



The Short Circuit

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Next Meeting

Harbor Safety and the
Fireboat

Capt. John Gonzalez
Fire Station 112

November 2nd, 8 am
at the Think Cafe

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Weekly Club Net

Join us on the URAC Club
Net Thursdays at 8:00 P.M.
145.510 simplex.

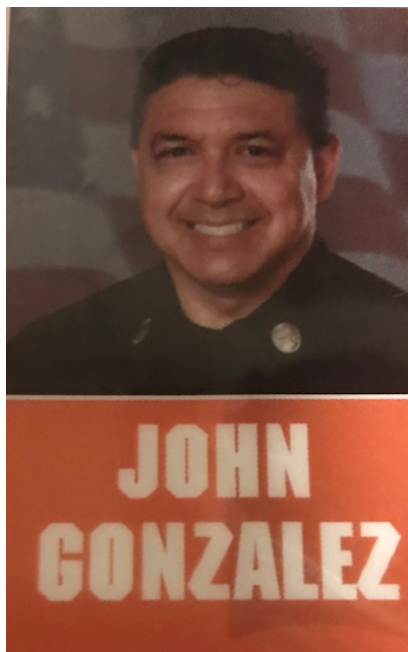
K6AA monitors

Frequency 145.51 MHz

Club Station K6AA

Website: k6aa.org

The club station is located
in the Los Angeles Maritime
Museum and is open to club
members during museum
operating hours.



Fire Station 112 located in San Pedro, Ca.

In command of: Fire Boat 2; Engine 112; Rescue 112;
total of 14 sworn members.

32 yrs on the LAFD; 22 yrs as an officer.

8 yrs at FS 112:

I am part of 4 stations that protect the harbor with a
total of 5 fireboats, 3 of which are staffed with 24 hr.
scuba divers. My training in this field has included
shipboard firefighting training, oil refinery firefighting
training, small boat operator, scuba diver certification,
and firefighting foam training. This training was
through the University of Texas A & M.

Prior to this assignment, I have worked in all parts of
the city with various challenges and hazards.

My duties now include protection of the harbor from any fires, hazardous materials
spills, medical responses, and assisting with other agencies which include: US Coast
Guard, Harbor PD, Fish & Game, LA County Life Guards, LA City Life Guards, Long
Beach Fire, LA County Fire, US Customs and Immigration, and others in maintaining
the San Pedro Channel safe and open for commerce and pleasure.

Annual Special Club Event: Election of next year's Officers:

Your nominating committee presents the following slate of officers for 2020:

President:	Ivan Mikulich	KB6ATT
Vice Pres:	John Linder	KC6JHV
Secretary:	Janet Meek	
Treasurer:	Gary Forister	N6HMR
Past Pres:	Sam Lollar	K1SL
Directors:		
	Steve Mandich	K6NT
	Larry Fadden	KK6TXN
	Doug Dowds	W6HB
	John Rockwood	WA6SDK

How to get “plugged in” to the amateur radio community

... Dan Romanchik KB6NU

This morning, I found this email in my inbox:

Thank you for your website and great content. I passed the Tech and General tests on Saturday, and I will be taking the Extra exam in November. Your “No Nonsense” guides were very helpful.

I do have a question, though. How do I stay current on what’s happening in the ham world? For example the CQ WW SSB contest was this weekend. How do newbies know this kind of thing? How do we find local or regional hamfests and other events?

This is a great question. Like any special interest, it can seem daunting to get plugged in (pun intended) to the community. Here are a few of my suggestions:

Join the ARRL (<http://arrl.org/>). The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) is really the place to start for information related to amateur radio. *QST*, the ARRL’s monthly magazine, includes news about upcoming contests and ARRL-sanctioned hamfests. It also reviews new amateur radio products and provides a wealth of technical information.

In addition to *QST*, the ARRL publishes many email newsletters that members can subscribe to. For example, *Contest Update* is a biweekly newsletter that not only lists upcoming contests, but also includes tips on operating contests. The *ARES E-Letter* is a monthly public service and emergency communications newsletter. There are also email newsletters for ham radio instructors, those interested in DX, legislative matters, and satellite operation.

Join your local club. While the ARRL will help you keep abreast of amateur radio news and events nationally and internationally, if you want to know what going on in amateur radio in your area, you should join your local club. To find clubs near you, go to <http://www.arrl.org/find-a-club>.

Visit the WA7BNM Contest Calendar (<https://www.contestcalendar.com/>). This contest calendar has become my go-to resource for any and all contest information. This site provides detailed information about amateur radio contests throughout the world, including their scheduled dates/times, rules summaries, log submission information and links to the official rules as published by the contest sponsors. Its features include an 8-Day calendar, a 12-Month calendar, and separate calendars for state QSO parties, CW contests, and QRP contests. You can also get a weekly e-mail of contests taking place in an 8-day period (Monday through Monday), as well as a list of contests scheduled for the next week and a list of log submission information for recent contests.

Ham radio blogs. Blogs are also a good way to keep up with what’s going on in amateur radio. I like to think that I do a good job of covering what’s going on in amateur radio, but, of course, I can’t do it all. That being the case, you might also want read other blogs. Other amateur radio blogs that you might want to check out include:

- The K0NR Radio Site (<http://www.k0nr.com/wordpress/>)
- QRP—When you care to send the very least (<https://w2lj.blogspot.com/>)
- Everything Ham Radio (<https://www.everythinghamradio.com/>)

There are a bunch of other good ones out there. Find the ones you like and subscribe to them, so that you get a notification when new items are posted.

Mailing lists. Mailing lists are kind of old school, but if you have a special interest, chances are there is a mailing list for it. For example, I own an Elecraft KX-3, so I subscribe to the Elecraft KX User Group mailing list (<https://groups.io/g/Elecraft-KX/>). Many amateur radio mailing lists are migrating to the Groups.io. To find a list,

just click on the “Find or Create a Group” link at the top of the page. I just did a search for “amateur radio” and found 910 different amateur radio mailing lists.

Podcasts and videocasts. Podcasts are also another great way to stay up with amateur radio. I’m partial to the ICQPodcast (<http://icqpodcast.com/>) because I am on the panel once a month. The podcast not only includes a discussion of what’s new in amateur radio, but also a feature, which digs a little deeper into a particular topic.

Other great podcasts are Ham Radio Workbench (<https://www.hamradioworkbench.com/>), and Linux in the Ham Shack (<https://lhspodcast.info/>). Internet video shows that are worth checking out are Ham Radio 2.0 (<https://www.livefromthehamshack.tv/>), Ham Radio Now (<https://www.hamradionow.tv/home>), and Ham Nation (<https://twit.tv/shows/ham-nation>).

This is by no means an exhaustive list. If you have an amateur radio information resource that you find particular helpful, please let me know.

Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, is the author of the KB6NU amateur radio blog (KB6NU.Com), the “No Nonsense” amateur radio license study guides (KB6NU.Com/study-guides/), and often appears on the ICQPodcast (icqpodcast.com). When he's not trying to keep up with ham radio, he likes to build stuff and operate CW on the HF bands.

Learn Morse Code

For many of today’s hams there was no choice; obtaining a ham license required learning Morse code. Five words a minute was the requirement for the entry level Novice license and also for the renewable, but VHF only, Technician ticket. A General or Advanced class required 13 wpm and it was 20 wpm for an Extra.

In 1991 the code requirement was eliminated for the Technician class, in 2000 it was reduced to 5wpm for all classes that still required code and in 2007 the code requirement was eliminated entirely.

Whatever your reason for learning Morse code now, the ARRL has some web links which will help you.

<http://www.arrl.org/learning-morse-code>

Increase your Morse Code speed

RufzXP is pretty simple. It sends a chosen number of random selected true amateur radio callsigns (50 by default) to be typed with keyboard into a field on the screen. After the key is pressed, the computer gives its next call. If the call was copied correctly, the transmitting speed increases slightly, if not, it decreases. So the software automatically adapts its transmitting speed to the user's maximum performance.

Read more about it here <http://rufzxp.net>

RufzXP is an official contest at the IARU High Speed Telegraphy Championships.

ANNOUNCED DX OPERATIONS 2019 ... check out this link [Link to DX Operations](#)

Special Event Stations November 2019:

- **11/01/2019 | 2019 Stuart Air Show Nov 1-Nov 3, 1300Z-2200Z, N4A**, Stuart, FL. Martin County ARES/RACES. 21.280 14.280. Certificate. MC ARES, PO Box 2769, Stuart, FL 34995.
- **11/01/2019 | 3rd Annual 27 Lighthouses in the Southwest Desert Nov 1-Nov 11, 0000Z-2359Z, N7A thru N7Z**, Lake Havasu City, AZ. London Bridge Amateur Radio Association. 21.300 18.145 14.250 7.005. Certificate. Garry F. Fisher, 1850 Rainbow Ave S, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403. This is the third annual 27 Lighthouses in the Southwestern part of Arizona. Each lighthouse will have its own Call sign and will be activated from the site k9wzbl@gmail.com
- **11/01/2019 | Remembrance Day 2019 Nov 1-Nov 30, 2359Z-2359Z, VE2PEACE**, St-Jerome, QC. VE2JCW. 21.040 14.040 10.112 7.040. QSL. Jean Charron, 17 Elisabeth, St-Jerome, QC J7Z 2S9, CANADA. Limited edition QSL card.
- **11/06/2019 | Thank You Veterans Day Nov 6-Nov 13, 0000Z-0000Z, N5VET**, Cleburne, TX. Club KC5NX. 14.252 14.045 7.230 7.045. QSL. Jay D. Stanfield, 9200 Summit Court West, Cleburne, TX 76033-8212. Club KC5NX's many helpers will be on the air this coming November operating as N5VET for our "Annual Veterans Day Special Event"... Many thanks to Mike Cockrell for the use of his Wonderful call sign.. We will have multi operators covering many of the bands and modes from CW thru SSB, FM, AM, and FT-8... All request for contacts answered via E-Mail, telephone or Snail-mail.. Please include an SASE to KC5NX to help defer the cost of this event... Drop in and say HI ! We made 1,046 QSOs last year and really had a great time visiting with you guys.... Help us do better this year. jay.n.violet@gmail.com or www.qrz.com/db/kc5nx
- **11/09/2019 | Centennial Celebration of San Antonio Radio Club Nov 9, 1600Z-2200Z, 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
- **11/09/2019 | Honoring Veterans for Veterans Day Nov 9, 1500Z-2200Z, W0FSB**, Waterloo, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club. 18.124 14.240 7.240. Certificate & QSL. Five Sullivan Bros ARC, 3186 Brandon Diagonal Blvd, Brandon, IA 52210. For QSL card: Send card and #10 SASE; For Certificate & QSL: Send QSL, address label and 3 Forever stamps; For eQSL & Certificate: Send eQSL, then an email to w0fsb@outlook.com, requesting a .jpg file of the certificate that you can print yourself www.qrz.com/db/w0fsb
- **11/09/2019 | The 101st Anniversary of the Armistice Ending World War 1 Nov 9, 1400Z-2300Z, WW1USA**, Kansas City, MO. National World War 1 Museum and Memorial. 14.275 14.074 14.050 7.050. Certificate. WW1USA, National World War 1 Museum and Memorial, 2 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, MO 64108. Most stations will be operating remotely, but there will be at least one POTA station. <https://www.theworldwar.org/amateurradio>
- **11/16/2019 | Founding of Oracle State Park Nov 16, 1600Z-2100Z, K7T**, Tucson, AZ. Oro Valley ARC. CW: 14.040 7.035; SSB: 14.250 7.200. Certificate. Email qsl@tucsonhamradio.org, for, certificate. No paper QSLs please. www.tucsonhamradio.org
- **11/16/2019 | Scout Camps on the Air Nov 16, 1400Z-2000Z, W1M**, Russell, MA. Western Mass Council Scouting USA. 14.290 14.060 7.190 7.030. QSL. Tom, Barker, 329 Faraway Road, Whitefield, NH 03598.
- **11/18/2019 | Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society's 50th Anniversary Nov 18-Nov 24, 0000Z-2359Z, K4MN**, Fayetteville, NC. Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society(CFARS). 14.240 14.045 7.240 7.045. QSL. Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society, P.O. Box 36106, Fayetteville, NC 28303. <https://cfarsnc.org>
.....http://www.arrl.org/special_events/search/page:2/model:Event

Hello Wonderful Sea Fair Exhibitors!

Thank you very much for coming down and spending your day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's annual Sea Fair! We had a nice steady stream of about 1500 people from all over Los Angeles and Long Beach. The weather was perfect - sunny, but not too hot, and the tables were amazing! I hope you had as much fun as I did!

Our entire aquarium staff enjoyed meeting and engaging with all of you and are grateful for your participation in our community events. We would love to have you back next year!

SAVE THE DATE:

Sea Fair 2020

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Thanks again and I hope to see you soon!

Jim DePompei
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

I visited
the United
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Amateur
Club, Inc.
Booth



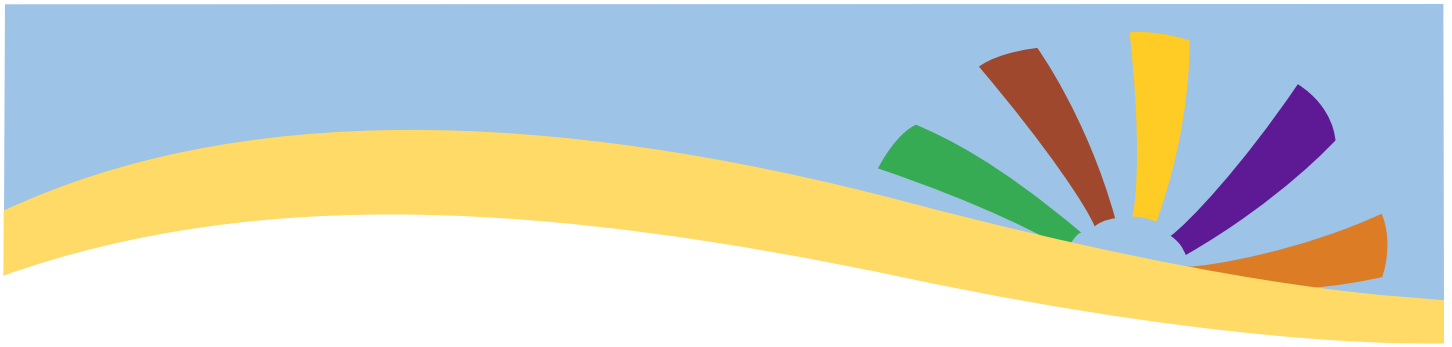
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**Autumn Sea Fair Cabrillo Marine
Aquarium October 6, 2019**



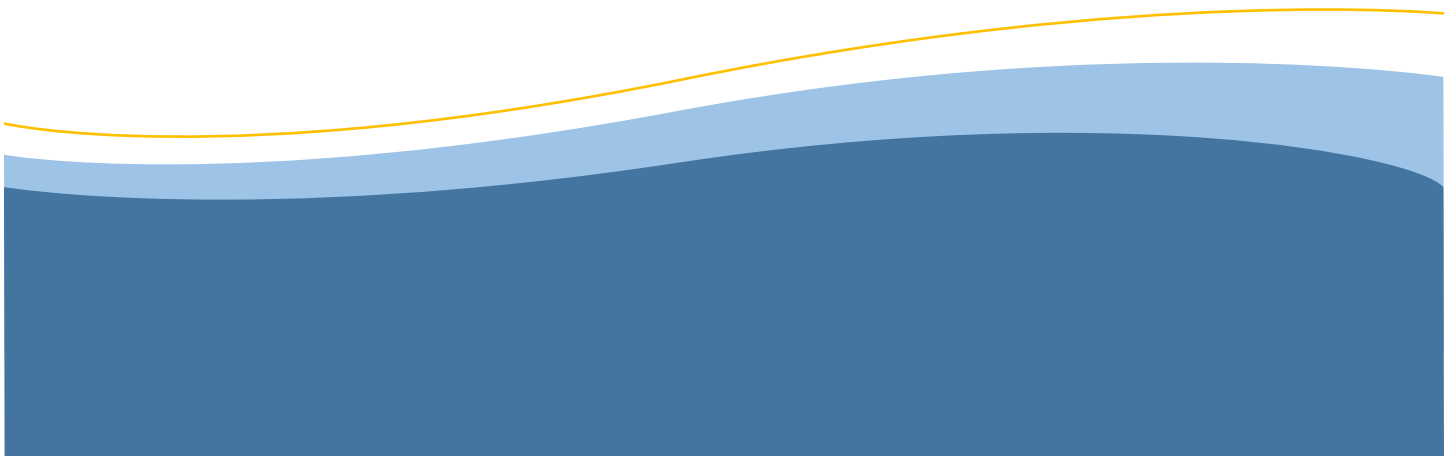
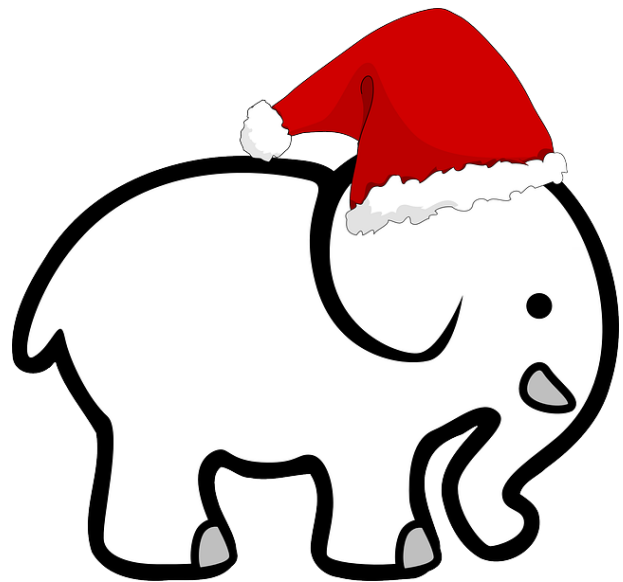


White Elephant Sale

The United Radio Amateur Club, Inc. is sponsoring a white Elephant Sale of Radios and radio equipment (and maybe some baked goods) to benefit the membership. Reserve pricing is available, but please ^{*}no consignments.

November 15, Friday, at 7 p.m.

**Los Angeles Maritime Museum,
Break Room
Berth 84, foot of 6th Street
San Pedro, CA 90731**



~ November 2019 ~

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

URAC 3-month Calendar

Date	Time	Event
02-Nov-19	08:00	URAC First Saturday Breakfast and meeting, 8 am, Think Café, San Pedro
03-Nov-19	02:00	Daylight Saving Time ends
07-Nov-19	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
14-Nov-19	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
21-Nov-19	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
28-Nov-19	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
28-Nov-19		Thanksgiving
05-Dec-19	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
07-Dec-19	08:00	URAC First Saturday Breakfast and meeting, 8 am, Think Café, San Pedro
12-Dec-19	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
19-Dec-19	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
21-Dec-19	18:00 - 22:00	Holiday Dinner - officially starts 7 pm
26-Dec-19	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
31-Dec-19	16:00 -	Straight Key Night - ARRL (01JAN20 00:00 - 23:59 UTC)
01-Jan-20	- 15:59	Straight Key Night - ARRL (01JAN20 00:00 - 23:59 UTC)
02-Jan-20	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
04-Jan-20	08:00	URAC First Saturday Breakfast and meeting, 8 am, Think Café, San Pedro
09-Jan-20	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
16-Jan-20	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
23-Jan-20	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz
30-Jan-20	20:00	URAC 2M Simplex Roundtable, 8 pm on 145.510 MHz

2019 URAC Executive Board

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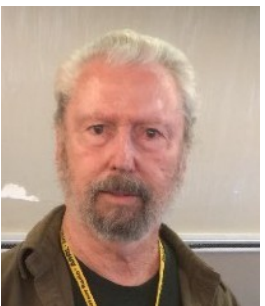
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IMPORTANT NOTES

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 the 1st
Saturday of the month in
conjunction with our ...

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 <http://k6aa.org/licensing-exams/> 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.

