



The Short Circuit

NO ARTICLE WAS SUBMITTED FOR THE GUEST SPEAKER FOR NOVEMBER.

October First Saturday Breakfast

NO OCTOBER FIRST SATURDAY BREAKFAST MINUTES WERE SUBMITTED.

URAC's VE Corner ... Gary N6HMR

As you may have known, in early September the FCC stopped processing license applications for "IT upgrades and improvements." This caused a delay of almost two weeks for those whose paperwork was submitted at the start. Barring a government shutdown, we should see a return to the historic short turn times.

This past month resulted in new Amateur and Commercial licensees. Of URAC members, 18% are Tech and 24% are General. Why not take advantage of the resources within your club to upgrade. Already Extra? ... consider reaching for a Commercial grade license. As they say ... keep moving, or rust. If you're interested, let URAC's President Bill, W6AJ, or myself know of your interest and we'll ensure there's an exam team available 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.

Start an amateur radio virtuous circle ... *... Dan Romnanchik KB6NU*

On the ham_instructor Yahoo Group (https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ham_instructor/info) recently, we talked about the classes we are going to be offering this fall. About his Tech class, Bob, KONR, noted, "Currently have about 30 students signed up. We keep thinking we'll run out of interested people but they keep coming."

I've noticed the same thing here, too. I keep thinking I'm going to run out of people to teach, but I have no problem at all filling my classes. In fact, I'd go so far as to say that the more people who have taken my class, the more people there are who want to take it.

Of course, this makes perfect sense. If there are more people out there who have amateur radio licenses, there are more people out there talking about amateur radio, and actually doing amateur radio. And, the more people out there talking about and doing amateur radio, the more likely it is that other people will become interested in amateur radio and get their licenses as well.

It's an amateur radio "virtuous circle."

What does this tell you? Well, if you're in a place where amateur radio seems to be dying out, or belong to a club that is slowly fading away, start a class! I think every club should hold classes at least once a year, even if that first class has only one or two students. Those first few students are the start of your virtuous circle.

Don't know how to start a class? I can help you there. Start by reading my blog post, "Teaching a one-day class" (<http://www.kb6nu.com/teaching-a-one-day-tech-class/>). It has a lot of practical information, including tips on how to select a venue, how to publicize the class, how to get people to sign up for the class, and finally, how to teach the class.

You might also want to join the ham_instructor mailing list I mentioned earlier. It's a relatively low-volume list, but the subscribers have a lot of experience that you can tap into.

Also, get a copy of my free Tech study guide (<http://www.kb6nu.com/study-guides/>). Not to brag (well, OK I am bragging), but I really think that it's the best study guide for a one-day class. The study guide presents the topics in exactly the same order as I cover them in class. Read through it and you'll see what I mean.

If you need more help, or even just some encouragement, e-mail me, and I'll do what I can to help you. Seriously.

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When not teaching ham classes or publishing amateur radio study guides, Dan, KB6NU, operates CW on the HF bands (mostly 40m and 30m). His #1-rated amateur radio blog can be found at KB6NU.Com, and you can e-mail questions, comments, or complaints to cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

~ September 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 K6AA weekly Net, 145.380; 8 pm	4	5 URAC First Saturday Breakfast, 8 am Think Café, San Pedro
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10 K6AA weekly Net, 145.380; 8 pm	11 Patriot Day 9/11 HAMCON, Torrance Marriott	12 HAMCON, Torrance Marriott
13 HAMCON, Torrance Marriott	14	15	16	17 K6AA weekly Net, 145.380; 8 pm	18 URAC Monthly meeting, Los Angeles Maritime Museum, 7 pm	19
20	21 International Day of Peace	22	23 Fall Begins	24 K6AA weekly Net, 145.380; 8 pm	25	26
27	28	29	30			

~ October 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 World Vegetarian Day K6AA weekly Net, 145.380; 8 pm	2	3 5 URAC First Saturday Breakfast, 8 am Think Café, San Pedro
4	5	6	7	8 K6AA weekly Net, 145.380; 8 pm	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15 K6AA weekly Net, 145.380; 8 pm	16 URAC Monthly meeting, Los Angeles Maritime Museum, 7 pm	17 JOTA
18 Autumn Sea Faire, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium	19	20	21	22 K6AA weekly Net, 145.380; 8 pm	23	24 United Nations Day
25	26	27	28	29 K6AA weekly Net, 145.380; 8 pm	30	31 Halloween

URAC Calendars October- November, 2015

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 World Vegetarian Day URAC 2M net: 145.380. 8 pm	2	3 First Saturday Breakfast, 8 am, Think Café, San Pedro
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11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15 URAC 2M net: 145.380. 8 pm	16 URAC membership meeting; 7 pm, Los Angeles Maritime Museum	17 JOTA, (cub scouts to K6AA)
18 Cabrillo Autumn Sea Faire	19	20	21	22 URAC 2M net: 145.380. 8 pm	23	24 United Nations Day
25	26	27	28	29 URAC 2M net: 145.380. 8 pm	30	31 Halloween

~ November 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2	3 Election Day	4	5 URAC 2M net: 145.380. 8 pm	6	7 First Saturday Breakfast, 8 am, Think Café, San Pedro
8	9	10	11 Veterans' Day	12 URAC 2M net: 145.380. 8 pm	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Great American Smokeout URAC 2M net: 145.380. 8 pm	20 URAC membership meeting; 7 pm, Los Angeles Maritime Museum	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30					

DX OPERATIONS FOR OCTOBER 2015

Per NG3K

Tanzania, 5H3MB: Is now operating thru 10/18/2015.
QSL via IK2GZU.

Belize, V31DL: Is now operating thru 10/15/2015. QSL
via DL1AS.

French Polynesia, TX7A: Is now operating thru
10/31/2015. QSL via Ja1GZV.

Greenland, OX3LX: Is now operating thru 10/9/2015.
QSL via OZ1PIF.

Bonaire, PJ4M: Is now operating thru 10/11/2015. QSL
via PH2M.

No Cook Is, E51MQT: Is now operating thru
10/29/2015. QSL Via N7QT.

No Cook Is, E51MKW: Is now operating thru
10/13/2015. QSL via KZ1W.

Mariana Is, NH0: Is now operating thru 10/16/2015.
QSL via DL2AH.

Montserrat, VP2M: Is now operating thru 10/8/2015.
QSL via K8ESQ.

Chesterfield Is, TX3X: Is now operating thru
10/12/2015. QSL via HA5AO.

Dodecanese, SV5: Is now operating thru 10/14/2015.
QSL via IK2ECC.

Seychelles, S79SP: Is now operating thru 10/18/2015.
QSL via SP6EQZ.

Crete, SV9: Is now operating thru 10/10/2015. QSL via
OH1VR.

Mauritius, 3B8: Is now operating thru 10/20/2015. QSL
via DJ7RJ.

Palau, T88MZ: Is now operating thru 10/9/2015. QSL
via DU1CKF.

St Kitts & Nevis, V47JA: Is now operating thru
11/6/2015. QSL via W5JON.

Svalbard, JW: Is now operating thru 10/12/2015. QSL
via LA9DL.

St Lucia, J6: Is now operating thru 10/18/2015. QSL
via K1ZZI.

Guantanamo Bay, KG4: Will be operating from 10/9
thru 10/23/2015. QSL via W4WV.

Uganda, 5X2A: Will be operating from 5/10 thru
10/19/2015. QSL via K4ZLE.

Turkey, TA3: Will be operating from 10/11 thru
10/30/2015. QSL via NY4G.

Marshall Is, V73D: Will be operating from 10/13 thru
10/28/2015. QSL via DL7VEE.

Cape Verde Is, D4D: Will be operating from 10/14 thru
10/24/2015. QSL via EB7DX.

Vietnam, 3W2HCM: Will be operating from 10/16 thru
10/23/2015. QSL via VK6LC.

Macao, XX9: Will be operating from 10/16 thru
10/28/2015. QSL via SP9FIH.

Cape Verde Is, D4D: Will be operating from 10/17 thru
10/24/2015. QSL via EB7DX.

Fernando de Noronha, PY0F: Will be operating from
10/17 thru 10/27/2014. QSL via AA4NC.

San Andres & Providencia, 5J0B: Will be operating
from 10/17 thru 10/27/2015. QSL via LU1FM.

Micronesia, V63AH: Will be operating from 10/18 thru
11/10/2015. QSL via DL2AH.

Curacao, PJ2: Will be operating from 10/19 thru
10/27/2015. QSL via IK7YTT.

Cuba, T42US: Will be operating from 10/21 thru
10/28/2015. QSL via WB2REM.

Jamaica, 6Y5: Will be operating from 10/24 thru
12/9/2015. QSL via JA0RQV.

Micronesia, V6AAA: Will be operating from 10/25 thru
10/29/2015. QSL via Ja2NQG.

Agalega & St Brandon, 3B7FA: Will be operating from
10/26 thru 10/31/2015. QSL via 3B8FAQ.

Dominican Republic, HI7: Will be operating from
10/26 thru 10/31/2015. QSL via YV5IAL.

Bhutan, A52CVXD: Will be operating from 10/27 thru
10/29/2015. QSL via SM6CVX.

East Kiribati, T32DX: Will be operating from 10/27
thru 11/3/2015. QSL via KH6OO.

Palau, T88: Will be operating from 10/30 thru
11/5/2015. QSL via JA4BXL.

Vietnam, 3W3MD: Will be operating from 10/31 thru
11/10/2015. QSL via IK2VUC.

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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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