



The Short Circuit

The August meeting of the United Radio Amateur Club is a PICNIC!

Program: PICNIC; Friendship Park picnic area, San Pedro

By this time, you will have contacted Gina, KF6MYQ, to tell her how many of you are coming and what you are bringing as a side dish, and you have paid Gary, N6HMR your \$10 per head, so all there is left to do is anticipate....to help that along, here are some photos of last year's spread:



Just to remind you... Date: Saturday, August 19th, 2017

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Set-up Begins at: 11:00 a.m.

Where: Friendship Park, San Pedro (same as last year)

Cost: \$10.00/person, all ages

Bring: Either a side dish (e.g., green salads, potato salads, macaroni salads, beans, veggie platters, fruit platters, chips and dips) or a dessert. Please remember to bring a serving utensil for either your side dish or dessert.



Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, cheese slices, condiments, pickles, bottled water, ice, plates, napkins, Styrofoam cups, and eating utensils will be provided by URAC. Bring your own sodas,

if you wish. Alcohol is not permitted.

Please plan to show up early (11:00 a.m.) to assist with the set-up of the picnic area. We will also need assistance with the clean-up.



QST de President Doug, W6HB...

The URAC annual picnic will be held at Friendship Park in San Pedro in lieu of our regular LAMM meeting. The date is August 19th from 1100 to 1500. You must have made your reservation with Gina, KF6MYQ, and paid you \$10/head to Gary, N6HMR, not later than Monday August 14th. Let Gina know what you will also bring as a side dish. The club will be covering water, burgers and dogs and associated buns and condiments.

Thanks to Steve, K6NT, for the enjoyable presentation on the 2017 PVARC Annual IOTA Operation from Catalina Island at our July meeting.

K6AA will be activated from the Point Fermin Lighthouse from 1700 PDST on August 18th through 1659 PDST on August 20th for the 2017 International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend. Please sign up to set up, operate or tear down by contacting Doug, W6HB, and or Bill, KB6WKT. URAC members operating from the LAMM on these days will need to operate under their own call signs.

I will miss the September breakfast at the Think as I will be in Rarotonga from 8/27 through 9/8. Radio operations will be less than during past years as Ana and will be playing more the tourist. I will have limited E-mail and Internet be will check when I can.

73 - Doug - W6HB

August First Saturday Breakfast



Notes / Soapbox / URAC Breakfast

John, KC6JHV, described his recent trip to Wolf Mountain Sanctuary (this is his third visit)

Homer, K6HKT is learning how to use his new Android Pad.

Steve, K6NT, announced the upcoming August Picnic plans...so far 14 have signed up.

Alex, no call sign yet, is working on his Technician's license...

Martin, N6UB brought a newly purchased HT for show and tell: a Kenwood TH-D74...D-Star, advanced state of the art technology: GPS, 3 bands, etc.

Sam, K1SL made QSOs from the K6AA station recently on 10 meters, First in a long time, using the 10-10 net.

Constantino KK6VUR, an invited guest (Welcome!) just received his General class license (Congratulations).

George, WA6YBR, went camping recently and operated portable remote with wire dipole. He is also into home brewing.

Ivan, KB6ATT is planning a road trip to Canada.

John, AG6VO is planning to teach classes in Astronomy at Cal State Long Beach and Leisure World, and give programs for Handi-Hams.

Larry, KK6TKN is constructing and then learning to use a CW reader and sender. He has been working with members for the past several weeks who are helping him with CW copying and sending.

Nick, N6EFI is working a ALS-600 MFJ Amplifier...

Ana (xyl of W6HB) is thinking of hosting an Asian foreign exchange student this year. She is also remodeling.

Doug, W6HB will visit Rarotonga again soon. He is in the midst of arranging meeting programs for September and October of this year (November is our second White Elephant sale).

These notes were taken by John, WA6SDK and transcribed by Scotty, K6ZNL

Faithfully submitted

Scotty Butler, K6ZNL, temporary gossip guru



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Special Event Stations for the Total Solar Eclipse USA August 21, 2017

- **08/17/2017 | 2017 Eclipse Aug 17-Aug 21, 0500Z-0359Z, W9E**, Marion/Goreville, IL. Shawnee Amateur Radio Club and Union County Amateur Club. SSB: 14.240 7.180 3.900; CW: 80 40 20 meters; possible 160 meters depending on conditions; JT65, JT9 and PSK31 on regular frequencies. QSL. W9E c/o Thomas Beebe, W9RY, 3540 Market Rd, Marion, IL 62959. www.w9e.w9ry.com
- **08/18/2017 | SIUC Total Solar Eclipse Aug 18-Aug 22, 0000Z-2359Z, W9S**, Carbondale, IL. Southern Illinois University Amateur Radio Club. 160 CW; 80-10 all modes – focus on lower bands. Sats and 6m possible too. . QSL. Martin A Schuette, P.O. Box 29, Fulton, IL 61252. w9uih.rso.siu.edu
- **08/19/2017 | Solar Eclipse special event Historic downtown Gillette Wyoming Merchant day Aug 19-Aug 21, 1200Z-0600Z, W7S**, Gillette, WY. North East Wyoming Amateur Radio Association. 14.265 7.265 3.945 147.360. QSL. Garth Crowe, P.O. Box 2208, Gillette, WY 82717. We are activating in Gillette's Historic Downtown as visitors are going to be in the city anticipating the eclipse on the 21st of August. We will also operate on the 21st during the eclipse. newara.org
- **08/20/2017 | AA0RC Solar Eclipse Party Aug 20-Aug 21, 1700Z-2100Z, AA0RC**, Mexico, MO. Audrain Emergency Communications Inc.. 14.240 7.265 3.980 3.970. Certificate. Mike Wood, 22374 Audrain Rd.320, Mexico, MO 65265. Will begin operating 12noon Sunday until 6pm. Will begin operating 10.00am Monday until 4pm.www.aecimo.org
- **08/20/2017 | Near Zero Sunlite, Great American Eclipse, Crystal City, MO Aug 20-Aug 22, 1400Z-2200Z, N0S**, Crystal City, MO. Jefferson County Amateur Radio Club. 14.300 7.250 3.850. QSL. Jim Berger, 131 Ozark Drive, Crystal City, MO 63019. SASE Required for QSL www.jcaremo.org
- **08/20/2017 | Oregon Coast Total Eclipse Aug 20-Aug 22, 1600Z-1900Z, N7E**, Newport, OR. Lincoln County Amateur Radio Club. 28.350 14.245 7.200 3.820. QSL. Michael Eastman, PO Box 1375, Newport, OR 97365. N7OY.lcarc@gmail.com or n7oy.org
- **08/21/2017 | 2017 LCRC Solar Eclipse Special Event Aug 21, 0900Z-1700Z, K9S**, Godfrey, IL. Lewis & Clark Radio Club, Inc.. 7.225 +/- QRM 14.280 +/- QRM. QSL. Lewis & Clark Radio Club, Inc., PO Box 553, Godfrey, IL 62035. A special event QSL card is being developed for this event. All contacts during the event may receive one by sending their QSL card to: LCRC, PO Box 553, Godfrey, IL 62035. Questions or comments regarding the 2017 LCRC Solar Eclipse Special Event Station may contact us at: K9HAM@K9HAM.ORG k9ham.org
- **08/21/2017 | Great American Total Solar Eclipse 2017 Aug 21-Aug 22, 1500Z-0300Z, K7E**, Laramie, WY. N7FST. 14.256 7.183. QSL. Perry Lehman, 19828 N. 78th Ln., Glendale, AZ 85308. Special QSL card available.
- **08/21/2017 | K0E Eclipse Special Event Station Aug 21, 1500Z-1930Z, K0E**, Harrison, NE. Black Hills Amateur Radio Club. 14.280 14.260 443.850 146.2 Call in. QSL. Black Hills Amateur Radio Club, 3288 Sandstone Lane, Rapid City, SD 57701. Grid DN82bq www.w0blk.com

- **08/21/2017 | Solar Eclipse 2017 Lexington South Carolina Aug 21, 0000Z-1900Z, N4S**, Gastonia, NC. Greater Gaston Amateur Radio Society. 14.235 7.195 7.180 3.895. QSL. Robert Wells, 409 Elizabeth Street, Gastonia, NC 28054. w7csa@yahoo.com or www.ggars.org
- **08/21/2017 | Total Eclipse Across America Aug 21, 1500Z-1900Z, W0E**, Saint Joseph, MO. Missouri Valley Amateur Radio Club. 14.260 14.044 7.260 7.050. QSL. Missouri Valley ARC, 4409 North 29th Terrace, Saint Joseph, MO 64506. Celebrating center of country / center of 2017 eclipse totality.
- **08/21/2017 | Total Eclipse of the Sun Aug 21, 0000Z-2359Z, W7E**, Camano Island, WA. KW7Y. 14.020. QSL. Paul Baldock, 284 Rocky Mountain High, Camano Island, WA 98282. On August 21, 2017 there will be a total eclipse of the sun over much of the USA. W7E will be operating from Camano Island where the eclipse will reach a maximum of 89.76%. During the actual eclipse from 16:09 UTC to 18:38 UTC the station will be transmitting CW on 20 meters (and possible other bands) and collecting reports via the Reverse Beacon Network <http://www.reversebeacon.net/main.php>. All QSOs may be QSL'd via LOTW only. Listening reports may be sent directly via mail or Email.
- **08/21/2017 | Total Solar Eclipse Aug 21, 1400Z-2000Z, N9E**, Hopkinsville, KY. Special Event. 7.190 7.185 7.180. QSL. Peter Herman, 3728 Marchfield Pl, Fort Wayne, IN 46804. www.qrz.com/db/kd9vv
- **08/21/2017 | W4E Solar Eclipse Special Event Aug 21, 1500Z-2015Z, W4E**, Lexington, SC. Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club. 14.263 7.230 3.810 146.520. QSL. Terry Erlacher, 10855 Felicia Ct, Manassas, VA 20110. kc4dv@arrl.net or www.w4ovh.net

The Escanaba Report

Mary and Ingo KK6EWB were in Escanaba, Michigan, attending in July an Airstream Rally with approximately 600 silver RVs.



There is also an Airstream Amateur Radio Club with over 60 hams on site.



Every morning at 8:00 the daily net is on the air and it is a lot of fun. Many different antenna applications can be seen, this screwdriver with automatic up/down is one example.

Fellow Airstreamers lined up for ham radio classes. The exams produced a sizeable new class of Technicians.



The local K8PL Delta County Amateur Radio Society shared their Radio Shack with the visiting hams. Their 75' antenna tower made communications much easier, and look at the club members up high.

Here we're working the 40m band. As we pull our Airstream travel trailers, the local hams pull with pride their fully



equipped emergency communications trailer.









Greetings from the Upper Michigan Peninsula!

73, Ingo - KK6EWB

~ August 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 URAC 2M simplex Roundtable, 8 pm 145.510	4	5 URAC First Saturday Breakfast, Think Café, San Pedro 8 am
6 International Friendship Day	7	8	9	10 URAC 2M simplex Roundtable, 8 pm 145.510	11	12
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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.

