



The Short Circuit

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The General Membership meeting will be held virtually, on Friday, May 16 at 7 pm. The May executive board meeting will be held on Friday May 2nd at 7 pm. Links to the meetings will be sent out by e-mail.

Make plans to attend Field Day, which will be held June 28th and 29th. We set up on Friday, June 27th. We have submitted our park application and the insurance has been verified with the City. If you are going to help set up, operate, or run a station as band captain, please let me know.

Our online meetings will no longer be on Skype since it has been discontinued. We will use Free Conference Call. You will get an email invitation. You can get a phone app or use your PC.



The next club luncheon will be on Thursday, May 8th. It will be at Denny's. However, when I get more responses to preferences, we may go back to the Think Cafe.

Steve Mandich, K6NT
President



Hello, K6AA!

All of you have traveled frequently up the museum ramp between the lobby and the second floor, and I am sure you have noticed the outdated photographic displays lining the walls. Well, this area is about to receive a major upgrade...we have hired Split Rock Studios (the company who designed the fishing exhibit and the children's area) to create an interactive timeline of port history which will address gaps in the current presentation and bring the information up to the present. We are all excited to see the area transform. Installation is scheduled for this coming November. We are still in the design stages, but wanted to give you a sneak peek at one of the renderings. Stay tuned!

Fleet Week is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend May 21-24. This is a great opportunity not only to visit active duty ships, but a way to spread the word about amateur radio to thousands of guests. Please consider signing up for a shift in the club Saturday-Monday, May 24-26 between noon and 5pm (yes! the museum will be open Monday, May 26)

Many thanks for all of your volunteer hours and enthusiasm for the museum!

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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**

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.








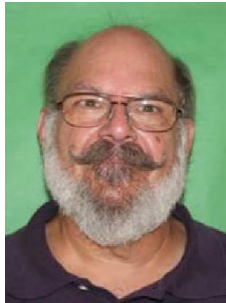

Everyone who obtains their first or upgraded ham radio license through a PVARC VE test session will receive a free membership in the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club for the remainder of the current calendar year (or the next calendar year if test is passed in November).

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 maaxum of \$85 to cover their cost of class materials and the examination fee.

~ May 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 URAC BOD meeting 7 pm	3
4	5 Cinco De Mayo	6 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	7	8 URAC Luncheon, 1:30 pm ,Dennys Restaurant, San Pedro	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	14	15	16 URAC General Membership Meeting, 7 pm	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	21 2025 Fleet Week, Los Angeles Harbor	22 2025 Fleet Week, Los Angeles Harbor	23	24 2025 Fleet Week, Los Angeles Harbor
25	26 Memorial Day 	27 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	28	29	30	31 TRW Swap Meet

~ June 2025 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	4	5	6 URAC BOD meeting 7 pm	7 Museum Ships Weekend
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15 Father's Day	16	17 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	18	19	20 URAC General Membership Meeting, 7 pm	21 Summer Solstice
22	23	24 URAC 2 meter Roundtable, W6MEP Repeater 147.240 +600, PL of 67 Hz	25	26	27	28 ARRL Field Day, 202
29 ARRL Field Day, 202	30					

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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 Denny's on Western, 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](#).

