

The Short Circuit

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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Our meeting this month at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum will be on Friday, the 21st. Enter through the gate on the north side of the museum. A sign will point you to the rear entrance door. Then go down the corridor to the room from which all the noise is coming. Most of the time the meeting starts at 1900 Hrs local. Bring money to buy raffle prize tickets. The losing tickets go into a barrel to be drawn for three BIG prizes at our upcoming Holiday Party in December. This month, before, during or after the business part of the meeting, our own Martin Hochman (N6UB) will present pictorial proof the he and XYL Mary did indeed travel from southeast Africa to the wilds of the American great northwest in the quest of adventure and entertainment while daring the vicissitudes of man and nature.

CU all. Dale W7IXL

United Radio Amateur Club 2011 Holiday Party and Installation of Officers

Your Board is pleased to announce that this year's Party will be at

**The Think Café
302 West 5th Street
San Pedro, CA 90731**

December 16th, 2011 from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Menu:

Soup or Salad

Fresh Bread

Soda, Coffee or Tea

Choice of 5 Entrees:

***Chicken Marsala, Shrimp Scampi Pasta, Salmon,
12 oz. New York Steak, or Lamb Shank***

\$27.00 per person

(A vegetarian entrée may be ordered from the regular menu. Guests desiring dessert may order individually from the regular menu. No-host wine and beer is available.)

*Mail this reservation and your check payable to "URAC" with annotation for "2011 Holiday Party," to Gina Mandich, 913 Barhugh Place, San Pedro, CA 90731-1209. **RSVP and payment due NLT December 9th.***

Member Name & Call Sign _____

Number of Attendees _____ *times \$27.00 equals \$* _____ *enclosed.*

Entrees: *Chicken Marsala* _____ *Shrimp Scampi Pasta* _____

Salmon _____ *New York Steak* _____

Lamb Shank _____



The Club's No-host Breakfast is held 8:00 am on the First Saturday of each month at the **Think Cafe** at 302 W. 5th Street, San Pedro, CA

Saturday, October 1, 2011

The United Amateur Radio Club held its' monthly breakfast on October 1 at Think Café. Attending were:

John WA6SDK
 Don NA6Z
 Dale W7IXL
 Homer K6HKT
 John KC6JHV
 Jack K6JWR
 Martin N6UB
 Dan W6ATP

Because of the relatively light turn-out, it was agreed that we would skip the more formal round of ham radio activity reports and just ask if anyone had anything they wanted to mention.

John (KC6JHV) – mentioned that he had recently been out on the Lane Victory as an operator. He also noted that he too had met the gentleman Dale described on one of the previous Thursday night nets. This person is a former operator on the battleship Missouri, has a big contesting rig at his place in Hawaii, and (as Dale reminded us again) is one of those rare individuals who have Worked All Counties.

Homer (K6HKT) – brought in a homemade bracket for mounting a radio in his truck. He gave a brief outline of one of the tricks that makes it easier to form flat stock properly to make such a bracket. I got the impression he would be more than willing to go into detail for anyone who was interested. The results certainly looked quite good to my eye. Beyond that, Homer described a scam that somebody tried to run on him. Dan chimed in with a scam that he ran into last week supposedly from Microsoft Support.

Don (NA6Z) – noted that after the last breakfast, he went over to Bruce's house and helped him get his K3 up and running. He also mentioned that his name was announced on the last episode of Ham Nation as the trivia question winner. The question was "how was Buddy Holly related to ham radio?" The answer will be left as an exercise for the reader – or see Don.

It was announced that we will have the holiday party at Think Café – same room as the breakfast. Likewise, we will have 3 prizes, and the Thieves Gift Exchange.

Beyond this, certain people had a protracted discussion about air shows in southern California. This was prompted by Jack (K6JWR) mentioning that he was going to the Miramar Air Show on Sunday.

Everybody broke up to go see if we could collect some office chairs for the station.

Because of the light turnout, we decided not to do the drawing.

Jack (K6JWR)

Jack
 K6JWR

The American Radio Relay League Pacific Division & the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club Presents:

PACIFICON 2011 Amateur Radio Convention



PACIFICON 2011 Is Coming Soon!

Ham Radio Convention is Bigger & Better at New Santa Clara Venue
October 14-16, 2011, Santa Clara Marriott Hotel
Santa Clara, California

For Details of Events, Latest Updates and [Ticket Sales](#) go to:

www.PACIFICON.org

Tickets for the Antenna Forum, Breakfast, and Banquet are nearing capacity!!

Call the Marriott Hotel Reservations Desk at [1-800-228-9290](tel:1-800-228-9290), before September 28, 2011, to ask for the special Pacificon rate of \$109/night.

Rooms are selling fast - make your reservations soon!!

PACIFICON 2011 Events, Forum Topics, and Exhibits Include:

** Friday All-Day Antenna Seminar ** Friday Legal Seminar ** Friday Evening Open MDARC Meeting
** Saturday Keynote Breakfast & Evening Banquet ** Outstanding Technical Forums ** Exciting Ham Equipment Exhibitors

** Great Saturday & Sunday Swap Meets ** Daily Radio Prize Drawings ** Transmitter Hunts, Beginner & Advanced

** ATV Activities ** HFpack and QRP Activities ** Ham License Exams ** Saturday All-Day Technician License Class

** Leo Laporte "The Tech Guy" Live radio broadcast ** Boy Scouts JOTA Station** ARRL Forum

** Satellite Communication & Mobile Station ** KPH Marine Live ** HF RTTY Live ** HF Marine RTTY Press Transmissions Live

** Projects and Forums for Students and Young Amateurs ** Original Collins Radio Van ** WWII Mobile Radio Command

** Amateur Fire Communications Center

Go to www.pacificon.org for more details

We encourage you to share this email with others who you think might be interested



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Links of Interest

Check out the poor ZL special

<http://belajar.internetsehat.org/pustaka/library-sw-hw/amateur-radio/ant/phaseshift/The%20Poor%20Old%20ZL%20Special.htm>

Check out Orca DX and Contest Club home page

<http://belajar.internetsehat.org/pustaka/library-sw-hw/amateur-radio/ant/phaseshift/The%20Poor%20Old%20ZL%20Special.htm>

<http://www.yumahamfest.org/>

Check out FCC, FEMA officials tout the importance of broadcasting - Radio & T

<http://www.rbr.com/media-news/washington-beat/fcc-fema-officials-tout-the-importance-of-broadcasting.html>

Check out ENERGY: Desert transformers, Mexican generator dragged SD County in

http://www.nctimes.com/blogsnew/business/energy/article_2d50af28-b0f9-566e-a062-abb70747cf3e.html

T32C DXpedition now underway

<http://www.t32c.com/>

Check out RC Round Up !Very Funny! – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/NA-ST8nXl4U?rel=0>

Check out X1.4 X-ray Flare peaking at 1042 UTC 22 September 2011 (SDO AIA)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EFTQTI12Cpk>

Check out the Secret Life of Solar Flares

http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2011/19sep_secretlives/

Check out Jamboree-on-the-Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet Extravaganza

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/international/programenrichment/jota_joti.aspx

Check out Join Us in the Airwaves by The Ham Band

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8TXmwOpjJs>

The Museum of Obsolete Objects

<http://www.youtube.com/user/MoooJvM>

What's up with the Battleship Iowa?

As of 9/24/2011:

October 27-30 – USS Iowa moves to a northern California berth for exterior work

November 1 – Mid-January 2012 – Exterior work with some events pier side

End of January 2012 – USS Iowa is to be towed to Los Angeles

February 2012 – USS Iowa will transit down Los Angeles main channel to final berth

Summer 2012 – Grand opening to the public...

*For ongoing updates on the USS Iowa's progress check
www.pacificbattleship.com or on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/pacificbattleship*



News from the Los Angeles Maritime Museum

In place of our regular "Museum news" I would like to dedicate this space to remembering one of the Museum's longtime friends, Jim Pitman, (WA6MZV).

As many of you know, Jim was the K6AA liaison to the Museum staff and it was through his efforts that the lines of communication were kept clear. Until recently, you could count on seeing Jim every Tuesday and Saturday in the radio club station on the Museum's second floor. Almost always, Jim would appear in my doorway, asking "Got a minute?" From there we would catch up on club events, Museum events, updates on field day, etc and all of the details that most people miss but are important in maintaining a smooth-running organization.

I realized that Jim's request for only "a minute" of time was pretty ironic, given the hours he and Beverly had given to the Museum through the years. Jim did not just maintain his shift at the station, but he and Bev supported the Museum in a variety of ways. Jim was a board member and secretary of our non-profit Foundation, and I relied on his logical, no-nonsense advice on many occasions. Jim and Bev could always be counted on whenever we needed help, whether working at the Museum booth at a fundraiser, helping with the gift shop, or attending a special event. In dealing with the general public, Jim used his skills honed as an LAPD detective and would always "keep an eye on things" on our behalf.

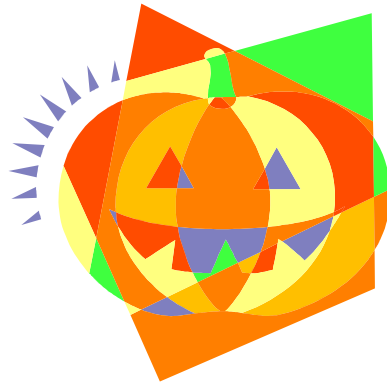
Jim worked hard to establish the club as an integral part of the Museum, and his dedication to the two organizations helped both to grow. His presence and friendship will be greatly missed by all of us.

-Marifrances Trivelli
Director, Los Angeles Maritime Museum

Jim and Bev Pitman at the Museum's 2008 Volunteer Appreciation Party



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



TOM GROVE K6LQI
 DONALD HIRST W6AGP
 KEVIN HORIKAWA AC6GE
 HOMER MEEK K6HKT

BRAD MIGNEAULT W6BJM
 ANDY POULSON N7KFL
 JOEL SPENCE KG6VLV
 NORMAN WRIGHT KG6FSA



A Word From the URAC Nominating Committee

It's that time of year again! The URAC Nominating Committee has been very busy, seeking out members who are willing to serve on the 2012 Executive Board. The Nominating Committee includes Doug Dowds, W6HB; Gina Mandich, KF6MYQ; and Beverly Pitman, WA6TIU.

As stated in the URAC Constitution and By-Laws, the Nominating Committee shall present its selection of nominees for elected offices to the membership at the October 21st Membership Meeting. At that time, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. Nominations will be closed at the end of the October meeting. If you cannot attend the October meeting, you may also call or email any of the members of the Nominating Committee and submit your name to the election slate in that manner. Once again, remember that nominations close at the end of the October meeting.

The election will be held on November 18th at the monthly Membership Meeting. The Installation of Officers will be performed at the annual URAC Christmas Party, which is scheduled for Friday, December 16th at The Think Café in San Pedro. The elected officers will begin their one-year terms on January 1, 2012.

DX OPERATIONS FOR OCTOBER 2011

Per NG3K

Malawi, 7Q7HB: Is now operating thru 11/23/2011. QSL via G0IAS.

Egypt, SU: Is now operating thru 11/30/2011. QSL via HA3JB.

Somalia, T5: Is now operating thru 11/30/2011. QSL via TA1amc.

Surinam, PZ5LP: Is now operating thru 10/15/2011. QSL via PA1LP.

Mayotte, FH8NX: Is now operating thru 10/19/2011. QSL via FH8NX.

Uzbekistan, UK: Is now operating thru 10/13/2011. QSL via UA1ZEY.

Dodecanese, SV5: Is now operating thru 10/19/2011. QSL via LA4GY.

Vanuatu, YJ0ABP: Is now operating thru 10/14/2011. QSL via DJ0YI.

East Kiribati, T32C: Is now operating thru 10/26/2011. QSL via G3NUG.

Botswana, A22EW: Is now operating thru 10/18/2011. QSL via KB2MS.

Vanuatu, YJ0VK: Is now operating thru 10/12/2011. QSL via VK3QB.

Nigeria, 5N7Q: Is now operating thru 10/15/2011. QSL via DF8DX.

Market Reef, OJ0X: Is now operating thru 10/11/2011. QSL via OH2BH.

Reunion, FR: Is now operating thru 10/26/2011. QSL via DJ7RJ.

San Andres & Providencia, HK0: Is now operating thru 10/13/2011. QSL via DL5YWM.

Sable Is, CY0: Is now operating thru 12/31/2011. QSL via VE1AWW.

Malta, 9H3KX: Will be operating 10/8 thru 10/14/2011. QSL via DL8KX.

Temotu, H40KJ: Will be operating 10/8 thru 10/21/2011. QSL via SP5DRH.

Canary Is, EA8: Will be operating 10/9 thru 10/17/2011. QSL via DL3FCG.

St Kitts & Nevis, V47JA: Will be operating 10/10 thru 11/5/2011. QSL via W5JON.

Tahiti, TX3T: Will be operating 10/16 thru 10/19/2011. QSL via UT5UY.

So Cook Is, E51NOU: Will be operating 10/17 thru 11/7/2011. QSL via N7OU.

Guinea, 3XY1D: Will be operating 10/18 thru 11/1/2011. QSL via DL7DF.

Balearic Is, EA6: Will be operating 10/19 thru 10/24/2011. QSL via DL4ABO.

Marquesas, YX7M: Will be operating 10/19 thru 11/1/2011. QSL via UT5UY.

Cocos (Keeling), VK9CX: Will be operating 10/19 thru 11/9/2011. QSL via DL7AFS.

Guernsey, MU: Will be operating 10/20 thru 10/30/2011. QSL via PA9M.

Saba & St Eustatius, PJ5: Will be operating 10/20 thru 11/3/2011. QSL via SP6EQZ.

Sao Tome & Principe, S9: Will be operating 10/21 thru 10/27/2011. QSL via K0KKO.

Cayman Is, ZF2OE: Will be operating 10/21 thru 11/2/2011. QSL via OE2WNL.

Niue, ZK2V: Will be operating 10/21 thru 12/31/2011. QSL via N3SL.

Qatar, A71DLH: Will be operating 10/22 thru 10/29/2011. QSL via DL0LH.

Guam, KH2KY: Will be operating 10/23 thru 10/29/2011. QSL via JA1OZK.

Dodecanese, J45PO: Will be operating 10/23 thru 11/3/2011. QSL via ON4PO.

Fiji, 3D2T: Will be operating 10/24 thru 11/9/2011. QSL via VK4FW.

St Pierre & Miquelon, FP: Will be operating 10/25 thru 11/1/2011. QSL via KV1J.

Central African Republic, TL0CW: Will be operating 10/26 thru 11/3/2011. QSL via 9A6AA.

Bonaire, PJ4J: Will be operating 10/27 thru 11/9/2011. QSL via ON4CIT.

Ivory Coast, TU2T: Will be operating 10/27 thru 11/11/2011. QSL via I2YSB.

Maldives, 8Q7SO: Will be operating 11/28 thru 11/4/2011. QSL via JK1KSB.

Malawi, 7Q7GM: Will be operating 10/31 thru 11/13/2011. QSL via GM3YTS.

Maldives, 8Q7EJ: Will be operating 10/31 thru 11/13/2011. QSL via G3VDB

Two Amateur Radio Courses

FCC "**Technician**" course (entry level)

FCC "**General**" course (2nd level)

Each course is 2 sessions

The 2 sessions are on 12 & 19 November 2011

Technician 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM both Saturdays

General 2:15 PM to 5:00 PM both Saturdays

FCC tests will be 10 AM to noon on 3 December 2011

The location is Hesse Park

29301 Hawthorne Blvd.

Rancho Palos Verdes

- No pre-registration required -
- No fee for either course -
- Taking the FCC Test is \$15 -

Optional Material

- Gordon West book with all the FCC test questions,
\$22 for the Technician and \$26 for the General -
- Copy of my Power Point charts,
\$18 for the Technician and \$18 for the General -

For courses sponsored by the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, students thru grade 12 who pass their examination at a PVARC VE session will, upon application to the Club, be eligible for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$50 to cover the cost of materials and the examination fee.

For more information contact Walt, K1DFO, at walt.ordway@yahoo.com

Membership Renewal ... Gary N6HMR

The last few months of **2011!** It's almost time to start shopping for the holidays. And for URAC it's time for nominations, elections, a holiday party ... and **Membership Renewal**.

This is special ... this marks our **85th** year. And what a coincidence ... we have **85** members on our master roster list.

As dues are "due and payable on the first day of each calendar year," please don't wait til the end to saturate our Treasurer with all the paperwork. Please take a moment now, click this link (http://k6aa.org/index.php/menu-newsletters/doc_download/6-application-for-membership), complete the form on the computer, then print the completed form, sign and mail (or hand deliver at a meeting) to Gina. I know she will appreciate receiving these gently over the next three months rather than all bunched up during the busy holidays.

For those without access to a computer, Gina will have blank applications available at the meetings.

Your Treasurer thanks you, your Membership Chairman thanks you, and your club thanks you. Let's start our 85th year with all 85 member applications current and on file. 73!

The nominating committee for URAC 2012 has been appointed. Please contact any of the below to nominate a full or life member who has agreed to accept your nomination; Members may also self nominate / volunteer to serve as an officer. A member may only be nominated and run for one position. Nominations will be closed at the end of the October meeting. Elections will be conducted at the November meeting if there is more than one candidate for each open office. Should there be only one candidate for each office, a motion to accept the slate by acclamation may be made and voted on at the close of the October meeting.

Gina Mandich KF6MYQ 310-832-3801
Doug Dowds W6HB 310-834-1695
Bev Pitman WA6TIU 310-320-4707

73 - Doug - W6HB

***** IMPORTANT NOTES *****

K6AA Station We can still use more operators for our K6AA station. See Doug, W6HB, and or Scotty, K6ZNL, for checkout and training.

Check out the special events page on the website for the latest from arrl and e-ham net:

<http://www.k6aa.org/specialevents.html>

Additional Calendar Notes**Club Net**

Held weekly on Thursdays at 8pm

Primary = WA6LA repeater

(145.380; -600; PL 100)

If the repeater is unavailable, our Net will use the repeater output (145.38) on simplex.

Club Meeting

Held monthly on 3rd Friday of the month (except August and December)

No Host Breakfast

Held monthly on the 1st Saturday of the month at 8:00am. Location: Think Café on 5th Street in San Pedro

“VE/CE Session for Amateur and Commercial Licenses

Monthly on 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday. **By appointment.** Go to <http://k6aa.org/index.php/menu-licenseexams>”



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