



The Short Circuit

There will be no December membership meeting on Skype. Instead, there will be a gathering of the membership at the Think Café on Saturday, December 17 to celebrate the Holidays. We will eat in the main dining room and order off the menu. **There will be no thieves exchange this year.** The January executive board meeting will be held on Friday the 6th at 7 pm, on Skype. Anyone having trouble using Skype, please [contact Tom K6IGY](#) for assistance.



Prez Sez

Eleven members showed up for the monthly luncheon at the Think Cafe. Try to attend this fun event on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

We are starting to operate our station at the Maritime Museum. The museum and our station are open Wednesday through Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. If you are an approved City volunteer, please schedule your operating times with Scotty. If you are not yet a volunteer, approval is easy. Please contact either Scotty Butler or me.

This year we started back to almost pre-Covid activities, with our monthly lunches and a very successful Field Day. Next year, more activities will be planned, such as our annual White Elephant Sale and August BBQ.

Happy holidays and best wishes in the New Year.

Steve Mandich, K6NT
President



The 2022 Field Day weekend was June 25, 26, 2022. Check the December issue of QST for results. We ran 3A and came out 15th in the nation for 3A and first in LAX.

K6AA Station Update

As of this writing, there are six members cleared to operate the Station. **We have been live since the 16th of November and have logged over 60 contacts**, including a World Cup Station in Brazil! The museum has mostly been quiet (but not dead), except for weekends, which are especially busy on Saturday afternoons. I am running out of ARRL literature again...we have been getting hams and ham wanna-bees on a regular basis. Treva has updated our URAC brochure with current content and contact information and we have been able to print it in color...



The Icom 756 Pro III has been handling the traffic well (I even remembered how to run “split” for the crossband contact with the Iowa), Steve got the Marine radio working and the traffic has been interesting. Gary got the morse code key working and Ken turned the antenna! So far so good.

We can still use operators (several of you are either in the pipeline or have said you will do so after the holidays. Why wait? See you soon.

Ham radio license class for residents & city staff

- Study the book now
- Attend four Wednesday Zoom sessions in January 2023
- Emphasis is on passing the FCC exam
- Instructors bring em-comm experience



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This book/workshop program is a proven and practical way to prepare for and pass the entry-level FCC technician ham license exam. Leader Dr. Mark Chung and his team have helped area residents earn entry-level and advanced ham radio licenses using common-sense studies and examples for the last five years.

The teaching team brings emergency communications experience from the Red Cross, ARES, and Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service (DCS). They offer real-life context to textbook study with lectures and PowerPoints over four Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm. Once you get your license, trainers will help you get started using your first radio to help your community.

Get the basics FIRST by reading the "Fast Track" textbook. (right) Book chapters are also available as convenient podcasts. Online practice exams target questions from the actual FCC exam to help you know when you are ready to pass. Gordon West's "Technician Study Guide 2022-2026" is an alternate textbook.

Books are available on Amazon.

Register for the January workshop series#

Nominal class fees are charged for the workshop series. Reserve your seat for the January 4, 11, 18, and 25th Zoom sessions by pre-paying the \$65 registration fee online using Paypal or Zelle to mchung@prodigy.net.

Early registration paper checks may be mailed to Mark Chung at 12393 Andy Street, Cerritos, CA 90703. Email correspondence to mchung@prodigy.net.

After the workshop, when you feel ready to take the official FCC exam, guidance to American Radio Relay League (ARRL)-certified online testing is available. FCC license testing is done separately from the class.

For instance, FCC-approved testing is available through certified testers at <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/lagroup/remote>. They also offer information and learning tools.

Official FCC exams are \$10, and the FCC charges \$35 for the license application itself. The applicant gets an invoice from the FCC after testing results are filed by the official "VEC" (tester) and students have 10 calendar days to pay online. Online exams are arranged by the applicant through PayPal and can be paid by credit card or PayPal account through the PayPal payment gateway. (Exam are free to students under 18 and military personnel, active or retired.)

The
Fast Track
to Your
Technician Class
Ham Radio License

by Michael Burnette, AF7KB
with
Kerry Burnette, KC7YL

Covers Exams July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2026



Dr. Chung at LB Red Cross Chapter.

Two Free Amateur Radio Courses

The Hesse Park facility no longer requires a mask

FCC "Technician" course (entry level)

FCC "General" course (2nd level)

Each course is 2 sessions

The sessions will be on 4 and 11 February 2023

Technician 9:30 AM to 1:15 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 18 February 2023

At the start of the 4 February Technician course, a member of the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club will give a 30-minute presentation on how to get further involved in amateur radio.

**The class location is at Fred Hesse Community Park,
29301 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
Confirm your attendance to Walt, K1DFO at wfordway@juno.com**

I charge no fee for either course. Taking the FCC test is \$15. After passing the Technician test the FCC will send you an e-mail for paying its \$35 license fee and then they will post your call sign.

Optional Material (sold at cost)

Gordon West books with all the FCC test questions,


\$30 for the Technician and \$26 for the General

Paper copy of Walt's Power Point charts,

\$28 for the Technician and \$24 for the General








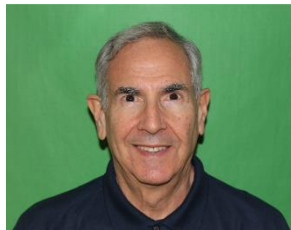
For courses sponsored by the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, students thru grade 12 who pass their examination at a PVARC VE test session will, upon application to the Club, be eligible for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$50 to cover the cost of materials and the examination fee.

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.

~ December 2022 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 World AIDS Day	2 URAC BOD meeting, SKYPE, 7 pm	3
4	5	6 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	7	8	9	10 Human Rights Day
11	12	13 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	14	15	16	17 URAC Holliday Dinner, 6 pm, Think Café, San Pedro
18	19	20 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24
25 Christmas 	26	27 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve

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15	16 Martin Luther King	17 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	18	19	20 URAC Membership meeting, Skype, 7 pm	21
22 Chinese New Year	23	24 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	25	26 Australia Day	27	28
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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 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 PL100 Hz

Club Meetings

**1..Lunch meeting at the Think Café,
2nd Thursday 1:30-4 pm**

2. Virtual meeting held monthly on
the 3rd 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 6th Street.

