



The Short Circuit

June 2017

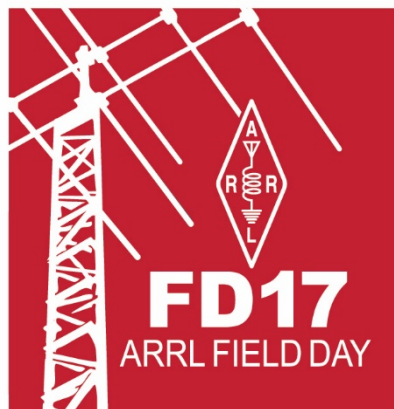
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The June meeting of the United Radio Amateur Club will be held Friday, June 16th, at 7 pm in the break room of the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, located at Berth 84, foot of Sixth Street in San Pedro. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the 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: Field Day Prep

**2A Or More...come find out how you can be a part of
Field Day 2017**



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Field Day Map
K6AA



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Friday's meeting will be the final planning for URAC's Field day effort for 2017. Participation is at an all-time low as of today and that might push us into 1A from 2A. The Downey club is in the same boat so I have extended an offer to have them join us under K6AA. I should know their response by 6/14.

KB6WKT, Bill Heather, KK6TXN, Larry, K6NT, Steve and N6EFI, Nick have done all the work that was mapped out for the club's tower. Kudos to all the worker bees! I hope to have my safety man at Bragg Crane bless it before Field Day.

The beam at K6AA at the LAMM is hung up at near south. After the smoke clears from Field Day I expect KK6TXN, Larry, to recruit a work party to check out the cause. I suspect an open lead between the rotor itself and the control box. We will see.

My operations from Rarotonga as E51DLD are behind me and I already miss the place and my friends down there. After 1744 Q's and usually a noise level of zero, I undergo at least 30 days of depression after returning to stateside. AD7MM, Bruce, and KI7DLK, Marilyn, had a good time both on the radio and snorkeling around. Expect a program in the near future thanks to Bruce's photo skills.

The May meeting was this year's first White Elephant Sale which will fund Field Day. Pickings were somewhat slim, but I do want to thank all who dug deep into their pockets for the cause.

Looking forward to seeing a few stalwarts up the hill Friday, 6/23rd.....

73 - Doug - W6HB

June First Saturday Breakfast



I am transcribing from the notes by John, WA6SDK, thanks John and I hope I read your handwriting OK and Doug says 25 attended; is that a record?...and here's what some of them had to say:

Nick, N6EFI, said he will try to make Field Day

Larry, KK6TXN said that he spent the gift certificate (from the Holiday Dinner?) on Heil equipment...wise choice.

Ivan, KB6ATT, will also try to make field day.

Gary, N6HMR brought guests: his brother Doyle and Gary Sheldon. Welcome.

Homer, K6HKT apologizes for the Thursday night net problems. (Ed. Note: we welcome all and expect only your effort. Thanks for the effort)

John, WA6SDK, has a former co-worker at USPS who is retired and recently earned her amateur radio license.

Martin, N6UB, and Mary, xyl took a driving trip through Nevada and ended up in Las Vegas for a special racing event.

Steve, K6NT, described Field Day preparations. He is in charge of the CW station. We are 2A at present. He also announced the August picnic (Third Saturday in August). He has suggested that URAC increase the money donated to the Museum for hosting the K6AA station.

John, KC6JHV, says his father is recovering from surgery and would like to do another program for URAC on Astronomy.

Stuart, WX6ST, has put up a new antenna at home. It works well on all bands after testing.

Bruce, AG6BJ, gave a brief treatise on the current solar cycle: we could be heading into a propagation minimum according to scientific reports. He also described purchase of new gear and developments (literally) of new speakers.

Faithfully submitted

Scotty Butler, K6ZNL, temporary gossip guru

Two Free Amateur Radio Courses

FCC **“Technician”** course (entry level)

FCC **“General”** course (2nd level)

Each course is 2 sessions

The sessions will be on 5 and 19 August 2017

Technician 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM both Saturdays (bring your lunch)

General 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM both Saturdays

The FCC tests will be 10:00 AM to noon on 26 August 2017

At the start of the 5 August Technician course, the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club will give a 30 minute presentation on how to get further involved with amateur radio.

The class location is at Fred Hesse Community Park,
29301 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes.

Confirm your attendance to Walt, K1DFO at waltordway@juno.com

There is no fee for either course.

Taking the FCC test is \$15.

Optional Material (sold at cost)

Gordon West books with all the FCC test questions,

\$22 for the Technician and \$26 for the General

Paper copy of Walt's Power Point charts,

\$22 for the Technician and \$22 for the General -

For courses sponsored by the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, students thru grade 12 who pass their examination at a PVARC VE test session will, upon application to the Club, be eligible for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$50 to cover the cost of materials and the examination fee.

Everyone who obtains their first ham radio license through a PVARC VE test session, regardless of age, will receive a free membership in the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club for the remainder of the current calendar year.

~ June 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 URAC Thursday 2M Roundtable; 145.510 simplex, 8 pm	2	3 URAC First Saturday Breakfast; 8 am, Think Café, San Pedro
4	5	6	7	8 URAC Thursday 2M Roundtable; 145.510 simplex, 8 pm	9	10
11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15 URAC Thursday 2M Roundtable; 145.510 simplex, 8 pm	16 URAC Membership Meeting; 7 pm, Los Angeles Maritime Museum, San Pedro	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 Summer Solstice	22 URAC Thursday 2M Roundtable; 145.510 simplex, 8 pm	23	24 Field Day, Angeles Gate Park, San Pedro
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~ July 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Canada Day URAC First Saturday Breakfast; 8 am, Think Café, San Pedro
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Greetings from the Dayton Hamvention in Xenia Ohio. Meeting Hams from all over the world, even Ms Diana of Palos Verdes fame. Our RV is parked right outside the main hall, the weather is sunny and stormy, warm and cold, and ham equipment is everywhere. A very pleasant experience!

73 to all URAC members,

Ingo - KK6EWB



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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.

