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Meetings

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

Date: Friday, November 3, 2017

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, October 30, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

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

3150 E. 29th Street
Long Beach, CA 90806



Chief Scott Edson, W6EDS

Guest Speaker

Scott Edson, W6EDS

Topic:

L.A. County Sheriff's Department Communications System and DCS

In March of 2017, and after more than 39 years of service, Scott Edson retired from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and moved into his new career as Executive Director of the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS). LA-RICS is a half a billion dollar public safety voice and data communications system for the 34,000 first and secondary responders in the county. LA-RICS is one of the early builders under FirstNet.gov and the data network will become part of the Nation-wide Public Safety Broadband Network.

His last assignment with the Sheriff's Department was as the Division Chief of Special Operations Division which included Counterterrorism, the SWAT Team, Air Operations, Crime Analysis and Intelligence, Street Gang Investigations, Emergency Management, Crisis Negotiations, Arson and Explosives, and Mental Evaluation Teams.

His prior assignments included communications, technology, investigations, patrol and custody. He remains a Reserve Deputy Sheriff within the LASD Aero Bureau.

Within law enforcement and public safety, Chief Edson was a nationally recognized leader in the area of Emergency Management, Information Sharing, Homeland Security, and Communications and Technology. He participated on many Federal, State and Local committees and working groups, and still is an active member of many associations, including Chair of the International Public Safety Association, Board of Directors.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology Management and an Associate of Arts degree in Administration of Justice. He is also an Amateur Radio Operator, General Class, and was first licensed in 1991.



Installation Banquet Slated for January 20, 2018!

The ARALB has a few traditional events that have survived during the long, long history of the club. **Field Day** is one--an informal social gathering at a park or other outdoor venue that accompanies the "contest" atmosphere of radio operating, public awareness, and much more.

The other, more formal event, is the **Installation Banquet** in January where the new club officers and Board members are formally installed, and that usually accompanies a social hour, sit-down formal dinner, guest speaker, door prizes,

and other formal agenda items. Both events, it would be safe to say, help instill a sense of community among club members and give members and guests pride in the Associated Radio Amateurs of Long Beach, which was first formed in 1927.

So, radio operators, stay tuned in! A committee has been formed and is hard at work to make this next Installation Banquet a most enjoyable one!

Reserve the date--**Saturday, January 20, 2018**. Mark it in your calendar now! Plan on attending, preferably with a guest. Spouses and significant others welcomed! Club members and non-club members are also welcomed! Ham radio comradery will abound! Details and a program will be announced soon.

Wanted: Combination 2 meter/440 base antenna

Contact [Bob NC6Q](#) 562 889-3070



New Banner in Wireless Room

New Banner and Posters at Club Station W6RO

David Akins, N6HHR, Station Manager, W6RO

We have added some great new visuals at ARALB's club station W6RO aboard the Queen Mary. These are highly visible to anyone passing by the Wireless Room, even when the station is not staffed. Visitors will be informed of both the ARALB and ARRL's existence and support of the station.

The large 'W6RO' banner was designed by Carina Lister, KF6ZYY, and we give her a big Thank You! The smaller 'Ham Radio Is ___' posters were created by the ARRL. There are a total of six of these posters, which we will display on a rotating basis.



Icom IC-7300 Installed at W6RO

David Akins, N6HHR, Station Manager, W6RO

I am pleased to report that our brand new IC-7300 is installed and operating! This is the result of the club's fundraiser which was initiated and run by Director Devon

Day, KF6KEE. The '7300, matching SP-38 speaker, MFJ SWR/power meter, and refurbished Astron power supply are provided in a temporary installation at Position A for now, replacing our retired Yaesu FT-1000.

Work on a much more attractive and functional permanent installation is underway by Assistant Manager Dan McIntyre, W6LGB. Once again, a big Thank You to everyone who made a contribution to the fundraiser to obtain this marvelous little radio for the club station.



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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