



The Short Circuit

No information received for guest speaker for June



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. 5th Street, San Pedro, CA

Saturday, June 6, 2015

Doug, W6HB, visited Rarotonga last month with Ana. With issued callsign E51DLD, Doug made over 1,000 contacts while operating there. Anna is recovering well from surgery.

Larry, KK6TXN, is URAC's newest member. He resides in San Pedro and plans on attending field day at our site.

Homer, K6HKT, is back from a trip to Oregon. As in previous years, he will supply gasoline for field day generators.

Steve, K6NT, outlined Field Day details briefly: Food status (let Gina know if you are eating with the participants, GOTA set up by Scotty, help needed for food station set-up Friday, June 26th, around 1pm, & CW station. Ray will again participate in CW. Steve asked for volunteers for HF phone station operators (1A, 2A, or 3A).

N6HMR and N6HMS went camping on Hwy 395 north of Ridgecrest (Fossil Falls) During Memorial Day weekend (BLM land). Also, visited Red Rock Canyon State Park. Can get senior discounts now with the \$10 lifetime National Parks pass.

Ingo, KK6EWB, and Mary spent four day weekend in San Diego. Economy seems to be good there. Planning trip to New Mexico. Ingo plans to help out and attend the ARRL convention (South West Division) in September (11 thru 13) in Torrance, at the Marriott.

Bill, W6AJ, said a wedding in his family took place. Also, the death of a friend was mentioned (ashes were scattered).

Nick, N6EFI, briefly discussed new windows upgrades using CDs for the Windows operating system.

John, WA6SDK, took notes for Scotty.

Field Day 2015 - Newspaper Announcement

Information regarding URAC's 2015 Field Day participation has been sent to the local newspapers.

URAC will get extra points for publicizing 2015 Field Day.

If you see an article or mention of Field Day, in their calendar or other section, please save a copy for Scotty K6ZNL.

Be sure to let Scotty know if our publicity is spotted so we can add the points to our Field Day submission.



Saturday, July 11 will be a day of ham radio fun at Ham Radio Outlet in Anaheim from 10AM-5:30PM.

Join us and various manufacturer representatives, Gordon West, the Red Cross, Orange County RACES, Hospital Disaster Services, local clubs, and other experts who will be showing us “what’s new in ham radio” from C4FM digital to an antenna analyzer with a full color TFT LCD screen. See a 200w mobile HF installation in a Smart Car, and compare notes about what you learned at Field Day this year.

There will be three prize drawings throughout the day, and hot dog lunches to keep you fortified. We will offer license testing for all classes from 11AM to 3PM (be sure to call or email the store for reservations.)

Come join us to learn, to see and be seen, to laugh, to eat, and completely enjoy a day filled with everything ham radio.

June/July Calendars

~ June 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Club Net, 145.380, 8 pm	5	6 First Saturday Breakfast, 8 am, Think Café Museum Ships Weekend, K6AA 
7 Museum Ships Weekend, K6AA 	8	9	10	11 Club Net, 145.380, 8 pm	12	13
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18 International Picnic Day Club Net, 145.380, 8 pm	19 URAC Club Meeting, 7 pm Los Angeles Maritime Museum 	20
21 Father's Day / Summer Solstice	22	23	24	25 Club Net, 145.380, 8 pm	26 Field Day Prep: Angels Gate Park	27  Field Day, Angels Gate Park
28  Field Day, Angels Gate Park	29	30				

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			1	2 Club Net, 145.380, 8 pm	3	4 Independence Day
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12	13	14	15	16 Club Net, 145.380, 8 pm	17 URAC Club Meeting, 7 pm Los Angeles Maritime Museum 	18
19	20	21	22	23 Club Net, 145.380, 8 pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Club Net, 145.380, 8 pm	31	

Two Free Amateur Radio Courses

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

FCC "**General**" course (2nd 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

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.

URAC's VE Corner ... Gary N6HMR

In May we had successful MROP and Amateur Tech examinees. As a reminder, the General Class question pool change is effective July 1st. If you've been studying and are 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.

What would you do? ...
... Dan Romnanchik KB6NU

For the past three or four years, I've been threatening to buy a new radio to replace my ICOM IC-746PRO. The IC-746PRO is a great rig, though, and I've had trouble pulling the trigger on a \$3k – \$5k (or more) purchase. The radio I've had my eye on is the Elecraft K3. Without a doubt the K3 is a better rig than the 746PRO, and it's certainly worth the price that Elecraft is asking. The question I keep asking myself, though, is "Am I going to have \$5,000 more fun with a K3?"

To put it another way, the question is, assuming that I have a \$5,000 budget to spend on amateur radio gear over the next year or two or three, what's the best way to spend it? How can I maximize my purchases so that I have the most fun?

At this point, I think I've decided not to buy that new rig, and instead buy equipment that will help me make my own rigs. Some of the items I have my eye on include:

- Aoyue 968A+ SMD Digital Hot Air Rework Station (I have actually already purchased this unit.)
- Rigol DS1102E 100MHz, Dual Channel, 1 GSa/s Digital Oscilloscope
- Rigol DSA815-TG Spectrum Analyzer
- A more professional workbench to replace the folding table that I'm currently using.
- Peaberry SDR V2 Kit
- More keys! I'd love to get a fancy Begali or N3ZN paddle, and the other day someone told me about the UR5CDX keys, which look like great deals.

Even if I purchased everything on this list, I'll have spent less than \$5,000.

One consequence of going this route is that I'll have less time for operating. I'm betting (hoping?) that the extra time spent on tinkering will be just as much fun, or even more fun, than I'm having now.

It also means that I'll be going to Dayton with a much different mindset than I have the past couple of years. Instead of spending my time configuring the perfect K3 in my head, I'll be looking for kits and scouring the flea market looking for parts.

I may be overthinking this, but like most amateurs I have a limited budget to spend on amateur radio. That being the case, making conscious decisions about how to spend that money should help me have more fun with ham radio, and that's the goal, isn't it?

What do you think? Is this the right way to go, or am I going to regret this decision? If you've made a similar decision, I'd love to hear from you.

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When not making crucial decisions about his amateur radio career, you'll find KB6NU working on updates to his "No Nonsense" study guides, teaching one-day Tech classes, or blogging about amateur radio at www.kb6nu.com.

73, Dan KB6NU

DX OPERATIONS FOR JUNE 2015

Per NG3K

Republic of Congo, TN: Is now operating thru 7/19/2015. QSL via CT1FJZ.
Kenya, 5Z4: Is now operating thru 6/11/2015. QSL via WA5A.
Burkina Faso, XT2AW: Is now operating thru 6/25/2015. QSL via M0OXO.
St Martin, FS: Is now operating thru 6/16/2015. QSL via K9EL.
Niger, 5U5U: Is now operating thru 6/16/2015. QSL via F4WBN.
Burkina Faso, XT2AW: Is now operating thru 6/30/2015. QSL via M0OXO.
Malta, 9H3A: Is now operating thru 6/8/2015. QSL via PB5X.
East Kiribati, T32AZ: Is now operating thru 6/8/2015. QSL via KH6QJ.
Greenland, OX: Is now operating thru 6/12/2015. QSL via DL7DF.
Maldives, 8Q7CQ: Is now operating thru 6/18/2015. QSL via G4DFI.

Montserrat, VP2MKV: Will be operating from 6/10 thru 6/18/2015. QSL via N0KV.
Greenland, OX4LX: Will be operating from 6/12 thru 6/19/2015. QSL via OZ1DJJ.
St Kitts & Nevis, V47JA: Will be operating from 6/13 thru 7/22/2015. QSL via W5JON.
Cape Verde Is, D4C: Will be operating from 6/15 thru 6/22/2015. QSL via IZ4DPV.
Liechtenstein, HB0: Will be operating from 6/21 thru 6/26/2015. QSL via ON6ZV.
Bahamas, C6AUX: Will be operating from 6/22 thru 7/6/2015. QSL via VE3IKV.
Niue, E6AB: Will be operating from 6/24 thru 7/4/2015. QSL via ZL2HM.
Saba & Sint Eustatius, PJ5A: Will be operating from 6/25 thru 7/5/2015. QSL via M0URX.
Market Reef, OJ0V: Will be operating from 6/28 thru 7/4/2015. QSL via ON5TC.

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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 3rd Friday of the
month (except August and December)

No Host Breakfast

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

“VE/CE Session for Amateur and Commercial Licenses

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



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