



# The Short Circuit

December 2019

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## Next Meeting

Breakfast at Think Café

Welcome volunteers filling next year's slate of officers

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 am  
at the Think Café**

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## Weekly Club Net

Join us on the URAC Club Net Thursdays at 8:00 P.M. 145.510 simplex.

## K6AA monitors

Frequency 145.51 MHz

## Club Station K6AA

Website: [k6aa.org](http://k6aa.org)

The club station is located in the Los Angeles Maritime Museum and is open to club members during museum operating hours.

The December meeting of the United Radio Amateur Club will be held SATURDAY, December 7th, in conjunction with the *First Saturday Breakfast*, 8 am at the Think Café (302 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street) in San Pedro.

## Results of the Election of Officers for year 2020:

President:	Ivan Mikulich	KB6ATT
Vice Pres:	John Linder	KC6JHV
Secretary:	Janet Meek	
Treasurer:	Gary Forister	N6HMR
Past Pres:	Sam Lollar	K1SL
Director:	Steve Mandich	K6NT
Director:	Larry Fadden	KK6TXN
Director:	Homer Meek	K6HKT
Director:	John Rockwood	WA6SDK



## **URAC 2019 Holiday Party & Installation of Officers**

Saturday, December 21, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at Think Café

## **Menu**

12 oz. New York Steak with Baked Potato, or  
Grilled Halibut, or  
Grilled Salmon, or  
Lamb Shank, or  
Vegetarian Pasta

**(Menu selection subject to change)**

Includes Soup or Salad, Fresh Bread & Butter, Dessert, Soda, Coffee or Tea

**Program info follows on next page**

## Program for the evening

No host happy hour 6 PM - 7 PM

Dinner is ordered at 7 PM and served as soon as prepared

Officers sworn in at 8:30 PM

Thieves' Exchange starts at 8:45 PM

Event ends NLT 10 PM

### **\$38 per person**

- **Payment deadline: *Received* no later than December 16th**
- Checks made payable to "URAC" may be mailed to the Treasurer:

Gary Forister  
4127 Paseo De Las Tortugas  
Torrance CA 90505-6325

- Payment may also be made in person at the breakfast gathering Saturday December 7th
- Thieve's Exchange: to participate, bring a wrapped gift valued at least \$20

## **Thieves Exchange (Holiday Party) Game Rules**

Each person who wants to participate needs to bring a wrapped gift worth at least \$20. Each person will draw a number.

The game begins with the person who has number #1. That person will select one of the wrapped gifts, and then open it for all to see (gifts must remain in plain sight until the end of the game).

The person with number #2 then takes their turn. They have a choice: they may either choose one of the remaining wrapped gifts and open it (as did #1), or they may elect to "steal" #1's gift from them. In the latter case, #1 then has to choose a new wrapped gift.

The player with number #3 then begins with the same choice that #2 had: choose a wrapped gift, or steal one of the unwrapped gifts from someone who has already taken their turn.

This pattern continues until all players have a gift.

The following additional rules apply:

- first, a gift may only be stolen once in a turn. In the above, if #3 were to steal #1's gift, and #1 were to then steal #2's gift, #2 has to choose one of the wrapped presents; he or she can not steal #3's gift.
- In addition to only being stolen once in a turn, a gift may only be stolen 2 times in total. The second time a gift is stolen, it is said to be "frozen." It belongs to the person who stole it the second time. To track this, we will have stickers which will be placed on a gift each time it is stolen. A gift with two stickers is frozen.

**ANNOUNCED DX OPERATIONS 2019** ... check out this link [Link to DX Operations](#)

## Special Event Stations December 2019:

• **12/01/2019 | W2W – Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration Dec 1-Dec 8, 1300Z-2200Z, W2W**, Baltimore, MD. Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum (ARCNEM). 14.241 14.041 7.241 7.041. Certificate & QSL. W2W – Pearl Harbor Special Event, PO Box 1693, MS 4015, Baltimore, MD 21203. Amateur Radio Club of the National Electronics Museum (ARCNEM) will operate W2W in commemoration of the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day and the role of electronics in WWII. Primary operation will be Dec 6-Dec 8 with additional operation possible during the Dec 1-Dec 5 period, as operator availability permits. Operation on 80M (3.541, 3.841) and digital modes possible during event. Frequencies +/- according to QRM. QSL and Certificate available via SASE; details at [ww-2.us](http://ww-2.us)

• **12/01/2019 | YP-XMAS spreading Christmas cheer for the 4th year Dec 1-Dec 31, 0000Z-2359Z, YP2XMAS**, Timisoara, ROMANIA. The Romanian Radioclub Association A.R.R.. 3.710 7.130 14.252 1.852. Certificate. Sorin Barbu, YO2MSB, blv. Cetatii no. 62 sc. A ap. 27, Timisoara 300653, ROMANIA. Santa Claus and his Ham Radio elves will be operating from YO again in 2019 for the fourth consecutive year. While a number of countries organize Christmas activities, in Romania hams from every call sign district will be on the air the entire month of December. They will be using special event call signs approved by the Romanian telcomm authorities: YP2XMAS through YP9XMAS. Look for them on all bands, not only in SSB and CW but also FM (UHF/VHF) and even FT8. Those who make a QSO with at least three different YP-XMAS callsigns will get their own Christmas present — upon submitting a log extract, they will receive a special event certificate sent to them electronically at no charge. And, of course, everyone is entitled to a hardcopy QSL upon request. [www.qrz.com/db/YP2XMAS](http://www.qrz.com/db/YP2XMAS)

• **12/05/2019 | Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Dec 5-Dec 10, 0000Z-0000Z, W5W**, Cleburne, TX. Club KC5NX. 14.225 14.045 7.225 7.045. QSL.

Club KC5NX, 9200 Summit Court West, Cleburne, TX 76033-8212. Club KC5NX will be on the air again this year as W5W to bring to remembrance the December 07, 1942 loss at Pearl Harbor.... The damage done, the lives lost, and the coming together of the American People at that time.... Multi-operators will be covering most bands and modes.... Special request ? we look forward to them... club.kc5nx@gmail.com [www.qrz.com/db/kc5nx](http://www.qrz.com/db/kc5nx)

• **12/06/2019 | 125 Years – Ripley's Crookedest Street, Snake Alley Dec 6-Dec 7, 1600Z-2200Z, W0FUN**, Burlington, Iowa. Iowa Radiosport Society. 14.240 14.059 7.220 7.059. QSL. Iowa Radiosport Society, P.O. Box 73, Denmark, IA 52624-0073.

• **12/07/2019 | 80th Anniversary of the Sikorsky VS-300 Helicopter Dec 7-Dec 15, 0000Z-2359Z, K1S**, Stratford, CT. Stratford Amateur Radio Club SARC. 18.150 14.240 7.230 3.925. QSL. SARC c/o Dave Arruzza, 32 Benz Street, Ansonia, CT 06401. SASE for commemorative QSL card.

• **12/07/2019 | Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Dec 7, 1600Z-2200Z, K7UAZ**, Tucson, AZ. Oro Valley ARC. 14.250 USB 7.035 CW. Certificate. send, email, to [qsl@tucsonhamradio.org](mailto:qsl@tucsonhamradio.org). From the USS Arizona Memorial on the University of Arizona campus. For certificate, email to [qsl@tucsonhamradio.org](mailto:qsl@tucsonhamradio.org). No paper QSLs, please. [TucsonHamRadio.org](http://TucsonHamRadio.org)

• **12/07/2019 | Skywarn Recognition Day Dec 7, 0000Z-2359Z, N0W**, Fruita, CO. Mesa County Skywarn. 14.286 7.235 3.990. Certificate & QSL. Al Acker, WA4HND, 1685 Mae Ct., Fruita, CO 81521. [WA4HND@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WA4HND@GMAIL.COM)

• **12/09/2019 | Tuscaloosa, Alabama 200th Birthday Celebration Dec 9-Dec 15, 0000Z-0000Z, N4T**, Tuscaloosa, AL. Tuscaloosa area operators. 21.335 14.235 7.235 3.935. QSL. Kirk Junkin, Tuscaloosa 200 Birthday Event, PO Box 21174, Tuscaloosa, AL 35402-1174. Multi-

Operators will be on-air from different areas of the city during the week of December 9 – 15th, 2019, celebrating the Bicentennial Birthday of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, with N4T. All HF bands/modes, including FT4/FT8, as well as 6M and 2M contacts will be available. Check website and DX-spotting sites for exact frequencies and times. Plans to operate from downtown Tuscaloosa on Friday, December 13th (the actual birthday) and Saturday, December 14th, weather and conditions permitting. <https://www.bamaradio.biz>

- **12/12/2019 | WX3MAS Special Event Dec 12-Dec 15, 1400Z-2200Z, WX3MAS**, Nazareth, PA. Christmas City Amateur Radio Club. CW and PSK31 on 20 and 40 meters; 14.265 7.270 3.850. QSL. Christmas City Amateur Radio Club, 14 Gracedale Ave, Greystone Building, Nazareth, PA 18064. 50 Anniversary! Christmas City ARC and the Delaware-Lehigh ARC. . Send QSL and SASE (A6 size or larger for 4"x 6" card) to WX3MAS, 14 Gracedale Ave, Greystone Building, Nazareth, PA 18064. Operation details at [www.dlarc.org](http://www.dlarc.org)
- **12/14/2019 | Bethlehem on the Air Dec 14-Dec 15, 1500Z-0000Z, W9WWI**, New Washington, IN. Clark County Amateur Radio Club of Southern Indiana . 14.250 7.200; All Bands, All Modes. Certificate. Clark County Amateur Radio Club, W9WWI, Richard Humphrey Secretary , 4208 Perry Crossing Road, Sellersburg, IN 47172. In celebration of the holiday season. Look for us on FT8, n9dprh@gmail.com or [www.clarkcountyar.org](http://www.clarkcountyar.org)
- **12/14/2019 | Christmas in Bethlehem Dec 14-Dec 24, 1400Z-2359Z, KC5OUR**, Belen, NM. Valencia County Amateur Radio Association. 14.283 7.183 3.883 21.183. QSL. VCARA, PO Box 268, Peralta, NM 87042. Celebrating Christmas in Bethlehem New Mexico. [kc5our@arrl.net](mailto:kc5our@arrl.net)
- **12/14/2019 | Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Special Event Dec 14, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW**, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Ship. 14.320 7.250 PSK31 14.070 DSTAR REF001C. QSL. USS Midway Museum Ship COMEDTRA, 910 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.
- **12/17/2019 | 52 Years of Amateur Radio Dec 17-Dec 31, 0001Z-2359Z, K4Q**, St Simons Island, GA. N4XU. 7.037. QSL. Bob Wilson, N4XU, 209

Broadway Street, Saint Simons Island, GA 31522. Will try to operate 3 kHz down from IOTA Meeting Frequencies on cw, and any available spot in the USA General-class portion on ssb. Multi-band/mode contacts are welcome. <https://www.qrz.com/db/K4Q>

- **12/26/2019 | Commemorating the US Revolutionary War – Historic “Battle of Trenton” Dec 26-Dec 30, 0000Z-2359Z, W2T**, West Trenton, NJ. Delaware Valley Radio Association. 14.225 7.175. Certificate & QSL. Delaware Valley Radio Association, PO Box 7024, Trenton, NJ 08628-0024. [www.w2zq.com](http://www.w2zq.com)
- **12/29/2019 | 21st Annual Ham Radio University Educational Conference Dec 29-Jan 5, 0000Z-0300Z, W2HRU**, Lindenhurst, NY. Ham Radio University. 14.273 7.273 7.074 3.923. Certificate & QSL. Phil Lewis, N2MUN, 22 Belle Terre West, Lindenhurst, NY 11757. Operating at various times on SSB and FT8. Electronic QSL via eQSL and LoTW. Paper QSL via W2 QSL Bureau or direct w/SASE to Phil Lewis, N2MUN, 22 Belle Terre West, Lindenhurst, NY 11757. On-Line printable QSL Certificate available at: [https://www.elemcoshopfloor.com/w2hru\\_cert.hamradiouniversity.org](https://www.elemcoshopfloor.com/w2hru_cert.hamradiouniversity.org)
- **12/31/2019 | Commemorating the US Revolutionary War – Historic “Battle of Princeton” Dec 31-Jan 6, 0000Z-2359Z, W2P**, Trenton, NJ. Delaware Valley Radio Association. 14.225 7.175. Certificate & QSL. Delaware Valley Radio Association, PO BOX 7024, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0024. <https://www.w2zq.com>  
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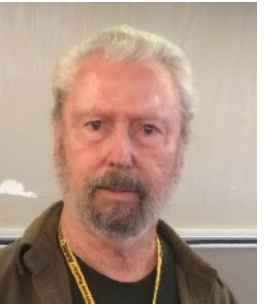




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> World AIDS Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> URAC Thursday 2M Roundtable, 8 pm, 145.510 simplex. 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> First Saturday Breakfast & URAC membership meeting; 8 am, Think Café, San Pedro
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Human Rights Day	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> URAC Thursday 2M Roundtable, 8 pm, 145.510 simplex. 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> URAC Thursday 2M Roundtable, 8 pm, 145.510 simplex. 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Winter Solstice URAC Holiday Party and Installation of Officers, 7 pm, Think Café, San Pedro
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas</b> 	<b>26</b> URAC Thursday 2M Roundtable, 8 pm, 145.510 simplex. 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Years Eve 				

## URAC 2-month Calendar

Date	Time	Event
05-Dec-19	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
07-Dec-19	08:00	URAC First Saturday Breakfast and meeting, 8 am, Think Café, San Pedro
12-Dec-19	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
19-Dec-19	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
21-Dec-19	18:00 - 22:00	Holiday Dinner - officially starts 7 pm
26-Dec-19	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
31-Dec-19	16:00 -	Straight Key Night - ARRL (01JAN20 00:00 - 23:59 UTC)
01-Jan-20	- 15:59	Straight Key Night - ARRL (01JAN20 00:00 - 23:59 UTC)
02-Jan-20	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
04-Jan-20	08:00	URAC First Saturday Breakfast and meeting, 8 am, Think Café, San Pedro
09-Jan-20	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
16-Jan-20	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
23-Jan-20	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
30-Jan-20	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz



## 2019 URAC Executive Board

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