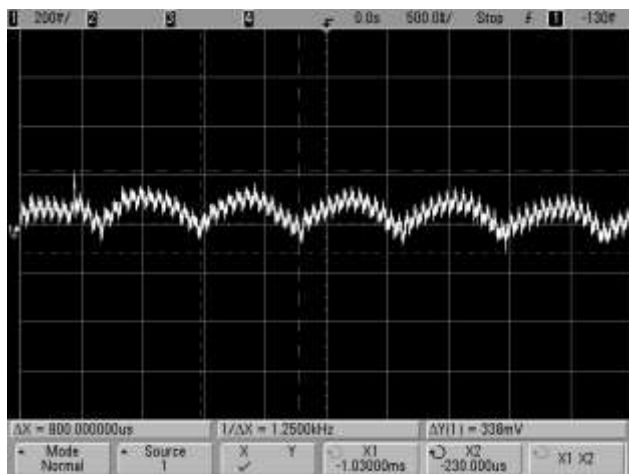




The Short Circuit

The October meeting of the United Radio Amateur Club will be held Friday, November 18th, at 7 pm in the break room of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, located at Berth 84, foot of Sixth Street in San Pedro. Parking is available in the lots adjacent to the Acapulco Restaurant just south of the Museum. There is limited handicapped parking on the street across from the museum. 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 2016 II



Note: this is what you get when you search for “mystery Ham Radio Equipmen” in the clip art folder...so right now, we don’t know what’s in store for us on the 18th, but I’m sure there will be something interesting (maybe more than one) great place to get your gift for that special nerdy someone...AND there will be baked goods.



QST de President Doug, W6HB...

Welcome to the California winter and daylight losing time. With 97 degrees at my QTH today something seems amiss.

November 18th's meeting will be our 2nd White Elephant Sale of the year with the proceeds to be applied to the December Party gift pool. Grab all your goodies and watch Magician Jim, KQ6EA, turn them into dollars for the club. Plan to show up early to make it easier to convey your wares into the museum. We have been asked by the Port Police to not drive in to unload, but we can unload at the curved curb. Consider bringing a fold up hand cart if you have one.

We are off to a decent start with payments and reservations for our holiday party at the Think Cafe on December 16th. Have you done the deed yet? The form and information should be in this issue of the Short Circuit if you need it.

Dues for 2017 will remain at the same rate as 2016. You can download and print or E-submit your application to be found at www.k6aa.org. Checks made out to URAC go to Scotty, K6ZNL, through 2016 and Gary, N6HMR, picks up the reins in January.

Many thanks to Bioenno Power for their fantastic presentation last month. They educated us on their line of LiFePO4 high capacity, light weight and long life and high duty cycle power sources. Congratulations to Treva, N6HMS, who won the battery and charger they donated to our door prize pool.

Please E-mail me or Bill if you are available to help out at a Saturday work party at Angels Gate. Based on availability we will buy the hardware and then schedule a date to attack the project. We cannot let this ongoing concern go unworked for another year!

Thanks to your 2017 officers who stepped up to serve and were elected by acclimation at the October meeting. Check out the listing on the Web site and thank them for their service. All new BOD members please see Gary, N6HMR, the have your picture taken for the Short Circuit and Web site.

See you at the meeting or on the air Thursday nights on 145.510 simplex.....

73 - Doug - W6HB

November First Saturday Breakfast



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Eighteen souls appeared for the November Breakfast. Here are their stories:

Bruce, AG6BJ comes to us fresh from a stay in the hospital; he says it's nice to be home and he is getting stronger all the time (as evidence of that he did indeed operate during the CQ Worldwide DX contest!). He thanks us for the visits, cards and calls when he was in the hospital.

Doug, W6HB, incoming (and outgoing) URAC president reminds us that this month's meeting is our second White Elephant Sale, proceeds to be used for end of year prizes, and that our Holiday/Christmas Party is the third Friday in December (December 16th). Price of the party this year is \$33.00 including tax and tip. Officer slate elected at the October meeting is:

- President: Doug Dowds, W6HB
- Vice President: Bill Carter, W6AJ
- Secretary: John Rockwood, WA6SDK
- Treasurer: Gary Forister, N6HMR
- Director: Steve Mandich, K6NT
- Director: Homer Meek, K6HKT
- Director: David Reid, W6KL
- Director: Larry Fadden, KK6TXN

John, KC6JHV recently went to Laughlin, Nevada and had a great time.

Bill, W6AJ reminds us (me specifically), that his cousin's call sign is G0ZEP and not K0ZEP that was reported last month.

Andrea, Homer's (K6HKT) daughter joined us this morning.

Homer, K6HKT reports that he missed the last membership meeting (with the battery presentation) because he too was in Laughlin. The good news is that Homers new marine VHF antenna checks one to one on the emergency channel frequency, 16. It came with 20 feet of coax, and I was going to trim to length at the radio, but on advice from a club expert, and then reading later, you leave it full length. It's good to ask questions.

(added later from Homer)

NOTE: the presentation is on the website on the first page of the members only section. See Gary, N6HMR if you can't log in...

David, W6KL had to leave early, but on the way out he told us that he is getting rid of most of his Boat Anchors...

Steve, K6NT, reported a great turnout for Trick-or-Treaters at his house; over 1700 kids! Kept them busy.

John, WA6SDK, is getting back into Round Dancing again, instead of just Square Dancing.

Scotty, K6ZNL, has a new car: A Subaru Crosstrek in "hyper-blue". See it in the parking lot. She reported a large number of DX contacts at the station Saturday (CQ contest mentioned above), mostly to South America but one to Australia.

Tom, KJ6JPZ could claim only 12-15 kids on Halloween, but that represented a 400% increase from last year. Solar panels on the roof of his house are working out well and significantly lowering the power bill.

Sam, K1SL, had a visitor to the station from Argentina.

Norm, KG6FSA came with Ivan and Sam today. Welcome back Norm.

Gary, N6HMR is proposing that we use all battery power at Field Day next year. On another note, Gary is still taking schoolkids on glider rides.

The presentation from the last meeting on Lithium Iron Phosphate Battery Technology and Ham Radio is on the K6AA.org website. If you need to log in and don't have your password, contact Gary.

Treva, N6HMS reported on Halloween with the grandkids ages 4-6. Had a great time. Haven't gotten to the remodeling yet.

Nick, N6EFI, reported NO trick-or-treaters...but he switched off his porch light...He is enjoying his new cable service

Larry, KK6TXN has had one thing after another...termites, which required taking down all roof antennas, etc for tenting; then radio Yaesu 450 which stopped working, that is until he took it to yaesu for repairs, where it was working again (of course). He hopes to have everything up and working again.

Ivan, KB6ATT got his flu shot this year and then 9 days later got sick: flu shot or sick relatives??

Reliably submitted,

Scotty Butler (still looking for a replacement) Scribe

**URAC 2016 Holiday Party &
Installation of Officers**

December 16, 2016 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

**The Think Café
302 West 5th Street
San Pedro, CA 90731**

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

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

\$33 per person

Mail this reservation and your check payable to "URAC"

Not later than December 8, 2016 to:

Scotty Butler, K6ZNL
1054 W 31st St,
San Pedro, CA 90731-6102

Member Name & Call Sign _____

Number of Attendees _____ x \$33 = \$ _____

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

MUSEUM SHIPS WEEKEND 2016

June 4 - 5, 2016

ST-695 Angels Gate K6AA

The following operators have demonstrated their skills in the art of radio communications.



**Larry
KK6TXN**

**Tom
K6LQI**



From the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station, we thank you for your participation in the 2016 International Museum Ships Weekend.

WW1USA

October 8-9, 2016 | Battles of the Isonzo

The AMATEUR RADIO voice of the National World War I Museum and Memorial commemorating the centennial of the Great War (2014-18) confirms contact during the centennial observance operation of Oct. 8-9, 2016.

The Battles of the Isonzo were a series of 12 battles between the Austro-Hungarian and Italian armies along the Isonzo River on the eastern side of the Italian Front between June 1915 and November 1917 with a result of more than 500,000 casualties. The Eighth Battle of the Isonzo took place between Oct. 10-12, 1916.

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HAMCON 2017

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

Sharpen your colored pencils, put new points on your favorite crayons, hone your computer graphic skills, clean your watercolor brushes

Members of the 12 Clubs Participating in the Convention Organization are Eligible to Enter ONE or MORE Logo Designs.





Winner Will Receive Acknowledgement, Free Admission to Convention & Saturday Banquet Dinner Ticket

Logo Contest Rules:

1. Design must include the ARRL Logo (download from ARRL web site).
2. Convey Convention Theme "Radio for Everyone".
(DXer, Emergency Communications, Microwave or Repeater Enthusiast, Experimenter, Antenna Designs etc.).
3. **ANY** shape is OK! (round, square, triangle, irregular).
4. Limit design to 6 colors (black and white are colors).
5. Avoid fine detail (design will be used on convention pin 1.5" dia. or 1.5" height & width max).
6. Use only "sans serif" fonts (Arial, Calibri, Helvetica, etc.).
7. All entries must be submitted on 8-1/2" X 11" white paper as an E-mail attachment.
8. All entries will become the property of HAMCON 2017 and can be used at the discretion of the Convention Planning Committee.
9. Deadline for ALL entries is December 15, 2016.

Submit design to Convention Secretary, Brad Rachielles, as an E-mail attachment to: **bradrachielles@dslextrreme.com**

~ November 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 URAC 2M roundtable 145.510 MHz, 8 pm	4	5 URAC First Saturday Breakfast, 8 am Think Café, San Pedro
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8 Election Day	9	10 URAC 2M roundtable 145.510 MHz, 8 pm	11 Veterans' Day 	12
13	14	15	16	17 URAC 2M roundtable 145.510 MHz, 8 pm Great  American Smokeout	18 URAC meeting; 7 pm Los Angeles Maritime Museum: White Elephant Sale 	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30			

~ December 2016 ~						
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				1 URAC 2M roundtable 145.510 MHz, 8 pm World AIDS Day	2	3 URAC First Saturday Breakfast, 8 am Think Café, San Pedro
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11	12	13	14	15 URAC 2M roundtable 145.510 MHz, 8 pm	16 URAC Holiday Dinner and Installation of Officers, Think Café, San Pedro, 6 pm 	17
18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice (Northern) 	22 URAC 2M roundtable 145.510 MHz, 8 pm	23	24
25 	26	27	28	29 URAC 2M roundtable 145.510 MHz, 8 pm	30	31 New Year's Eve 

Celebrating your club's Elmers might encourage others ...

... Dan Romanchik KB6NU

Sam, W5KF, recently sent me a link to the Elmers' page on the Norman, OK South Canadian Amateur Radio Society (SCARS) website. Not only is it a listing of the club members who have stepped forward to Elmer new members, but also provides ways to honor current and past Elmers. This is from the SCARS newsletter:

"Elmer List on the W5NOR.org website

"This week we talk about a brand new feature on the W5NOR web site. In the amateur radio community, an experienced amateur radio operator who mentors a new or prospective ham is commonly called an **"Elmer"**. In our hobby, that seems to be a great way for knowledge to be transferred.

"Yes, we all have taken an FCC test to receive our license, however **that's** only the starting point. Remember that person that helped you set up your first radio, or gave you the courage to press the PTT button, or answered endless questions about a radio, or an antenna? **That's** the kind of thing **we're** talking about.

"Thanks to a great suggestion from Gary Skaggs WB5ULK [not sure it was my idea. – Editor], **we've** created the SCARS Elmer Page, located at <http://w5nor.org/elmers>, for us to celebrate Elmers; past, present, and future. We provide a place for Elmers to list their specialty, and contact information, which allows new hams to find someone they can ask questions of.

"Since this is a new section of the web site, this list is rather short. If **you're** willing to help others on a given topic, send a message to n5hxr@arrl.net and you will be added to the list. Right now we need lots of different categories, like antennas, radio setup, HT programming, contesting, satellite operation, high power operation, test gear, building your own gear, repairing radios, APRS, D-Star, DMR, CW, logging, etc. oh well, you get the idea.

"You **don't** need a PhD to be listed here. You just need a willingness to help others in a given area. **It's** OK to be a new ham, and be listed here. You may have just struggled through your first space contact, but **you'll** have infinitely more knowledge than the person **who's** been a ham for 40 years, and has never tried that portion of the hobby.

"Also, there is a link to the **"ARRL Elmer Award"** page of the American Radio Relay **League's** web site. Here, you can enter your favorite **Elmer's** name and callsign. The ARRL will print a nice certificate, and mail it to the address you enter. Yes, for **FREE!** This certificate can either be mailed to your favorite Elmer, or you can mail it to yourself so you can present it to them personally. Feel free to order an Elmer certificate, and present it to your Elmer at an upcoming SCARS meeting. Talk with one of the officers before the meeting to get your place on the agenda. What a great way to recognize these people for their extra efforts.

"Finally, **we've** got a place to list YOUR favorite Elmer in our SCARS Elmer Hall-of-Fame. This is the place to memorialize your Elmer, whether they are SCARS members, Silent Keys, or not. **I've** already listed a few Elmers on the list from my own travels through the hobby. **We'd** love to list the people that help us all succeed.

"So, please help make this page useful, visit the SCARS Elmer page at: <http://w5nor.org/elmers> and be listed as an Elmer, and list your favorite Elmers."

I think this is a wonderful idea, and I hope that you will consider doing something similar in your club. A little recognition could go a long way, and we need all the Elmers we can muster. And, if you're already doing this, please send me a link. I'll add that link to my website, KB6NU.Com.



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DX OPERATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2016

Per NG3K

Pitcairn Is, VP6AH: Is now operating thru 11/25/2016. QSL via K7TRB.
Burkina Faso, XT2AW: Is now operating thru 11/20/2016. QSL via M0OXO.
St Lucia, J6: Is now operating thru 11/26/2016. QSL via WA1S.
Tanzania, 5H3DX: Is now operating thru 11/12/2016. QSL via NK8O.
Benin, TY5AA: Is now operating thru 11/13/2016. QSL via F6AJL.
Honduras, HR9: Is now operating thru 11/12/2016. QSL via AD8J.
Bonaire, PJ4L: Is now operating thru 11/11/2016. QSL via ON7TQ.
St Lucia, J6: Is now operating thru 11/12/2016. QSL via AA4OC.
Cambodia, XU7MDC: Is now operating thru 11/14/2016. QSL via IZ8CCW.
St Lucia, J6: Is now operating thru 11/12/2016. QSL via N7BF.
Bonaire, PJ4: Is now operating thru 11/13/2016. QSL via N5JR.
Micronesia, V63AJ: Is now operating thru 11/16/2016. QSL via DF8AN.
Senegal, 6V1IS: Is now operating thru 11/16/2016. QSL via IK7JWX.
Tanzania, 5H3MB: Is now operating thru 12/2/2016. QSL via IK2GZU.
Mauritius, 3B8: Will be operating from 11/9 thru 12/6/2016. QSL via DJ7RJ.
West Kiribati, T30: Will be operating from 11/11/10 thru 11/16/2016. QSL via JA1KJW.
Central African Rep, TL8AO: Will be operating from 11/10 thru 11/22/2016 QSL via LA7GIA.
Curacao, PJ2: Will be operating from 11/10 thru 11/22/2016. QSL via PA3EYC.
Saba & St Eustatius, PJ6M: Will be operating from 11/11 thru 11/18/2016. QSL via K2HVN.
Palau, T88QR: Will be operating from 11/15 thru 11/17/2016. QSL via JJ1DQR.
St Kitts & Nevis, V47JA: Will be operating from 11/15 thru 12/15/2016. QSL via W5JON.
Kenya, 5Z4: Will be operating from 11/16 thru 11/30/2016. QSL via DJ6TF.
Cambodia, XU7AEZ: Will be operating from 11/16 thru 12/5/2016. QSL via RC3C.
Guam, KH2: Will be operating from 11/17 thru 11/20/2016. QSL via DF8AN.
Fernando de Noronha, PY0F: Will be operating from 11/18 thru 11/21/2016. QSL via PT7WA.
St Barthelemy, TO2EE: Will be operating from 11/18 thru 11/25/2016. QSL via K2hvn.
St Barthelemy, FJ: Will be operating from 11/19 thru 11/26/2016. QSL via KO8SCA.
Maldives, 8Q7SP: Will be operating from 11/20 thru 12/3/2016. QSL via SP6EQZ.
Nepal, 9N7NZ: Will be operating from 11/20 thru 11/23/2016. QSL via JA6GWX.
DR Congo, 9Q0HQ/3: Will be operating from 11/20 thru 11/29/2016. QSL via IS0BWM.
Curacao, PJ2: Will be operating from 11/21 thru 11/29/2016. QSL via VE7ACN.
Turks & Caicos, VP5: Will be operating from 11/21 thru 11/30/2016.m QSL via AA4NC.
Ascension Is, ZD8V: Will be operating from 11/21 thru 12/1/2016. QSL via K0AV.
Honduras, HR2: Will be operating from 11/22 thru 11/30/2016. QSL via AJ9C.
Chatham Is, ZL7: Will be operating from 11/24 thru 12/1/2016. QSL via JA1XGI.
Easter Is, CE0Y: Will be operating from 11/24 thru 12/2/2016. QSL via RZ3FW.
Micronesia, V63DX: Will be operating from 11/25 thru 11/30/2016. QSL via JA7HMZ.

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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. Gate to the Break Room.

