



# The Short Circuit

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## We went back to the Think!!! In July!!! See Below



Our first face-to-face get together was held July the 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. FYI the lunch food at the Think is just as delicious as the breakfasts, although Breakfast is also available, We would love to see you in August.

**July meeting of the United Radio Amateur Club will be held Friday, at 7pm July 16<sup>th</sup> on Skype.** The executive board meeting, held two weeks prior on Friday the 2nd at 7 pm, was also on Skype. A link to the *General Meetings* will be sent via e-mail to the membership. Anyone having trouble using Skype, please [contact Tom K6IGY](#) for assistance.

***Program for Friday's Membership Meeting: To be announced***

## **Prez Sez ... Doug W6HB**

### ***July 2021***

Bill Heather, KB6WKT, has rejoined the club and has been given my authorization to operate as K6AA for the ILLW 2021 operating event. Check out <https://illw.net> for details. Here in CA this kicks off at 1700 on Friday, 8/20, and ends at 1700 on Sunday, 8/21. Bill usually pulls a Class C motorhome into the Point Fermin Lighthouse parking, rolls out a side room with a single 100 or 200-watt station and primarily feeds a home brewed hex beam that covers from 20 meters and up. Lower bands are possible but rarely productive. The hot paths are usually to VK and ZL lighthouses on Friday and Saturday night. Mornings have found LH's in EU and AF and afternoons usually pick up a few in SA and the Caribbean. Due to the LH ID exchange consider this a J3E and A1A activation and

not conducive to FT8 or FT4. Contact Bill at KB6WKT@arrl.net.

Larry, KK6TXN, accepted requested tasks from the BOD to get the club's tower trailer inspected and a VIN assigned by the CHP. After that event we should know what else we need to do based on the inspection and follow-on tasks with the DMV. I have no news on this project. Hopefully, Larry can provide an update at the 7/16 meeting.

We are looking to have our August Potluck at the Marine Exchange if the COVID rules allow. That call will be made at the July member's meeting IF we get enough participants committed. This is still up in the air and all depends on the membership getting on board. We MAY pull a permit with LA Rec and Parks for the previous location IF enough members commit and permit applications are being accepted. Life and club activity remains in limbo. Based on the last BOD meeting, this has yet to be resolved. As Steve, K6NT, is currently on Catalina I do not know if he will be in attendance at the 7/16 meeting to provide anything new.

A reservation has been made with the Think Café for our Christmas / Hanukah / Holiday party. The date is Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, and is contingent as always during these limbo times upon COVID and the rules that keep changing. This looks to be on a track to reality. As early as it is I ask that members get more active on the air, within the club and consider accepting a position on the BOD next year.

Please consider providing a column or occasional input to your Publisher "Scotty" for the Short Circuit. Any input is due to her at [k6znl@arrl.net](mailto:k6znl@arrl.net) by the Wednesday following the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month.

Where are you Thursday nights at 2000 local time? How about getting on the 145.580 W6AM repeater and keeping our net control, Nick, N6EFI, company?

Members are also invited to keep in touch around the harbor via the Battleship IOWA Amateur Radio Association's NI6BB/R repeater. This unit is on the 010 level of the IOWA with an antenna on the 013 level. The current frequency is 147.975, standard -600 split and a PL of 88.5 Hz. It is suggested that you also enable 88.5 as a receive PL to minimize other possible QRM that may be on the frequency on a different PL.

Looking forward to **SEEING** you at the Skype meeting on Friday, 7/16, at 1900 local time!



## **August BBQ**


A long tradition of the club has been our annual summer Steak Fry and Potluck. It used to be an evening event, but in the last few years it has been a Saturday lunch BBQ and Potluck at Friendship Park. This year we have approval to use the patio area of the Marine Exchange. The advantage is that this is not a public park and there is no fee. Our typical date for this is the third Saturday in August. At this time, the event is tentative, with a firm decision in the next month. Be Prepared to RSVP and bring a side dish.


## **Special Event Stations**

For those seeking Special Events, here's your link:










[http://www.arrl.org/special\\_events/search/page:1/model:Even](http://www.arrl.org/special_events/search/page:1/model:Even)

## July and August Calendars of Events

~ July 2021 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Canada Day URAC Thursday night 2M RoundTable 8 pm 145.480	<b>2</b> URAC BOD meeting, 7 pm Skype	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Independence Day 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> FIRST URAC Lunch Time Meeting: Think Café, 1:30 pm URAC Thursday night 2M RoundTable 8 pm 145.480	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> URAC Thursday night 2M RoundTable 8 pm 145.480	<b>16</b> URAC General Membership Meeting: SKYPE, 7 pm	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> URAC Thursday night 2M RoundTable 8 pm 145.480	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> URAC Thursday night 2M RoundTable 8 pm 145.480	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

~ August 2021 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> International Friendship Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> URAC 2-meter Roundtable 145.480, 8 pm	<b>6</b> URAC BOD meeting, 7 pm, SKYPE	<b>7</b>
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## 2021 URAC Executive Board

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**IMPORTANT NOTES**

**K6AA Station** While access to the Museum is temporarily closed, once operations are approved, we will need more operators for our K6AA station. When manning the station is again possible, please see Doug, W6HB, and or Scotty, K6ZNL, for training and checkout.

Check out the special events page on [k6aa.org](http://k6aa.org) for the latest from ARRL and e-ham net.

*Additional Calendar Notes***Club Roundtable**

Held weekly on Thursdays, at 8pm, on the W6AM Repeater  
145.480 MHz PL 100 Hz

**Club Meetings**

1..Lunch meeting at the Think Café, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1:30-4 pm

2. Virtual meeting held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, 7:00 pm, via Skype. Link sent by Tom K6IGY; if having difficulty, [contact Tom K6IGY](#).

**“VE/CE Session for Amateur and Commercial Licenses**

**By appointment.** Go to <http://k6aa.org/licensing-exams/> If no one schedules an exam, there won't be an exam team or exam material available.

The Museum is at the Foot of 6<sup>th</sup> Street.  
**The Museum is presently closed.**

