



The Short Circuit



August URAC meeting: PIZZA PARTY/POTLUCK



URAC will be having a summertime Pizza/Potluck Party in August. THE PLAN is to be able to use the deck behind our meeting room at the Maritime Museum, so we will be once again be able to enjoy a warm, calm, balmy evening on the harbor with fellow hams. When we receive permission to do this, we will be sending out an e-mail with the following details:

The Pizza/Potluck Party will be held on Friday, August 21st. Set-up begins at 5:00 p.m., and dinner is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT: Members are needed to help set up and then, later on, take down and clean up.

The cost is \$15.00 a person. Gina Mandich, KF6MYQ, must have your reservation **AND MONEY** in hand by **Monday, August 17th**, so that she can plan on how much pizza to order. Checks need to be made payable to "URAC." Please send your payment to Gina Mandich, 913 Barhugh Place, San Pedro, CA 90731. (Please don't tell Gina that you will bring the payment to her at the event).

Keep in mind that this is also a potluck. Everybody needs to bring either a side dish or dessert to share, **sufficient enough to feed 8-10 people**. Please remember to supply a **SERVING UTENSIL**, if your side dish or dessert requires one, as none will be provided at the party.

URAC will supply paper plates, **EATING** utensils, napkins, and bottled water. Members may bring their own soda, if they desire.

Please remember that **NO alcohol** is allowed at this event, per City policy.

We are looking forward to this fun evening and hope to see you there!

Gina Mandich, KF6MYQ

August First Saturday Breakfast

Hey, it's August already...look who made it out to the breakfast:

Homer, K6HKT, brought photos of a road trip he and his daughter made to the (really) wilds of Alaska, including Deadhorse (about 250 mi north of the Arctic Circle) and Barrow. They drove from Barrow to Fairbanks on 450 miles of gravel road!

Bill, W6AJ, says nothing much has happened except 'getting older'. Ed. Note: Right. Consider the alternative.

Sam, KK6HMP, was with us.

John, AG6VO, has put up a new antenna and finds it works much better on the net. He is in the process of upgrading his base station radio also. This all led to a discussion on antennas and how best to reach them for maintenance:

Doug, KB7QWW, suggests a pulley system. This also brought up the subject of the bill in congress re antennas.

Nick, N6EFI, caught up on things to do around the house, and is exploring SDR radio...listen through your computer. He is trying out Windows 10 and reports that it is mostly OK.

Tom, KJ6JPZ, is between trips, supervising various home improvement projects. He reports that he used the weather mapping part of the Ford in-car navigation system and that it works well.

Scotty, K6ZNL, reports that K6AA is still alive and kicking, even though the low bands are not: only DX she has talked to lately were on 17 or 20. We received the certificate of participation for Museum Ships Weekend already.

John, WA6SDK, recommends a documentary on Legos that he saw recently. It is titled: A Lego Brick-U-mentory.

Treva, N6HMS, and Gary, N6HMR recently returned from camping near Bishop, so that Gary could 'soar' (in the gliders). They had quite an adventure with the recent storms in the area.

Ingo, KK6EWB, and wife Mary recently returned from attending the International Airstream Rally in Farmington, NM, and had a great time with other Hams.

Don, NA6Z, has finally decided to pull the plug (sort-of) ... so in October he will become "semi-retired," only working half-time. He related to us a cat story in preparation.

Doug, W6HB, thanked Nick for help wiring his patio for lights. For the club, he is in charge of permission to use the back deck for our August pizza party/potluck and related his jousts with the city and POLA. ALSO: we are missing the signal link from the station (a tiny grey box that used to sit next to the digital clock). If anyone knows where it is, please get in touch with Doug.

Steve, K6NT, relays that Gina, KF6MYQ, is working on the potluck details.

Andy, N7KFL won the certificate.

Scotty K6ZNL ... (reluctant) Breakfast scribe



URAC Calendar, August / September, 2015



~ August 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 First Saturday Breakfast, Think Café 8 am
2 International Friendship Day	3	4	5	6 Weekly URAC net, 145.380, 8 pm	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 International Left-Handers Day, Weekly URAC net, 145.380, 8 pm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 6 Weekly URAC net, 145.380, 8 pm	21 URAC meeting: Pizza Party and Potluck, Set up 5 pm, dinner 7 pm, LAMM. International Lighthouse, Lightship's Weekend	22 International Lighthouse, Lightship's Weekend
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30	31					

~ September 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Weekly URAC net, 145.380, 8 pm	4	5 First Saturday Breakfast, Think Café 8 am
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10 Weekly URAC net, 145.380, 8 pm	11 Patriot Day 9/11	12 ARRL SW HAMCON, Torrance Marriott
13 ARRL SW HAMCON, Torrance Marriott	14	15	16	17 Weekly URAC net, 145.380, 8 pm	18 URAC meeting. 7 pm, LAMM	19
20	21 International Day of Peace	22	23 Fall Begins	24 Weekly URAC net, 145.380, 8 pm	25	26
27	28	29	30			

DX OPERATIONS FOR AUGUST 2015

Per NG3K

Ethiopia, ET3AA: Is now operating thru 8/21/2015. QSL via US0LW.
Djibouti, J30JM: Is now operating thru 9/15/2015. QSL via F5LCI.
Vanuatu, YJ8RN: Is now operating thru 8/14/2015. QSL via YJ8RN.
Galapagos, HC8: Is now operating thru 8/24/2015. QSL via FB4HW.
Ogasawara, JD1: Is now operating thru 8/9/2015. QSL via JO1LVZ.
Faroe Is, OY: Is now operating thru 8/10/2015. QSL via DL2JRM.
Luxembourg, LX9YL: Is now operating thru 8/10/2015. QSL via HB9EPE.
Monaco, 3A: Is now operating thru 8/15/2015. QSL via IZ8EGM.
Mariana Is, NH0J: Is now operating thru 8/13/2015. QSL via JR2UYE.
Seychelles, S79DPX: Will be operating from 8/9 thru 8/23/2015. QSL via IK2DUW.
Iceland, TF: Will be operating from 8/10 thru 8/15/2015. QSL via F4EFI.
Dodecanese, SV5: Will be operating from 8/12 thru 8/19/2015. QSL via DL1ZB.
Gambia, C5WP: Will be operating from 8/15 thru 9/1/2015. QSL via ON7WP.
Corsica, TK: Will be operating from 8/24 thru 8/29/2015. QSL via IW1RLS.
Fernando de Noronja, PY0F: Will be operating from 8/26 thru 8/31/2015. QSL via PP1CSZ.
Iceland, TF: Will be operating from 8/31 thru 9/7/2015. QSL via K2VHN.

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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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