Venezuela

*\*\*\*Caught your interest yet?? Remember, if you are already cleared to operate the station, we have time slots for you...if you want to operate, contact Doug, W6HB or Scotty K6ZNL for the necessary paperwork.*



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**\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTES \*\*\***

**K6AA Station** We can still use more operators for our K6AA station. See Doug, W6HB, and or Scotty, K6ZNL, checkout and training.

Check out the special events page on the website for the latest from arrl and e-ham net:

<http://www.k6aa.org/specialevents.html>

***Additional Calendar Notes*****Club Net**

Held weekly on Thursdays at 8pm  
Primary = WA6LA repeater  
(145.380; -600; PL 100)  
If the repeater is unavailable, our Net  
will use the repeater output (145.38)  
on simplex.

**Club Meeting**

Held monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the  
month (except August and December)

**No Host Breakfast**

Held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of  
the month at 8:00am. Location:  
Think Café on 5<sup>th</sup> Street in San Pedro

**“VE/CE Session for Amateur and Commercial Licenses**

Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. **By appointment.** Go to <http://k6aa.org/index.php/menu-licenseexams>”



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