



The Short Circuit

The October meeting of the United Radio Amateur Club will be held Friday, October 20th, at 7 pm in the break room of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, located at Berth 84, foot of Sixth Street in San Pedro. **Please see the current parking situation from the Maritime Museum, below.** The entrance to the break room is through the gate on the north side of the museum (towards the bridge and the Iowa). There will be a greeter on the gate.

Program: White Elephant Sale #2. Proceeds to benefit the year-end Holiday get together.

Bring your left-overs, your do-not-need-anymores, and your do-not-want-anymores; remember, your junk is someone else's treasure...Radio related, please (baked goods are also welcome).



Reminder: Nominations for the club's 'Ham of the Year' award are due by the end of the October meeting. The procedure and nomination forms are on the website under "members only documents"

Los Angeles Maritime Museum Visitor Access- Parking Update: October 2017



[Due to the Harbor Boulevard Realignment project](#), access to Sampson Way (the road parallel to the Museum) is now restricted.

Driving Directions from the 110 South Freeway: Take the Harbor Boulevard exit. At the bottom of the ramp, bear right, get in the left lane, and continue one mile to the intersection of Harbor and 6th Streets. Bear left at the 6th Street traffic light, and make an immediate right onto Sampson Way. You will see white concrete barriers marking the end of Sampson Way. The entry to the parking lot will be on the left, directly in front of the barriers. Parking is free!

Directions coming from the West: Head east on 22nd Street and bear left onto Miner Street, which becomes Harbor Boulevard. When the road splits, keep left. Take a right at the intersection of Harbor and 6th Streets, and follow the parking directions above. Vehicles will no longer be able to access Sampson Way by driving through Ports O'Call village. Pedestrians will still have access.

Parking for visitors with disabilities remains available across the street from the Museum entrance.

Please note: the Museum will be open regular hours, Tuesday - Sunday 10-5, throughout the construction project.

Thank you for your support and patience: you will continue to receive regular updates via e-mail, [museum website](#), and social media.

Los Angeles Maritime Museum | 310-548-7618 |

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium AUTUMN SEA FAIR 2017

We have moved our annual Autumn Sea Fair from October to November.

On Sunday, November 19, we will be having our annual Autumn Sea Fair to celebrate "The Bounty of the Sea." The event will begin at 10am and end at 3:00pm. The event mostly takes place in our courtyard, where we have put up shade cloths to protect against the sun. We will also provide lunch for your staff and volunteers that work the event.

Festivities throughout the day include games, contests, music, arts & crafts, exhibitors, great speakers and more.

We hope you're able to join us to make this another great Sea Fair!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT SCOTTY AT K6ZNL@arrl.net We man a booth, talk to people about amateur radio and demonstrate Morse code for the kids.



QST de President Doug, W6HB...

Thanks to Bruce, AD7MM, for his great photo trip to the South Cook Islands at the September meeting. I would guess you might have a clue why I have selected that as my getaway five times in the past three years.

Thanks to all who turned out for the October breakfast on Saturday October 7. Many of the club issues looking into 2018 were addressed and plans were agreed upon. We left with a full slate of officers for the members to vote on at the election on November 17. The slate to date is as shown below and additional nominations will be accepted until the close of the October 20 meeting.

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DOUG DOWDS

The October 20 meeting at the LAMM will feature the second White Elephant Auction for 2017 with the proceeds funding the prizes for the December 16 Holiday Party. Please bring your excess toys to benefit the club's larder.

The November 17 meeting at the LAMM will feature Ray, N6HE, and friend(s) presenting on the new SDR radios with the Icom IC-7300 as their poster child. Come and learn about the new toys looking to sneak onto your holiday wish list. This will be the last URAC meeting to be convened at the LAMM until the ongoing construction has been completed and nearby parking becomes available.

The URAC Holiday Party will be at the Think Cafe on December 16 along with the swearing in of officers and the Thieves' Exchange. The cost is \$35 per head and your payment needs to be received by Treasurer Gary, N6HMR, NLT December 11. Make your checks out to URAC. To participate in the Exchange bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20.

Effective January 6 the URAC meeting will be integrated with the first Saturday of the month breakfast at the Think Cafe. It will be up to the incoming officers to determine how best to integrate programs and the auctions for 2018.

The club is still recruiting new operators for K6AA and new members for URAC. I will be requesting the new LA Rec and Parks paperwork packages from the LAMM Director and should have them soon. Please contact me if you want to sign up.

Thanks to Larry, KK6TXN, Bill, KB6WKT and associates for hopefully having the K6AA rotator issues diagnosed and maybe mended by the time you read this.

Despite the poor solar conditions with as low as zero sunspots, my station has had no issues finding someone to talk with on 20, 17 and 15 meters over the past couple weeks. KH0XG, PS14BIS, KH2JU, JA3BOA, KC4AAA, ZD7VC, JA3JOT, 9Y4D and NH6MA plus stateside stations are all in the log. Turn your radios on and LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN! I will be looking for you.

73 -- Doug -- W6HB

HAM? HAM radio? ham radio? Amateur Radio? amateur radio!
By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

On the ARRL PR mailing list, we've been discussing the proper way to refer to amateur radio. What brought this up was an email from one list subscriber, Richard, WB6NAH, who was (rightfully) proud of the work that his club—the [Skagit Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Club](#)—was doing. He noted that they were even featured in the police department's emergency preparedness brochure: [\[\[download image from http://www.kb6nu.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/skagit-arc-768x1024.jpg\]\]](http://www.kb6nu.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/skagit-arc-768x1024.jpg) As you can see, the brochure refers to "HAM radio" and "HAM radio operators." Referring to amateur radio in this way just drives me crazy. "Ham radio" is just a nickname for

amateur radio, and "HAM" is certainly not an acronym for anything. I congratulated Richard on getting his club included in the brochure, but noted, "...it's not HAM radio! It's either 'amateur radio' or 'ham radio' (ham is not an acronym). I hate to be nitpicky about this, but as a professional writer, this usage just drives me crazy." He replied, "I agree on Amateur Radio, that was the city's call."

That kicked off the discussion.

One ham replied to me privately, "Thank you...I am continually trying to explain that it is not an acronym or abbreviation."

Another replied to the list:

The most correct term is "amateur radio" or alternatively "ham radio", both written in normal case. If using "ham radio", it is a best practice to first write "amateur (ham) radio" in the first non-header/non-title occurrence.

Some will write "Amateur Radio" in proper noun format (first letters in caps) and while this may be acceptable to many and in certain venues, anyone using a style handbook will say it is incorrect. Less correct is to write "Ham Radio" in proper noun format as this is a slang term, albeit a popular one. Of course either term may be written as proper nouns when part of a title or name of an organization.

Least correct is to write "HAM" in all caps; as stated by others, ham is not an abbreviation or acronym. Writing it as "HAM" is completely wrong, will drive many people bonkers, and should be avoided at all costs.

Ward, NOAX, offered this explanation:

To clarify where the capitalization originated, there is a long-standing ARRL Board Directive, decades old, stipulating that the words "Amateur Radio" be capitalized in ARRL publications and documents. Most non-amateur publications return it to the lower-case style that is used for non-proper nouns.

One guy got a little miffed that we were wasting our time discussing this at all:

You know, I've been reading this thread and I think people are getting too hung up on very minor details. The bottom line they got PR. So something wasn't spelled right or capitalized, so what. The message got out and IMHO that's the bottom line. Let's not waste any more bandwidth on this.

I agreed that it was great that they were included in the brochure, and that we were probably beating this topic to death, but I don't think these are minor details. I said that PR professionals pride themselves on getting the details right. So should amateur radio PR people.

I'll give the final word to Dan, AI4GK. He wrote:

I don't think that standardizing what we call ourselves qualifies as getting hung up on minor details. If we don't have a standardized way of referring to us, how can we expect a public, who already is confused, to understand who we are?

I don't think that you can argue with this. Let's avoid confusion by using "amateur radio" when writing about our hobby/service. I'd even urge the ARRL to rethink their use of "Amateur Radio." Sometimes, it may be OK to use "ham radio," but it's just not correct to use "HAM radio" or just "HAM."







Dan, KB6NU, is the author of the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides and blogs about amateur radio at KB6NU.Com. When he's not picking nits about the name of our hobby, he teaches ham radio classes and operates CW on the HF bands. You can email him at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

DX OPERATIONS FOR OCTOBER 2017
Per NG3K

So Shetland Is, HF0ARCF: Is now operating thru 10/10/2017. QSL via SQ1SGB.
Mauritania, 5T5OK: Is now operating thru 10/26/2017. QSL via OK1BOA.
Malta, 9H: Is now operating thru 10/9/2017. QSL via SP9MRO.
Burkina Faso, XT2AW: Is now operating thru 10/30/2017. QSL via M0OXDO.
Temotu, H40GC: Is now operating thru 10/20/2017. QSL via LZ1GC.
Christmas Is, VK9XI: Is now operating thru 10/10/2017. QSL via M0OXO.
Christmas Is, VK9XGJ: Is now operating thru 10/19/2017. QSL via W7GJ.
Madeira, CT9: Is now operating thru 10/17/2017. QSL via DL8JS.
East Kiribati, T32AZ: Is now operating thru 10/10/2017. QSL via KH6QJ.
Guantanamo, HG4HH: is now operating thru 10/9/2017. QSL via W2DXO.
Maldives, 8Q7BI: Is now operating thru 10/15/2017, QSL via MM0VEG.
Cocos Keeling Is, VK9CI: Will be operating from 10/10 thru 10/17/2017. QSL via M0OXO.
Palau, T8: Will be operating from 10/11 thru 10/17/2017. QSL via JH7IPR.
Bhutan, A52SJ: Will be operating from 10/12 thru 10/19/2017. QSL via N6SJ.
Sao Tome & Principe, S9CQ: Will be operating from 10/12 thru 10/21/2017. QSL via EA5IDQ.
Laos, XW4XR: Will be operating from 10/12 thru 10/24/2017. QSL via 3W3B.
St Helena, ZD7VDE: Will be operating from 10/14 thru 10/21/2017. QSL via G3SWH.
Bangladesh, S2: Will be operating from 10/15 thru 10/18/2017. QSL via G3KHZ.
St Kitts & Nevis, V47JA: Will be operating from 10/15 thru 11/7/2017. QSL via W5JON.
Mauritius, 3B8: Will be operating from 10/16 thru 10/23/2017. QSL via IK2DUW.
Barbados, 8P9: Will be operating from 10/17 thru 10/25/2017. QSL via WB2YQH.
St Barthelemy, FJ: Will be operating from 10/17 thru 10/26/2017. QSL via AI5P.
Palestine, E44WE: Will be operating from 10/18 thru 10/29/2017. QSL via SP9FIH.
Tuvalu, T2: Will be operating from 10/20 thru 10/27/2017. QSL via 3D2AG.
Seychelles, S79KB: Will be operating from 10/20 thru 11/1/2017. QSL via DL2SBY.
Botswana, A25A: Will be operating from 10/20 thru 11/5/2017. QSL via NJ0F.
Bangladesh, S2: Will be operating from 10/21 thru 10/25/2017. QSL via SM6CVX.
Cocos Keeling, VK9CZ: Will be operating from 10/22 thru 11/6/2017. QSL via N3SL.
Bhutan, A52SJ: Will be operating on 10/26/2017 only. QSL via N6SJ.
Cyprus SBA: Will be operating from 10/27 thru 10/31/2017. QSL via G0KOM.
Liberia, 5L3BI: Will be operating from 10/31 thru 11/4/2017. QSL via M0OXO.

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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, for training and checkout.

Check out the special events page on k6aa.org for the latest from arrl and e-ham net.

Additional Calendar Notes**Club Roundtable**

Held weekly on
Thursdays at 8pm
145.510 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 **by appointment**. Go to k6aa.org/licensing-exams/

Also available most Wednesdays, again ... **by appointment**.

If no one schedules an exam, there won't necessarily be an exam team or exam material available.



The Museum is at the Foot of 6th Street. To get to the Break Room, walk past the main entrance around to the north end (nearest the Iowa) until you see the gate. There will be a greeter at the gate to the Break Room.

