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Editor's Note

Please think of *The Milliwatt* as a mini newsletter. Write an article for *The Milliwatt* and send it in. Articles are welcome! Go on, send it in!

Questions about the process? Contact the editor, above.

Meetings

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

Date: Friday, February 2, 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, January 29, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

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

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High Flying Orv W6BI

Guest Speaker

Orv Beach W6BI

Topic: Digital Mesh Network

It's one of the most rapidly-growing modes in ham radio: digital mesh networking. By updating commercial wireless access points with custom software, they can be moved into the ham bands to create a ham radio Internet: a "Hamnet". In doing so, any type of digital traffic can be carried - voice, data, video, websites and

more. Orv will talk about what's being done with it, what's required to get it going and current efforts to build a digital backbone up and down the California coast.



Bill receives recognition at Installation Banquet

An Open Letter to Club Members

Thank You

de Bill Bradley WD6FON

Last year, I believed it was time for me to step down from the challenges of the ARALB Ham University. This decision did not come easily. I love what our team has accomplished over the years. We started with no knowledge of what we had to do, but slowly, we listed items that needed to be addressed, and we took each item, addressed it and developed a plan.

We were told that the ARALB education programs of past did not last long. So, we were advised not to expect too much. As a team, we took the challenge. We helped about 200 people to earn ham radio licenses or to upgrade their current licenses. We promoted other classes to help well over 200 hams to learn more about ham radio.

This was quite an adventure, one that I'll remember and cherish for the rest of my life. I want to thank everyone who participated as instructors and as students. Without all of you this would not have happened. I'll always be thankful to all of you as well as the club for standing behind us 100%.

I also want to thank the club for the wonderful honor bestowed upon me at the banquet. Being honored with a Special Recognition award in the presence of my wife was very special indeed. I had been thanked at club meetings, which was greatly appreciated. I thought that part of my life was in the past. So, this honor at the banquet was absolutely unexpected. I thank Carina Lister KF6ZYY for

presenting the award. She was one of the original committee members and taught through the years. I thank Bob Grubic NC6Q for his part in this as the MC for the banquet. Bob also taught CW classes for us. I thank Endaf Buckley N6UTC for signing the recognition. Endaf taught several classes for us. I thank the Board of Directors and the general membership, without whom none of what we did would have been possible. You have all warmed the heart of this old ham. My hope is that the ARALB Ham University will continue to touch the lives of hundreds or thousands more hams in the future.

Again, I thank you very much for this great honor.

73,

Bill, WD6FON

[Psst, wanna read more articles here? Send one in and share... 73 -ed.]



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.



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