Crosstalk

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Next Meeting: Quarterly Social at Far Field

Come socialize with us! This is an informal event to simply chat with each other about our love of all things radio.

Where: Far Field Beer Company – 4471 W Rosecrans Ave, Lawndale, CA 90250
When: Monday, Oct 12, 2026 @ 5:30pm

Parking: Lots of parking is available in the median on Hawthorne Blvd at the intersection of Rosecrans/Hawthorne. Note: parking meters were recently installed on the north side of the intersection. Don WA6FEL reported that parking on the south side of the intersection is still free! Thanks for the tip, Don!
Food & Drinks: Pizza & soda are offered by the club! Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages may be purchased at the venue.

We're trying something new this month by adding a social topic, "**What's the latest mode you've tried and what made you experiment with it?**". Bring anything else you'd like to share with us!

Greg Shreve, KE6YEX, Celebration of Life

We warmly invite you to join us as we gather to honor and celebrate the life of Greg Shreve. His kindness, humor, and steady presence touched so many, and this gathering is a chance for all of us to share memories, support one another, and reflect on the legacy he leaves behind.

Where: St Peter's Episcopal Church – 1648 W. 9th Street, San Pedro, CA
When: Saturday, October 24, 2026 5-8pm

The program will include reflections, music, and a time for anyone who wishes to share a memory. Potluck Dinner will follow.

To sign up for Potluck Dinner (Main Dish, Appetizer, Side Dish/Salad, Dessert) email Janice Miya, KJ6NHY at jsmiya01@gmail.com

Please feel free to share this invitation with anyone who knew Greg and would like to attend.

Tribute Wall:
https://www.snyderfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Gregory-Alan-Shreve?obId=49414177

From a club email sent on August 26, 2026:

It is with sadness that we share our fellow club member and friend, Greg Shreve KE6YEX, passed away last night from a brain aneurism.

As many of you know, Greg was a huge part of our club over the years. Greg served us at various times as president, treasurer, Field Day chair, Crosstalk editor, and Elmer to us all.

Greg was always willing to answer questions, pass on his knowledge, and then step back and share the reigns so we could learn and grow as hams.

Greg was one of the kindest people you could meet and put countless hours into making this club what it is today. He will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian, [and sister Shelley] and our thoughts are with her and their family.

- W6TRW board

Greg setting up antenna towers and station at Field Day 2019

Reminder! 58th Annual W6TRW Banquet

Our 58th annual banquet is coming up fast! If you haven't sent in your RSVP do so ASAP! The cutoff date is October 31.

Don't miss member speaker, Josh Nass, KI6NAZ! Prizes will also be very good this year so don't miss out!

Where: Bluewater Grill (Captain's Cabin 1st Floor) – 665 N Harbor Dr, Redondo Beach, CA 90277
When: Saturday Nov 14th, 6:00 – 9:30pm (**RSVP required**!)
To RSVP, email: Janice KJ6NHY, jsmiya01@gmail.com

The Future of Crosstalk

By Dylon Mutz, N6MX

If you haven't heard, we are looking for a new editor to keep our decades-long running of Crosstalk going. Greg Shreve did a phenomenal job of keeping the newsletter going since 2022, according to our newsletter archive (https://w6trw.com/crosstalk-newsletter/). I suspect it's been longer actually, since it was email-only for a few years! Now it's ready for the next generation to carry on the torch.

Much like the long-running sci-fi TV series Doctor Who, our newsletter "regenerates" with a new face and personality every few years. Could you help Crosstalk regenerate into its next incarnation by being its new editor?

Monthly tasks include:

1) Asking members for general or personal radio news to share, handwritten articles, and photos of radio activity during the month.
2) Collecting club info and announcements from the W6TRW board.
3) Reviewing and organizing the material into the newsletter.
4) Sending the newsletter to the membership list the first week of the month.

This is a volunteer role so it's best-effort, which is perfectly fine! We're grateful to have someone help keep our activities documented and our group connected and active each month!

If you're interested in the role, please email us at w6trwradioclub@gmail.com. Thank you!

2026 ARRL 10GHz+ Contest

By Dr. Doug Millar, K6JEY

This year's 10GHz and up contest was very unusual. Well, not the first week. Tony KC6QHP, Brian AB6UI, Mike WB6DJI and I all went out all over. We decided the second week would be for 47GHz and up contacts. We met at my garage to check out our rigs before the contest. We should have done it a week earlier. There were glitches and problems that needed fixing. Thanks to a bountiful supply of parts, Tony's excellent building techniques and miles of solder, we got rigs going on 122, 79 and 47 GHz. We made local contacts and then headed out. It was exciting to get everyone together and do some fixing that was much harder to do on our own. We are laying plans for a late winter 122GHz expedition.

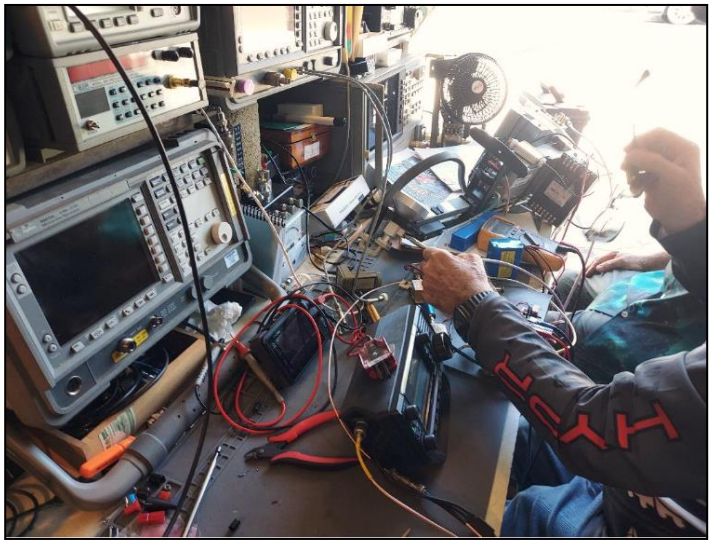

Photo of emergency surgery by Dr. Tony with Dr. Doug in attendance. The patient was unresponsive, but revivication seems possible.

Helen and I went out on Sunday to North side Signal Hill and had a good time on 10 and 24GHz. Our two biggest contacts were with the stations on Frazier Mountain 80 miles away. I got nice strong signals and a non-contact but reception from KB6BA way up in the San Joaquin Valley. I could have worked him with my bigger station, but I heard him on a 4" horn antenna. That is like working France on 20m with a 20 inch whip. Others of the "Westside Microwavers" had good results. The monsoon weather blocked most of the 24GHz contacts and inversions weakened some 10GHz efforts. Most of us worked stations to the South and there were many contacts with stations in the San Joaquin, many several hundred miles away. We have rarely used the line-of-sight rule and find propagation and reflection off of water towers, palm trees and airplanes very rewarding. The mountains don't seem to get in the way either.

All in all, a good weekend for everyone. We will just have our "tune up party" a bit earlier.

The "Westside Microwavers" involved in a 122GHz test

Helen deep in a contact on the North Side of Signal Hill on "Bluey" on 10 GHz and 24 GHz, with a one foot dish, is on standby. The backwards ladder is very helpful. It holds the IF radio and logging paperwork.

Member Marissa Gullickson, KO6KUZ, Awarded ARRL Scholarship

By Dylon Mutz N6MX

Original Publication Credit to ARRL & QST Magazine

Marissa Gullickson, KO6KUZ
Dayton Amateur Radio Association Scholarship

Special recognition to member Marissa Gullickson, KO6KUZ, for earning a Dayton Amateur Radio Association's scholarship through the ARRL Foundation!

The ARRL Foundation manages more than 150 scholarships established by generous donors. The Dayton scholarship is one of them and offers a $1,500 scholarship to eligible amateur radio operators pursuing higher education at an accredited four-year college or university.

Marissa is studying Electrical Engineering at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with an expected graduation in 2029. During Summer 2026, she interned with the Digital Space Technologies department at Northrop Grumman Space Park and plans to continue her internship in the RF department in 2027.

You can see Marissa featured in the September 2026 edition of QST.

Congratulations, Marissa!

Doug & Helen's Star Party

By Dr. Doug Millar, K6JEY and Helen Mahoney, KI6LQV

Helen and I would like to invite members and friends to our house in Long Beach for an "In Town" star party on October 17. The featured objects will be Saturn and the Moon. We will start about 8pm. We will have coffee and you can bring snacks. You can also bring a telescope. Email me if you need my address or directions at drzarkof56@yahoo.com.

- Doug and Helen

Upcoming Events

Unless otherwise noted, details for the events below are in the articles in this newsletter.

October
- 12th - Quarterly Social at Far Field
- 17th - Doug & Helen's Star Party
- 24th - Greg Shreve Celebration of Life
- 30th - Member Mike Aust WB6DJI presenting "*Ruby microwave radios*" – CLASTECH 2026 @ Eravant, Torrance
  - https://www.ieeer6.org/event/clastech-2025/

November
- 14th - W6TRW 58th Annual Banquet
  - To RSVP: email Janice Miya, KJ6NHY at jsmiya01@gmail.com, before October 31st

2026 W6TRW Officers

Elected Officers

- President – Dylon Mutz N6MX
- Vice President – Mike Hamada KF6UCN
- Treasurer – Carlos Villegas KI6IPS
- Secretary – Mark Knight KD7DTS
- Commissioner – Greg Madden WQ9P

Staff Officers

- Banquet – Janice Miya KJ6NHY
- Publicity Chair – Vacancy
- Training Chair – Chris Wachs WA2KDL
- QSL Manager – Craig Gullickson N6ED
- Librarian – Janice Miya KJ6NHY

Appointed Officers

- Activities Chair – Janice Miya KJ6NHY
- W6TRW Trustee – Chris Newton N6FR
- Technical Chair – Chris Wachs WA2KDL
- Swap Meet Manager – Wendell Young KE6ASC
- Membership Chair – Steve Dunlop KO6HXV
- ECT Coordinator – Greg Madden WQ9P
- Web Master – Michael Bao AI6BJ
- S-Shack Master – Dylon Mutz N6MX
- Field Day Chair – Mark Knight KD7DTS
- Past President – Chris Wachs WA2KDL