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Editor's Note

There will be **NO** Friday Night General Club Meeting in January.

(That means NO meeting Friday, Jan. 5.)

The Annual Banquet is taking the place of the Friday Night Meeting.



But come to the Banquet on Saturday, January 20!

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](#))

3150 E. 29th Street
Long Beach, CA 90806



Only 1 week left!

No tickets sold at the door.



Installation Banquet

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Last day to buy tickets is Friday, January 5, 2018

The only formal event on the ARALB calendar all year is the Installation Banquet. The new officers will be introduced and installed into office, a sit-down dinner will be enjoyed by club members and guests, a guest speaker will tell us about his far-away travels for the love of ham radio, and there will be several great door prizes won by lucky attendees.

Coat and tie are requested of the men. Come early, at 6:00 pm, and enjoy a soothing drink from the open cash bar before dinner to the accompaniment of light, live music.

You can still secure your tickets by calling Carina Lister KF6ZYY before the end of Friday, January 5, 2018. Her number to call is 562 595-8881.

Banquet details:

- **Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018**
- **Location: The Petroleum Club in Long Beach**
- Time: 6:00 pm, socializing with no-host, cash bar and light, live musical accompaniment
- Dinner and Program: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Ticket Price: \$45, in advance (none sold at the door)

- Sit-down, plated dinner (choice of Chicken Marsala or Creamy Coconut Milk Vegan Korma)
- Program: guest speaker **Art Goddard W6XD** "**Ascension Island--South Atlantic Outpost,**" installation of new club officers and directors, select awards presentation, and some great door prizes!



Installation Banquet Guest Speaker

Art Goddard W6XD

DXpeditions are always exciting to hear about--for the ham and the non-ham alike.

"They went where? Where is THAT? To do what? OMG!"

At our next Installation Banquet, **Art Goddard W6XD** will tell us about his travels to **Ascension Island!**

You may have heard of Ascension Island or even worked it on the air, but what does the place actually LOOK like? Definitely you wouldn't go there for the cuisine or nightlife, but there are other attractions. And the island is changing slowly with the creation of Green Mountain National Park and renewed emphasis on conservation and the planned formation of a marine sanctuary.

Art Goddard, W6XD/ZD8G, will be our tour guide on an expedition to Ascension Island. Tune in to this presentation to get a feel for a remote place that has a rich history from Volcanic Eruption to Charles Darwin to Strategic Outpost to Ham Radio DXing.

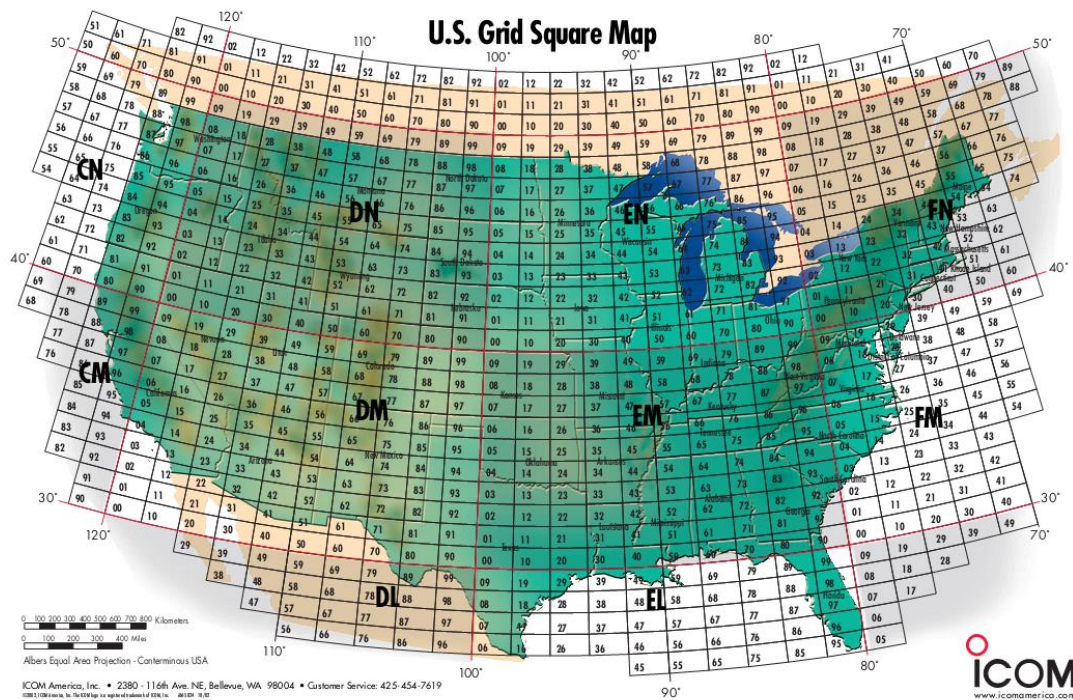




New Rack Mount and Panel Completes the IC-7300 Installation at W6RO

How do you top having a brand new transceiver at your club station? By getting a custom-made rack mount and panel in which to install it. This high quality unit will insure that our new IC-7300 will sit tight and look great in the console for many years to come. Our special thanks to Bob Shaw, WB6RHF, for having this unit made for W6RO.

Assistant Manager Dan McIntyre, W6LGB, has a few more tricks up his sleeve to further customize the installation. Watch for these tweaks in the near future. If you are getting the itch to try out the IC-7300, but aren't yet a crew member of W6RO, contact Station Manager David Akins, N6HHR, at n6hhr@arrl.net to get the details.



The ARRL International Grid Chase! New in 2018 -- Runs All Year!

Remember W1AW portable operations--all year long?
Remember NPOTA operations--all year long?

A new and exciting operating event will kick off on January 1, 2018, at 0000 UTC (New Year's Eve in US time zones), when the [ARRL International Grid Chase](#) gets under way. The year-long event hopes to build on the success of the highly successful 2016 National Parks on the Air (NPOTA).

The objective is to work stations on *any* band (*except* 60 meters) in as many different Maidenhead grid squares as possible, and then upload your log data to ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW). [Registration](#) is free, and it costs nothing to use LoTW.

Many hams are familiar with grid squares from the VHF/UHF and satellite realms, and everyone lives in one. Check it out!

Wanted: Your Old Stereo with Aux Input

We're trying to install an external speaker outside the Wireless Room on the Queen Mary to provide passing visitors and guests the experience of hearing actual, live Morse code when a Wireless Room CW Operator is in QSO with another CW station. Due to the noise level outside the Wireless Room, we need to boost the audio level from the transceiver.

If you still have an old stereo amplifier (or any audio amplifier) lying around your home that has an AUXILIARY (AUX) input, please consider donating it to the cause.

Nate Brightman K6OSC used to say, when Morse code was coming out of the Wireless Room, it always drew a crowd from the tourists passing by. We'd like to repeat that experience.

Please call Bob NC6Q at 562 889-3070 to donate your stereo or amplifier.

For Sale: Yaesu FT-1000 and SP-5

The ARALB is offering for sale a Yaesu FT-1000 HF transceiver with matching SP-5 desktop speaker. This premium radio has the following features:

- operates on 160, 80/75, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, and 10 meters, plus full general coverage MF & HF receive
- all solid state circuitry
- internal AC power supply
- dual independent receivers
- 200W TX power
- filters for 2.4kHz (SSB) and 500Hz (CW) installed
- internal iambic CW keyer with speed control
- SP-5 speaker includes switch-controlled low and high frequency audio filtering

This radio was recently retired from service at club station W6RO. The internal antenna tuner has stopped working, but this is the only problem. Pair this radio with your own outboard tuner (such as the MFJ-939 or similar) for an outstanding premium 200W HF station.

Includes transceiver, AC power cord, speaker, and speaker audio cable. NO microphone.

Asking \$700. Proceeds from the sale will be used to obtain new equipment for W6RO.

Contact David Akins, N6HHR: n6hhr@arri.net -or- [714-269-6647](tel:714-269-6647)



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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