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Meetings

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

Date: Friday, July 6, 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, July 2, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

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

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Friday's Presentation



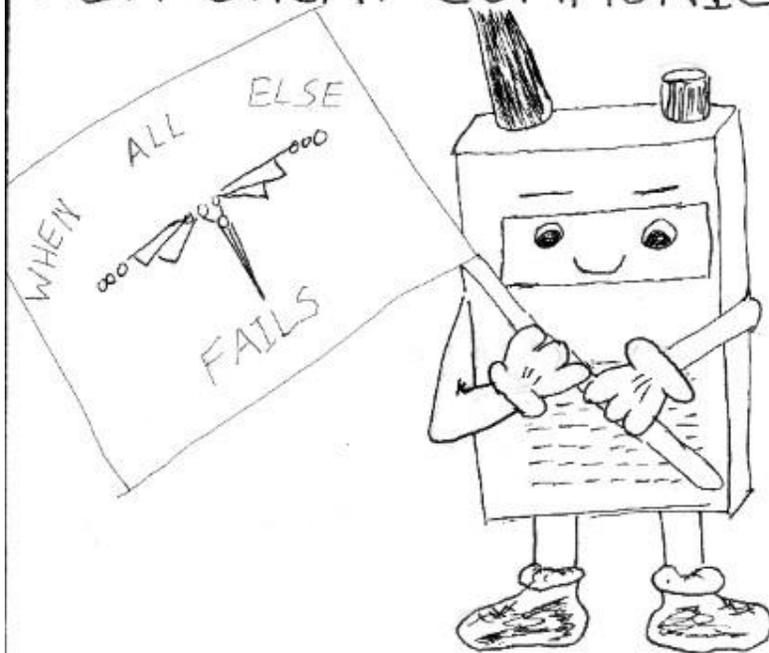
Dr. Kate Hutton K6HTN--*via Skype*

NTS, National Traffic System

HAM IT UP

KD6ZSE June 18

WHAT NATION IS KNOWN
FOR GREAT COMMUNICATION?



HAMNATION

Piglet's Corner--Tales of a Baby Ham

by Heidi KD6ZSE

Ham What?

If you have a bucket list and you are a ham, one of the items on the list should be to attend a ham convention. Wait, ham conventions

are not like other conventions. Maybe it's because they're not conventional. I had the opportunity to attend the world renowned Hamvention. Yes, hams have their own language and one of the familiar hamisms is to add the word ham to an existing word. So, Hamvention is a real event. It takes place near Dayton Ohio at the Xenia, Greene County Fairgrounds.

I was amazed at the string of cars driving to the fairgrounds. The roads are two lanes and mostly everyone was headed to the fairgrounds. I have to commend the police and traffic control officials for their excellent service in directing traffic, posting legible signs, and ensuring visitors' safety.

Once you park the car you need to purchase a ticket. A friendly tip--do not request a will call ticket. The will call line is long, but if you purchase your ticket the same day you can walk up to the window, purchase your ticket and finish in 3 minutes. It took longer to file through the entrance gate than buying the ticket. Some people handsomely display their ticket on a lanyard.

Once you make it through the gate there are barns filled with vendors, equipment, apparel, and all things radio. Bring a bag or get a free one to keep your collected brochures and freebies. Keep your entrance pass handy. I needed to show it to get a free Yaesu hat. The card gets punched because you only get one hat.

There are speakers and interesting people at every turn. It can be overwhelming. There are radio clubs you can join and I even stopped by the ARRL booth. I discovered booths for other ham conventions. There is a Duke City Hamfest, a Wormfest or Hamcation in Florida, Quebec Hamfest, and Egyptianfest in Illinois. I could probably travel across the country just visiting ham events.

While I was in Dayton I stopped by the National Museum of the Air Force. Wear comfortable walking shoes because it is huge. While I was there, the museum unveiled the famous refurbished Memphis Belle Bomber. The museum has a large collection of aircraft, spacecraft, war artifacts, uniforms, space suits, and showcases items with stories of real people, which makes the museum a personal and enlightening experience.

Ohio has real weather, unlike California, so travel with layers of clothing and carry a hat or umbrella. I hope you get a chance to visit a ham gathering soon.

Hamvention web site: <http://hamvention.org>

National Museum of the Air Force: www.nationalmuseum.af.mil

More hamfests: <https://ke2yk.com/hamfests>



Field Day 2018 -- Part 1 A Personal Perspective

Different from Other Years

(Aren't They All?)

Where Was Everyone?

by Robert Hartwig N7RAH

I have been attending Field Day since I became a member of ARALB. 2018 made this my fifth Field Day. Everything was fairly well organized and went according to plan. This mostly can be attributed to the excellent organization done by Mark Chung KK6SMD, with help from ARC volunteers

The meals were excellent and--with the exception of Friday night's dinner being late--came off on time and well served. The late service on Friday night was not Mark's fault. It was due to circumstances beyond his control, a.k.a. El Pollo Loco's lack of coordination with delivery services.

Bob Grubic NC6Q--I have been led to understand--had 300 CW contacts with Wyatt Law AI6V and the (former) Flamingo Lodge a close second at over 200 CW contacts.

Weather conditions were a bit unusual and unlike prior years. The weather was a bit on the damp side and cold enough to send members scurrying for warm jackets and pullovers. Despite this, spirits were high and everyone had a great time.

The only negative I had about Field Day was the lack of attendance. In prior years it seems like we had many more people attending. While I was taking pictures for our Facebook page, I noticed that there were lots of tents, antennas, tables and chairs, but where was everyone? Well, it seems that our new friends at the American Red Cross had a field exercise they had to go to. I, for one, was sad that they were not able to make it. I think it would have been a great experience for them and I hope they can make it next year.

The students from Wilson, Sato, and McBride High Schools were also missing. John Jacobson KK6JBA, the teacher at Wilson High School, participated, with a very nice pop up and we were happy to see him. But what happened to the rest of the students? We are getting older and if the hobby is to continue to exist, we must bring new people--especially young people--into the hobby.

Several Facebook postings I read after Field Day seemed to indicate that we are not alone and attendance this year has been way down. For those of you who did not make it: next year, put it on your calendar, staple it to your forehead, permanent marker it on the back of your hand, and do anything you have to do in order to make Field Day a priority next year. We missed you and you missed a good time overall.

73,
Robert N7RAH

Field Day 2018 -- Part 2

Well, These (QSO) Numbers Were Up

Just Like Other Years

(Aren't They All?)

Here We Are Again!

by Bob NC6Q



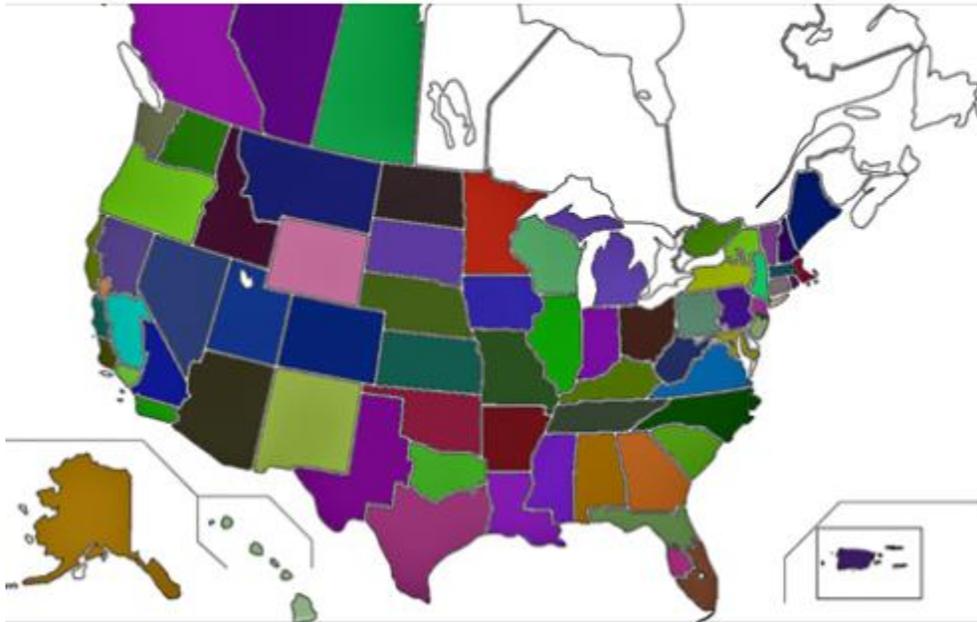


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June 24 at 9:47 PM · 🌐

We only missed 2 US ARRL Sections VI & DE. Out of the 12 Canadian sections we only got 4. 🇺🇸🇨🇦 #arrlfd



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June 24 at 9:00 PM · 🌐

Unofficial W6RO Field Day QSO Results.

Phone - 275

CW - 512

Digital - 60

Total - 847

Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
80	0	121	0	121	14
40	212	55	0	267	32
20	300	21	60	381	45
15	0	52	0	52	6
10	0	16	0	16	2
6	0	7	0	7	1
2	0	3	0	3	0
Total	512	275	60	847	100

For Sale

Two antennas that need some TLC:

First is a Hustler 5 Band Verticle Antenna. It is in fair shape but may need some love \$100.00

Second is a Gap Titian 6-80 antenna verticle. This one is in need of some repair. A couple of the PVC (?) insulators are broken and the wiring needs some attention. I have the manual for it and if you are handy it should take very little work to get it working. A low price of \$165.00 should make it worth your while.

Robert Hartwig N7RAH 562 221-2421

Braided tinned copper ground straps:

Great for a station or antenna ground system. Only \$1.50 a foot or \$1.25 a foot for lengths over 10 feet. I have about 20-25 feet. See me after the General meeting in July.

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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.



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