Editor’s Note

Happy New Year Everyone! Just as a reminder, there will not be a regularly scheduled "First Friday" meeting this month, instead we will have the meeting at our installation luncheon. We hope to see you there!

Meetings

The next ARALB Installation Luncheon

Date:        Saturday, January 19, 2019
Time:        1:00 pm
Location:    Mimi’s Cafe  (map)
            4404 Candlewood Street
NOTE: There is no Monthly meeting in January other than the Luncheon. The next General Meeting will be on February 1st.

Installation Luncheon

Join us at this casual get-together to welcome our incoming Officers/Directors and congratulate our latest Ham of the Year! Spouses and Friends welcome!

Come to help us welcome in the newest members of our board:
President: Michael Nadal WA6SVX  
Vice President: Becky Rustuen KJ6VSL  
Secretary: Heidi Bender KD6ZSE  
Treasurer: Phil Minch K6MUG  
Director: Mark Chung KK6SMD  
Director: Ryan Reid K1BLU  
Director: Ed Green AD6S  
Director: Phil Barker N6OEC  
Director: Steve Gratch KG6ZSV

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**Upcoming Technician Class**

Know anyone who wants to become an Amateur Radio Operator? Let them know about our upcoming Class!
A Technician class will be held on January the 5th and 12th 2019 at the American Red Cross, for more details please contact Mark Chung KK6SMD at mchung@prodigy.net or click here.

Baker to Vegas - March 23rd & 24th 2019

ARES SW Is looking for Amateur radio operators interested in helping with the 2019 Baker to Vegas Relay Race.
The Challenge Cup / Baker to Vegas Relay was the vision of Los Angeles Police Officers Chuck Foote and Larry Moore. It was spawned following the format laid by the LAPD Metro Division’s “Death Valley Relay” which came to an abrupt end in 1985 after a seven-year stint of running through the Devil’s graveyard. This race consists of officers from around the globe competing in a 120-mile relay race through the SoCal and Nevada desert. The best part is, race communications are run mainly by Amateur Radio operators, and ARES is looking for more volunteers! For more information Check out their website at http://bakervegas.net/ or to volunteer, contact Carina Lister KF6ZYY at carinalister@yahoo.com.

Ham radios in disaster preparedness
Many of you know this, but a lot of non-hams are not aware.

Many of us use our radios on a daily basis to talk with friends far and near. But a lot of non-hams don’t always know the life-saving capabilities that Amateur radios have. When people are used to living in an area that doesn’t have disasters very often, they often forget that they NEED to be prepared for emergencies. This brief interview was done by a news reporter with WB6RLC, President of Desert RATS Radio Club.


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Successful "AMSAT on the Queen Mary" Operation

Patrick Stoddard, WD9EWK filed the following report after a day of satellite operation board the Queen Mary anchored in Long Beach, California:
After a few months of planning, the "AMSAT on the Queen Mary" event on December 15, 2018, was a success. Many months of planning led to the day-long satellite activity on the Verandah Deck of the Queen Mary, where the ship's club call sign W6RO was heard on several different satellites (AO-7, AO-91, AO-92, FalconSat-3, FO-29, ISS, and SO-50) during the day. There were two operators for the satellite activity - Endaf Buckley, N6UTC, and Patrick Stoddard, WD9EWK. The Associated Radio Amateurs of Long Beach, the club that operates the W6RO station, was represented by David Akins N6HHR, the W6RO Wireless Room Manager.

The W6RO club station has its own Wireless Room near the bow of the Queen Mary. Unfortunately, a deck in that area was being used for a small ice rink, so the satellite operation had to take place at the other end of the ship. Not a big deal, as the Verandah Deck is a large open area. This was the first satellite operation by W6RO in almost 3 years, and the first time W6RO was used on the ship from a location other than the Wireless Room.

The satellite activity was like a Field Day station, working with portable equipment (HTs, FT-817s, and handheld antennas). Being on a ship which is part museum
and part hotel, there were tours passing by during the day, along with others who were curious about our event. There were flyers on a table, along with 3D-printed models of CubeSat satellites including a model of the AO-91 satellite.

After the 8-hour event, 50 QSOs were logged with stations across North America, and the log sheets were given to David N6HHR so they could be filed with the rest of the W6RO logs. The Associated Radio Amateurs of Long Beach will be happy to answer QSL requests with a QSL card. The QSL procedure is listed on W6RO's QRZ.com entry, with one exception - the QSO number referenced on the QRZ.com entry is not required for satellite QSOs made during "AMSAT on the Queen Mary".

Some thank-yous are in order, starting with Endaf Buckley N6UTC. Endaf started talking with the Associated Radio Amateurs of Long Beach about the possibility of having an amateur satellite event on the Queen Mary a few months ago. The W6RO Wireless Room Manager, David Akins N6HHR, worked with the Queen Mary management to get the approvals needed for this event to take place on the ship. Without their hard work, this event wouldn't have taken place. We also had additional help from ARALB member Ron Frank N3HI during the day.

Thank you, Patrick Stoddard, WD9EWK, for the above information.

**Quartzfest**

ARRL Specialty Convention, Quartzfest, is coming this month.
For those interested in Camping and Amateur Radio, ARRL's 22nd annual Quartzfest is coming January 20th to 26th. There will be lots to see and do at this fun-filled event. For more information see their website at: http://quartzfest.org/

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.