



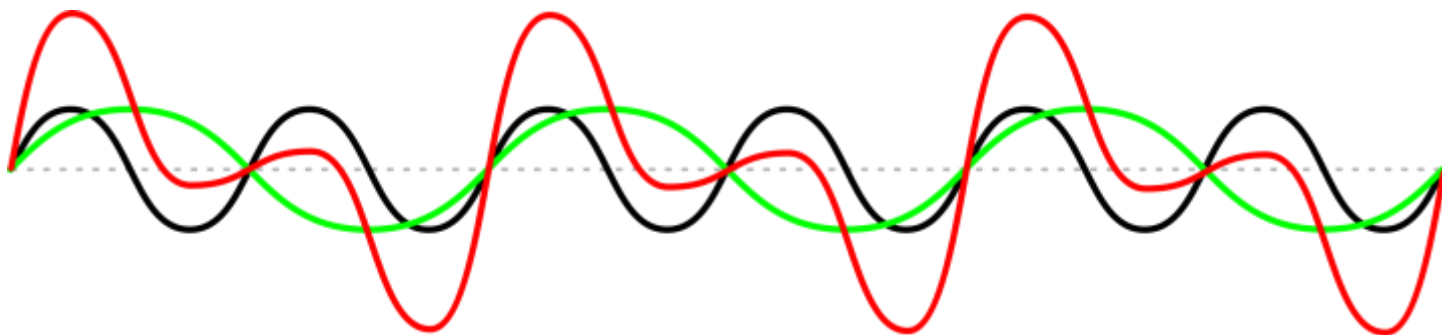
The Short Circuit

January 2018

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The February meeting of the United Radio Amateur Club will be held SATURDAY, February 3rd in conjunction with the First Saturday Breakfast, at the Think Café (302 W 5th Street) in San Pedro.



Program:



Bring your HT ("Handi-Talkie" hand held radio) for a workshop on programing and using the radios. Yes, we will even tackle the infamous Baofeng:



QST de President Sam, K1SL...

I hope all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am looking forward to K6AA up and coming breakfast/meetings. Remember our February meeting is to help program your handheld radios. If you're having problems, bring your handheld and instruction manual to the meeting.

January First Saturday Breakfast



First Saturday Breakfast: January 2018

Wow...27 members and guests showed up for our first Saturday Breakfast of the year...and also our first club meeting of the year on the new schedule (reminder, we are combining our Breakfast and our Meeting until the parking conditions at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum improve, ed). Here is the Round Table part of the morning:

Sam, K1SL, thanked everyone for coming, and announced that the program for the February Meeting (Saturday, February 3rd, 8 am, Think Café) would be HTs. Bring your handheld and we will have a workshop on handling and programming the radios; yes, even the dreaded Baofeng.

We still need a club secretary; please see Sam or any member of the board if you can help out. We need a volunteer and an alternate to represent the club in the LA Council of Amateur Radio Clubs. And lastly, we still need operators for K6AA station in the LA Maritime Museum.

Other voices around the table:

Nick, N6EFI is the moderator of the Thursday night 2 Meter Simplex roundtable; John, AG6VO is stepping down because of the demands on his time now that he has 'retired'. Nick reported having a quiet Christmas and New Year's.

John Rockwood, WA6SDK, went to the Rose Parade this year and had a seat in the grandstand!

Larry, KK6TXN was part of the antenna party for Peter V.

Bruce E. AG6BJ, brought his W1AW cards for show and tell. He recently participated in the 10-meter contest.

Don, NA6Z went though an e-mail 'bomb' in Nov/Dec. His e-mail had been subscribed to every Newsletter seemingly in the world to conceal fraud charges. Be warned.

Stuart, WX6ST has been licensed for a little over a year...but Santa brought him an IC-7610 for Christmas.

Homer, K6HKT swimming 64 degrees at Catalina. Homer brought his daughter, Janet, who has worked for 38 years for FedEx and is in the process of getting her license.

George, WA6YBR is enjoying working the K6AA station. Has been working on getting into FT-8. Lots of people and contacts.

Scotty, K6ZNL reports a QSO with a station in the Philippines (at K6AA) long path.

Tom, KJ6JPZ related the story of the 'free' modem from Cox cable ... yes, the modem was free, but the installation was \$60. Another case of be warned.

Doug W6HB is busy handing the club reins over to Sam. He has taken the Morning shift at K6AA on Thursdays. He is planning his 6th trip to Roratonga in May.

Janice and Richard KG6EJH and KG6EJK spent the holidays back east and managed to miss 'the weather' by one day.

Martin N6UB and Mary, xyl had a good time on their lengthy cruise to the far east.

Steve, K6NT got his DXCC in the mail after taking qsl cards to card-checking at the hamfest in September. His son Kevin has moved to a new job in Tokyo, Japan.

Note; there was a big discussion on credit card and computer fraud.

Scotty Butler K6ZNL (my apologies if I have left anyone out...my notes got contaminated with bre

Special Event Stations: February 2018

- **02/01/2018 | JY1 Memorial Special Event Feb 1-Feb 28, 0000Z-2359Z, N9SES**, Lake Station, IN. Arab QRZ International. 14.250 14.025 7.185 7.025. QSL. Ayman J. Azar, 8261 Decatur St, Lake Station, IN 46405. Look For World Wide Participating Stations, Some Call Signs As Follow: 7X5TV, OD5NJ, OD5YY, 4X6TT, SU1HZ, KK4OW, KK4OK, KA2HTV & N9SES www.arabqrz.com/jy
- **02/03/2018 | 170th Anniversary – Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Feb 3, 1600Z-2300Z, K7T**, Tucson, AZ. Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 14.070 7.200 7.070. Certificate. Oro Valley ARC, via e-mail only to, hfsig@tucsosnhamradio.org, for PDF, AZ 85718. No paper QSLs, please. Email hfsig@tucsosnhamradio.org for PDF certificate. www.tucsonhamradio.org
- **02/03/2018 | 3rd Annual Cabin Fever Special Event Feb 3, 1700Z-2300Z, K8PRC**, Louisville, OH. Pedestrian Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. Certificate & QSL. K8PRC, 1661 Manor Ave NW, Canton, OH 44708. www.qrz.com/db/k8prc
- **02/03/2018 | Space Shuttle Columbia Special Event Feb 3-Feb 4, 1500Z-2200Z, K5C**, Nacogdoches, TX. Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club. 21.350 14.270 7.220. QSL. Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club, 167 CR 2093, Nacogdoches, TX 75965. All contacts will be confirmed via LOTW. Special QSL card available for SASE. w5nac.com
- **02/04/2018 | 90th Anniversary of Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association (WVARA) formation as a club Feb 4-Feb 17, 1500Z-0400Z, W9U**, Terre Haute, IN. Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association (WVARA). 14.250 +- 7.250 +- 3.885 +-. Certificate. Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Assoc. Inc., c/o W9U, P.O. Box 10081, Terre Haute, IN 47801.
- **02/10/2018 | O.M.I.S.S. QSO Party Feb 10-Feb 11, 1500Z-1500Z, W1O**, East Berlin, PA. WO4L. 18.155 14.265 7.185 3.830. QSL. Robert J Hess, 74 Curtis Dr, East Berlin, PA 17316. All QSLs go to home call WO4L or eQSL (W1O), not to O.M.I.S.S. BURO unless it's contact is on a regular net.
- **02/10/2018 | USS Midway Museum Ship Special Event: Mt Surabachi Flag Raising Feb 10, 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW**, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Ship. 14.320 7.250; PSK31 on 14.070; D-STAR on REF001C. QSL. USS Midway (Cv-41) COMEDTRA, 910 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.
- **02/14/2018 | 2018 Daytona 500 – Speedweeks Feb 14-Feb 18, 0001Z-2359Z, N4DAB**, Daytona Beach, FL. Daytona Beach CERT Amateur Radio Club. 14.265 14.070. Certificate & QSL. Daytona Beach CERT ARC, c/o Steve Szabo WB4OMM, 536 Central Park Blvd, Ponce Inlet, FL 32127. 60th DAYTONA 500 – SPEEDWEEKS 2018 Daytona Beach CERT ART Special Event Station – N4DAB February 14th – February 18th, 2018 Our Fifth Year! Coordinator: Steve Szabo WB4OMM, Port Orange, FL. QSL card and Commemorative Certificate available. For more information, contact Steve WB4OMM at: wb4omm@arrl.org www.daytonacert.net/?page_id=437

- **02/16/2018 | ChathamRadio/WCC Transmitter Site 70th Anniversary Celebration**
Feb 16-Feb 18, 1200Z-2100Z, WA1WCC, Chatham, MA. WCC Amateur Radio Association. 14.262 14.042 7.042 3.532. QSL. WCC ARA, P.O. Box 1528, West Chatham, MA 02669. www.wccara.com
- **02/17/2018 | 14th Annual “Freeze Your Keys” day Feb 17, 1400Z-2200Z, W0EBB**,
Leavenworth, KS. Kickapoo QRP ARC. 14.058 14.325 7.035 7.240. QSL. Gary Auchard, 34058 167th Street, Leavenworth, KS 66048. Other bands possible if open. w0ebb@juno.com
- **02/17/2018 | George Washington Birthday Feb 17-Feb 18, 1400Z-1800Z, K4US**,
Alexandria, VA. Mt. Vernon Amateur Radio Club. 14.260 7.040. QSL. MVARC, P.O. Box 7234, Alexandria, VA 22307. Held in the Mt. Vernon Estate Green House. www.mvarc.org
- **02/17/2018 | Ice Station W0JH: Frozen Lake Portable Feb 17-Feb 19, 1600Z-2345Z, W0JH**, Stillwater, MN. Stillwater Amateur Radio Association; Stillwater, MN & Radio City; Mounds View, MN. 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. Certificate. Shel Mann , 1618 Pine St. W., Stillwater, MN 55082. Certificates will ONLY be sent via e-mail in PDF format. (Send requests to: IceStationW0JH2018@radioham.org). W0JH is operating portable from a frozen lake in Washington County, MN (Grid Square EN34). Other Info: <http://www.radioham.org> & <http://www.radioinc.com> www.radioham.org
- **02/17/2018 | SES H L Hunley Commemorative Station N4HLH Feb 17, 1400Z-2000Z, N4HLH**, North Charleston, SC. Trident Amateur Radio Club. SSB: 28.462 14.262 7.262; CW 7.117 SSB. Certificate & QSL. Brian Freedman W4BFZ, PO Box 60732, North Charleston, SC 29419. Certificate is \$5 and SASE 9X12 envelope. For QSL send card and SASE, International QSL add \$2 USD. tridenthams.org/hunley.htm
- **02/24/2018 | Hastings Naval Depot 75th Anniversary Feb 24, 1500Z-2100Z, W0WWV**,
Wood River, NE. ARAN. 14.250 7.150. QSL. Michael Matthews KD0QEO, 13330 W Warren, Wood River, NE 68883. The Naval Ammunition Depot is 75 years old February 2018. The Depot produced 40% of all naval munitions for the Second World War and for the Korean War. kd0qeo@gmail.com
- **02/28/2018 | Snow Bird Field Day Feb 28, 1400Z-2300Z, W7ASL**, Mesa, AZ. Sunlife & Venture Out Ham Radio Clubs. SSB 28.490 24.980 21,440 18.158 14,340 7.295; PSK31 & FT-8 on 20-30-40M; Echolink W7ASL-L; 145.575 Simplex. QSL. Sunlife ARC, 739 N 63rd Pl., Mesa, AZ 85205. www.sunlifearc.org

DX OPERATIONS FOR JANUARY 2018

Per NG3K

Gambia, C5: SP3PS: Is now operating thru 1/12/2018. QSL via SP3PS.
Burkina Faso, XT2AW: Is now operating thru 1/18/2018. QSL via DF2WO.
Sint Maarten, PJ7: Is now operating thru 1/13/2018. QSL via UT6UD.
Martinique, FM: Is now operating thru 1/10/2018. QSL via DD0VR.
Vietnam, 3W9T: Is now operating thru 1/11/2018. QSL via W6TN.
So Shetland Is, RI50ANO: Is now operating thru 1/31/2018. QSL via UA1OJL.
Bhutan, A52PD: Is now operating thru 1/14/2018. QSL via N2IEN.
Belize, V31TA: Is now operating thru 1/10/2018. QSL via W2JHP.
Somalia, 6O6O: Is now operating thru 1/16/2018. QSL via LA7GIA.
Antigua, V25RA: Is now operating thru 1/10/2018. QSL via WW6RG.
Burkina Faso, XT2AW: Is now operating thru 1/22/2018. QSL via M0OXO.
Vanuatu, YJOCA: Will be operating from 1/9 thru 1/17/2018. QSL via VK2YUS.
Laos, XW4FB: Will be operating from 1/9 thru 1/23/2018. QSL via KB4FB.
Dominica, J70VR: Will be operating from 1/10 thru 1/14/2018. QSL via DD0VR.
Panama, HP: Will be operating from 1/10 thru 1/24/2018. QSL via AA4NC.
Jamaica, 6Y6J: Will be operating from 1/11 thru 1/22/2018. QSL via JA3HJI.
Philippines, DU0DM: Will be operating from 1/13 thru 1/4/2018. QSL DU1MS.
Cayman Is, ZF2PG: Will be operating from 1/13 thru 1/21/2018. QSL via K8PGJ.
Guadeloupe, FG: Will be operating from 1/14 thru 1/20/2018. QSL via DD0VR.
Eritrea, E31A: Will be operating from 1/14 thru 1/23/2018. QSL via JH1AJT.
St Vincent, J88PI: Will be operating from 1/21 thru 1/27/2018. QSL via GW4DVB.
Thailand, HS0ZEG: Will be operating from 1/23 thru 1/30/2018. QSL via KB4FB.
Aruba, P4: Will be operating from 1/24 thru 1/30/2018. QSL via DL4MM.
Cyprus SBA, ZC4A: Will be operating from 1/24 thru 1/31/2018. QSL via 5B4AGN.
Guatemala, TG9: Will be operating from 1/24 thru 2/19/2018. QSL via VE7BV.
Bouvet Is, 3Y0z: Will be operating from 1/25 thru 3/14/2018. QSL via EY8MM.
Palau, T88PB: Will be operating from 1/27 thru 1/31/2018. QSL via JA0JHQ.
Fernando de Noronha, PY0: Will be operating from 1/27 thru 2/1/2018. QSL via PY2NDX.
Comoros, D68I: Will be operating from 1/28 thru 2/10/2018. QSL via IK5CRH.
St Kitts & Nevis, V47UR: Will be operating from 1/29 thru 2/12/2018. QSL via W3UR.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 URAC 2 meter simplex round-table; 8 pm 145.510 MHz	5	6 First Saturday Breakfast AND URAC Cub meeting: 8 am Think Café, San Pedro
7	8	9	10	11 Human Trafficking Awareness URAC 2 meter simplex round-table; 8 pm 145.510 MHz	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King	16	17	18 URAC 2 meter simplex round-table; 8 pm 145.510 MHz	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 URAC 2 meter simplex round-table; 8 pm 145.510 MHz	26 Australia Day	27
28	29	30	31			

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4 Super Bowl	5	6	7	8 URAC 2 meter simplex round-table; 8 pm 145.510 MHz	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 URAC 2 meter simplex round-table; 8 pm 145.510 MHz	16 Chinese New Year	17
18	19 Presidents Day	20	21	22 URAC 2 meter simplex round-table; 8 pm 145.510 MHz	23	24
25	26	27	28			

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 3 and 10 February 2018

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 17 February 2018

At the start of the 10 February 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,

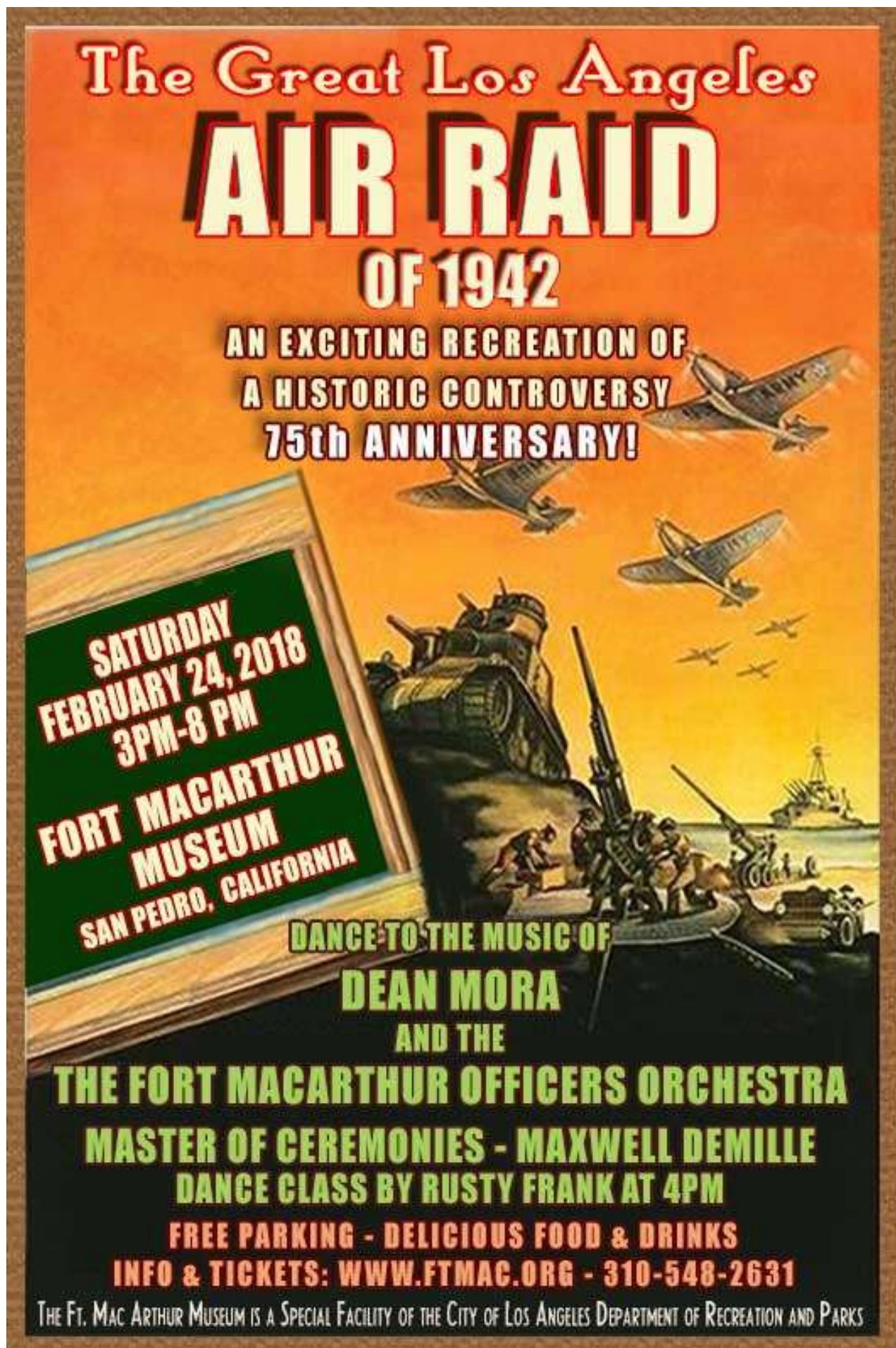
\$22 for the Technician and \$26 for the General

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.



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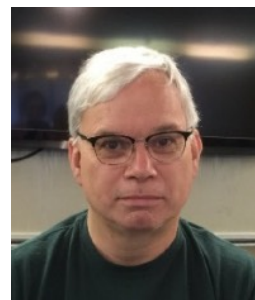
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*** IMPORTANT NOTES ***

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.

