

Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club



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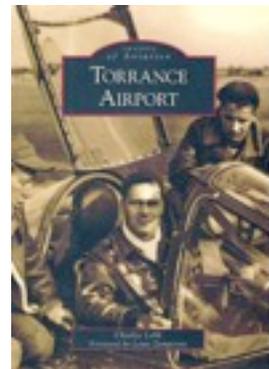


The Torrance Airport Story

The Lomita Flight Strip, known today as the Torrance Municipal Airport, was constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers in 1942. Throughout World War II, five squadrons of P-38 fighter pilots trained and flew off to the war from here, returning with intriguing stories of wartime Torrance, the South Bay and combat in Europe.

Chuck Lobb KN6H has captured the field, the pilots and their stories in a fascinating slide presentation from before, during and subsequent to WW II. Six Generals, combat aces and double aces and the judge of the Charles Manson trial all flew here. Unique aircraft were designed and produced here. Torrance's own Lou Zamperini went from trouble-prone youth to world record-setting Olympian to 47 days on a rubber raft to 2 ½ years in a Japanese prison camp. And it's all captured in Chuck's talk.

Come join us for Chuck's presentation on this incredible history of Aviation in Our Own Back Yard.



Visit Our Web Site

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www.palosverdes.com/pvarc

July 2008

The President Pontificates

Ginger Clark, KG6TAU



Another Field Day! And this one was fun and exhausting...aren't they all. Herb Epp, W6RBW, and his wife Carol, KD6VLO, quite unreasonably decided to celebrate this year's wedding anniversary on the road instead of sitting at the high school watching us operate in their camper (go figure!). So the SSB station was homeless. Fortunately, Curtis Watanabe, KI6KUK, came to the rescue with his 4-man tent, which was new and mostly waterproof—a fact we ended up caring about a lot.

On Saturday morning as we were setting up, we couldn't find anyone to turn off the automatic sprinklers so we figured we were in for an early-morning Sunday deluge. We scoured the grass looking for sprinkler heads to cover and found most of them. We just missed the one directed at the SSB tent window and the other one directed at the tent door.

At 5:15 while Bill Pomeranz, KB6FB, was operating and I was logging, we heard the sprinklers come on in the grass next to us...and we waited. At 5:20 they started up on our patch of grass. I'd pretty much covered the windows and sealed the door but the inevitable leak onto the electronics had me holding up the cables where they came into the tent, and holding a plastic sheet to the small triangle of window I'd neglected to cover properly. Bill, trooper that he is, continued to make contacts and log them himself. Just as I thought I'd be stuck leaning on the tent for a half hour, the deluge stopped. Bob Closson, W6HIP, had covered the one sprinkler head and blocked the other water-flow with a chair. We were rescued! Thank you Thank you Bob!

A number of people helped out in the SSB tent. The person who gets my good-sport award was Hal Croyts, AF6CG, who manned the SSB tent for hours on Saturday afternoon and who made sure someone was in the tent watching the

equipment before he left. He was so unassuming that who knew he had an extra class license? The Sue family came by. Sons Kevin, KF6LYY, and Chris, KI6PDJ, operated while dad, Greg, KC6G, told us about the dancing lessons he and his wife were taking on Wednesday nights. I heard that new members Don, W6AGP, and Marilyn, W6AAP, Hurst came by for awhile too as did Matthew Cruise, KI6MNP.

I'm sure that there were many more Field Day participants I don't know, so I guess participation will be its own reward for them.

Our next operating event is Lighthouse Weekend, August 15th through the 17th where we get to operate from our very own lighthouse.

I wonder if we quite understand what a special Club we belong to. Field Day is on a great site. Overheard at the DX Convention was a conversation between members of some other clubs in the area, hoping that we'd relinquish the High School site so they could have it for their Field Day. And Lighthouse weekend—well, the fact that we're operating inside our lighthouse, not on the perimeter outside the gates, is over-the-top special. In order to operate for the full 36 hours, we'll need more operators. Bob Closson will be taking signups for Lighthouse Weekend. I'm going to operate overnight because how cool is that to be in a lighthouse overnight!

The Club Banner Contest was again announced at the Club meeting and was met with a sea of faces saying, "I don't draw." Turn to your children, your grandchildren, and your spouses. Entries don't need to be beautiful. It's the idea that counts. Drawings can be polished up by the banner-maker. Right now we have one entry. Don't let it win by default.



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The July Club meeting will feature Chuck Lobb's (KN6H) presentation of the story of the Torrance Airport. Not very heavy on amateur radio, though Chuck is a ham and the P-38s at the airport must have had some sort of radios. Come for an entertaining talk and great pictures.

The "Lomita Flight Strip" was constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers in 1942. Five P-38 squadrons trained here. Six generals, several combat aces and double aces, and the judge of the Charles Manson trial all flew here. [I did, too, before I became a drop-out.]

Quite aside from the airport itself, Chuck has pictures of Torrance that are hard to believe!

Moving on, our August meeting is the Lighthouse Picnic, as part of the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend (15-16-17 August) of radio operation and contacts with hams at lighthouses, or hams who want to talk with hams at lighthouses. Operators needed; food needed.

SEE: www.palosverdes.com/pvarc, click on **News and Events**, scroll down to two separate articles on the lighthouse/lightship operation and the picnic. (Some great pictures there!)

Please note:

We need volunteers to bring some side dishes. There is a list of items needed on the web site and I expect to bring the list to the July meeting. If you can't get to the meeting, feel very free to e-mail me (before 20 July) or Bob Closson to sign up for food (in my case) or to operate.

Denzel Dyer, KG6QWJ

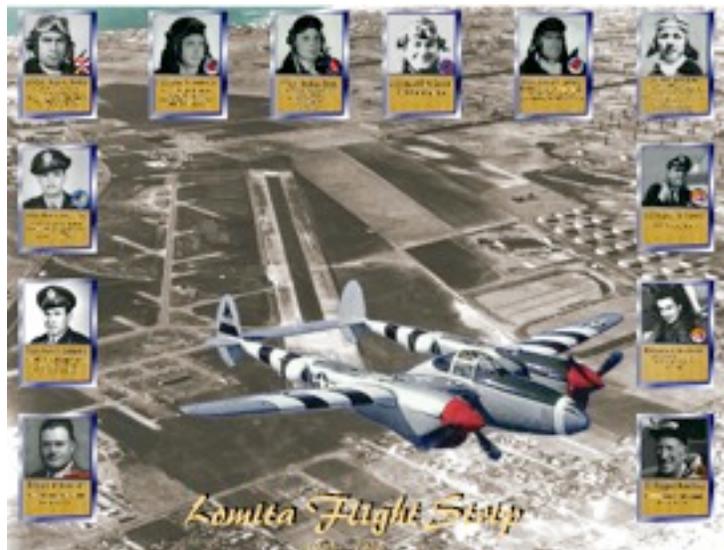
The Point Vicente Lighthouse is a Federal installation, with some rules. Check the web site. In particular, you and any guests will have to be on a roster presented to the Coast Guard in advance. Be sure to sign up! No alcohol, incidentally, and no pets!

This is a very special event. The lighthouse grounds are not generally open. Only Club members and guests will be allowed there.

Think "Private Party".

Moving on once more, the September meeting, will have a presentation on grounding and lightning protection by Duane Kidder. That was the topic with the very highest level of interest in our poll a year and a half ago.

Denzel KG6QWJ
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WALT ORDWAY, K1DFO COULD SURE USE SOME HAMS TO HELP MONITOR THE 5K/10K RHE RACE ON SAT., AUGUST 9. IT STARTS ABOUT 8 A.M. AND YOU'RE HOME BY 10 A.M. LOVELY, SHADY VENUE.



FIELD DAY 2008 PASSES INTO HISTORY

Jeff Wolf, K6JW



The PVARC's 19th annual Field Day event at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School has now come and gone, leaving in its wake memories both great and exasperating for those fortunate enough to partake of the wild and woolly weekend of 6/28-29.

The SSB station went live on schedule at 11 AM on Saturday morning, but the VHF station experienced antenna problems that delayed its start, and the CW station antennas were not ready to go until about 11:30. Once underway, however, all stations made contacts to the best of their ability given available staffing and extremely poor band conditions.

The highlight of the weekend's excitement came at 5:20 AM on Sunday, when the high school's sprinkler system roared to life, drenching the SSB and CW tents and, somewhat frighteningly in the CW tent, resulting in water infiltrating the space between the tent floor and the underlying protective ground tarp. The tent floor had lost its waterproofing, and by about 5:45, Jeff, with one hand on the paddle, looked down to see water welling up around his shoes. This caused some minor (?) consternation on his part, and resulted in quick action by Bob, W6HIP, to start sopping up and bailing out the accumulating pond while Jeff tried to keep the station on the air. This is Field Day, after all.

At this writing, final scoring has not yet been tabulated, It will be reported in the August QRO. What can be said is that CW did better than expected given band conditions, and SSB did about

what the Club has come to expect minus the Sunday morning jolt usually provided by Laura, WA6DAL, who missed the PVARC FD for only the second time in 19 years due to her now living in Kansas.

The big problem this year, as always, was staffing of the SSB station. No one showed up to relieve Bill, KB6FB, and President Ginger, KG6TAU on Sunday morning, after Bill had been up all night, operating. After Jeff more or less chased them away to get some sleep, and because the SSB station needed supervision (the athletic field was open to the public), Jeff and Bob, both of whom had also been up all night, ran it until the end of the event at 11 AM. The staffing issue has become a chronic problem that the Club MUST solve if the event is to fulfill the goal of nonstop 24 hour operation.

Major thanks this year go to the following individuals (in no particular order – all were important!) who gave time, effort and/or material support to the Club's major annual operating event: Dale, N6NNW (triband Yagi, SSB station radio); Curtis, KI6KUK (SSB station tent); Mel, K6SY (GOTA and VHF/UHF stations, tables, chairs); Doris, K6KSY (lunch on Saturday); Rocco, N6KN (triband Yagi, supreme CW operator); Sid, KF6QFH and Fran, KF6QFG (CW station tent); Bill, WA6ESC (wire antenna guru); Dan, W6DC (CW station generator, all-around resource, CW operator); Homer, K6HKT (all-around resource and CW operator); Walt, K1DFO (SSB, GOTA, VHF/UHF station generator); Bill, KB6FB (SSB night shift); Dave, KG6BPH (CW station table);



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 Jeff Wolf, K6JW

Bob, W6HIP (all-around resource and expert tent bailer); Diana, KI6EAM (tent transport and SSB operator); Hal, AF6CG (all-around resource and SSB operator); Steve, no callsign (Mel's right hand guy); and, of course, Prez Ginger, KG6TAU (operator, snack supplier, all-around resource). Others who were there over the weekend included Denzel, KG6QWJ; Mike, N6DBS; Don, W6AGP; Marilyn, W6AAP; Bob, W5RN; John, WW6WW. Oh, yeah, and I was there, too, logging, operating, and generally obsessing. If you were there but didn't sign one of the rosters available at all three operating sites, you probably didn't make this listing, but thanks for lending your support! If I missed listing anyone who DID sign a roster, I sincerely apologize and beg your forgiveness.

So, how did we do? Here's the breakdown. Remember that CW contacts are worth 2 points apiece, but voice contacts only score 1 point per QSO:

	CW	Voice
<u>CW + Voice</u>		
Total QSOs:	707	341
1048		
Total Points	1414	341
1755		

(CW + voice) points X Multiplier (2 for power of 150 watts or less) = 3510
 Claimed bonus points = 650

Grand Total: 3510 + 650 = 4160

(Previous two years for comparison: FD 2006 = 5242; FD 2007 = 3216)



**BILL HARPER'S
 TREASURER'S
 REPORT
 JULY 2008**

PVARC BALANCE	\$2,219.96
JOHN ALEXANDER FUND	803.00
REPEATER FUND	967.66
TOTAL BANK BALANCE	\$3,990.62
MEMBERSHIP 2007	121 MEMBERS
RENEWED SO FAR 2008	113 MEMBERS
ARRL MEMBERS	73 MEMBERS

Board of Directors

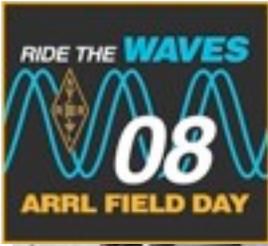
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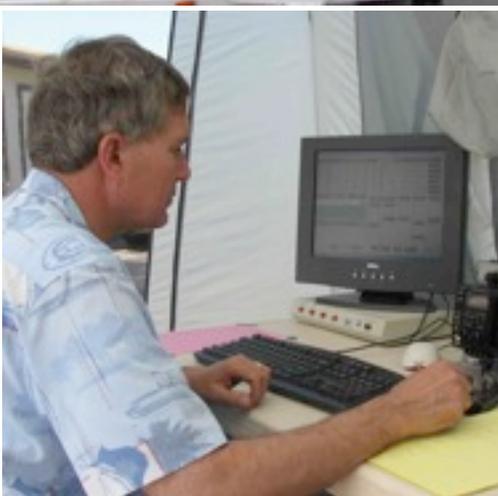
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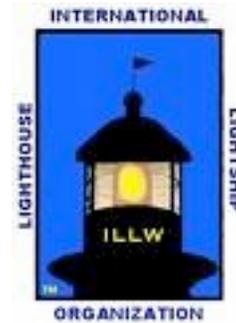




All Photos on both pages are thanks to Bob Closson, W6HIP. For more pictures, and to see these photos in better quality go to the website at www.palosverdes.com/pvarc/



Friday, August 15 - Sunday August 17

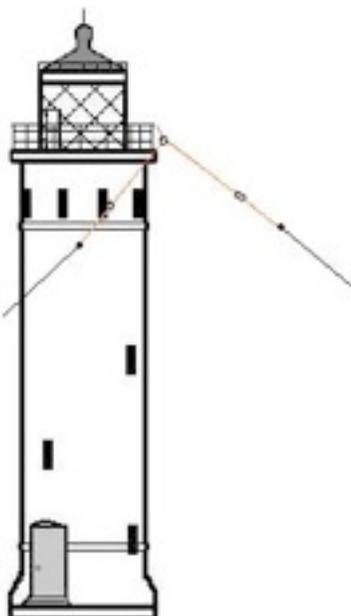


Time to make your plans for the most special event of the year--the privilege of operating inside the Pt. Vicente Lighthouse for 36 hours during the International Lighthouse and Lightship weekend.

Every year we apply for the privilege of being on the lighthouse grounds, and every year the Coast Guard has graciously accepted us thanks to the work of Dan Coleburn, W6DC, and up to this year Rick Murray, K6WXA. From now on, Bob Closson, W6HIP, will take Texas-Rick's place.

And it's time to think about what food your family will be bring to the culmination of the operating weekend--our picnic on the beautiful lighthouse grounds.

Naturally we'll also need gatekeepers, for 1/2 hour at a sitting; that job begins at 11:30



Finally, we hope this finds you working on your banner-design entry which is due at noon during the Lighthouse Picnic (or can be submitted earlier to Doris Hughes, K6KSY). We'll be voting for the banner design that members decide best represents our Club. We already have one entry so don't let it win by default! Your entry doesn't have to be perfect, a concept-drawing will be just fine.

**See you at this special event:
Our Lighthouse Weekend!**



ARE YOU WORKING ON THIS? WE'RE VOTING DURING THE LIGHTHOUSE PICNIC **PVARC Banner Contest Rules**

1. Every club member can enter as many banner entries as they wish. Entries may be computer-generated or drawn by hand.
2. The size of the entry must be approximately 7" high X 10-1/2" wide on an 8-1/2" X 11" sheet of white paper. The actual size of the banner will be approximately 4 ft high and 6 ft long.
3. Each entry must be submitted in a sealed envelope with name and call printed on the outside of the envelope. **DO NOT** put your name, call or other identifying marks on the entry itself. Each entry will be assigned a sequential number that will be used to identify the entry during the selection process.
4. Entries may be submitted beginning the night of the June, 2008 PVARC meeting.
5. All entries must be submitted to Doris Hughes or Ginger Clark no later than noon on the day of the club picnic, August 17, 2008.
6. At noon, on the day of the club picnic, Sunday, August 17, the envelopes will be opened and the entries displayed. Following lunch the winner will be selected by those present, by ballot, voting for the number of their favorite entry.
7. The winner will be announced at the picnic and the winning design will be shown in the September issue of the QRO for all club members to see.
8. The winner of the Banner Contest will be awarded one free admission to the annual PVARC Holiday Party, December 05, 2008.
9. The winning entry will become the property of the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club. The PVARC reserves the right to make changes to the winning selection as may be required by the banner manufacturing process or other reasons.



Guenter Daub, KC6TWP, SK



Guenter Daub passed away June 21, 2008, in Torrance, California, of respiratory failure and other health complications. He was born in Offenbach, Germany, February 23, 1939.

His father was killed in World War II about 1943, and his mother, Anna Saul Daub, died soon after the war ended. He was sent to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at about age 14, where he was adopted by his aunt and uncle. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Drexel University.

He worked in the electronic communications field for Page Company, which was later absorbed by Northrop Corporation. On various assignments he traveled to Asia, Taiwan and was also stationed on Kwajalein Island, working on tropospheric communications systems--a predecessor to satellite communications. Later in

his career he worked on radar communication systems, the B-2 Bomber projects, and other Northrop endeavors. He retired in about 1995.

As a young man, he enjoyed hiking and he hiked parts of the Grand Canyon. He was also interested in photography. Later he became involved in amateur radio and he belonged to the Northrop and Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Clubs. Over the years he participated in emergency radio nets and Field Days.

In 2000 Guenter gave a presentation at the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club regarding his professional experiences in tropospheric communications, entitled "Advantages and Disadvantages of Spread Spectrum in the VHF/UHF/Microwave Bands". His amateur radio call was KC6TWP.

Survivors include a cousin Gail Kaempf of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and a cousin Michael Walter of Darmstadt, Germany.

Final arrangements are pending.

OPPORTUNITIES 2008

JULY

16 **Club Meeting** - 7:30 - Hesse Park
 12&13 **Idaho Car Rally**: volunteer at rallydata.com.

AUGUST

9 **RHE 5K/10K**-Walt Ordway, K1DFO
 10 **Hamfest Santa Barbara**
 http://sb.hamfest2008.tosoda.com/
 15-17 **Lighthouse Weekend** ,
Operating, set-up/tear-down:
 Robert Closson, W6HIP
Picnic: Denzel Dyer,

17 **Club Picnic at the Lighthouse Noon**

SEPTEMBER

21 **P V Concours** - Walt Ordway, K1DFO.

OCTOBER

3&4 **Prescott Car Rally**: Volunteer at rallydata.com.

NOVEMBER

12-16 **Great Southern California Shakeout** - Details on Page 16

DECEMBER

5 - **Holiday Party -- Interpretive Center**



ANYONE INTERESTED IN A FOX/T HUNT AND PORTABLE-ANTENNA-BUILDING CLASS THIS SUMMER? I AM. BUT THAT WOULD MAKE IT A CLASS OF

ONLY ONE PERSON. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE AND WHEN YOU COULD PUT IT ON YOUR SCHEDULE.

GINGER KG6TAU

About Us

Continuing the string of Club-member's family's marriages, **Bill Leighton's (KG6WVF)** daughter was married at the Glass Chapel in June. Cheers to the new couple!

We're sad to announce that **Guenther Daub**, became an **sk** this month, ending his long bout with declining health. **Robert Keefer, KO6UA, Dave Scholler, KG6BPH, and John Freeman, WW6WW**, were just three of the Club members who kept in touch with Guenther, providing him with much-needed emotional support.

Bannister Bray's, AH2CZ, son has become a physician this year and to top that off he polished off his Extra Exam. So member **Alexander Bray, NoNGC**, is now Dr. Bray, Extra class.

Need a Club Badge?



Contact Karen Freeman, KG6BNN
 310-541-6971

Need a Club Patch? \$5
 Or How About a Club Jacket?



To order one, Ginger Clark, KG6TAU,
 310-378-7894

The ARRL Summary Report will not be in this QRO for technical/ computer reasons. Bryant, W2RGG, is looking for a hammer.





Amateur Radio Course

**FCC “Technician” course
(entrée level)**

**FCC “General” course
(2nd level)**

Each course is 2 sessions

The 2 sessions are on Sept 27 & Oct 11

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

General 2:15 PM to 5:00 PM both Saturdays

The FCC tests given on Oct 18 from 10:00 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

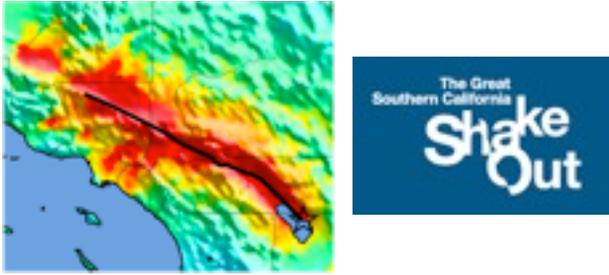
Optional Material

- 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**



About The Great Southern California ShakeOut

ShakeOut is One-of-a-Kind

The Great Southern California ShakeOut is a week of special events featuring the largest earthquake drill in U.S. history, organized to inspire Southern Californians to get ready for big earthquakes, and to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes.

An Earthquake Drill for the Record Books

At 10 a.m. on November 13, 2008, millions of southern Californians will “Drop, Cover, and Hold On.” Why? An enormous earthquake is our future, and the ShakeOut Drill is our chance to practice what to do when it happens. Individuals, families, businesses, schools and organizations will join firefighters, police officers, and other emergency responders (involved in the statewide “Golden Guardian” exercise) in our largest-ever earthquake preparedness activity. Don’t miss out!

ShakeOut is based on a potential 7.8 magnitude earthquake on the southern San Andreas Fault. This type of earthquake occurs in southern California every 150 years on average, and the last was 151 years ago! Dr. Lucy Jones of the

U.S. Geological Survey has led a group of over 200 scientists, engineers, and others to study the likely consequences of this enormous earthquake in great detail.

In summary, the ShakeOut Scenario estimates this earthquake will cause some 2,000 deaths, 50,000 injuries, \$200 billion in damage and other losses, and severe, long-lasting disruption. The report has regional implications and is a dramatic call to action for preparedness, and is available at www.ShakeOut.org.

The ShakeOut includes these events:

- **ShakeOut Drill** (Nov. 13) 1000 hrs
- **International Earthquake Conference** (Nov. 12-14: Presented by the City of Los Angeles -
- **Golden Guardian Emergency Response Exercise** (Nov. 13-19: Emergency managers, fire fighters, and other first responders will practice how they will respond to this large earthquake -
- **Los Angeles Earthquake: Get Ready Rally** (Nov. 14: designed by Art Center College of Design)
- **Take One More Step** (Nov. 14-16: community activities to promote additional preparedness.)

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP TO BE A PART OF THE GREAT AMERICAN SHAKEOUT. GO TO:

WWW.SHAKEOUT.ORG