



# The Short Circuit

April 2025

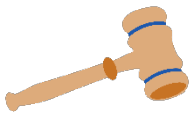
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The General Membership meeting will be held Friday, April 18th at 7 pm on Skype.. The March executive board meeting will be held on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm on Skype. A link to the *General Meetings* will be sent via e-mail to the membership. Anyone having trouble using Skype, please [contact Tom K6IGY](#) for assistance.

## Prez Sez



The Second Thursday Luncheon in March was at Denny's Restaurant in San Pedro. The consensus was that it was a very good experience. The positives are low prices, the 55-Plus Menu, and discounts for AARP and online rewards (sign up at [dennys.com](http://dennys.com)). This month (April) the luncheon will also be there.

Band conditions have been good, and at our club station we are working a good number of countries and DXpeditions. Typical bands are 10, 12, and 15m using digital, phone, and CW.



If you have ham or electronic items, please donate them to our club for our fundraiser.

Please join us for our monthly meeting. Skype will end on May 5th, so the April meeting will be our last on Skype. We are looking at alternatives, such as Free Conference Call. You will get an email with a link to all future meetings.

Steve Mandich, K6NT  
President



Hello, K6AA!



First, a huge "Thank you" to Steve Mandich (K6NT) for all of his efforts to bring the Hamclock technology to the club. Visitors are enjoying learning about its many features, including the ability to show the locations where K6AA has made contact. Thank you, Steve! The Hamclock will be featured in the next museum newsletter, which will be out in early June. If you would like to be on our mailing list and receive the newsletter as well as news of upcoming events, please let Scotty (K6ZNL) know, or send a request to [info@lamaritimemuseum.org](mailto:info@lamaritimemuseum.org)

Our annual Lego Shipbuilding contest will be Saturday, April 26, from 10am-2pm. The museum will close to the public at 3pm that day, to give staff enough time to put back the 50,000+ legos and other equipment in time for our usual Sunday operations. Please consider signing up for a shift in the club on April 26. Last year's contest drew approximately 600 guests, so Lego Shipbuilding day is a great time to introduce our visitors to amateur radio.



The biggest event of the year, of course, Fleet Week, scheduled for Memorial Day weekend May 21-24. The museum always enjoys very strong attendance all three days, and is another outreach opportunity for the club as well. I will share more details in the coming months. I realize this is a holiday weekend, but if you are home and have some free time, it would be fantastic to have the club staffed during Fleet Week.

As always, THANK YOU for your time and dedication to amateur radio, and for making our visitors' time here so memorable.

Marifrances Trivelli

Director, Los Angeles Maritime Museum

## Free Amateur Radio (HAM) Training Courses



### Two Free Amateur Radio Courses

**May 3 and May 10, 2025**

Technician Class License (entry level) 9:30 AM to 1:15 PM both Saturdays (bring your own lunch)

General Class License 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM both Saturdays

**The FCC tests will be 10:00 AM to noon on May 17, 2025**

Whether for emergency communication, communicating around the world, or learning a bit about electronics, there's nothing else like amateur radio (also known as "ham radio"). Amateur radio operators have long provided communications "when all else fails" during disasters. With a short course they can join over 710,000 men women and children in the United states from all walks of life who are license to operate ham radios. At the start of the Technician license course, a member of the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club will give a 30-minute presentation on what ham radio is all about and what the many benefits of being a "ham" are.

The class location is: Fred Hesse Community Park, 29301 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. **Confirm your attendance to Walt, K1DFO at [waltfordway@juno.com](mailto:waltfordway@juno.com)**

Walt charges no fee for either/both course(s). 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 assign you your amateur radio call sign and you're good to go!

Optional Materials (sold at cost) Gordon West books with all the FCC test questions, \$30 for the Technician and \$33 for the General. Paper copy of Walt's class Power Point charts: \$29 for the Technician and \$26 for the General.

Everyone who obtains their first or upgraded ham radio license through a PVARC VE test session will receive a free membership in the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club for the remainder of the current calendar year (or the next calendar year if test is passed in November).

**For courses sponsored by the PVARC, students through grade 12 who pass their examination at a PVARC test session will, upon application to the Club, be eligible for reimbursement for up to a maximum of \$85 to cover their cost of class materials and the examination fee.**

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		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> URAC BOD meeting 7 pm, Skype	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> World Health Day	<b>8</b> URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> URAC Luncheon, Dennys on Western Ave, San Pedro, 1:30 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Tax Day (Taxes Due) URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Good Friday URAC Membership Meeting, 7 pm, Skype	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Easter 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Earth Day URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	<b>23</b> Administrative Professionals' Day	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Arbor Day	<b>26</b> TRW Swap Meet
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	<b>30</b>			

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## URAC 2025 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 Session for Amateur Licenses by appointment or as listed at [hamstudy.org](http://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](http://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](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](#).

