



# The Short Circuit

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## Special Picnic Edition:

**The URAC picnic is coming soon! (This event will be held in conjunction with Lighthouse Weekend at the same location.)**

Here are the details:



Date: Sunday, August 18th, 2024 (Yes, it's on a SUNDAY this year!)

Set-Up Time: 11:30 a.m. (WE NEED LOTS OF HELP SETTING IT UP!)

Time: 12:00 noon

Place: Point Fermin Lighthouse, San Pedro

Cost: \$10.00 a person, including children

Pizza and drinks will be provided. Please bring either a SIDE DISH or a DESSERT to share with others, along with any appropriate serving utensils.

If you will not be eating pizza, please bring a side dish to share.

Also consider taking along either a jacket or sweater, as it gets a bit windy in the afternoon.

Please RSVP (either YES or NO) to Gina Mandich, KF6MYQ, either by email ([gina.mandich@yahoo.com](mailto:gina.mandich@yahoo.com)), or by text (310-710-4414).

Let me know (1) How many people will be in your party, and, (2), What side dish or dessert you will be bringing with you.

Please RSVP as soon as you can, so I can start putting my plans into motion. I also need an accurate headcount for the pizza order.

The last day to RSVP is August 2nd.

Please make your payment to Gina Mandich, KF6MYQ

The August executive board meeting will be held on Friday the 2nd at 7 pm 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.

## ***Prez Sez***

We had a nice, relaxing monthly luncheon at the Think Cafe. Please join us for the next one on Thursday, August 8th at 1:30 p.m.

Our big event in August is the annual URAC Picnic on Sunday, August 18th. The picnic coincides with Lighthouses On The Air Weekend. Bill, KB6WKT, will set up his station on Friday. Saturday, August 17th is the 150-year celebration of the Point Fermin Lighthouse. There will be many activities.

The food for our Sunday Picnic will be pizza and drinks. Gina is taking reservations and collecting \$10.00 per person. Please bring a side dish to share. If you do not want pizza, you can bring a side dish and taste other side dishes, with no cost. You are welcome to work the radio on Saturday and Sunday. I hope to see you all there.

There will be an equipment sale at the TRW Swap Meet later in the year. Please donate your extra items for our club's fundraiser.

Steve Mandich, K6NT  
President

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## ***VE Corner***

### ***Does the FCC have your email address on file?***

Log into <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>. "Username" is the email address you have on file with the FCC. If you forgot your password, there is a link to retrieve that. If it's not on file, this is the location to "Register."

After you've logged in, you will have the opportunity to associate your FRN to the CORES account associated with your email.

Do you know someone interested in getting an Amateur License? Before taking the exam, they must acquire an FRN number. Instructions with examples are explained on this page <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/knowledge-base/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration>

### ***Are you a VE associated with W5YI?***

Via this [link](#), you can access your VE history, status, and print your VE Badge or Certificate.



# Field Day



## K6AA 2024 FD Total Points Calculations

### QSOs/QSO Points

<u>MODE</u>	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>Pwr Mult</u>	<u>Mode Mult</u>	<u>QSO Points</u>	<u>Bonus Points</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
CW	1128	2	2	4512		
Phone	1052	2	1	2104		
Digital	408	2	2	1632		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2588</b>			<b>8248</b>		
<b>Bonus Points</b>						
100% Emer Power (100 x #Tx's)					300	
Public Location					100	
Info Booth					100	
QTC to SM					100	
W1AW FD message received					100	
5+ Natural Power QSOs					100	
Elected Official Visit					100	
Served Agency Official Visit (DCS)					100	
Web Submission (maybe)					50	
Social Media					100	
<b>TOTAL BONUS POINTS</b>					<b>1150</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL QSO Pts + Bonus Points</b>						<b>9398</b>

Numbers courtesy of Ray Day, N6HE



## URAC Club Station: K6AA at the Maritime Museum


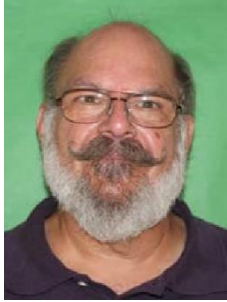







**Update:** no new information at this time (no Fish Market move yet...)

**Parking:** Situation as of now (July 31)...there are now parking spaces to be had at the West Harbor Lot, at least on Weekdays...Some of the station volunteers have been able to talk their way into free parking, some have not...I am still parking up on Beacon Street by the Post Office. We still have some work to do on the parking issue...

~ August 2024 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 URAC BOD meeting, 7 pm, SKYPE	3
4 International Friendship Day	5	6 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	7	8 URAC Luncheon, Think Café, San Pedro, 1:30 pm	9	10
11	12	13 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	14	15	16	17 Lighthouse Weekend, Pt Fermin
18 Lighthouse Weekend, Pt Fermin, <b>URAC PICNIC 11:30</b>	19	20 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	28	29	30	31

~ September 2024 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	4	5	6 URAC BOD meeting, 7 pm, SKYPE	7
8	9	10 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	11 Patriot Day	12 URAC Luncheon, Think Café, San Pedro, 1:30 pm	13	14
15	16	17 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	18	19	20 URAC membership meeting, SKYPE 17 pm	21
22	23	24 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## URAC 2024 Executive Board

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

### *Additional Calendar Notes*

**“VE/CE Session for Amateur and Commercial Licenses by appointment.** Go to <http://k6aa.org/licensing-exams/> If no candidate schedules an exam, there won't be an exam team or exam material available.

#### **Club Roundtable**

Held weekly on Tuesday URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz at 8 pm

The Museum is at the Foot of 6th Street. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday 12 to 5. K6AA is open when the museum is open. To be cleared to operate the station, please contact Scotty, k6ZNL at [k6znl@arrl.net](mailto:k6znl@arrl.net)

#### **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](#).

