



# The Short Circuit

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**The September URAC general membership meeting will be held Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm on Skype.** The executive board meeting, held two weeks prior on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**The Celebration of Life for long-time member, Homer Meek K6HKT, SK and Janet Meek, club secretary, club cheerleader, and all-around spirit of URAC, held at the Think Cafe on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.**



Our monthly luncheon gathering at the Think in August honored the lives of Homer Meek K6HKT and his daughter Janet. Both of them recently passed away. Daughter and sister Andrea Meek told many stories of her childhood with Homer and we all learned something we had not known before. The motorcyclist in the photo at left is Homer from when he used to race motorcycles, albeit a little differently...

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

## **PREZ SEZ**

**de W6HB**

**September 2021**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday URAC Food-fest Social and Celebration of Life for Janet and Homer Meek on 9/9/21 saw ten URAC affiliates in attendance. Andrea Meek shared many facets of their lives that we never knew about. Pictures dating back to the '30's and or '40's proved that Homer was a motorcycle racing dare devil that literally flew! More recent pictures showed a trip to Alaska with Homer in the co-pilot's seat of a bush plane as they viewed the snow-capped mountains and landed on a glacier. A mutilated propeller from Homer's latest boat proved that if you are at sea with whales they win. The boat nearly sank off of Catalina, Andrea cracked 4 ribs and Janet the lesser dare devil tested the starboard cabin window with her head. The main thing learned was that these three had a lifelong pact – Don't Tell Mom!

Bill Heather, KB6WKT, and I operated the ILLW from Point Fermin lighthouse on Saturday, 8/21, for about 8 hours. Using an Icom IC-7300 into a 71-foot end fed antenna we worked around 89 stations which included rag chews with an operator at the Cambridge University station in the UK and another with my friend in Rarotonga, South Cook Islands. These were all on J3E and in competition with the North American QSO party. Yes folks, microphones still work!

Larry, KK6TXN, presented his assessments of the club's tower trailer to the BOD and has received authorization and a budget to purchase new tires, wheels, lug nuts, bearings and running lights from the Field Day reserve account. When this phase has been completed, he will strive to get the club's tower trailer inspected and a VIN assigned by the CHP. He could use some of your help if you are available. After that event we should know what else we need to do based on the inspection and follow-on tasks with the DMV.

Nine affiliates other than Bill Heather and I had signed on to meet at the Point Fermin lighthouse for a no-host picnic. Only one showed Saturday, 8/21/21, between 1300 and 1500. Ouch...

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. If you would like to take on the lead to work with the Think as to menu selection and or running the Thieves' Exchange, please let me know.

If you are QUALIFIED, willing and able to serve as a 2022 officer for URAC as a 501(c)7 California corporation, please contact Tom, K6IGY, prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> to put your name on the slate. If in doubt as to the required qualifications and duties I suggest an Internet search. If the 2022 BOD is not filled, the outgoing BOD will be required to file with the California Secretary of State indicating that the corporation has ceased operation and will liquidate all assets including our station K6AA in the LAMM.

Please consider providing a column or occasional input to your Publisher "Scotty" for the Short Circuit. Any input is preferred to be 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?

Looking forward to **SEEING** you at the Skype meeting on Friday, 9/17, at 1900 local time!


## **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)

## September and October Calendars of Events

### ~ September 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 URAC 2M Roundtable 145.480, 8 pm	3 URAC BOD meeting: SKYPE 7 pm	4
5	6 	7	8	9 URAC 2M Roundtable 145.480, 8 pm COB for Homer, K6HKT and Janet Meek, 1 pm, Think Café, San Pedro	10	11 Patriot Day
12	13	14	15	16 URAC 2M Roundtable 145.480, 8 pm	17 URAC Membership Meeting, SKYPE, 7 pm	18
19	20	21	22	23 URAC 2M Roundtable 145.480, 8 pm	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 URAC 2M Roundtable 145.480, 8 pm		

### ~ October 2021 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 URAC BOD meeting: SKYPE 7 pm	2
3	4	5	6	7 URAC 2M Roundtable 145.480, 8 pm	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14 URAC lunch Think Café, San Pedro, 1:30 pm URAC 2M Roundtable 145.480, 8 pm	15 URAC Membership Meeting, SKYPE, 7 pm	16
17	18	19	20	21 URAC 2M Roundtable 145.480, 8 pm	22	23
24 United Nations Day	25	26	27	28 URAC 2M Roundtable 145.480, 8 pm	29	30
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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.**

