



The Short Circuit

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The General Membership meeting will be held virtually, on Friday, May 15th at 7 pm. The May Executive Board meeting will be held Friday, May 1st at 7 pm. Links to the meetings will be sent out by e-mail.

The Prez Sez

Field Day is coming soon. Think of what you might want to work. We have phone, digital, and CW stations. If you want to set up and be a band captain for a VHF/UHF station, it is open. This can be 2m, 6m, 220 MHz, 440 MHz, both FM, SSB, and CW. Also, you can run a satellite station. Antennas and a tent are available for these.



Sunspot numbers are back up, and plenty of DX stations are active now.

Be sure to listen and work the Battleship Iowa on the Armed Forces Day Crossband Test on May 9th. They are transmitting with their military call, NEPM, and listening on ham bands. See biara.org for frequencies.

Steve Mandich
President
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Hello!




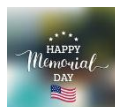
Greetings from the LA Maritime Museum, where we are in the midst of a busy spring! April 11 was the annual Lego Shipbuilding contest, with over 400 guests in attendance. Special thanks to Steve Mandich (K6NT) and Scotty Butler (K6ZNL) for keeping the station open, and to Gina Mandich (KF6MYQ) for serving as a Lego Judge! The photo shows a family of Lego builders who stopped by the club window to learn about amateur radio.



No sooner had we finished with Lego day than thoughts turn to Fleet Week. From May 22-25, we expect thousands of people to arrive in San Pedro for ship tours, demonstrations, and of course a visit to the Museum! We will be open on Memorial Day from 12-5. If you have a few hours to spare, please consider signing up for a shift at the club. You never know whom you may meet!

Thank you!




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 URAC BOD meeting, Zoom, 7 pm. Link will be e-mailed.	2
3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo URAC 2M Roundtable W6MEP Repeater 147.240,+600, PL of 67Hz	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day  Note: LAMM CLOSED	11	12 URAC 2M Roundtable W6MEP Repeater 147.240,+600, PL of 67Hz	13	14 URAC Luncheon, Think Café, San Pedro, 1:30 pm	15 URAC membership meeting, Zoom, 7 pm. Link will be e-mailed.	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18	19 URAC 2M Roundtable W6MEP Repeater 147.240,+600, PL of 67Hz	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day 	26 URAC 2M Roundtable W6MEP Repeater 147.240,+600, PL of 67Hz	27	28	29	30
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~ June 2026 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 URAC 2M Roundtable W6MEP Repeater 147.240,+600, PL of 67Hz	3	4	5 URAC BOD meeting, Zoom, 7 pm. Link will be e-mailed.	6
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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](#).

