



The Short Circuit

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The General Membership meeting will be held virtually on Friday, August 21st at 7 pm on Zoom. The August Executive Board will be held Friday, August 7th, at 7 pm. Links to the meetings will be sent out by e-mail.

The Prez Sez

It is with deep sadness to tell you that Tom Butler, KJ6JPZ, has become a silent key. We offer our sympathies to Scotty. Services will be held at Green Hills on Friday, August 14th at 2:00 p.m and will also be live-streamed.



Our next event is Lighthouse Weekend, to be held on August 15th and 16th. On Saturday, August 15, we will have our annual potluck picnic. Please bring your own meal, plus a dish to share. Soft drinks will be provided. Please join us at the historic Point Fermin Lighthouse. Details to follow.

Steve Mandich
President
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Greetings from the Maritime Museum!

This month's article is an introduction to K6AA's youngest operator, Clara (aka KO6OJS). Clara is the 11-year old granddaughter of Gary (N6HMR) and Treva (N6HMS), and is spending part of her summer break helping out at K6AA, the club station.

Clara first became interested in ham radio after visiting the station at the USS Iowa. With encouragement from her grandparents, she studied for and passed the 35-question test (drawn from a question pool of over 400 questions) earlier this year, becoming an official FCC licensed amateur radio operator. Clara is now the proud owner of a handheld radio, operating on VHF & UHF frequencies. She is also very interested in learning Morse Code, which she has learned can be "more efficient" during communications.



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In September Clara will begin middle school, and is already planning to invite friends on campus to learn more about amateur radio. THANK YOU, Clara, for sharing your enthusiasm for amateur radio with the museum!

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VE & CW Corner

VE sessions have been sporadic. Most have been for Tech licenses, rarely for higher grades. Most examinees seem interested in the VHF/UHF aspect for EmComm.

Our last session, with Steve, Gina, Treva and myself, was done at the Los Angeles Public Library on Gaffey St. in San Pedro. The timing when an exam team and the examinee was available happened on a date the LAMM was closed. For future planning, should an exam be desired on a date the LAMM is open, the break room remains an option.

CW (A1A) remains a popular radio emission. For those who have learned the code but need some practice, you might consider the audio files of CWops (<https://cwops.org/intermediate-practice-files/>). For those interested in learning but don't know where to start, they have their own "CW Academy."

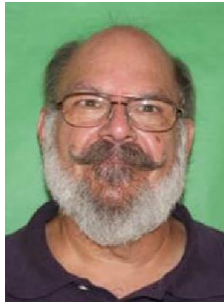
POTA (Parks On The Air) is like Field Day year around, operating from home on commercial or backup power, or activating a park using solar, battery, or generator. Stations run the gamut from QRP to amplifier assisted. Whatever equipment you have, it's an opportunity to see how much you can do, and with how little you can do it.

K6AA has an account and has been recognized with 23 awards from over 1700 QSOs. The club station has an Icom 7300 with a Mosley TA 53 rotatable beam on the roof of the museum. If you haven't been there, talk with Scotty about getting a station checkout. We (URAC) operate the station during museum open hours. There is plenty of room for more operators.

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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](#).

