

# The Short Circuit

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The August meeting of the United Radio Amateur Club will be held SATURDAY, August 3rd, with the First Saturday Breakfast, 8 am at the Think Café (302 W 5th Street) in San Pedro.

#### **AUGUST PICNIC**



- August 17 BBQ Potluck Picnic at Friendship Park in San Pedro (same as last year)
- \$10.00 per head and bring a side dish w/serving utensil. Pay Gary N6HMR - Treasurer
- Time: 11:00 (Show up early to help set up, also need assistance with clean-up)
- URAC will provide Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, cheese, condiments, bottled water, plates, napkins, cups, eating utensils. Bring your own soda if you would like, alcohol is not permitted.



Special Event Stations August:

Don't miss International Lighthouse / Lightships Weekend, August 17-18

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## Can you copy at 20 words per minute by hand? ... an Romanchik KB6NU

About a month ago, this email from the ARRL was send to the CWOps mailing list:

From: Fusaro, Norm W3IZ [mailto:w3iz@ar-

rl.org]

Sent: Monday, July 1, 2019 4:00 PM

Subject: W1AW Code Proficiency Certificate

Greetings Morse Code Enthusiasts.

I have some exciting news that I want to share with you! The ARRL has reinvigorated the W1AW Code Proficiency Certificate program. Several things have changed beginning with our new sponsor, Vibroplex, a legend in Morse telegraphy equipment. If you see Scott Robbins W4PA and the Vibroplex team at a hamfest or convention please be sure to thank him for his support. The Vibroplex logo will appear on the newly designed certificates (see below) and in the award recipient page that will appear every month in QST.

That's right, each month in QST we will publish the most recent recipients of the W1AW Code Proficiency Certificate, beginning with all the 2019 recipients. As a bonus, we are sending all the 2019 CPC holders a new certificate at no cost to replace their older style award.

The award is available to anyone who copies one solid minute of code during the qualifying runs. Complete program details can be found on the web at <a href="http://www.arrl.org/code-proficiency-certificate">http://www.arrl.org/code-proficiency-certificate</a>.

And to make the award available to more people we will double the number of opportunities to

copy the CW text. Beginning September 2019, the qualifying runs will increase from twice per week to four times per week.

I am sharing this advanced notice with the Morse code clubs so that you can share it with your members. I have attached PDF files of the new certificate and the announcement that will appear in August QST, available in digital format July 8. I hope you are as excited about this as I am.

In closing, I want personally thank all of you who promote the use and proficiency of Morse code on the air waves and ask that you challenge your club members to submit their copy for the W1AW Code Proficiency Certificate.

73, Norm Fusaro, W3IZ Director of Operations

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Almost immediately after I posted this to my blog (at KB6NU.Com), my friend, Paul, KW1L, replied, "How does one copy legibly at 40 wpm?" When I replied, "Typing," he countered, "On page 98 of the July 2019 QST, it says, 'Legibly copy at least 1 minute of text by HAND...'"

To this, I replied, "Well, I guess you and I are both screwed then. I can't copy by hand at 20 wpm, and it's really not worth it to me to practice and get that fast. I'm guessing that I'm not alone in this regard. The upshot is that the ARRL is going to be sending out a lot fewer of these Vibroplex certificates than they think."

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I then emailed W3IZ for a clarification. He shot back, "By hand is to mean not using a code reading machine." I suggested that he clarify this, both on the ARRL website and in QST. Of course, they haven't yet taken my suggestion, and the website still reads, "Copy one of

W1AW's qualifying runs and submit one minute of solid copy (legible)."

NOTE: You can find an image of the new certificate at <a href="https://www.kb6nu.com/wp-content/up-loads/2019/07/2019-Code-Proficiecncy-Certificate-Vibroplex-768x597.jpg">https://www.kb6nu.com/wp-content/up-loads/2019/07/2019-Code-Proficiecncy-Certificate-Vibroplex-768x597.jpg</a>

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## Special Event Stations August ... continued

- 08/01/2019 | 100th Deschutes County Fair Jul 31-Aug 4, 2100Z-2300Z, W7D, Redmond, OR. High Desert Amateur Radio Group. 14.230 7.180 3.850 All PSK31 digital bands. Certificate & QSL. Max Vaughan, 1723 NE Lytle St, Bend, OR 97701. For more information email <a href="mailto:kf7max@arrl.net">kf7max@arrl.net</a>. <a href="https://www.hidarg.org">www.hidarg.org</a>
- **08/01/2019** | **W8LKY Carnation Festival Special Event** Aug 1-Aug 11, 0000Z-2359Z, W8LKY, Alliance, OH. Alliance Amateur Radio Club. 14.240 14.045 7.240 7.045. Certificate & QSL. Alliance Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 3344, Alliance, OH 44601. The Alliance ARC(W8LKY) will be on the air at various times throughout our Carnation festival festivities. We'll be on the air from various locations in the Carnation city. We may pop up on the bands at any time. Check the spotting networks, and our web page for upcoming activations. <a href="https://www.w8lky.org">www.w8lky.org</a>
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- **08/02/2019** | **Sheboygan Brat Days** Aug 2-Aug 4, 1700Z-0100Z, W9B, Sheboygan, WI. Sheboygan County Amateur Radio Club. 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Sheboygan County Amateur Radio Club, c/o Steve Eisold, 4235 N 29th Street, Sheboygan, WI 53083. 66th Annual Sheboygan Brat Days, celebrating the sausage that made Sheboygan famous! Noon to 8:00 p.m. CDT Friday and Saturday. Certificate only. Please include \$2.00 for 8-1/2x11 mailed in manila envelope or send \$1 and SASE #10 (certificate will be folded). Times are daily. More information: <a href="https://www.w9vcl.com">https://www.w9vcl.com</a>

- **08/03/2019** | **31st Annual Salem Maritime Festival** Aug **3-Aug 4, 1400Z-2200Z, N1S**, Salem, MA. Hampden County Radio Association. 14.300 14.044 7.200 145.250. QSL. Nick Mollo, 199 Taft Road, Wilmington, MA 01887. Contact credit for WWFF / KFF, Parks on the Air, and ARLHS. Find us on the sats too! See QRZ for details. https://www.qrz.com/db/n1s
- **08/04/2019** | **US Coast Guard 229th Birthday** Aug 4-Aug 5, 1400Z-0400Z, K1CG, Port Angeles, WA. USCG CW Operators Association. 21.052 14.052 7.052 3.552. QSL. QSL to , operator, contacted. fgoodwin@olypen.com or www.qrz.com/db/k1cg
- 08/05/2019 | 75th Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter Aug 5, 1000Z-1600Z, W2CXV, Oswego, NY. Fulton Amateur Radio Club. 14.260 14.280 14.330 14.340. Certificate. Fulton Amateur Radio Club, 2359 ST RT 48, Fulton, NY 13069. <a href="https://www.fultonamateurradioclub.org">https://www.fultonamateurradioclub.org</a>
- **08/07/2019** | **Royal Rangers 2019 National Camp-o-rama** Aug 7-Aug 9, 1300Z-2300Z, K4R, Browns Summit, NC. Royal Rangers -- Boys Ministry. 28.250 21.250 14.250 7.150. QSL. Steven R. Allen, 5691 Howell Dr., Dublin, VA 24084. A Boys Ministry of the International Pentecostal Holiness church and the Assembly of God church. <a href="mailto:royalrangers1@verizon.net">royalrangers1@verizon.net</a>
- 08/08/2019 | Monongahela City, Pennsylvania 250th Anniversary Aug 8-Aug 11,
   1500Z-2300Z, KA3VEB, Monongahela, PA. John W. Podroskey, III. 14.250 7.250. Certificate & QSL. John W. Podroskey, III, 135 Gearing Rd., Monongahela, PA 15063-3001. ka3veb@yahoo.com
- 08/09/2019 | DSES Annual Radio Telescope / Astronomy Open House Aug 9-Aug 11, 1800Z-2300Z, K0PRT, Haswell, CO. Deep Space Exploration Society. 14.253; other frequencies possible, as conditions permit. QSL. Deep Space Exploration Society, 4164 Austin Bluffs Parkway #562, Colorado Springs, CO 80918. dses.science
- 08/10/2019 | Centennial Celebration of San Antonio Radio Club Aug 10, 1500Z-2100Z, W5SC/100, San Antonio, TX. San Antonio Radio Club. 14.260. QSL. SARC, PO Box 4263, San Antonio, TX 78265. SASE required. Club members may operate their own stations, signing "own-call/100" during 2019. Club station will operate from San Antonio Museum of Science and Technology (www.samsat.org). www.w5sc.org
- **08/11/2019** | **2019** Pathfinder International Camporee Aug 11-Aug 18, 0900Z-2359Z, K7D, Oshkosh, WI. Seventh-day Adventist Church Pathfinders. 14.240 7.235. Certificate & QSL. KK7SR Mel Hickman, 1127 SE 226th Ave, Gresham, OR 97030. 50,000 Pathfinders from more than 85 countries will gather in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for their every-five-year International Camporee. Similar to a JOTA/GOTA station, K7D will show folks beginning at 10 years old how fun and rewarding it is to be a ham. <a href="https://www.camporee.org">https://www.camporee.org</a>

- **08/13/2019** | **International Pathfinder Camporee** Aug **13-Aug 17, 1400Z-2100Z, K3LJP**, Oshkosh, WI. Adventist Amateur Radio Association International. 14.328 7.265. QSL. Jim Hoffer, KW8T, 232 Mercury Way, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411-7438. <u>aarai.org</u>
- 08/14/2019 | Navajo Code Talkers Aug 14-Aug 18, 0000Z-0000Z, N7C, Window Rock, AZ. Herbert Goodluck. 14.265 7.265 18.133. Certificate & QSL. Herbert Goodluck, PO Box 06, Chinle, AZ 86503. N7C special event station commemorating the Navajo Code Talkers of WWII South Pacific Certificate & QSL USD \$5.00
- 08/15/2019 | D-Day Conneaut Aug 15-Aug 18, 1600Z-0400Z, W8D, Conneaut, OH. Conneaut Amateur Radio Club. 14.285 7.190 3.996 3.885. QSL. Garret Scott W8D, 10236 Birch Hill Ln., Knoxville, TN 37932. D-Day Conneaut recognizes the 75th anniversary of the World War II Allied D-Day Landings on the beaches of France in 1944. Event will include the country's largest reenactment of the D-Day landings with more than 1,800 WWII reenactors from around the world participating. Radio operations will include vintage WWII equipment. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/W8BHZ">https://www.facebook.com/W8BHZ</a>
- 08/17/2019 | 21st Club Birthday Aug 17, 1300Z-1700Z, NC4AR, High Point, NC. Tri-County ARC. 7.230. Certificate. NC4AR, PO BOX 747, Trinity, NC 27370. Follow instruction at www.qrz.com/db/nc4ar www.nc4ar.org
- 08/17/2019 | 90th Anniversary of The Duluth Aerial Lift Bridge Aug 17, 0900Z-1800Z, N0B, Duluth, MN. Twin Ports Amateurs. 14.250 14.074 7.125 7.074. Certificate. Diane Saunders, 1321 E 1st St, Apt. 1, Duluth, MN 55805. The Duluth Aerial Lift Bridge was modified to the bridge we see today in 1929. It is lifted hundreds of times each year to allow vessels of all types to enter or depart the Duluth or Superior Harbors. The Superior Entry is the original entry and is still used today by vessels entering or departing the Superior ore docks. For a vessel schedule, go to www.duluthboats.com. ke0aqu@charter.net. www.thearac.org
- 08/17/2019 | Burnt Coat Harbor Lighthouse International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend Aug 17-Aug 18, 0001Z-2359Z, W2DAR, Swans Island, ME. W2DAR. 40 meters, SSB, near 7.240 MHz, power level 100 W. QSL. Ronald Jocher, W2DAR, 24 Park Terrace, East Hanover, NJ 07936. #US0232 ILLW, Burnt Coat Harbor Lighthouse, 433 Harbor Rd.
- **08/17/2019** | First RR Train Dispatch by Telegraph 1851 Aug 17-Aug 18, 1400Z-0200Z, K2T, Harriman, NY. Orange County NY Amateur Radio Club. 3.540 3.573 3.920 7.040 7.074 7.255 14.040 14.074 14.250. Certificate. Downloadable, from, website . W2HO@ocarcny.org or <a href="https://www.ocarcny.org">www.ocarcny.org</a>
- **08/17/2019** | **First Transcontinental Railroad 150** Aug **17, 1900Z-2359Z, K7R**, Orem, UT. Utah Valley Amateur Radio Club (K7UVA). 14.336 14.075 7.268. Certificate. Utah Valley Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1288, Orem, UT 84059-2188. <a href="https://uvarc.club">https://uvarc.club</a>
- **08/17/2019** | **Founding of the Pima Air & Space Museum** Aug **17, 1600Z-2100Z, K7T**, Tucson, AZ. Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 14.040 7.200 7.035. Certificate. No paper QSL's please. , Email request to, , qsl@tucsonhamradio.org. . www.tucsonhamradio.org

- 08/17/2019 | International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend ILLW Aug 17-Aug 18,
   0818Z-0818Z, W2H, Audubon, NJ. Audubon Amateur Radio Club . 14.225. QSL. Joe Leone, 1534 Forrestal St., Philadelphia, PA 19145. Hereford Inlet Lighthouse ILLW US-0103 US Islands NJ-0165. www.k2aud.org
- 08/17/2019 | Port Clinton Lighthouse Festival Aug 17, 1500Z-2100Z, W8GNM/8, Port Clinton, OH. Port Clinton Lighthouse Conservancy. 14.335 14.285 7.230 7.200. QSL. Geoff Mendenhall, 4720 E. Terrace Cir, Port Clinton, OH 43452. Lighthouse activation in conjunction with International Lighthouse and Lightship Day. Check web cluster for operating frequencies. QSL via LoTW only to W8GNM/8 portclintonlighthouse.org
- 08/17/2019 | Tri-States Portable Special Event: ND, MN & SD (White Rock, SD) Aug 17-Aug 18, 1500Z-2350Z, W0JH, White Rock, SD. Stillwater (MN) Amateur Radio Association SARA. 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. Certificate. Shel Mann, N0DRX, via email only, WhiteRock2019@radioham.org . QSL Certificates will ONLY be sent via e-mail in PDF. We will be operating from the corners of South Dakota, North Dakota and edge of Minnesota (Grid Square: EN15). <a href="www.radioham.org">www.radioham.org</a>
- **08/17/2019** | **WA8Q 30th Anniversary Celebration** Aug 17-Aug 18, 1600Z-0359Z, N8OWS, Independence, OH. Woodchuck Amateur Radio Club. 14.250 7.180 3.825. Certificate & QSL. Woodchuck ARC, 965 Primrose Drive, Independence, OH 44131. www.woodchuckarc.com
- **08/17/2019** | **Woodstock Concert 50th Anniversary** Aug 17-Aug 18, 1200Z-1800Z, W2W, Bearsville, NY. Self. 14.255 7.255. QSL. Lloyd Westerman, 195 Coldbrook Rd., Bearsville, NY 12409. <a href="https://www.grz.com/db/k2jvx">www.grz.com/db/k2jvx</a>
- 08/23/2019 | The American Legion 100th Anniversary Aug 23-Aug 27, 1330Z-1830Z, K9TAL, Indianapolis, IN. The American Legion Amateur Radio Club. EchoLink Conference Node \*TALARC\*; All-Star TALARC Hub Node 49465. QSL. The American Legion Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. This Special Event Station will operate from the Legion's Annual National Convention at Indianapolis, IN, daily 1330Z 1830Z, from 8/23/2019 to 8/27/2019 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Organization. k9tal@legion.org or <a href="www.legion.org/hamradio">www.legion.org/hamradio</a>
- 08/24/2019 | 150th Anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad Aug 24-Aug 25, 1500Z-0300Z, WY7U, Green River, WY. Sweetwater Amateur Radio Club. 14.320 7.270 3.925. Certificate. Sweetwater Amateur Radio Club, 50140 B US Hwy 191 S, Ste 106, Rock Springs, WY 82901.
   www.wy7u.org
- 08/24/2019 | 175th Anniversary of Oregon City Aug 24-Aug 25, 1500Z-0300Z, KD7ZDO,
   Oregon City, OR. Clackamas Amateur Radio Emergency Service (CARES). 14.245 7.245 3.845. QSL.
   Clackamas Amateur Radio Emergency Services, P.O. Box 1912, Oregon City, OR 97045.
   <a href="https://www.clackamasares.org">www.clackamasares.org</a>
- 08/24/2019 | 2019 Buhl Day special event operation Aug 24-Sep 2, 0800Z-1800Z, W3B, Hermitage, PA. Mercer County Amateur Radio Club. 145.350 21.420 14.240 7.185 3.820 D-STAR Reflector 63C. QSL. W3B Mercer County Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 996, Sharon, PA 16146. The Mercer County Amateur Radio Club is celebrating BUHL DAY, the 104th Anniversary of Buhl Farm Park, which covers 300 acres and was given to the Shenango Valley community by Frank Buhl a local industrialist, for the use and

recreation purposes of the community in Mercer County, PA. You will find operators on-air at various times, as conditions permit. Check the www.w3lif.org webpage for scheduled times of W3B operation or the QRZ website for W3B for more information. A commemorative QSL will be available with a SASE. Send your QSL card to: Mercer County Amateur Radio Club PO Box 996 Sharon, PA 16146 USA. <a href="https://www.w3lif.org">www.w3lif.org</a>

- 08/24/2019 | Ohio Statewide Courthouses On The Air Aug 24, 0900Z-1600Z, various, statewide, OH. Ohio Section. all bands, all modes. QSL. QSL to, amateur, contacted. Ohio QSO Party is also on this date. wb8yks@arrl.net
- 08/25/2019 | Hollenberg Pony Express Festival celebrating the 158th Anniversary of the Pony Express Aug 25, 1430Z-2100Z, K0ASA, Hanover, KS. Crown Amateur Radio Association. 14.285 14.045 7.045 3.545. Certificate & QSL. Crown Amateur Radio Association, 11551 W 176th Ter, Overland Park, KS 66221. This URL links to a ARRL Midwest Division Newsletter that contains an article on last year's Pony Express operation. The article starts on page 8. www.arrlmidwest.org/pdfs/arlmwdoct2018news.pdf. www.grz.com/db/k0asa
- 08/30/2019 | 74th North Carolina Apple Festival Aug 30-Sep 2, 1400Z-2200Z, W4YK,
  Hendersonville, NC. Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Club. 14.245; 14.074 FT8. Certificate. BRARC, c/o Ronnie
  Parham, 408 Riverwind Dr, Hendersonville, NC 28739. Digital signal sent using a light bulb. <a href="https://radioclub.org">https://radioclub.org</a>
- **08/30/2019** | **Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival Aug 30-Sep 1, 1300Z-2100Z, K9A**, Auburn, IN. Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association (W9OU). 7.225+-; other modes and frequencies possible. Certificate & QSL. NIARA-SE, P.O. Box 145, Auburn, IN 46706-0145. For a QSL card only, please send your card and a SASE. For a Certificate and QSL Card, please send your card and \$3.00 USA \$4.00 Foreign. We will furnish certificate, QSL card, envelope, and postage. w9ou@arrl.net or www.w9ou.org
- **08/31/2019** | Paradise AZ Ghost Town Aug 31-Sep 2, 1800Z-1800Z, K7RDG, Sierra Vista, AZ. Cochise ARA. 7.230 14.315 21.215 28.355. Certificate. Cochise Amateur Radio Assoc, PO Box 1855, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636. 41st Annual Trek to the town of Paradise, AZ <a href="https://www.k7rdg.org">www.k7rdg.org</a>

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~ August 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 URAC 2 Meter Roundtable: 8 pm, 145.510 Simplex	2	<b>3</b> URAC First Saturday Breakfast and meeting: 8 am, Think Café, San Pedro
<b>4</b> International Friendship Day	5	6	7	<b>8</b> URAC 2 Meter Roundtable: 8 pm, 145.510 Simplex	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 URAC 2 Meter Roundtable: 8 pm, 145.510 Simplex	16	17 URAC Picnic Freindship Park San Pedro: 11 am-5pm Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend
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## 2019 URAC Executive Board

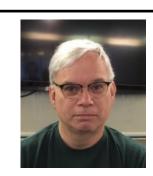
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#### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

**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**

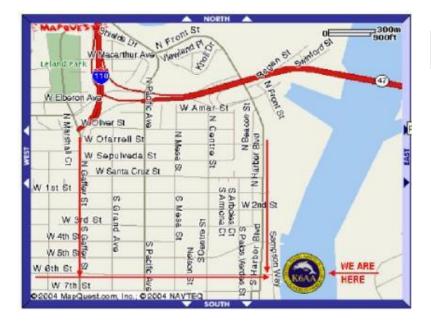
Held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month in conjunction with our ...

#### No Host Breakfast

Held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 8:00am. Location: Think Café on 5<sup>th</sup> Street in San Pedro

#### "VE/CE Session for Amateur and Commercial Licenses

Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday **by appointment.** Go to <a href="http://k6aa.org/licensing-exams/">http://k6aa.org/licensing-exams/</a> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

