

Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club



K6PV



PVARC Meets Every third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m,
Hesse Park, Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes

The 2008 Christmas Holiday Dinner Extra Edition

Dan Colburn, W6DC, was presented with the W6AM Rhombic Award for Excellence, containing a small piece of Rhombic wire from the pile Mel Hughes recovered from the dismantling of the antenna farm up on Highridge. The award is the first of the Good Guy awards that we hope to be able to present to the members who support and promote the Club. There's plenty of wire left.

W6AM SK, is the legendary Don Wallace, owner of the antenna farm and member of PVARC.

Former Presidents were thanked for their work and presented badges identifying their years of presidency. From Left: Jeff Wolf, K6JW; Dale Hanks, N6NNW; Steve Smith, KO6ZC; Dan Colburn, W6DC; Herb Epp, W6RBW; Mel Hughes, K6SY; Joe Locascio, K5KT; Ken Getzin, NE6K; Bryant Winchell, W2RGG; Dave Scholler, KG6PBH; and current president Ginger Clark, KG6TAU. Missing from the photo but also presented with a badge is Walt Ordway, K1DFO.



Bob Closson, W6HIP, standing in front of the new Club banner that he designed and that he and Doris Hughes made perfect. His reward for winning the banner contest which we held at the Lighthouse picnic, was a free Christmas banquet dinner.

The President Pontificates

Ginger Clark, KG6TAU



The year is just about over. The holiday dinner was well attended and the food, as usual, was terrific.

Doris Hughes unveiled the new Club banner created by Bob Closson, W6HIP, who won the banner contest at the Lighthouse Picnic and was awarded a free Christmas dinner for it.

After an excellent dinner and an informative speaker, Dan Colburn, W6DC, was presented with the first W6AM Rhombic Award For Excellence...our first Good Guy Award. The plaque contains an original piece of rhombic wire from the Don Wallace rhombic antenna farm that was up on Highridge. The wire was donated by Mel Hughes, K6SY, who has plenty more.

This Club is full of many people to thank for the work they've done. Not the least are our past presidents. And so, Mel Hughes introduced the eleven former presidents of the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club who were present at the banquet, and one-by-one they were honored with reverse-colored, ex-president badges, to thank them for leading the Club during their tenure. (the presidents who weren't there will get theirs by mail).

All of the women received wind-up LED flashlights, and one person at each table won one of our new large-sized coffee mugs with the PVARC badge logo on it. We have a few more of these mugs and they'll be for sale at the January meeting.

Then we raffled off a 2-meter HT that Alan Soderberg had donated some time ago, a couple of 440 HTs the Club bought on sale, and some other items donated by Mel or Jeff or the NOAA weather people (rain gauge).

Then we finished our coffees, deserts, and conversations and went home, ending another year of events with the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club.

In 2009, we've reserved the room for Wednesday, December 16th, and the caterer, too.. So you might want to save the date.

In January, we will be presenting a slate of new officers for your consideration and for your February vote. Vice president Denzel and I are both retiring but we have reason to believe that Treasurer Bill Harper and Secretary Bill Leighton will continue their fine work for another year, providing a nice continuity to the board.





de the VP Denzel Dyer, KG6QWJ

First of all, I wish all the Club members a very happy holiday season!

Then, special thanks to Club President Ginger and her elves for preparing a great party. For all the members and guests at the party, remember that the added weight will eventually disappear if you go without eating for a week or so. You missed it?? Tough. You were warned! But you have another chance. Mark your 2009 calendar now for Wednesday, 16 December!

And for a New Year's wish, I'd like to see more radio activity. (Two separate words there). We have well over a hundred members, but most of them I have never met. Just as a start, I'd sure like to see our meetings get much too big for the room we have been using.

There are several excellent excuses for attending coming meetings:

Friends who know you are hams will probably be asking you about digital television – what is it, and why do some of us have to convert? Get the answers from Walt Ordway, K1DFO, at the January meeting.

In February, Joe Locascio, K5KT, has (well, he will have) a program on NVIS (Near Vertical Incidence Something - got it, Skywave). Given my location and an antenna that barely clears the roof, vertical is definitely what I need.

For February and March we have a pair of programs by Mel Hughes, K6SY, on ethics, general, and advanced operating procedures (SSB, CW, RTTY, FM and repeaters, DXing and contesting).

Best wishes!

Denzel KG6QWJ



All photos courtesy of John Freeman, WW6WW or Bill Harper, WA6ESC. Thank you!



Visit Our Web Site



Opportunities

January, 2009

1 Thursday

A Happy New Year to everyone!

17&24 Saturdays

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. FCC Technician License Instruction. Hesse Park, Walt Ordway, K1DFO.

31 Saturday,

Licensing Exam- Hesse Park, 10 a.m. to noon.

My Shack



Call the QRO editor to talk about your shack.

Or send us an e-mail.



We'd sure like to hear what you're doing, what bands you're on--what kind of fun you're having.



Need a Club Badge?

Contact

Karen Freeman, KG6BNN

310-541-6971



Need a Club Patch? or a Club Jacket? You can get either or both from Dave Scholler,

KG6BPH

310-373-166



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President	Ginger Clark, KG6TAU
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Slow Speed CW Practice Net by Bob Grubic, NC6Q

The Slow Speed CW Practice Net is still operating on HF to provide an opportunity to practice CW.

It meets Friday nights at 7:30 P.M. (except on the 1st Friday of the month) on 28.130 MHz (plus or minus QRM)—open to all class licenses. Check the August issue (on the PVARC website) for the full article on this great opportunity to polish your CW skills.



Norm Witt, WI6TT, is selling a garage-full of items for his SK friend. Here are some of them. If interested, contact him at normwitt@msn.com; or 310-375-3604

Daiwa automatic antenna tuner
Yaesu 2500R 2-meter mobile/base radio
Heathkit HWH hf crystal transceiver
Several Astron power supplies
ICO VTM 232 voltmeter
Heathkit DTV voltmeter
Antenna rotator
Several Battery chargers
Speakers and headphones
Miscellaneous electrical and ham items
HF low band filter
CW keyer
Coaxial cable
Ladder lead-in wire
more (still digging through the garage).

From Mick Connally

Our speaker Mick Connally wrote Denzel to thank us for a good time Friday, and to provide the URLs he had promised for information on the deep space network:
<http://www.nasa.gov>
<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deep_Space_Network
<http://descanso.jpl.nasa.gov/index.cfm>
<http://deepspace.jpl.nasa.gov/dsndocs/810-005>

From Steve Barryte, ki6guy

The holiday dinner speaker on JPL's Saturn mission brought to mind the Allen Telescope Array at Hat Creek Radio Observatory. More than 7 or 8 summers ago my family was on vacation at Lassen Volcanic NP (east of Redding in northern California). I thought my boys might be interested in seeing the observatory. At that time HCRO had no visitor program other than a 10 minute video plus the chance to talk to scientists on duty (if they were available). We went & I thought it was very interesting. I don't know what their current visitor policy is. Their phone number is (530) 335-2364; some links:
<http://ral.berkeley.edu/ata/>
<http://www.seti.org/ata/>

See the rest of the
Holiday Dinner pictures at
www.palosverdes.com/pvarc/2008ChristmasParty.htm

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent. (thanks ki6guy)

Job Tip:

January, 1940

RADIO NEWS

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I will send you a Lesson on Radio Servicing Tips FREE TO SHOW HOW PRACTICAL IT IS TO TRAIN AT HOME FOR GOOD JOBS IN RADIO



YOU CERTAINLY KNOW RADIO SOUNDS AS GOOD AS THE DAY I BOUGHT IT.

THANKS! IT CERTAINLY IS EASY TO LEARN RADIO THE N.R.I. WORK I STARTED ONLY A FEW MONTHS AGO AND I'M ALREADY MAKING GOOD MONEY.

THIS GREAT TIME WORK IS GREAT FUN AND PRETTY SOON I'LL BE READY FOR A FULL TIME JOB

Clip the coupon and mail it. I'm so certain I can train you at home in your spare-time to be a Radio Technician that I will send you my first lesson free. Examine it, read it, see how clear and easy it is to understand. See how my course is planned to help you get a good job in Radio, a young, growing field with a future. You don't need to give up your present job, or spend a lot of money to become a Radio Technician. I train you at home in your spare time.

Jobs Like These Go to Men Who Know Radio

Radio broadcasting stations employ engineers, operators, technicians and pay well for trained men. Radio manufacturers employ repairmen, inspectors, installers, servicemen. It's good pay jobs with opportunities for advancement. Radio jobbers and dealers repair installation and servicemen. Many Radio Technicians own their own Radio sales and repair businesses and make \$20, \$40, \$50 a week. Others hold their regular jobs and make \$3 to \$10 a week fixing radios in spare time. Automobile, police, aviation, commercial Radio; loudspeaker systems, electronic devices, are newer fields offering good opportunities to qualified men. And my course includes Television, which promises to open many good jobs soon.

Many Make \$5 to \$10 a Week Extra in Spare Time While Learning

The day you enroll, in addition to my regular course, I start sending you Extra Money job sheets which start showing you how to do actual Radio repair jobs. Throughout your course I send plans and directions which have helped many make \$20 to \$100 a year in spare time while learning. I

and special Radio equipment show you how to conduct experiments, build circuits. This 50-day training method makes learning at home interesting, fascinating, practical. I devote more than 10 lessons specifically to Television and Television Handicrafts throughout in my course.



I Also Give You This Professional Servicing Instrument

Here is the type of instrument Radio Technicians use—as All-Ways for Servicing Instruments. It contains everything necessary to measure A.C. and D.C. voltage and current; to check insulators; adjust and align any set, old or new. It includes your needs for professional servicing after you graduate—can help you make extra money fixing sets while learning.

Get Sample Lesson and 64-page Book Free—Mail Coupon

Ask today! Each coupon costs 10¢ (Sample Lesson and 64-page Book). They're FREE. They point out Radio's spare time and full-time opportunities and show earnings in Television; tell about my course in Radio and Television; show money-making possibilities. I trained, telling what they are doing and earning. Read the money-back agreement. Find out what Radio offers you. Mail coupon in envelope or paste on penny postcard—NOW!

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Established 23 years
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OH BILL - I'M SO GLAD I ASKED YOU TO FIX OUR RADIO. IT GOT YOU STARTED THINKING ABOUT RADIO AS A CAREER, AND NOW YOU'RE GOING AHEAD SO FAST

OUR WORRIES ARE OVER. I HAVE A GOOD JOB NOW AND THERE'S A BIG FUTURE AHEAD FOR US IN RADIO

J. E. SMITH, President
Dist. GAE, National Radio Institute, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Smith: Send me FREE, without obligation, your Sample Lesson and 64-page book "Rich Rewards in Radio" which tells about Radio's exciting and full-time opportunities and explains my 50-day method of training sets at home to be Radio Technicians. (Write Plainly.)

Name..... Age.....

Address.....

City..... State.....

Amateur Radio Course

FCC “Technician” course (entrée level)

It is a 2 session course

The sessions are on Jan 17 & 24

From 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM both Saturdays

The FCC test given on Jan 31 from 10 AM to noon

**The location is Hesse Park
29301 Hawthorne Blvd.
Rancho Palos Verdes**



- No pre-registration required -**
- No fee for either course -**
- Taking the FCC Test is \$14 -**

Optional Material

- Study book with FCC test questions, \$15 -**
- Copy of my Power Point charts, \$10 -**

**Students (thru grade 12) who take this course and get
their license will be reimbursed up to \$40 by
The Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club**

**For more information contact
Walt, K1DFO, at walt.ordway@yahoo.com**

December 2008

ARRL Summary Report December 2008 compiled by Bryant Winchell, W2RGG



SPECTRUM DEFENSE: THE ARRL'S PRIMARY MISSION

Defending and enhancing access to the Amateur Radio spectrum is the primary mission of the ARRL. According to ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, the League has not only protected the bands, but has also added several new ones, despite exponential growth in the variety and number of radio frequency devices in the hands of consumers and businesses. "Even our most disappointing defeat -- the loss of the bottom 40 percent of the 220 MHz band some two decades ago -- gave us upgraded status, from shared to exclusive, in the remaining 60 percent of the band," he said.

Sumner said that amateurs will soon have cause to celebrate: March 29, 2009 marks the date that high-powered international broadcasting stations will be removed from the heart of the 40 meter band.

Ref.: The ARRL Letter, Vol. 27, No. 45

SATELLITE SERVING AS VOICE REPEATER EXPECTED TO GO QRT BY END OF YEAR

Launched in January 1990, AMSAT-OSCAR 16 (AO-16) -- a digital satellite-- has been operating as a voice repeater since January 2008, using FM voice on the uplink and transmitting DSB voice on the downlink (best received on SSB) <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/01/23/100/>>. But according to the satellite's command team, the satellite's orbit might force this to end sometime before the end of the year. *Ref.: The ARRL Letter, Vol. 27, No. 45*

ARRL TO OFFER SELF-STUDY COURSE ON DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

With digital technology becoming an integral part of Amateur Radio, hams interested in Emergency Communications now have a new tool to help them take advantage of emerging modes such as Packet Radio APRS, Winlink 2000, IRLP, EchoLink and WIRES-II, D-STAR, APCO25, HF sound card modes and Automatic Link Establishment (ALE). "The ARRL Digital Technology for Emergency Communications Course" will introduce hams to all of the ways Amateur Radio operators are using digital technology as a valuable emergency communications tool <<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=1247>>

Ref.: The ARRL Letter, Vol. 27, No. 45

GLOBAL EMERGENCY NETWORK MARKS RECORD

The Global ALE High Frequency Network (HFN) <<http://hfink.net/>> -- an international Amateur Radio Service organization of ham operators dedicated to emergency/relief radio communications -- has become the first network to operate continuously for more than 500 days on all international Amateur Radio shortwave bands simultaneously. *Ref.: The ARRL Letter, Vol. 27, No. 46*

SOLAR UPDATE

Tad "The Sun and moon get crossed, but they never touch" Cook, K7RA, this week reports: The latest sunspot appearance lasted eight days; the spot passed from view after Monday, November 17. Geomagnetic indices have remained nice and quiet. If you look here for recent geomagnetic data <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/ftplib/indices/quar_DGD.txt>, *Ref.: The ARRL Letter, Vol. 27, No. 46*

GET READY FOR THE ARRL TRIPLE PLAY WAS AWARD

As of January 1, 2009, the ARRL will offer another award: The Triple Play Worked All States Award <<http://www.arrl.org/awards/#tripleplay>>. This new, exciting award is available to all amateurs who confirm contacts with each of the 50 states using three modes for each state: CW, phone and RTTY/digital. All 150 contacts must be made on or after the starting date and must be confirmed via Logbook of the World (LoTW) <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>>. All bands -- with the exception of 60 meters -- may be used in pursuit of the Triple Play Award. Ref.: *The ARRL Letter*, Vol. 27, No. 48

ARISS TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF AMATEUR RADIO IN SPACE WITH SPECIAL EVENTS

Twenty-five years ago this week, Owen Garriott, W5LFL, made history by being the first Amateur Radio operator to talk to hams from space. His historic flight on STS-9 on board the space shuttle Columbia was launched on November 28 and landed on December 8, 1983. Garriott's ham radio adventure on that mission ushered in a host of what Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Chairman Frank Bauer, KA3HDO, called "outstanding outreach activities that continue today with the ARISS program." Ref.: *The ARRL Letter*, Vol. 27, No. 48

SOLAR UPDATE

Tad "Autumn's Sun so warmly gleams" Cook, K7RA, this week [12/5/08] reports: This was another quiet week; the geomagnetic indicators hovered around zero and there were no sunspots. Ref.: *The ARRL Letter*, Vol. 27, No. 48



Ham Humor Courtesy of
Walt Ordway, K1DFO



"No Greg went to the ham auction this afternoon, to get rid of a couple old radios that were cluttering up the place...Oh I think I hear him pulling in now!"



"Hang on a minute Larry...my SWR is jumping...I'm going outside and see what the problem is..."



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New Membership Application and Member Renewal Form

New: _____ or Renewal: _____ Membership Date: _____

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(Applying) New Member Information: or Member Renewal: same as Last Year? YES___NO___

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City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email address: _____

(Unless otherwise noted emails will be sent to the applying member only)

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(Only: Month - Day)

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(Only: Month - Day)

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(Only: Month - Day)

Individual membership (\$15.00) \$ _____
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Donation to the John Alexander Fund \$ _____
Donation to the Repeater Fund \$ _____
Donation to PVARC \$ _____
Cash: _____ or Check #: _____ Date _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club (PVARC)

NOTE: Dues are based on January 1st to December 31st of the calendar year.