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Meetings

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

Date: Friday, May 4, 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, April 30, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

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

3150 E. 29th Street
Long Beach, CA 90806



Mathew Martinez

How to Prepare, Respond, and Recover from an Emergency

Friday's Guest Speaker: Mathew Martinez

McBride High School's Mathew Martinez is a unique young man. Ever since being introduced to emergency response in the 6th grade as a Boy Scout, the topic has been a passion. Now, as a junior at McBride High School, 17 year-old Martinez is eager to share the skills that he has developed over the past six years.

In school, Mathew has focused on the Health and Medical Pathway. Outside of school he has focused on his work as a Disaster Preparedness Officer for the Greater Long Beach Chapter Youth Corp where he serves on the Executive Board. Mathew has presented variations of this topic to more than 30 groups in the past.



Piglet's Corner--Tales of a Baby Ham

by Heidi Bender KD6ZSE

When All Else Fails...

One of the best practices as a ham is joining an amateur radio club and then attending the meetings. You can learn so much about the hobby, meet interesting people, and learn fascinating facts. Last month for example, the guest speaker, Diana Feinberg, AI6DF presented information about Disaster Communications Service (DCS). She is ARRL Los Angeles Section Manager and president of the Palos Verdes Radio Club (K6PV) to mention a few of her attributes.

DCS is a volunteer organization overseen by the Sheriff's Department. The

volunteers are trained to provide disaster relief communications throughout the County of Los Angeles donating their equipment and time. The county is prepared and has an extensive array of communications when a disaster occurs. Amateur radio plays a key role as a reliable source of communications when all else fails. The DCS has steps and procedures in place when the time is needed.

If you are interested in volunteering with DCS, check out the link to the web site. Los Angeles County Disaster Communication Service (LACDCS)

<https://lacdcs.org>

For information regarding our Long Beach Club visit

<https://www.aralb.org>

Our club meetings are held on the first Friday of every month. See the beginning of this and every Milliwatt for Meeting information.



New ARALB Life Member

Rick Silva WA6ES

The ARALB salutes its newest lifetime member, Rick Silva, WA6ES. Rick is a longtime member of the ARALB, since before this century! He served as club President in 1998, and was named Ham of the Year in 1999. He has Elmered many hams since then, teaching them contesting skills and other operating skills.

In recent years, Rick has traveled frequently for work, so we haven't seen him at all the ARALB meetings and events, but his interest continues in this club. He believes that in order for a club to stay strong, people have to participate, so becoming a lifetime member is part of his commitment to the ARALB.

At home Rick has a 40ft vertical antenna that works for all bands, 160-6m. He recently discovered QRP, and he is using QRP for all his operations now.

In addition to being a lifetime member of the ARALB, Rick is a member of the Western Public Services System (PODXS 070# 2153), FISTS (4292), the FLYING PIGS (QRP 1499), QRPadillos (#61, a Yahoo group) and other groups.



Walmart Parking Lots on the Air!

WMPLOTA 2018 takes place April 28 and April 29

Seriously. See: <http://wmploata.org>

WMPLOTA is a special event and award scheme for amateur radio **satellite operators** that encourages the practice of portable operation in the ubiquitous and easily accessible location of Walmart parking lots.

Follow them on Twitter @WMPLOTA and post using hashtag #WMPLOTA!



Joseph Dante Provenza W6UPN (SK)

October 06, 1928 - April 24, 2018

Several club members have recently reported the sad news of the passing of Joe Provenza W6UPN in the early morning hours of Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

Joe was a long-time member of the ARALB and in recent years was most notably known for his activities in Long Beach ARES and RACES, the K6CHE repeater system, the Quarter Century Wireless Association, and the Long Beach Repeater Associates. Though his health was failing, he managed to come visit our Field Day event last June 2017.

Viewing will commence at 6:00 pm Monday, April 30 at
All Souls Mortuary
4400 Cherry Ave
Long Beach, CA.

The funeral service will be Tuesday, May 01, 2018 10:00 - 11:00 AM at
Saint Cornelius
5500 E. Wardlow Road
Long Beach, CA

[Click for more information on Services.](#)

Joe's presence will be missed by the club and the K6CHE ARES/RACES weekly nets.

73, Joe. *W6 Uncle Papa Nancy (SK)*



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@arri.net.





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