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## Meetings

The next **Friday Night General Club meeting:**

Date: Friday, August 4, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: American Red Cross [\(map\)](#)

3150 E. 29th Street

Long Beach, CA 90806

The next **ARALB Board Meeting:** [\(map\)](#)

Date: Monday, July 31, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: American Red Cross [\(map\)](#)

3150 E. 29th Street  
Long Beach, CA 90806

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## Guest Speaker

Clint Bradford K6LCS

“How to Work the Amateur Satellites With Your HT”

Clint K6LCS has been a licensed amateur radio operator since 1994, and involved in the commercial side of the radio industry, too. He has given his “How to Work the Amateur Satellites With Your HT” presentation almost 100 times to clubs and hamfests not only in Southern California, but also to groups across North America

via EchoLink and Skype conferences.

Professionally, Clint was sales manager for ADI / Premier Communications / Pryme, worked for a Motorola commercial two-way dealer a couple of years, and for Ham Radio Outlet a couple more. He resides in Jurupa Valley, California, with his wife, Karen, a couple of cats, and their rescued lab, Freja.

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Jodi WA6JL    Paul G2PA    Denise N6DEE

## ***Ladies of the Net***

### **Take Over W6RO on Queen Mary**

[An open letter:]

Hello David N6HHR (Wireless Room Manager),

The Ladies would like to thank you all at the Queen Mary for allowing us to come aboard and operate on the amateur radios. We had an awesome time. Paul G2PA was a wonderful host. We thought that it was great that he gave up his Saturday to host us on our Ladies Southern Reunion. And on top of that, it was his birthday!

Thank you again for giving KM6CIR an awesome experience we will always remember.

Thanks again and 73,  
Tina Madsen KK6KSY  
Trustee of KM6CIR, Ladies of the Net

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[Below is an excerpt from submissions to Newslite, Ham Nation and other publications.]

KM6CIR Ladies of the Net was started by three ladies WB6LVC Debbie Johnson, KK6RXO Janet Fisher, and KK6KSY Tina Madsen during our California Northern

Convention called Pacificon a few years ago. We were discussing women in radio being microphone shy and also having a net to be able to discuss topics of interest with other women. We talked to WB6NOA Gordon West on how to start a net. He gave us ideas and instructed us on how to apply for a club callsign. Once we went home the net was off and running. We now have a club callsign KM6CIR and are on QRZ.com. You can hear us weekdays at 10am on 40 meters 7.245 MHz.

We had a wonderful time aboard the W6RO Queen Mary on July 8, 2017. Our ladies traveled from multiple locations in the western U.S. to the Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA. We arrived the day before and had time to tour the historical ship. There are many interesting tours, displays, gift shops, restaurants and views from the vessel. Those of us from out of town stayed on board in the hotel for two days.

The Wireless Room (Radio Room) is a well designed, immaculately appointed facility. Among the interesting displays are its original radios and equipment used on the 80 year old vessel. What a wonderful trip back to nostalgic history we all experienced. The room has glass windows making the view from the upper deck spectacular. It was a very solemn breath-taking moment. Our group was honored to have exclusive use of this prestigious broadcasting platform. We were not rushed and we transmitted on all the transceivers while responding to a large pile-up of stations trying to reach us from points all over the United States, Europe, and other locations around the world.



It happens to be next to the large fog horn which still goes off at 10am, 12 noon, 3pm and 6pm every day. The horn can be heard all around Long Beach Harbor. The ladies had a startling experience when the 3pm blast went off during their QSOs. We thought the noise was coming from one of the radios, or "YIKES!" maybe we touch the wrong button!!

Our group enjoys getting together and has members from all over the Western U.S.. It is constantly growing; our youngest member present was 17 years old. We meet somewhere in Northern CA. once per year, once in the Southern region and at Pacificon in October.

Our special event last February was aboard the USS Hornet Aircraft Carrier in the San Francisco Bay. With its huge flight deck and 4 vertical antennas, 117 feet above the water line, our ladies had the large original transmitters smoking while making contacts all over the world. The antennas were glowing as some of our operators were working CW with lightning speed.

Each one of the ladies received a beautiful certificate from both events.

73,

Tina KK6KSY

Trustee of KM6CIR Ladies of the Net



**KM6CIR-LADIES OF THE NET**

**7.245 MHZ.....M-F.....10AM PST**

**...It used to be my hobby too!**

**COME JOIN THE CONVERSION!**

**We are an informal net dedicated for women with a current Amateur License. Our group meets to discuss topics of interest or just a friendly visit. We plan to do fun activities together and hope to hear from you soon.**

QSO	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	UTC	MHZ	RST	MODE

QSL card of KM6CIR



## **Solar Eclipse QSO Party**

On August 21, 2017, a total solar eclipse will cause the shadow of the moon to traverse the U.S. from Oregon to South Carolina in just over 90 minutes causing dramatic changes in both the ionosphere and HF propagation.

The Solar Eclipse QSO Party (SEQP) is a HamSCI-ARRL sponsored operating event to generate data to study ionospheric changes during the eclipse.

ALL ham radio operators in the U.S. and Canada are urged to participate.

Read more...



<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/QST/This%20Month%20in%20QST/August2017/Silver.pdf>

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## Be a W6RO Operator on the Queen Mary!

W6RO - The Nate Brightman Wireless Room aboard the Queen Mary is the world famous club station of the Associated Radio Amateurs of Long Beach. We strive to staff the station every day. There are a number of vacant shifts that we would like to fill. We need experienced hams who know HF operation and can represent amateur radio to visiting tourists. Volunteers are asked to commit to at least one regularly calendared four-hour shift each month. Interested persons are invited to contact station manager David Akins, N6HHR, at [n6hr@arri.net](mailto:n6hr@arri.net).

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