



The Short Circuit

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The January General Membership meeting will be held Friday January 17th at 7 pm on Skype.. The January executive board meeting will be held on Friday January 3rd 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



Congratulations to Nick Katnich, N6EFI, who is our 2024 URAC Ham of the Year. Nick does a great job as our Net Control during our Weekly 2m Net. Please join us on Tuesday evenings and share your current activities. Check your email for the weekly reminder and information.

Band conditions are great as we approach the peak of this solar cycle. This is a good opportunity to work our Club Station at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, with its fine radio and antenna. Several of our members are there for a few hours weekly, using SSB, CW, and Digital modes. I typically contact 5 to 10 countries and often a DXpedition every day I am there.

Happy New Year to everyone! I am looking forward to a fun one.

Steve Mandich, K6NT
President



Dear K6AA

With the end of the year fast approaching, I want to thank you all once again for all of the time, energy, and enthusiasm you have put into the club this past year. Our visitors appreciate the chance to interact with the operators, and have their questions answered by such knowledgeable and friendly volunteers.

2025 will bring some exciting updates to the museum, the largest being an overhaul of the ramp that leads visitors from the lobby up to the second floor. Currently the space contains a display of black and white copy photographs which was installed when the museum opened in 1980. This outdated area will be transformed to feature an interactive (touchscreen) presentation of port history, (bringing the story up to the present day), along with artifacts and photographs. This is an exciting project, and I look forward to updating everyone in future issues.

On behalf of the staff, I wish all of you a very happy holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone again in the New Year!

Marifrances Trivelli
Director, Los Angeles Maritime Museum



URAC Club Station: K6AA at the Maritime Museum

K6AA logged over 1500 QSOs this year, not including Field Day or Lighthouse Weekend. A full statistical breakdown will be included in next month's Newsletter. Conditions are generally very good for all modes, although we had a number of days of HF blackouts this year due to solar flares, including on Museum Ships Weekend. We have operators most days but there are opportunities for anyone who would like to become a regular operator at the station. Please contact me for procedures.

Scotty Butler, K6ZNL

Station Manager








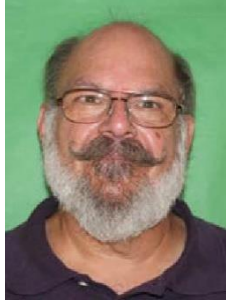

Parking: Update as of now (January 3)

The lot owned by West Harbor now has parking spots available, especially on weekdays. They are now charging \$5 on weekdays and \$10 on weekends. Free parking is available in the lot at Beacon and 7th Street, behind the Green Onion. It used to be a LA County Lot for the Mental Health Department, but they are no longer at that location. Museum staff is parking there also. It is a two block walk to the museum. Steve reports that free parking is often available on Harbor Blvd, near the Museum.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2	3 URAC BOD meeting, 7 pm, SKPE	4
5	6	7 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	8	9 URAC Luncheon, Think Café, San Pedro, 1:30 pm	10	11 Human Trafficking Awareness
	13	14 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	15	16	17 URAC General Membership Meeting, 7 pm, SKYPE	18
19	20 MLK Day	21 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	22	23	24	25 Winter Field Day
26 Winter Field Day Australia Day	27	28 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	29 Chinese New Year 	30	31	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Check out the special events page on k6aa.org for the latest from ARRL and e-ham net.

Additional Calendar Notes

VE Session for Amateur Licenses by appointment or as listed at hamstudy.org. Go to <http://k6aa.org/licensing-exams/> If no candidate schedules an exam, there won't be an exam team or exam material available. Exams use ExamTools.org for testing and processing. You will need an account and FRN number.

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

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](#).

