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Meetings

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

Date: Friday, September 1, 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, August 28, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

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

3150 E. 29th Street
Long Beach, CA 90806



Guest Speakers

Bruce Jackson KK6BJ and Tom Carter KI6RC

Near-Space High Altitude Balloon Flights

Bruce KK6BJ and Tom KI6RC are both Extra Class amateur radio operators and are members of the South Bay Amateur Radio Club.

They have been interested in near-space high-altitude balloon flights for many years.

They will review their adventures in this fascinating aspect of our hobby and bring some of their equipment for an evening of show and tell.

Speaking of space...



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W6RO Items For Sale:

Satellite Station Equipment

David Aikins N6HHR

The following equipment has been retired from service aboard the Queen Mary and is offered for sale:

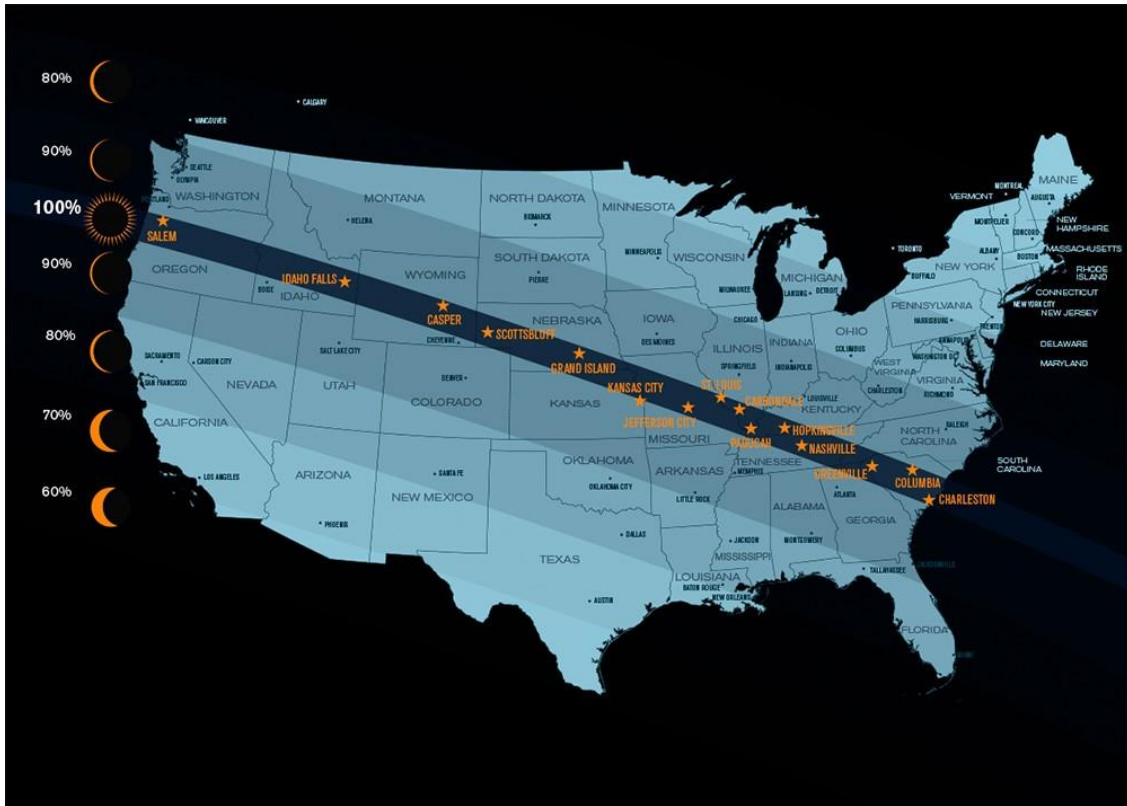
- [Yaesu FT-847 'Earth Station' transceiver.](#) HF/VHF/UHF all mode desktop radio with satellite operation features.

- [KenPro KR-5400 azimuth/elevation antenna rotator](#). Includes control box, rotators, brackets, and approximately 75' of control cables. (Note: This is an early model and does not have provisions for computer control.)
- [Hy-Gain VB-216SAT](#) 2m satellite yagi antenna. Includes L/R polarity switch / balun assembly.
- [Hy-Gain UB-7030SAT](#) 70cm satellite yagi antenna. Includes L/R polarity switch / balun assembly.
- Two runs of approximately 75' each of [Belden 9913 low-loss coaxial cable](#) with appropriate connectors (PL-259 / Type N).

All equipment is in working condition, but is sold as-is and without warranty. Equipment is currently in storage aboard the Queen Mary. Arrangements can be made for those seriously interested in purchasing to inspect all equipment.

Please contact David Akins (n6hr@arrl.net) or Dan McIntyre (dan@w6lgb.com) with inquiries.

Asking **\$800** for everything as a package. Items will not be sold separately. Proceeds will be used to obtain updated equipment for the club station, W6RO.



Solar Eclipse QSO Party

Bob Grubic NC6Q

I participated in the the SEQP on Monday, August 21, 2017 from my home station. Activity was sparse, but I did work 19 stations--all sending me the requested 6-digit grid square--not the 4-digit one we are all accustomed to. I called CQ SEQP about 90% of the time to allow the Reverse Beacon Networks (rbn) to pick up my CW signal and add that to all the data they were collecting during the eclipse to study the ionosphere before, during, and after.

I worked 6 stations on 40 meters and 13 on 20 meters. Besides my antennas being

very poor, (indoor attic dipoles), I think a lot of SEQP stations may have been on Phone or digital mode and not that many on CW. Before hand, I looked at the map of all the stations that had registered. There were many. I was on CW only, the whole time. And when signals were really, really weak, I was amazed at how we were each able to pull our exchanges out of the noise, riding the QSB until it peaked. I thought several times, that signal is really very weak! You sure could not do THAT on Phone! No need for special software or keyboards. CW rocks!



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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