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Meetings

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

Date: Friday, Aug 3, 2018

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, Jul 30, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

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

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Guest Speaker: Mark Bender KD6NOT

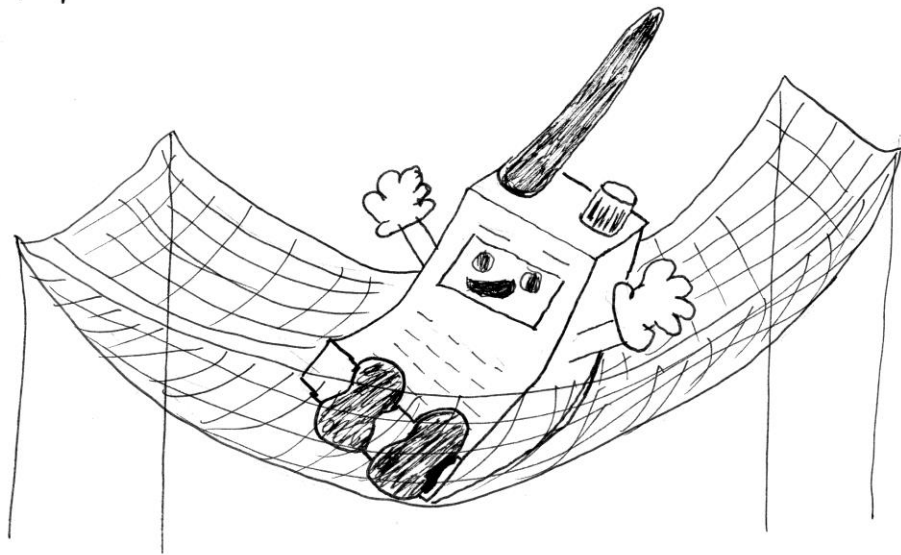
“From Radios to Rockets”



HAM IT UP

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WHY ARE HAMS SAFE?



THEY ALWAYS
HAVE A NET

Piglet's Corner--Tales of a Baby Ham

by Heidi KD6ZSE

Smore Radio Grahams Please

This month I had the privilege of experiencing my first Skype lecture by a famous Kate. Not Kate Hudson or Kate Middleton, it was our famous ham Kate Hutton K6HTN. She is an ARES Morse Code Instructor and serves as Net Control Operator for the Los Angeles Net, the Southern California Net and for the Sixth Region Net. She does much more and is always promoting the positive and practical use of ham radios, especially for emergency use.

The topic of the evening was National Traffic System (NTS). It doesn't have anything to do with big rigs, as in 19 wheelers. It is a radio system designed and committed to moving information, communication across the nation or world as needed, like in the wake of disasters like hurricane Maria that devastated Puerto Rico in 2017. It was ham radio operators that set up their rigs and began relaying information. All kinds of messages were relayed. Personal messages like "we're ok" to requests for supplies or repairs that were badly needed.

NTS has a web of radio coverage across our nation and relays messages on a regular basis. There are daily nets and you can listen, check in as a visitor and request to send a Radiogram. A radiogram is the original twitter. A radiogram is ideally 25 words or less and will be sent to your designated recipient. It may not be as fast as an email, text or twitter, but it is reliable. I encourage you to try it out and send one to a friend.

For more information on NTS and nets in your area check out the sites below:

ARRL Radiogram form:

www.arrl.org/files/file/Public%20Service/RADIOGRAM-2011.pdf

CNN article hams in Puerto Rico:

<https://www.cnn.com/2017/09/27/us/puerto-rico-maria-ham-radio-operators-trnd/index.html>

ARRL Net search:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-net-directory-search>

ARRL NTS page:

<http://www.arrl.org/nts>

Eastern Massachusetts ARRL NTS article:

<https://ema.arrl.org/2005/12/29/originating-third-party-message-traffic/>



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@arrl.net.



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