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Editor’s Note

Have ideas for the Milliwatt? Send them in! We are always looking for great Content. themilliwatt@gmail.com

Meetings

The next Friday Night General Club meeting:
Date: Friday, June 6, 2019
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, July 1, 2019
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: American Red Cross (map)
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**Name Badges are in!**
Finally, after almost 1 Year since our last order, name badges are in! If you've ordered one recently, come pick yours up at tonight's meeting!

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**Guest Speaker: Michael Farkas, W6JN**

What the HECK is FT8?
Whether you think that Joe Taylor’s (K1JT) line of amateur radio digital modes is the best thing since the silicon rectifier, or look at it as the scourge that will undermine ham radio as we know it, you won’t want to miss this brief, but comprehensive presentation. The demonstration will show you the ins and outs of the software options, why it is so effective for making contacts, and some hints on how to best be heard and land that rare dx (hard to find state).

Michael Farkas, now W6JN, wanted to get into the hobby of amateur radio since he was a teen and 40 years later earned his license in 2014. His primary modes are FT-8, JT-9, JT-65, PSK31, and other keyboard to keyboard modes.

He currently volunteers on the Battleship Iowa as a tour guide, working with young children in the education department, and with the Battleship Iowa Amateur Radio Association. He also volunteers at club station W6RO on board the RMS Queen Mary.
Come Join us On Friday, June 7th, 7 PM at the Red Cross building 3150 E 29th St.,
Long Beach, CA 90806
(between Redondo & Temple)
Everyone is welcome to attend!

LA River Ride - K1BLU is looking for Operators Sunday 6/9

The Los Angeles River Ride is a Multi-ride bicycle ride that encompasses over 2,000 Riders on either a 2-mile Kids Ride, 15-mile Family Ride, 36-mile, 50-mile Half-century Ride, 68-mile Metric Century Ride or 100-mile Century bicycle rides originating in Griffith Park. All proceeds benefit the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, a nonprofit organization working to transform LA into a vibrant, healthy,
and sustainable city for everyone.

Communications for the ride is provided by Local REACT Chapter LA County REACT #6192, which is based out of Glendale. Due to a low number of Volunteers, K1BLU Communications (Basically K1BLU and friends) Typically coordinates Communications in the Long Beach area of the ride, and K1BLU - Ryan is the liaison with Command Post in Griffith Park.

This year, K1BLU is looking for additional communicators to help cover 3 spots in Long Beach. Eldorado Park, Shoreline Aquatic Park, and Ralph C. Dills park in Paramount. We will need 1-2 Communicators at each location to radio in any issues, requests, or problems. All you need to do is bring a chair, and table if you want, and "play radio" in the park for a few hours. If they need assistance, radio Command post, and K1BLU will get the supplies needed shuttle pickup, or relay to Griffith Command Post.

Anyone interested in helping, Please e-mail K1BLU@arrl.net

Thank you.
K1BLU
Ryan Reid

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Field Day is Coming!!
2019 ARRL Field Day is coming up in two weeks.

Everyone is encouraged to come and participate. This event is open to the public, both hams, and non-hams.

Here's some information:
- **Date**: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 21, 22, 23.
- **Location**: Recreation Park, Long Beach. Outside, corner of 7th Street and Federation Road, near the Dog Park and Casting Club.
- **Schedule**: Setup starts at 3 pm on Friday. The contest transmits from Saturday at 11 am through Sunday at 11 am. The teardown is on Sunday at 11 am.
- **Food**: There will be 5 meals served. Friday: Pizza; Saturday: Breakfast-Burritos, Lunch-Subway Sandwiches, Dinner-Tacos; Sunday: Eggs, Bacon, Pancakes. If you want to join in, **pre-pay $35 to cover all five**. Pay the Treasurer at Friday's
meeting. If you need a little more time, send payment to ARALB, 5242 Verdura Ave, Lakewood, CA 90712 by **Saturday, June 15**, and email ki4mug@gmail.com to RSVP.

- **Overnight Camping**: We'll be transmitting for 24 hours. Bring a tent and camp overnight, if you wish, Friday and/or Saturday. Give K1blu@ARRL.net a heads up.
- **Night Security**: We need an additional "night watchman" for Friday and/or Saturday nights.
- **Band Pass Filters**: We could use a few more. Contact bobgrubic@gmail.com if you have any to share for the weekend.
- **Operators**: We'll be running 5 stations and will need more operators. Come out for a little while or all day.
- **Activities**: On Saturday, **License Testing will be at 1:30**. A variety of demonstrations and brief classes will be held throughout the afternoon. The Downey Astronomy Club will have their Solar Scopes available the view the sun. Send a Radiogram message.
- **Setup/Teardown**: help set up and/or teardown antennas, popups, tables/chairs. Friday at 3 pm and/or Sunday at 11 am.

**There's plenty to do... or just come out to visit!**

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**Happy Anniversary W6RO!**

W6RO - The Nate Brightman Wireless Room aboard the Queen Mary - celebrated it's 40th anniversary with a reception for crew members on Monday, April 22nd. The ship's management provided the event to show their appreciation for the station's long service aboard the QM. Hors d'oeuvres, coffee, and sparkling cider were served, along with a beautiful cake bearing the W6RO 40th Anniversary
logo. Mark Chung KK6SMD, representing the County of Los Angeles, presented a County Certificate of Recognition signed by Janice Hahn, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, to Station Manager David Akins N6HHR. Everette Hoard, the Commodore of the Queen Mary, gave voice to the management’s appreciation of the service of W6RO as he spun a yarn about the Queen Mary’s years at sea, emphasizing the importance of the ship’s wireless communications capabilities.

Appearing in the crew photo, left-to-right:
(back row) Dan Crane KM6GRV, Jared Richard WB6DNQ, James Smith AF6DM, Randy Hernaez KJ6PNF, Bob Grubic NC6Q, Midge Bash W6LIK, Jerry Fullerton KD6JBL.
(continuing in the very back) Richard Kitchen KD6UNR, Lew Siegler K2VGE, David Akins N6HHR, Paul Dyke, G2PA (yes, he’s a Brit), Phil Johnson KA6JVN, Commodore Everette Hoard, Mike Johnson, K6MSJ.
(middle row, starting in the middle) Reggie Stevens K6RTH, Max Friedman WB6MAX, Karen Young N6PVL, Robert Hartwig, N7RAH.
(seated) Michael Nadal WA6SVX, Allene ‘Scotty’ Butler K6ZNL, Mary Holzgang KF6OHU, Jim Young W7FTT.
Appearing in the cake photo: Commodore Everette Hoard, Station Manager David Akins N6HHR, ARALB
President Michael Nadal WA6SVX
In the third photo: The Queen Mary’s marine signal flags spell-out W-6-R-O in honor of the Wireless Room and crew.

My Portable Operations
by Hans J. Heimburger N6TCZ

My 8th Trip to Russia will start on 5 June until 27 September 2019.
I will again be touring with the MIR Corp Tours, www.mircorp.com or info@mircorp.com.
I will be visiting and touring to Vladivostok, Russian Far East from 7 to 14 June 2019.
I have been re-invited back to visit and to operate from the Club Station of "Primorye Amateur Radio Club"/RZ0LWA, Vladivostok during the following dates: 8-10; 12 June. I will be operating Portable as: RC/N6TCZ.
I will be touring again with the Golden Eagle Luxury Trains on their famous, Trans-Siberian Luxury Express Train/Westbound from Vladivostok to all the way West towards Moscow between 15 to 29 June 2019. The Web Site is: www.goldeneagluxeultrytrains.com.
I will be touring and visiting Kazan, Russia between 2 to 10 July 2019. I've been re-invited back to the Kazan Radio Club Station/UA4PWR. I look forward to meet both with the Club's President, Alexander Novikor/R4PT and with all of their fine members! I will be planning to both visit and to operate on the following dates: 3 & 5; 10 July. I also have been invited to visit Alexander Novikor/R4PT datcha on 7 July. I will be operating Portable as: RC/N6TCZ.

I will be touring and visiting Nizhny Novgorod, Russia between 11 to 17 July 2019.

Hopefully on 14 July, I will be able to be invited to one of the following Radio Amateur Clubs of Nizhny Novgorod; R3TWA; RZ3TWF; RZ3TXZ; RF3T or even R3VHF. I will be operating Portable as: RC/N6TCZ.

I will be touring and visiting to Smolensk, Russia between 19 to 22 & 23 to 25 July 2019.

I have been re-invited back to the Club Station Activity Smolensk Group/RK3LWA on the follow date: 20 July. I also plan to meet once again with their Club Presidents: Vladimir Pavlenko/R3LO and Alexander K. Novikov/R3LA, along with the other Club's fine members! I will be operating Portable as: RC/N6TCZ.

I will be touring and visiting to Moscow, Russia between 25 to 31 July and from 1 to 4 August 2019.

Hopefully, I will once again be re-invited back to the Moscow Radio Museum Station/RK3F. I have been invited back to the Radio Amateur Club Station: RK3A, "The Home of RARL and of P.O. Box 88, Moscow". I also look forward to meet once again with a Vladimir N. Zlydnev/UA3A on 31 July. I will be operating Portable as: RC/N6TCZ.

I will be touring and visiting to Kaliningrad, Russia, ("R2-Land"), between, 5 to 13 & 21 to 23 August 2019.

I will be able to meet once again with Victor Loginov/UA2FM at either the
Museum-Research Vessel, "Vityas", Club Station, R2KMO and or at the Kaliningrad Contest Club Field Station Site, UA2F sometime between 6 to 8; 12 August. I will be operating Portable as: RC/N6TCZ.

I will be touring and visiting Kaunas, Lithuania between 14 to 21 August 2019.

Hopefully, I will be re-invited once again to meet and to operate both with Bronius Srubas/LY5O and with Saulius Zalnerauskas/LY5W. If possible, I might once again to meet and to operate once again with Rolandas Jokubauskas/LY4A. His QTH is Siauliai, from the Northern part of Lithuania. I will be operating Portable as: LY/N6TCZ.

I will be touring and visiting St. Petersburg, Russia between 24 to 31 August & 1 to 7 September 2019.

Hopefully, I will be once again be re-invited back to the famous Icebreaker, "Krasin" Club Station, R1LK, to meet with Nikolai Sashenin/ RV1AQ and also to once again to meet with Victor M. Stoganov/RX1A at his home QTH. I will be operating Portable as: RC/N6TCZ.

Last, I will be touring and visiting to Volgograd, Russia between 11 to 24 September 2019.

I will once again be re-invited back to the Radio Club Station "Impuls"/RZ4AWB of Volgograd. I plan to meet once again both with Alexander V. Kulinich/RN4ABD and along with their fine Club Members! I will be visiting and operating on 12 & 22 September,(with two or even more visits might be planned as well). I will be operating Portable as: RC/N6TCZ.

I will be having to fly from Moscow back to my home QTH in Long Beach, California on 27 September 2019.

I will be keeping all of you fine hams posted as events are updated!

Throughout my path of Life, I have incorporated many aspects of ham radio into
my life through making many personal fellow contacts, ("Eye-Ball" QSO's) making personal friendships that cross the many Seas! Making new friends with on air QSO's, DX'ing and during Contests, etc.

I am still enjoying this fine hobby with the same interest and dedication as from the start, going on some 36 years ago till now and hope to continue well into the future!

I, now take the time; to Thank, to appreciate all the guidance and help, for the encouragement from all of you, My dear fellow ham operators, the Whole World Wide--a cheerful "Aloha", or Hello, to You and also to say, "Dasvidanya"... God be with You, or just a Thank You!

I do hope to work you on the air sometime in the near future!

I will now have to order new special QSL cards for all of my Portable Operating to both Russia, Lithuania and Belarus.

73,
Hans/N6TCZ, or Ханс Д. Хеймбергер

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**Upcoming Classes**

![Image of a classroom setting with people and a screen, possibly for a class or meeting.]
A Technician Licence class will be held on June 15th – 22nd 2019 at the American Red Cross, for more details please contact Mark Chung KK6SMD at mchung@prodigy.net or click here.

Download the flyer here.

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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.
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