

The Short Circuit

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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 Café's 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 _____

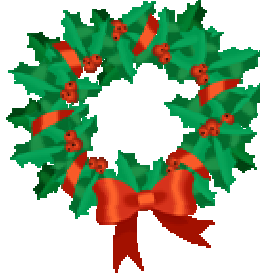


The Club's No-host Breakfast is held 8:00 am on the First Saturday of each month at the **Think Cafe** at 302 W. 5thStreet, San Pedro, CA

Saturday, December 3, 2011

No minutes were submitted.

Maritime Museum News



Happy Holidays from the Maritime Museum!

Museum Schedule:

Saturday, December 24 th	Closed
Sunday, December 25 th	Closed
Saturday, December 31	Open 10am-1pm
Sunday, January 1	Closed

A very happy holiday to everyone at URAC!

PS- For last-minute gifts, don't forget to stop by the Sea Chest Museum Shop!
All K6AA volunteers receive a 10% discount.

Marifrances Trivelli, Director
Los Angeles Maritime Museum

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



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

*Suzanne Haye KJ6CSH
DJ Higgenbottom KJ6ELE
Marylin Hirst W6AAP
Donald Lust KC6GND
Itichai Tiemsanjai KI6JPX*

Links of Interest

Check out 'Find My Phone' iPhone app leads police to armed robbery suspect -

http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/11/apple-iphone-app-helps-lapd-catch-armed-robbery-suspect-.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+lanowblog+%28L.A.+Now%29

Check out 10 METER BEACON LIST: <http://www.qsl.net/wj5o/bcn.htm>

Check out Radio Shack Catalogs: <http://www.radioshackcatalog.com/index.html>

Check out New Mars Rover to Feature Morse Code: <http://www.arrl.org/news/new-mars-rover-to-feature-morse-code>

Check out Ham radio in the 21st century - 2011-11-03 22:10:00 | EDN -

http://www.edn.com/article/519742-Ham_radio_in_the_21st_century.php

Check out: Radio Days are Back

<http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2011/11/17/radio-days-are-back-ham-radio-licenses-at-all-time-high/?test=faces>

DX OPERATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2011 Per NG3K

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

Niue, ZK2V: Is now operating thru 12/31/2011. QSL via GM3WOJ.

Chad, TT8PK: Is now operating thru 13/23/2011. QSL via F4EGS.

Vietnam, XV2RZ: Is now operating thru 12/12/2011. QSL via XU7MDY.

Madagascar, 5R8IC: Is now operating thru 12/17/2011. QSL via F6ICX.

Uganda, 5X: Is now operating thru 12/17/2011. QSL via G3RWF.

Haiti, HH2: Is now operating thru 1/9/2012. QSL via HB9AMO.

Vietnam, XV2LC: Is now operating thru 12/8/2011. QSL via VK6LC.

Namibia, V5: Is now operating thru 1/16/2012. QSL via DJ2BQ.

Senegal, 6W: Is now operating thru 12/11/2011. QSL via AA1AC.

St Lucia, J6: Is now operating thru 12/12/2011. QSL via W3FF.

Palau, T8CC: Is now operating thru 12/16/2011. QSL via UA4CC.

Ethiopia, ET3AA: Will operate 12/8 thru 12/13/2011. QS via K1LZ.

Antigua, V25R: Will operate 12/9 thru 12/11/2011. QSL via K6IF.

Guam, KH2: Will operate 12/12 thru 12/14/2011. QSL via JA1XGI.

Palestine, E44PM: Will operate 12/14 thru 12/31/2011. QSL via HB9IQB.

Belize, V31NB: Will operate 12/16 thru 12/27/2011. QSL via EB7DX.

Togo, 5V7MA: Will operate 12/19/2011 thru 1/4/2012. QSL via F4FOO.

Ogasawara, JD1BLY: Will operate 12/24/2011 thru 1/2/2012. QSL via JI5RPY.

Rwanda, 9X0PY: Will operate 12/24/2011 thru 1/7/2012. QSL via SM6CPY.

Namibia, V5: Will operate 12/26/2011 thru 1/5/2012. QSL via DH3WO.

Namibia, V5: Will operate 12/26/2011 thru 1/16/2012. QSL via DJ2HD.

Burundi, 9U3TMM: Will operate 12/28/2011 thru 1/4/2012. QSL via IV3TMM.

Sable Is, CY0: Will operate 12/29/2011 thru 1/6/2012. QSL via N0TG.

Ogasawara, JD1BMH: Will operate 12/30/2011 thru 1/7/2012. QSL via JG7PSJ.

Palau, T88OW: Will operate 12/30/2011 thru 1/8/2012. QSL via RA0FF.

Namibia, V5: Will operate 2/31/2011 thru 1/13/2012. QSL via DL1ZU.

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!

URAC OFFICERS FOR 2012

At the URAC membership meeting that was held on Friday, November 18, a new Slate of Officers for 2012 was elected by acclamation. Here are the members for the upcoming year. They will be sworn into office at the URAC Christmas party that will be held on Friday, December 16th. Their term commences on January 1, 2012. Here is a big thank-you to those who have volunteered their time to serve on the Board in 2012!

President: Doug Dowds, W6HB

Vice-President: Dale Kind, W7IXL

Secretary: John Rockwood, WA6SDK

Treasurer: Gina Mandich, KF6MYQ

Director: Nick Katnich, N6EFI

Director: Bruce Edgar, AG6BJ

Director: Beverly Pitman, WA6TIU

Director: Cynthia Gonyea, KJ6GPG

Past President: Bill Carter, W6AJ

(By: Gina Mandich, KF6MYQ)

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

K6AA Station We can still use more operators for our K6AA station. See Doug, W6HB, to obtain LA City Recreation and Parks packages to become cleared as a volunteer. When cleared you may begin your familiarization and training process under the Elmering of current staffers.

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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