



The Short Circuit

March Speaker Dr. Arnie Shatz, N6HC



Our speaker for the March meeting will be Arnie Shatz, N6HC, of Santa Ana, CA. Arnie is an experienced DX'er, and will give a presentation on his FT5ZM Dxpedition to Amsterdam Island in the Southern Indian Ocean. This Dxpedition was so successful, it even has it's own entry in the Wikipedia page on Amsterdam Island: In the past there were frequent amateur radio operations from Amsterdam Island between 1987 and 1998. There was even a resident radio amateur operator in the 1950s using callsign FB8ZZ.[8] As of January 2014, Clublog listed Amsterdam and St Paul Islands as the seventh most-wanted DXCC entity.[9] On January 25, 2014 a DX-pedition landed on Amsterdam Island using M/V Braveheart and began amateur radio operations from two separate locations using callsign FT5ZM. The DX-pedition remained active until February 12, 2014 and achieved over 170000 two-way contacts with amateur radio stations worldwide.

Arnie's bio from his QRZ entry tells us the following about him:

I was first licensed as KN3ANU at the age of 13 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and quickly upgraded to a General Class ticket. I received an Official Relay Station (ORS) appointment from the ARRL and enjoyed handling CW traffic and participating in CD contests. Amateur radio was put on hold while I attended Temple University and earned a B.S. in Biology and a M.D. degree. Post medical school training followed at the University of California, San Francisco and service in the United States Public Health Service (Department of the Navy- Lieutenant Commander), Indian Health Service on the Navajo and Hopi reservations.

I have been an ARRL member for more than 50 years and I am a member of the league's Legacy Circle and Maxim Society. I serve as a Volunteer Examiner and a field QSL card checker for both ARRL and CQ awards. I am a member of the Southern California DX club (Vice-President-2009), Northern California DX Foundation, Southern California Contest Club and Orange County Amateur Radio Club. I am also a member of the Chiltern DX Association (UK) and the Medical Amateur Radio Council, Ltd. (MARCO). I was elected to membership in the A-1 operators club and I have earned many operating awards including WAS (6 bands, SSB, CW, RTTY), DXCC Honor Roll, DXCC (8 bands, SSB, CW, RTTY), WAZ (CW & SSB), WAC, WPX (SSB & CW), and VUCC. I am an active contester and have earned numerous awards for participation in both domestic and DX competitions. I have operated from many places around the continental United States as well as Hawaii, Alaska, Mexico, Samoa and Prince Edward Island. I was named the DXer of the Year (2012) by the Southern California DX Club.

I have been a team member of nine major DXpeditions: K7C-Kure atoll (2005), 3B7C- St. Brandon Island (2007), TX5C- Clipperton Island (2008), K4M-Midway Island (2009), T31A- Kanton atoll, Central Kiribati (2011), T32C- Christmas Island, Eastern Kiribati (2011), NH8S-Swains Island (2012), T33A-Banaba (2013) and FT5ZM- Amsterdam Island (2014).

Join us on Friday, March 20th to hear Arnie give a fascinating presentation on a high-level Dxpedition to on of the rare ones!



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, March 7, 2015

Anticipating the time change later in the day, yours truly made a grand and late entrance to the Think Café to find 17 members and guests enjoying the food and hospitality. Here's what they reported:

John, KC6JHV is going on a trip soon to the east coast, and will be staying near Washington D.C.
Nick, N6EFI, is anticipating the results from impending cataract surgery. Good to see you too, Nick.

Doug, W6HB reports that Ana sends her regards to all.

Ingo, KK6EWB and Mary will be off shortly to visit Rayne, LA, the "Frog Capital of the World", to enjoy the food, the weather and the Hamvention there.

Gary, N6HMR and Treva, N6HMS report that the examinee who took the commercial license exam (he was 'in and out') today, was successful.

Scotty, K6ZNL, says that she would be willing to be Field Day Chairman for 2015 (!!!) IF there is a volunteer to be either Co-chair or Assistant chair... (Anyone interested please call or e-mail) She and Tom will be out of town for all of June this year, arriving back the day before Field Day.

John, WA6SDK had no report but ran the certificate prize drawing as usual.

Martin, N6UB related his latest DMV horror story having to do with the long wait times. He advises us to a) make an appointment VERY FAR in advance, or b) bring a chair for the lines. The delay results from a great many people applying for drivers licenses who were not eligible in the past and the lack of extra staff to accommodate the increase.
Candy, xyl to Doug, KB7QWW tells us that they live here part of the year and will be returning to Idaho in the near future.

Andy, N7KFL was with us.

John Carl Rogers, AG6VO recently re-joined the club. He felt at home here since he took (and passed) all three of his license exams here. As a retired teacher, originally from Pasadena, he now lives in Seal Beach. By the way, our website has some serious all of which he found in trying to get hold of someone from the club.

Sam, KK6HMP, also from Seal Beach compared notes with several attendees about working as an operator on the Queen Mary. Welcome visitor.

David Reid, W6KL, passed.

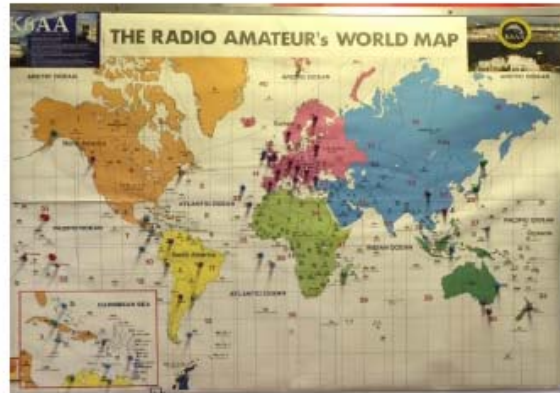
Tom, K6LQI, in attendance after several years' absence from the Breakfasts, described his latest boat anchor (a Johnson Viking II, 1952) and WON the Certificate.

Still looking for a permanent Scribe,
Scotty, K6ZNL

K6AA Station Report: 2014

2014 was a good year for contacts from K6AA: Eight operators logged 898 hours and 1000 total contacts, of which 178 were DX contacts and 154 were CW mode. The table below gives contacts by month and type and does not include additional contacts made on Museum Ship's Weekend or Field Day. The map shows Where the DX occurred.

Month	# of QSOs	# of DX	# of CW
January	85	9	18
February	115	21	18
March	86	17	14
April	110	15	12
May	92	25	19
June	81	15	17
July	65	10	11
August	20	4	13
September	79	8	7
October	113	20	4
November	78	16	14
December	76	18	7
Totals*	1000	178	154
*Does not include Museum Ship's Weekend			
29 WIAW QSOs		24 different states	
178 DX contacts		75 distinct DX entities	



Here's the list for 2014:

American Samoa, Antigua, Argentina, Ascension Island, Austral Islands, Tubuai, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Belize, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Canary Islands, Caymen Islands, Columbia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, England, Estonia, Falkland Islands, Finland, France, French Guiana, Galapagos Islands, Germany, Greece, Guadeloupe, Guam, Ireland, Isle of Man, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Malaysia, Malta, Marquesas Islands, Marshall Islands, Martinique, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Sakhalin Island, Samoa, Santa Maria Island, Portugal, Scotland, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, St Eustatius, St Helena Island, Suriname, Switzerland, Tasmania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Wales



And remember, these great contacts were made by a small group of operators who educate the public about amateur radio in addition to having great fun on the air. Come be a part of the action. If you have not registered, get the paperwork from Doug or Scotty and start. If you ARE registered, come see us about an orientation and a time slot for volunteering. If you can't make it every week, think about coming in one shift a month.

URAC Calendar March-April

~ March 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 URAC net, 8 pm, 145.380, WA6LA repeater	6	7 First Saturday Breakfast, Think Café, 8 am
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins / International Women's Day	9	10	11	12 URAC net, 8 pm, 145.380, WA6LA repeater	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 URAC net, 8 pm, 145.380, WA6LA repeater	20 Spring Begins URAC membership meeting, LAMM, 7 pm	21
22	23	24	25	26 URAC net, 8 pm, 145.380, WA6LA repeater	27	28
29	30	31				

~ April 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 URAC net, 8 pm, 145.380, WA6LA repeater	3 Good Friday	4 First Saturday Breakfast, Think Café, 8 am
5 Easter	6	7 World Health Day	8	9 URAC net, 8 pm, 145.380, WA6LA repeater	10	11
12	13	14	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	16 URAC net, 8 pm, 145.380, WA6LA repeater	17 URAC membership meeting, LAMM, 7 pm	18
19	20	21	22 Earth Day / Administrative Professionals Day	23 URAC net, 8 pm, 145.380, WA6LA repeater	24 Arbor Day	25
26	27	28	29	30		

DX OPERATIONS FOR MARCH 2015**Per NG3K**

Guadeloupe, FG: Is now operating thru 3/30/2015. QSL via F6ITD.

Bonaire, PJ4F: Is now operating thru n3/15/2015. QSL via WS5K.

Sint Maarten, PJ7AA: Is now operating thru 3/16/2015. QSL via AAQ9A.

Tanzania, 5H1: Is now operating thru 3/11/2015. QSL via IK6CAC.

Ecuador, HC1MD: Is now operating thru 3/13/2015. QSL via K8LJG.

St Pierre & Miquelon, FP: Is now operating thru 3/10/2015. QSL via KV1J.

St Maarten, PJ7C: Is now operating thru 3/9/2015. QSL via EB7DXD.

Curacao, PJ2: Is now operating thru 3/10/2015. QSL via ON4BCV.

Bonaire, PJ4: Is now operating thru 3/12/2015. QSL via DG1SGW.

Aruba, P4: Is now operating thru 3/15/2015. QSL via WA2NHA.

Vietnam, XV7BM: Is now operating thru 3/31/2015. QSL via JA8BMK.

North Cook Is, E51UFF: Is now operating thru 3/17/2015. QSL via LA5UF.

Bahamas, C6AQTF: Is now operating thru 3/9/2015. QSL via K4OV.

Micronesia, V63JYR: Is now operating thru 3/11/2015. QSL via JR1JYR.

Kenya, 5Z4LS: Is now operating thru 3/18/2015. OSL via G3RWF.

Madeira, CT9: Is now operating thru 4/1/2015. QSL via DL3KWR.

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

Eritrea, E3: Is now operating thru 3/17/2015. QSL via M0URX.

Andaman & Nicobar, VU4I: Is now operating thru 3/18/2015. QSL via ?

India, VU3LYT: Is now operating thru 3/20/2015.

South Cook Is, E61IOU: Is now operating thru 3/21/2015. QSL via ZL1IU.

French Guiana, TO5BR: Will be operating from 3/10 thru 3/23/2015. QSL via F4HGW.

Dem Rep Congo, 9Q0HQ: Will be operating from 3/10 thru 3/25/2015. QSL via I2YSB.

Palau, T88: Will be operating from 3/11 thru 3/13/2015. QSL via IT9YRE.

Mariana Is, mAH0KT: Will be operating from 3/11 thru 3/15/2015. QSL VIA JH8PHT.

Kuwait, 9K2FR: Will be operating from 3/11 thru 3/16/2015. QSL via 9K2HN.

Solomon Is, H44NT: Will be operating from 3/11 thru 3/16/2015. QSL via M0OXO.

Vietnam, 3W2JK: Will be operating from 3/11 thru 3/17/2015. QSL via SP5APW.

Uganda, 5X1XA: Will be operating from 3/11 thru 3/18/2015. QSL via G3XAQO.

Bermuda, VP9: Will be operating from 3/11 thru 3/19/2015.m QSL via G3VYI.

Montserrat, VP2MQT: Will be operating from 3/11 thru 3/25/2015. QSL via N7QT.

Malawi, 7Qaa: Will be operating from 3/11 thru 4/1/2015. QSL via ?

Namibia, V5: Will be operating from 3/14 thru 3/15/2015. QSL via G3TXF.

Palau, T88YD: Will be operating from 3/14 thru 3/18/2015. QSL via 7K2TTJ.

Cayman Is, ZF2UL: Will be operating from 3/14 thru 3/20/2015. QSL via K3UL.

Cape Verde Is, D44TEG: Will be operating from 3/15/2015.n QSL via HB0EBT.

Guadeloupe, FG: Will be operating from 3/17 thru 3/26/2015. QSL via F5CCX.

Bonaire, PJ4: Will be operating from 3/17 thru 4/13/2015. QSL via NK8O.

United Arab Emirates, A6: Will be operating from 3/18 thru 3/27/2015. QSL via DK5ON.

Nepal, 9N: Will be operating from 3/18 thru 3/30/2015. QSL via SAP2FUD.

Aland Is, OH0: Will be operating from 3/19 thru 3/22/2015. QSL via OG2K.

Guam, KH2: Will be operating from 3/19 thru 3/23/2015. QSL via JS6RRR.

Chagos, VQ9XR: Will be operating from 3/19 thru 3/27/2015. QSL via N7XR.

Reunion, FR: Will be operating from 3/19 thru 4/14/2015. QSL via F5MNV.

Jersey, MJ5Z: Will be operating from 3/20 thru 3/23/2015. QSL via M0CFW.

Micronesia, V63KI: Will be operating from 3/20 thru 3/25/2015. QSL via JF1LUT.

Norfolk Is, VK9N: Will be operating from 3/20 thru 3/27/2015. QSL via VK7AN.

Easter Is, CE0Y: Will be operating from 3/20 thru 3/31/2015. QSL via LA5UF.

Namibia, V5: Will be operating from 3/21 thru 4/9/2015. QSL via DM4TK.

Nauru, C21EU: Will be operating from 3/25 thru 4/4/2015. QSL via PA3EWP.

Micronesia, V6Z: Will be operating from 3/27 thru 4/9/2015. QSL via N3SL.

Items of Interest:

From N6HE:

Ten PVARC members, including our own AI6DF and N6HE, went to Two Harbors on Catalina Island from Feb 25 – Mar 1 for their annual IOTA DXpedition. An Omni VII and two TS-590's fed a 160M flat-top, an 80/40M fan dipole, a 20M hexbeam, a 5-band hexbeam, a 12/17M elevated ground plane, and a 10M rotatable dipole. Final count not in yet, but they estimate about 1,000 QSO's. NZ6L and AF6VT climbed 1,800 feet to the top of Silver Peak and activated it for the Summits On The Air program – this was the first-ever activation of Silver Peak. Forecasts of horrible weather didn't materialize and they had a blast!


Links of Interest:

Check out Helen Leadbetter:

[Click here: Helen Leadbetter, 92, reveals secret story told in The Imitation Game - Kitchener-Waterloo - CBC News](#)

MSFC Amateur Radio Station:

[Click here: MSFC Amateur Radio Station | NN4SA, formerly WA4NZD](#)

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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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