



# QRO

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All **QRO** monthly issues since 2007 are on the PVARC website at: [www.k6pv.org](http://www.k6pv.org) in the "Newsletter" tab. Additional club news appears in the emailed PVARC Weekly Bulletin.

## PVARC 2021 Field Day Results

Ray Day, N6HE, and fellow club members

**Thursday, August 5, 2021**  
**via Cisco Webex**

**7:15 pm: Webex room opens**  
**7:30-9:15 pm: Meeting**

Guests welcome. Email [ai6df@arrl.net](mailto:ai6df@arrl.net) for the Webex meeting link.

All PVARC meetings are via Cisco Webex until in-person meetings permitted to resume.

Also via Webex:

**PVARC HF Enthusiasts Group meeting,**  
Saturday, August 14, 10:00-11:45 am.

**PVARC EmComm Interest Group meeting,**  
Saturday, August 21, 10:00-11:00 am.

## PVARC's upcoming meeting topics...

Our **August 5** meeting presents **PVARC members' 2021 ARRL Field Day operations and results**. Ray Day, N6HE, has assembled a live presentation illustrating what various PVARC members did on Field Day and enabling those members to speak. Some meeting attendees not in the presentation will also have an opportunity to describe their Field Day.

For an analogy of this month's meeting presentation look no further than the popular "ABC's Wide World of Sports" that ran from 1961 to 1998 featuring many different sports in each episode. It always opened with a bombastic announcer promising to bring you "The thrill of victory...and the agony of defeat." On August 5 we'll be extending those outcomes to this year's Field Day.

As reported several months ago, the PVARC Board of Directors decided in March not to operate at Pt. Vicente Lighthouse during International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend on August 20-21. We felt the possibility of COVID variants had a high likelihood of materializing...and one eventually did.

The PVARC's **September 2** monthly meeting kicks off Labor Day weekend by "**Dealing with RFI.**" As urban EMI/RFI noise floors rise hams will increasingly seek the causes and solutions. We'll also discuss new technical resources the ARRL Los Angeles Section can provide for those experiencing EMI/RFI issues. ■

### PVARC'S WIDE WORLD OF FIELD DAY



Feb. 10, 2020,  
HF Enthusiasts  
Group meeting  
in the Purcell  
Room—the

The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat are there too.

## Updates on resuming PVARC in-person meetings

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes contacted us in early July inquiring about September-December 2021 meeting room dates we needed at Hesse Park. However actual room reservations would not be taken until the City's online reservation system re-opened at a later date. We haven't heard further and with the COVID Delta variant spreading there's no new estimate on when Hesse Park's meeting rooms will be accessible.

In a change of plans, our **August 14 HF Enthusiasts Group meeting will not meet at the Palos Verdes Library District main branch's Purcell Room** as previously announced. The August 14 meeting is being held via Webex as have all HFE meetings since April 2020. When the Library gave us the green light in mid-June 2021 to resume in-person meetings it advised then fully-vaccinated individuals need not wear face-coverings. Conditions have worsened such that everyone—vaccinated or not—is currently required to have a face-cover.

In the meantime, we'll continue using Webex for all meetings...and prepare for hybrid meetings to allow attending either virtually or in-person when the latter's time comes. ■

## The outdoor W6TRW Swap Meet plans resuming on August 28 at Northrop Grumman Space Park



The W6TRW Radio Club announced in early July its monthly parking lot swap meet at Northrop Grumman's North Redondo Beach complex would be allowed to reopen starting August 28, 2021. Before the coronavirus in March 2020 this swap meet had operated for 42 years on the last Saturday each month except for several months in 2015.

Not known yet are any COVID protocols for upcoming swap meets or other requirements since the Delta variant accelerated later in July 2021.

The W6TRW swap meet functions as a meeting place for many hams in lieu of local hamfests. The ARRL is also usually there spread across several booth spaces in the parking lot's southwest corner. Additionally Volunteer Examiner ham radio license testing sessions are offered at 10 am in the Space Park cafeteria building during each swap meet. ■

**Left:** Partial view of W6TRW swap meet activity during the November 30, 2019, event at Northrop Grumman's Space Park in North Redondo Beach.

PHOTO: DIANA FEINBERG, AI6DF

## Staying abreast of ham radio news

By Diana Feinberg, AI6DF  
QRO Editor

The maxim “No news is good news” surely wasn’t intended for amateur radio.

There’s always something happening in ham radio whether it’s developments in DXing, public service, technology, gatherings, or buying and selling—you will always want amateur radio news.

So where to turn for ham news? The internet is full of information and misinformation but I find several websites excel as primary sources in providing the right stuff—much of which seemingly gets reproduced on other sites.

*(Personal disclosure statement: QRO Editor AI6DF is also Los Angeles Section Manager for the American Radio Relay League.)*

Here are my favorite free sources for ham news (no subscription required):

1. The American Radio Relay League website homepage, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) (see right), and click “Read All” for more. Additional news for members.
2. The Southgate Amateur Radio Club (U.K.), <http://www.southgatearc.org/>
3. The DXZone website, <https://www.dxzone.com/category/product-news-events-announcement-and-rumors/>
4. DX World website, <https://www.dx-world.net/>

Of course, other ham sites excel at providing vast amounts of specific information such as: <https://www.qrz.com/> for license lookups (you will need to register with your callsign to use, other benefits available for paid members); [eham.net](http://eham.net) for ham product reviews/ratings; various DX cluster sites showing DX stations heard; and YouTube for endless videos of product reviews or how to do things.

Lastly, if you wonder why QRO is mostly devoid of personal news (i.e., “our member Bill and his wife just got back from .....” etc.) it’s because we respect PVARC members’ privacy. Anything published in QRO will almost certainly get indexed by search engines, readily accessible for years. And that shouldn’t be news to anyone! ■

The screenshot shows the ARRL website homepage. At the top left is the ARRL logo with the text "The National Association for Amateur Radio". To the right are links for "Secure Site Login" (with a "Login" button) and "Forgot Password? Register". Further right is a "Website Search" box with a "Keyword" input field, a "Call Sign / Name Se" input field, and a "Search Licenses" button.

The navigation menu includes: Home, On The Air, Licensing, Education & Training, Membership, Regulatory & Advocacy, Public Service, Technology, Get Involved, ARRL Store, and AI.

The main banner features the text "Give back and make a difference" and "Help provide critical resources to support ARRL's program." It also mentions "New and renewing Diamond Club Members donating \$100 or more will receive a Limited Edition Premium!" and includes a "Learn More >" button. The banner also displays the ARRL Diamond Club logo and several award medals.

Below the banner is a "Latest News" section with a "Read All | Subscribe" link. The news items include:

- Bouvet Island DXpedition Negotiating with New Charter Vessel, Planning Begins Anew** (08/03/2021)
- Woody White, KZ4AK, Wins the July 2021 QST Cover Plaque Award** (08/02/2021)
- SSTV Transmissions Scheduled from ISS** (08/02/2021)
- 8-Meter Experimental Station on the Air from the US** (07/29/2021)
- Amateur Radio Activities to be a Part of Missouri's State Bicentennial Celebration** (07/28/2021)
- Just Released: More Arduino for Ham Radio** (08/03/2021)
- Family of Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM (SK), Receives Michael J. Owen, VK3KI, Memorial Award** (08/02/2021)
- The K7RA Solar Update** (07/30/2021)
- MARS HF Net Participants Aid in Response to Fatal Maritime Disaster** (07/29/2021)
- FCC to Re-Establish Technological Advisory Council, Solicits Membership Nominations** (07/28/2021)

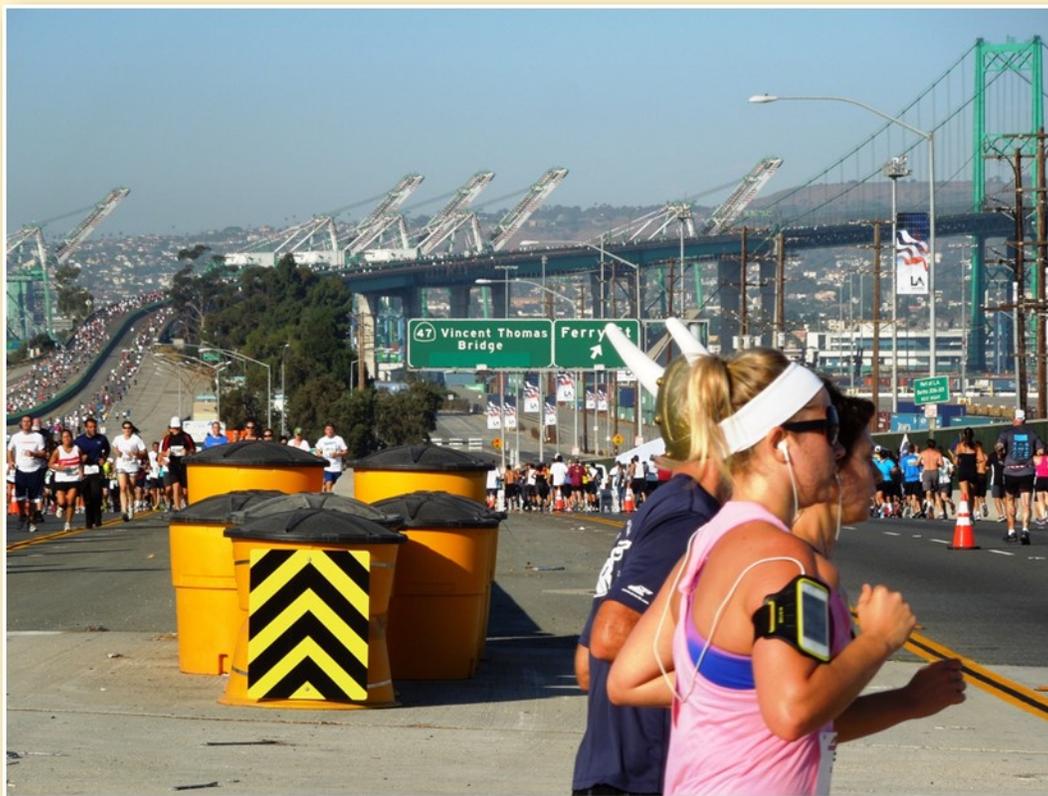
At the bottom of the news section is a "Products" section with a minus sign.

## Additional PVARC public service operators needed for Labor Day “Conquer the Bridge” 5.3-mile run/walk in San Pedro



The 12th annual Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 4) “Conquer the Bridge” run/walk across Los Angeles Harbor’s Vincent Thomas Bridge again has PVARC radio operators providing communication across the 5.3 mile route.

Walt Ordway, K1DFO, heads the PVARC’s Conquer the Bridge communication team and still needs several more operators. Contact Walt at [wfordway@juno.com](mailto:wfordway@juno.com) if you can serve. All you need is an HT radio capable of 70-cm coverage and the desire to operate for the public good.



PVARC radio operators report important race information and runner assistance needs to net control and the race director.

Radio operating positions at the Vincent Thomas Bridge piers (top photo) are definitely unique at 210-feet above the harbor channel. Other positions are at turn points and the Start/Finish. ■

**Top:** PVARC operators stationed at the Vincent Thomas Bridge west pier above the harbor channel report the lead male runner at the 2014 Conquer the Bridge run/walk. The green mat covers openings in the bridge deck’s expansion joints.

**Bottom:** The last group of starting runners/walkers (left) is about to enter the bridge roadway during the 2012 event while the leading runners (right) return to the Pacific Avenue finish line.

PHOTOS: DIANA FEINBERG, AI6DF

## PVARC Club News

### Become an ARRL member: Support amateur radio while increasing your learning

Please consider joining the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) if not a member. The ARRL is the only national organization representing amateur radio and has another significance for the PVARC: We receive benefits from being an ARRL-affiliated club. But an ARRL-affiliated club requires at least 51% of club members also be ARRL members.

Annual ARRL membership costs \$49 and includes your choice of the printed monthly **QST** magazine or the ARRL's new **On The Air** magazine for newer hams. Both are available electronically to all ARRL members plus a new member benefit: free online access to ARRL's two other publications, **QEX** and **National Contest Journal**. Additionally all ARRL members can access numerous web-based materials, ARRL staff, and assistance with ham radio issues. Visit: [www.arrl.org/](http://www.arrl.org/) then click "Join/Renew." ■

### Need a PVARC badge?

If you wish to order a new or replacement engraved PVARC badge please contact Gary Lopes at [wa6mem@cox.net](mailto:wa6mem@cox.net) and he will make arrangements for your payment and sending your new badge. Badges currently cost \$13. ■

### Embroidered PVARC patches still available

PVARC club patches are still available by special arrangement for \$4 each. They may be sewn onto any cap, jacket, shirt, or bag.

The four illustrations in the patch center are emblems of the Palos Verdes Peninsula's four cities (clockwise from top left: Palos Verdes Estates, Rolling Hills Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes and Rolling Hills.)



During our period of virtual meetings if you would like a patch contact Diana, AI6DF, [ai6df@arrl.net](mailto:ai6df@arrl.net) and we'll find a way to get your patch to you. ■

## Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club

An American Radio Relay League Affiliated Club

### Board of Directors:

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### Monthly Meeting:

1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 7:30 pm via Webex  
Visitors always welcome.

### Repeaters (Open, though often listed as "Closed"):

- PVARC:** K6PV, 447.120 MHz
  - **Analog FM:** (-), PL 100.0, CTCSS
  - **Digital DMR:** 447.120 MHz (RX); 442.120 MHz (TX)  
Talkgroup 31060, Color Code 1, Time Slot 2
- "PV-West": W6MTA, 449.980 MHz (-), PL 173.8, CTCSS

### To order a Club badge:

Gary Lopes, WA6MEM, [wa6mem@cox.net](mailto:wa6mem@cox.net)

### To order a Club jacket or patch:

Dave Scholler, KG6BPH, 310-373-8166

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Front page photo — Pt. Vicente Lighthouse with an intense orange glow half an hour before Sunset on June 25, 2021.  
PHOTO: DIANA FEINBERG, AI6DF

## PVARC Club News

### PVARC upcoming dates in 2021

- ◆ **PVARC monthly meetings online via Webex**  
1st Thursday each month, 7:30-9:15 pm, except in December  
*(in-person meetings will resume at Hesse Park's McTaggart Hall when permitted)*
- ◆ **PVARC HF Enthusiasts Group meetings online via Webex**  
2nd Saturday each month, 10:00 am to Noon  
*(in-person meetings at Palos Verdes Library main branch's Purcell Room when permitted)*
- ◆ **PVARC EmComm Interest Group online meetings via Webex**  
3rd Saturday every month, 10:00-11:00 am or 11:00 am-Noon (time varies with radio events that day)
- ◆ **Walt Ordway, K1DFO, Technician and General amateur radio license classes at Hesse Park**  
*(Will resume when in-person classes at Hesse Park are permitted)*
- ◆ **PVARC public service events**  
**August 7: Rolling Hills Estates "Hills Are Alive 10K/5K"** along the city's horse trails and open space.  
  
**September 6: Conquer The Bridge Run/Walk** across Vincent Thomas Bridge over Los Angeles Harbor  
  
**November 20 (canceled): Palos Verdes Half Marathon** along west side of Palos Verdes Peninsula
- ◆ **PVARC 2021 Holiday Dinner**, Dec. 2 at Los Verdes Golf Course, Rancho Palos Verdes

#### Non-PVARC Events of Note:

- ◆ **W6TRW Swap Meet, last Saturday each month.** Northrop Grumman, North Redondo Beach
- ◆ **QSO Today virtual ham convention**, Aug. 14-15, [www.qsotodayhamexpo.com](http://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com)
- ◆ **PACIFICON 2021 / ARRL Pacific Division Convention**, Oct. 15-17, San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon, CA 94583; [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) ■

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF THE PALOS VERDES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB IN 2020-2021

Jon Kuroyama, K6LDQ  
Ray Grace, WA6OWM  
Robert Keller, K9BGC  
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Larry Waldstein, KC6PCC

**PVARC Calendar of Events**

**August 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 PVARC analog weekly net on K6PV repeater 7:30-7:55 pm	4 PVARC DMR weekly net on K6PV repeater 7:30-7:55 pm	5 PVARC Monthly Meeting 7:30-9:15 pm Webex: "2021 Field Day by PVARC Members"	6	7 PVARC public service event: Rolling Hills Estates Hills Are Alive 10K & 5K, 8-11 am
8	9	10 PVARC analog weekly net on K6PV repeater 7:30-7:55 pm	11 PVARC DMR weekly net on K6PV repeater 7:30-7:55 pm	12	13	14 PVARC HF Enthusiasts Group Meeting, Webex, 10:00 am-Noon
15	16	17 PVARC analog weekly net on K6PV repeater 7:30-7:55 pm	18 PVARC DMR weekly net on K6PV repeater 7:30-7:55 pm	19	20	21 PVARC EmComm Interest Group Meeting, Webex, 10:00-11:00 am
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29	30	31 PVARC analog weekly net on K6PV repeater 7:30-7:55 pm				

Electronic fill & save PDF version of this form is at:

[http://www.n6rpv.net/n6rpvpage/pvarc/membership\\_form.pdf](http://www.n6rpv.net/n6rpvpage/pvarc/membership_form.pdf)



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**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

New

Renew

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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

License Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member?

Other amateur radio groups you belong to \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Household and/or Family Members (if Applicable):

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL?

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL?

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**Membership fees are waived for 2021**

Membership (\$20 Individual, \$25 Family) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) donation to support PVARC activities \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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