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Meetings

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

Date: Friday, November 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, October 29, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

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

3150 E. 29th Street
Long Beach, CA 90806



Meeting Speakers

Mark Chung KK6SMD & Endaf Buckley N6UTC

A discussion on Digital Voice mainly concentrating on System Fusion & WIRESEX



Satellite Day Aboard the Queen Mary

AMSAT's Patrick Stoddard, WD9EWK, and our own Endaf Buckley, N6UTC, will operate a portable satellite station on the deck of the Queen Mary on Saturday, December 15th. The operation, scheduled for roughly 0900 to 1700 local, will use the W6RO callsign and the club will log and QSL all satellite contacts as such.

Watch the AMSAT web site for late-breaking details:

<https://www.amsat.org/satellite-info/upcoming-satellite-operations/>

Operating Down South in the CQP



Bob NC6Q, Phil K6MUG, Chris K6CAW, Bill KB6WKT



Spiderbeam antenna



Imperial County Sunrise (IMPE)

Be Your Own DXpedition!

by Bob NC6Q

Last month, a group us travelled down to Imperial County to operate as a “California County Expedition” in the very popular California QSO Party (CQP). We returned to a spot in El Centro (east of San Diego) where I had operated from in the 2015 CQP and we improved on our past performance.

Chris Watson K6CAW, Phil Minch K6MUG, Bill Heather KB6WKT, and I, Bob Grubic NC6Q, took turns operating, rotating nearly every hour in the multi-operator, single-transmitter category for the duration of the 30 hour contest. The CQP is known as one of the premier state contests in the U.S.

Our equipment consisted of an IC-7300 radio, KPA500 amplifier, and a KAT500 antenna tuner. Our antennas were a Spiderbeam wire yagi up 35 feet, a 40 meter inverted-V antenna, and an end fed long-wire for 80 meters up on the trees tops.

When the dust settled, we saw that we had made 920 contacts--to each and every one of the 50 U.S. states and all 8 Canadian provinces--for a Clean Sweep! All 58 possible multipliers! Our Total Score was 131,080 points. Though 20 meters was our money band, we did make contacts on all bands from 80 to 10 meters. During the contest numerous countries called us too, like Italy, England, France, Wales, Colombia, and the Dominican Republic, to name a few.

So, why did we travel all the way down to Imperial County for the CQP? Because Imperial County is one of the rare counties to be found in this contest, and as a result we had pile-ups of U.S. stations calling us most of the time! On both phone and CW. For them, a rare multiplier. It doesn't get much better than that!

Just looking at the CA map of "activated counties" after the CQP (at <http://www.cqp.org/Counties-Plan-2018.html>), one can see that there were still some counties with "limited" operations planned: Del Norte, Modoc, Glenn, Butte, Yolo, Alpine, Mariposa, Merced, Madera, and Kings counties. If you know someone who lives in those counties (and they, like, live on a hill top :)) and they wouldn't mind some ham operators coming up to operate temporarily in the CQP, let me know (for next time)!



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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