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Board Meeting Date Changed

Because of the Memorial Day Weekend, the Board meeting was held Monday, May 21, 2018. There will be no Board meeting on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28.

Meetings

The next Friday Night General Club meeting:
Date:     Friday, June 1, 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:     Normally on the Monday before the Friday General Meeting
-----------No Board Meeting on Memorial Day-----------
Time:     7:00 pm
Location: American Red Cross (map)
Program for Friday's Club Meeting

Field Day 101

Presenter: Mark Chung KK6SMD with Panel

Field Day 101 will spotlight last year’s event at Recreation Park with photos and an introduction to Field Day for those who might be interested in visiting this outstanding Amateur Radio Event.
A panel discussion will highlight individual radio operators’ experience on Field Day.

Your questions are welcome.

Is it a Contest or a Social Event? Come to the meeting and finally find out!
Field Day Food

Mark Chung KK6SMD

Please be reminded to pay for your meal plan by June 1st at the ARALB meeting for planning purposes.

$25 for Saturday & Sunday Meals
$35 for Friday night dinner and Saturday thru Sunday meals.
For any questions email mchung@prodigy.net or call (562) 708-3893.
Wyatt Law, AI6V
Winner of the
Young Ham Lends A Hand Award 2018
by Devon Day KF6KEE

News broke on May 21st that Wyatt Law was nominated as the winner of the Young Ham Lends a Hand Award for 2018 by the Radio Club of America and the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA). The prize was announced at the Hamvention Youth Forum in Dayton on May 19th. It is no surprise to those of us who know Wyatt that he has been recognized for his excellence in amateur radio service to the community and other ham radio operators. Wyatt will also receive a check for $100.

Wyatt Law, AI6V, now a senior at McBride High School, has been involved in amateur radio for four years. In that time, he has gained respect from the amateur radio community. He is an active member of the Associated Radio Amateurs of Long Beach (ARALB) and Catalina Amateur Repeater Association (CARA). When a volunteer is needed for an amateur radio event, the local adult radio clubs call on Wyatt because he is mature, he is dependable, he is knowledgeable, and he is a wonderful problem solver. He embodies the ideals of dedication, skill, and knowledge that ARRL and all amateur radio operators value. He offers his assistance to not only all of the students in the McBride and Sato Amateur Radio Clubs but to adults as well. He has taught amateur radio every summer for the past three years at the Boy Scout Sea Base in Long Beach.
Wyatt is unique because he builds nearly everything he can. To start with, Wyatt, comes from a unique home. His family is very active. Wyatt’s dad, Ray, KF6UQW, has had a huge influence on Wyatt and his twin brother, Austin. A passionate outdoors man, Ray introduced Wyatt to camping and hunting as a boy. Wyatt joined the Scouts as an 11 year old and has continued to gain skills over the past six years. He became an Eagle Scout as a freshman and has many certificates for skills achieved and leadership positions. Last December, for his birthday, Wyatt asked for the parts to make his own drone with GPS capabilities.

This Spring he built his own HF Hex beam antenna using fishing poles as the arms to this home made antenna. He will use it this summer for Field Day for the 20 meter voice station with ARALB. He was named band captain by Field Day Chairman, Dr. Mark Chung for the second year. This is an example of Wyatt’s high regard with the local adult radio club. This was the first time any teenager was given the honor of being a band captain in our club.

During one of ARALB’s club meetings, the guest speaker’s talk was all about APRS using a Blackberry. Wyatt sat beside me and explained how APRS worked and what its practical application is for maritime industries, recreational boaters, and search and rescue agencies. Our student has become my mentor.

I have worked with young people in radio for the past 20 years. I have never run across a student more deserving for the Young Ham Lends a Hand Award than Wyatt Law, AI6V.
HAMIT UP

HOW DO YOU GET A
PIG’S ATTENTION?
YELL SQUIRE!

HOW DO YOU GET
A HAM’S ATTENTION?
YELL YAESU-EE!

Piglet’s Corner -- Tales of a Baby Ham
Not if, but when…

It seems to come hand in hand. If you’re a ham, you’re a person who is prepared for an emergency. After all, when all else fails people turn to hams for communication.

The Red Cross offers free information and presentations for disaster preparedness. I was lucky to hear a presentation by a Red Cross volunteer, Mathew Martinez. Not only did he share Red Cross tips, but he shared life lessons he learned from scouting and on what to pack and what not to pack.

Some items to pack are a scarf, duct tape, colored tape like red, yellow, green and black, small high energy snack, water in compressed size, something to write with, pad of paper, rope, gloves, change of clothes, and an item that would help you keep grounded i.e. picture of family or your radio.

For a full list of items and how you can be prepared for a disaster check out the sites listed below.

Red Cross “How to Prepare for an Emergency”
http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies#About

Plan Ahead for Disasters
https://www.ready.gov/
K6CHE, 449.780 MHz, Signal Hill Repeater Net

George Shelton KK6KBN

Due to the inoperative status of the 440 repeater, the Thursday night ARES and Long Beach RACES 6:30 pm 440 Net will be conducted in SIMPLEX MODE, transmitting and receiving on the K6CHE repeater output frequency of 449.780 until further notice.
Los Angeles County Disaster Communications
Service, OES Radio Rodeo

by Bob Brammer, KK6MSC
and Devon Day, KF6KEE

DCS Radio Rodeo is a Big Success.

On May 5th, local radio operators with connections to Emergency Communications were invited to participate in an OES (Governor’s Office of Emergency Services) Radio Rodeo. It began at 8:00 AM

The first drill of this kind had a high level of participation from Lakewood Station members. Avalon participated too. It was great having everyone at the top of their game. Everyone was prepared, protocols were followed and we had a smooth and successful drill. Interoperability was a major goal for the Disaster Communications Service (DCS).
21 area hams checked in with affiliations that include the Red Cross, Long Beach CERT, Long Beach Unified School District, the Long Beach Veterans ham group and ARRL Southern Section ARES members. Special thanks goes to Steven Gratch KG6ZSV, Devon Day KF6KEE, and ARALB for helping get the word out. While many ARALB members are affiliated with many radio groups, 16 or the 21 amateur radio operators that participated in this event were ARALB club members. Good job for being a part of this great drill. Attempting to set up a unified procedure for all Emergency Communication groups is a great goal.

Simplex contacts came from Belmont Shore in the south, to Paramount Civic Center in the northwest; and Artesia Civic Center in the northeast. Hams covered North Long Beach, Bixby Knolls, east Long Beach, Bellflower, Lakewood and Cypress.

The support of the City of Lakewood and Lakewood Regional Medical Center was greatly appreciated.

You can reach Lakewood Station’s DCS group by email at DCSLKD13@gmail.com
Safely Home
I am home in heaven, dear ones,
    Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
in this everlasting light. All the pain
and grief is over, every restless
tossing passed. I am now at
peace forever, safely home in
heaven at last. There is still
work waiting for you, so you
must not idly stand. Do it now,
while life remaineth, you shall
rest in God’s own land.
When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home. Ah,
the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come.
[Although Joe’s passing was announced in the May Milliwatt, this tribute to Joe was written by his friend, Bill Bradley WD6FON.]

Today, May 1, 2018, we laid to rest our long time ARALB club member Joe Provenza, W6UPN. Joe has lived in California since 1955, and he’s lived in Long Beach since 1964. I don’t know when Joe was first licensed as a ham radio operator, but he had been a ham for many years when I met him about 1978. He and my boss, Larry Bass, K6RSU, started working on me to get my ham license. Because of their relentless nudging, I got my Novice License in 1979, and my Technician License in 1981.

Larry immediately had a boat anchor 440 radio installed in my truck, and he then told me to contact Joe. So, Joe was my first ham radio contact on the air. These two gentlemen then started getting me ready for emergency communications. Joe signed me up as an ARES and a RACES operator. We participated in some drills. Then there were several search and rescue incidents that had happy endings. Joe helped to get a number of us involved in operating some yacht races to prepare us for the 1984 Olympics. I believe Sibyl Keirns, KA6RXX, was also involved in this program.

Joe, talked me into operating the Long Beach Marathon, an event that I ended up working for 20 years. This was good experience for other events.

I attended several of Joe’s classes on various things, both professionally, in traffic signals, and as an amateur radio operator. His method of teaching was like his life. It was heavily sprinkled with jokes and laughter.
Joe was a consummate amateur radio operator. If you needed help, he was there. If you wanted to work some drills, he knew just what you needed. If you needed training, he knew where you needed to go. If you needed equipment, he would help you to find it. If you needed guidance to install equipment, he was ready to assist. If you were a little down, he was always ready to put a smile on your face with joke or two.

Above all, Joe has been a good friend for about 40 years. I cannot imagine not having Joe help me through many endeavors throughout much of my adult life. So, it is with deep sadness that I bid farewell to my friend Joseph Dante Provenza, W6UPN, who has helped hundreds of inexperienced hams, like me, to be better experienced hams. Joe will be missed by many people.

73, my friend.

Bill Bradley, WD6FON

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**Item for Sale #1**

**Alinco 222 MHz FM Transceiver Station**

The ARALB is offering the following complete 222MHz FM station for sale:
• Alinco DR-235T Mk III 25 watt 222MHz FM transceiver. Includes original box, manual, mic, mounting bracket, power cord, and originally-supplied accessories. SN M000896. Approximately 10 years old.
• Astron RS-20A power supply. 13.8 volts DC, 16A continuous, 20A surge. More than enough capacity to operate the DR-235T.
• Comet CA-SUPER22 222MHz fiberglass vertical antenna.
• Approximately 50ft of RG-8 type coax cable.
• 10ft metal mast. (We may be able to get you another 10ft if you want it.)

All items offered as a package only for $350.

All items were in use at club station W6RO and are in good condition. They have been replaced and are now excess to our needs. We are selling them to help raise funds for further station improvements.

Interested? Contact David Akins, N6HHR, at n6hhr@arrl.net.

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**Item for Sale #2**

**Mosley TA-33-MW four element Yagi antenna**

See specs here: [http://www.mosleyelectronics.com/senior.html#TA_SERIES](http://www.mosleyelectronics.com/senior.html#TA_SERIES)
Antenna is currently disassembled and can be transported in a pickup or SUV. Buyer must pick-up at my home in East Long Beach.

$350

Jim Snow, W6BIG
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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 n6hhr@arrl.net.
Long Beach, California 90807

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