



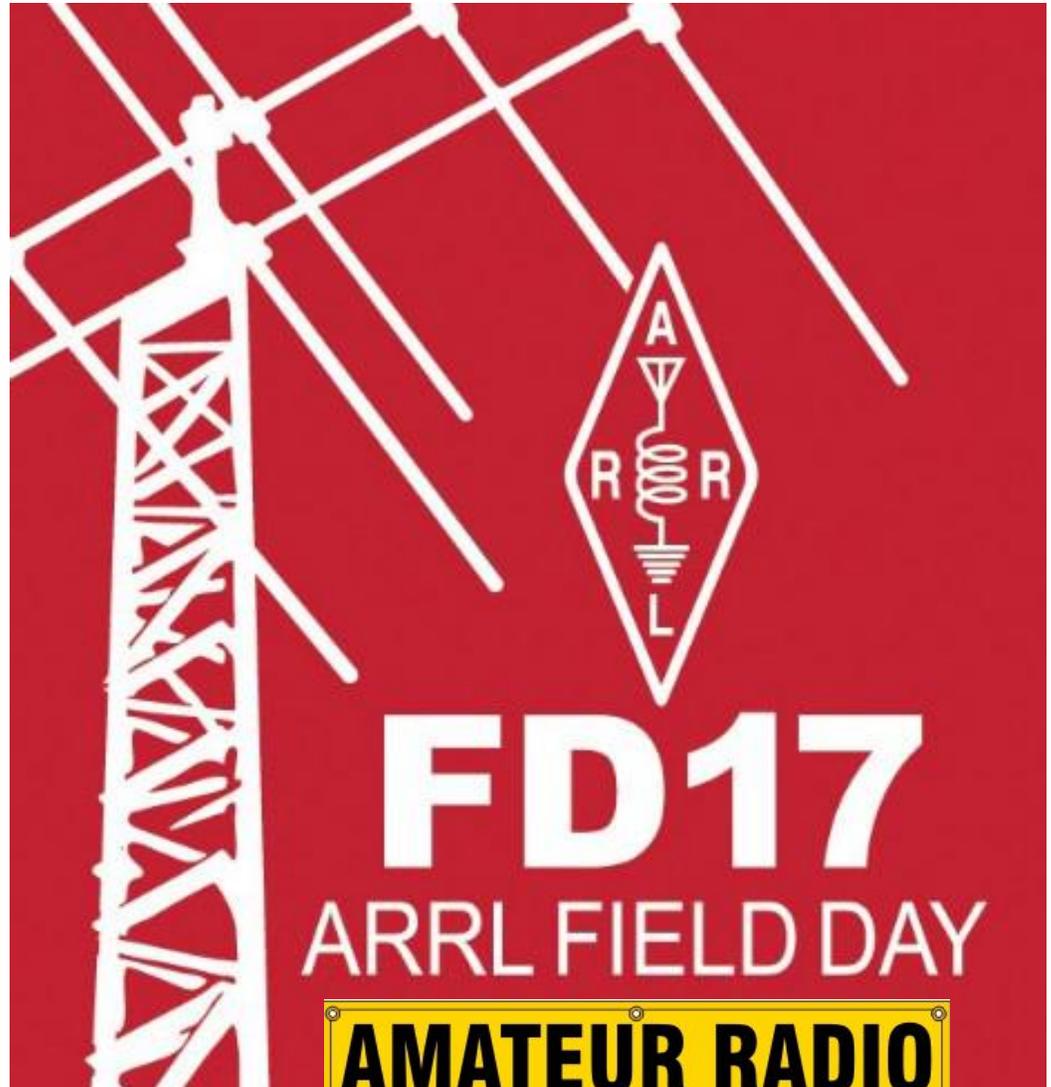
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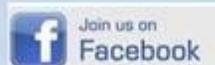
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Hello W6SBA,

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 10th. We will be at the TMMH hospital parking lot, testing our newly purchased coax cables with the vertical antennas we plan to use at this year's Field Day. **We will NOT be meeting at Hof's Hut this month for our monthly luncheon. Instead, we will have lunch at the hospital cafeteria @12pm.** I know what your thinking, "hospital food?" I have personally eaten there, and the food is very good, and reasonably priced. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised! Under the circumstances, the council thought it would be more practical for us to meet and eat at the hospital and then attend to the antenna testing. The antenna festivities will begin @1pm.

Speaking of Field Day, we will be operating a 2A - with the easy to lift vertical antennas. The heavy A3's are officially banned. And we'll have plenty of food to support the event. **This year, Ed Hinz, has graciously volunteered to prepare the Saturday night club dinner, featuring a fully loaded taco bar! He will also be serving a wonderful Sunday breakfast. The club will buy subway sandwiches for Saturday lunch, and delicious donuts and pastries from Torrance Bakery for Saturday morning during set up.** In addition, there will be drinks and snacks throughout the event so you will be well fed! The price is \$10 per meal per person, or all three meals for \$25. Please let Joe know by email as soon as possible so we size up the food portions appropriately.

Until next time, this is Alex saying 73!



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## MEETING NOTICE!

**June 15th, 2017 7:30 PM**

Torrance Memorial Medical Center

Health Conference Center, Room 2



*The June Meeting of the  
SBARC will be devoted  
to Field Day 2017.*

It will be a collaborative effort by Alan KG6ZPL, Alex KD6LPA, and Bruce KK6BJ.

Alan will discuss the history of Field Day, the various classes of stations including our Designation as 2A, and scoring and bonus points, Alex will review our logging software and computer system.

Bruce will discuss the workings of our Yaesu FT-450 transceivers and making contacts on SSB, CW and digital modes.

Hours of operation, setting up and tearing down of the stations and wonderful food and great company on this shared adventure will be included.

This is THE meeting to finalize our preparation for the June 23th-25th Field Day.

**Please plan to attend. We'll see you there!**



## CORNER

WITH ALAN, KG6ZPL

- 1) If a CW operator-and-a-half can make a QSO-and-a-half in a minute-and-a-half, how long would it take two operators to make a hundred QSOs? (thanks to Yoshio, KE6ACH, and to the Orange County Amateur Radio Club newsletter for this problem)
- 2) A clock loses ten minutes each hour, i.e., it takes an hour for the clock to run 50 minutes. If the clock is correct at twelve noon, what is the correct time when the clock reads 3:00 PM?
- 3) Why do elephants paint their toe-nails purple?
- 4) Does painting their nails purple work for the elephant's purpose in doing so?

### Answers to May's Quiz:

- 1) 1) Mr. and Mrs. Oster had four daughters. Each married and had four children. How many are there in the family? ***Twenty-Six: Mr. and Mrs. Oster, four daughter, four husbands, and sixteen children.***
- 2) Danny, Elvis, and Tom are married to Heather, Rose, and Lily. Heather's sister is married to Tom. Danny has never met Lily, who is an only child. Who is married to whom? ***Heather cannot be married to Tom. Lily cannot be married to Tom whose wife has a sister. So Rose is married to Tom. Danny is not married to Lily so Danny is married to heather. This leaves Lily who must be married to Elvis.***
- 3) What weighs three tons and has a stick through it. ***A hippopopsicle.***
- 4) What was the elephant doing on Route 66? ***About five miles an hour.***

Send answers, questions, etc., to Alan at [thermic72@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thermic72@sbcglobal.net)

## Midway and Kure Islands Reinstated as DXCC Entities:

On March 31, 2017, the DXCC desk announced the deletion of Midway Island and Kure Island from the DXCC entities list. The stated reason for this action was because of changes in the administration resulting from changes in Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, formerly known as the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, of which the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and the Battle of Midway National Memorial, the Hawaii State Seabird Sanctuary at Kure Atoll, and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands State Marine Refuge, of which they are all included. After further review, it has been found that the deletion of these two entities is not supported by the changes that were made to the relevant administrations. Therefore, the deletions from the DXCC list should not have occurred, and the two entities, Midway Island KH4 and Kure Island KH7K, will return to the DXCC list as separate entities. ARRL Letter, 5/11/2017



## Updated ARRL "US Amateur Radio Bands" Charts Now Available

ARRL has revised and updated its "US Amateur Radio Bands" charts, and these are now available for download. These are PDF documents, available in color or grayscale presentations. The revised allocations charts reflect the new 630- and 2,200-meter bands, but also emphasize that these bands are not yet available for Amateur Radio use.

The effective date of the recent FCC Report & Order granting these allocations has not yet been determined. Until the FCC sets a start date, it is not legal under an Amateur Radio license to transmit on either band. The FCC will publish a notice in The Federal Register "announcing such approval and the relevant effective date." ARRL will announce the UTC notification procedures and the effective date to use these new bands as soon as these are known. ARRL Letter, 5/18,2017



## Federal Court Complaint Filed to Recover Unpaid \$11,500 FCC Fine in Amateur Case

The US Government has filed a civil complaint in Federal District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania to recover an unpaid \$11,500 fine that the FCC imposed in a Forfeiture Order 2 years ago on Brian Crow, K3VR, of North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. The complaint was filed in Federal District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania on the basis of Crow's residence. The office of the clerk for the US District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania confirmed to ARRL that the complaint was filed on May 8.

In January 2015, the FCC levied the \$11,500 fine on Crow for allegedly causing deliberate interference. The FCC had linked its enforcement case against Crow with the separate case of Michael Guernsey, KZ8O (ex-ND8V), of Parchment, Michigan, whom the FCC has fined \$22,000 for allegedly causing intentional interference with other Amateur Radio communications and for allegedly failing to identify. In both cases, the FCC said, it responded in March 2014 to "several complaints of intentional interference" on 14.313 MHz, and Commission agents used radio direction-finding techniques to determine the transmission sources. ARRL Letter 5/25/2017



## Missing Issues of *Morsum Magnificat* Now Available for Free Download

All copies of the English-language version of *Morsum Magnificat*, the Morse Magazine, are now available for free download from the website of Lynn Burlingame, N7CFO.

This includes the 89 issues published from 1986 to 2004. Mike

Feher, N4FS, was able to provide the missing editions, which Randy Cole, KN6W, scanned for viewing. The 89 issues of *Morsum Magnificat* contain more than 4,000 printed pages, covering all aspects of Morse telegraphy.



The newly available downloads also include "The Story of the Key: The Best of MM-1," by Louise Ramsey Moreau, W3WRE, which includes a list of American telegraph instrument makers from 1837 to 1900, compiled by Roger Reinke. In addition, there's "Key WT 8 Amp Worldwide Survey: The Best of MM-2," by Tony Smith G4FAI, an updated and revised version of the 54-page booklet that provides information about the famous military Morse key, of which more than 100 versions were manufactured in six countries.

Also available: The MM Q & Z Codebook, (English), compiled by Rinus Hellemons, PA0BFN, and Dick Kraayveld, PA3ALM, publishers of the original Dutch version of *Morsum Magnificat*. The codebook lists all Q & Z codes in their original applications, including a copy of the original single-page Q-code guide of 1912.

All copies of *Morsum Magnificat* or associated publications downloaded from the N7CFO website are for personal use only and may not be downloaded or distributed for any commercial purpose. -- Thanks to Southgate Amateur Radio News via Tony Smith, G4FAI, co-founder of the English edition of *Morsum Magnificat*

## Telecommunications Ministry in India Orders Halt to Online Transceiver Sales

The Mumbai Mirror in India reports that a complaint by radio amateurs has prompted the Telecommunications Ministry to order online purveyors, including eBay and Amazon, to stop selling wireless transmitting equipment. According to the newspaper, a group of hams wrote the Wireless Advisor in the Telecommunications Ministry last fall to warn that online sales of wireless equipment could pose a national security threat. Their warning followed reports of "highly suspicious" 2-meter transmissions along the Bengal-Bangladesh border.

The letter drew the attention of the Intelligence Bureau, the prime minister's office, and the military. The Telecommunications Ministry has now ordered e-commerce



websites to stop selling transmitting gear online, effective immediately. The law in India requires

that those selling such equipment have a dealer's possession license and users have a license to transmit.

Ankur Puranik, VU2AXN, spokesperson of the Mumbai Amateur Radio Society, told the newspaper, "...our concern is that the powerful equipment can fall into wrong hands and be misused. More importantly, these two-way radios can tune into any frequency including confidential frequencies used by law enforcement agencies. They can be misused to listen to confidential wireless conversations." ARRL Letter, 5/18/2017

## Two Free Amateur Radio Courses

FCC **“Technician”** course (entry level)  
 FCC **“General”** course (2<sup>nd</sup> level)

Sessions on Aug. 05 & 19  
 (each course is 2 sessions)

**Technician** 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM both  
 Saturdays (bring your lunch)

**General** 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM both  
 Saturdays

The FCC tests will be 10:00 AM to  
 noon on August 26th

At the start of the 5 August Technician course, the  
 Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club will give a 30  
 minute presentation on how to get further in-  
 volved with amateur radio.

Class location  
 is at **Fred Hesse Community Park**,  
 29301 Hawthorne Blvd.,  
 Rancho Palos Verdes.

**Confirm your attendance to Walt**,  
**K1DFO** at [waltordway@juno.com](mailto:waltordway@juno.com)

There is no fee for courses.  
 Taking the FCC test fee is \$15.

### Optional Material (sold at cost)

- Gordon West books with all the FCC test questions, \$22 for the Technician and \$26 for the General
- Paper copy of Walt's Power Point charts, \$22 for the Technician and \$22 for the General

For courses sponsored by the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, students thru grade 12 who pass their examination at a PVARC VE test session will, upon application to the Club, be eligible for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$50 to cover the cost of materials and the examination fee.

Everyone who obtains their first ham radio license through a PVARC VE test session, regardless of age, will receive a free membership in the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club for the remainder of the current calendar

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Please join us on W6SBA 224.38  
 minus offset and the PLat 192.8 hz  
 You can share your experiences or  
 just say hello!



1. **Attendance drawing:** No update provided on winner or not present. I was not present.
2. **Thank you:** Thank you Don-NK6A for your excellent presentation on using QRP radio's with small antenna's making for an interesting combination of things. Field portable QRP radio's with stealth antenna's is one of the fastest growing special interests in amateur radio today. I hope everyone enjoyed this presentation. Thank you Don.
3. **New member:** Please welcome Afred (AI)-W3YRS, Extra to the SBARC. AI is retired and has recently moved to the South Bay, Torrance if you will. He has indicated to be interested in HF, VHF, UHF along with DCS/RACES/ARES and Antennas/Propagation. Public relations is also on his list of interests. The club activities he wishes to participate in are the W6SBA Field day (right on time for that one), Public events, Technical discussions, Club meetings and Social activities. We need to embrace AI of course with all these great interest. As we all know we have 2 big things coming up, Field Day and ARRL SW Division Convention at the Marriott. Please welcome him in our midst and thank for joining us AI. We hope we can satisfy all your needs as a Ham.
4. **Facebook:** Yes I know so many of us just don't want to get involved with that. However, we do have a page especially for us in the South Bay ARC. We need the publicity and so we ask you to please join us (request to join needs to be approved). We have Paul-KK6BY putting up many pictures from events. We have Patrick-K6PDG placing many an article on our page with ham related issues. Others contribute less frequent and that is what makes it interesting in many ways. So if you use social media such as Facebook let us know and you can join us also on the SBARC Facebook page. If not, we maybe can let you see it to see what is going on. The balloon launches are announced and will show a lot of activity as well from Bruce and Tom. Please let me know if you want to join us on Facebook.
5. **New website:** By the time you read this we should have our new web site up. I am sure you'll be able to access this as always since the W6SBA domain name is being transferred over as well. We thank Heidi-WG0GGY for her hard work in setting this up. We will of course make the announcement for you to go take a look on our new website. Please be patient but let us know if you encounter a problem with any of it. A thanks for this also need to go to Paul-KK6BY and son Brian for making this available to us. Please enjoy or at least after June 18th.

6. **Memorial Day Fly Over:** Yes this event on this beautiful morning of Monday May 29 was staged as in the past at Green Hills Cemetery in San Pedro. Several members under Chuck-KN6H gathered at the place and set up their equipment and attempted to make contact with Chuck-K6CSH in the control tower at Torrance Airport. It took several attempts to understand we had a problem but with the support of several we had to adopt to plan B (the use of a cell phone helped to). Instead of using the scheduled frequencies we landed up using the SBARC repeater to relay traffic to the official at Green Hills. Everything went as planned including the 6 or 7 sky diving team which while almost cancelled did manage to find some clearance in the sky to come and drop in on us. Thanks to Chuck-KN6H, Ray-WA6OWM, Dave WA6OJK, Chuck-K6CSH, Russell-KI6HBG, Jerry-KI6RRD and Joe-WB6MYD we were able to provide the support needed to make this a wonderful morning to praise all our veterans and their services provided.

7. **Field Day 2017:** The annual disaster is once again upon us all. Make no mistake about this-when you got your Amateur Radio license grant you signed up to provide for support to your community in case of a natural or manmade disaster. This is what this is all about-support and prepare to support your community. The South Bay ARC has provided its members to assist with this on an annual basis to train and prepare for this. Yes it has been turned into a contest which makes this far more interesting. Not only for members but for every ham by appealing to your senses to really make something out of this. The motto is for you to be prepared and the only way we all know for this to happen is to train on a regular basis. In all the years I've been with the club I don't think I've ever missed out on this opportunity to do so annually for the better part of 45 years now. No I am not telling you this to pound my chest rather I feel obligated with my license to honor this tradition for all the privileges it has given me. This is the least I can do for all that and I hope you to will feel that way. So when is it- June 24-25, 2017. The contest starts at 1100 hrs June 24th and ends 24 hours later on 1100 hrs on Sunday June 25th. Now nobody is trying to tell you to work all 24 hrs (would be nice if you could) but as most of us are getting older we don't function as well anymore. So we can ask for your help when you are free. We will be on the "West Parking" structure at Torrance Memorial Medical Center. Stop on by, see more info coming your way soon to make this one of your best weekends ever.

## CALENDAR

**Council Meeting** - 1st Thursday of the month  
Call Joe - WB6MYD (310) 328-0817

**Club Meeting** - 3rd Thursday of the month  
**June 15, 2017- 7:30 p.m.**  
Torrance Memorial Med Center  
Health Conference Center, Room 1

**Club Nets** - **W6SBA WEEKLY NET**  
Every Thursday @7:30pm  
(except the night of club meetings)  
**PVUSD EMERGENCY NET**  
1st Tuesday of the month  
09:30 Hours on the W6SBA repeater

**TRW Swap Meet** Saturday,  
**June 24, 2017**, 7-11 a.m.

**VE Session** - Contact: Joe WB6MYD  
Phone: (310) 328-0817  
jmlanphen@gmail.com or w6sba@arrl.net  
(All VE sessions are scheduled for Room 4 in the Health  
Conference Center for 2017)

**Social Event** - Contact: Joe WB6MYD  
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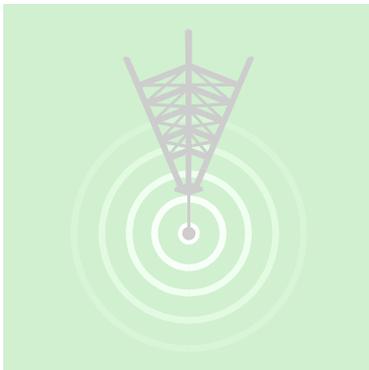
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