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Additional club news appears in the PVARC Weekly Bulletin sent by email to members.

The Battleship Iowa's Amateur and Legacy Radios

Doug Dowds, W6HB

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Meeting at Hesse Park and on Webex

5:30 pm: Pre-meeting dinner at Red Onion

Restaurant, Rolling Hills Estates

6:30 pm: "What's Next?" for newer hams

7:15 pm: Webex room opens

7:30-9:15 pm: Hybrid Meeting

Guests welcome. Email ai6df@arrl.net for the Webex meeting link.

Other meetings in July:

PVARC HF Enthusiasts Group Saturday, July 9, 10:00-11:45 am at Palos Verdes Library Purcell Room and via Webex

PVARC EmComm Interest Group Saturday, July 16, 10:00-11:00 am via Webex

About upcoming PVARC monthly meetings

Our July 7th monthly meeting speaker is Doug Dowds, W6HB, presenting about the legacy military and modern amateur radios aboard the Battleship Iowa. Since arriving at the Port of Los Angeles in 2012 the Battleship Iowa has become a major tourist attraction and site of many military commemorations. Doug, W6HB, founded the Battleship Iowa Amateur Radio Association shortly after the Iowa arrived and serves as the club's president. He previously served multiple terms as president of the United Amateur Radio Club in San Pedro.

Several PVARC members are also BIARA members or involved with restoring the Iowa's legacy radios. Gary Lopes, WA6MEM, has the leadership role with the ship's legacy radio restoration; other PVARC members working with the Iowa include: Matt Orlich, WA6AJC; George Nestojko, NA6Q; Gary Forister, N6HMR; Jerry Shaw, KI6RRD; and Michel Vulpillat, KJ6RVU.

For anyone interested, before our July 7nd meeting we have a purely social no-host dinner at the Red Onion Restaurant, 736 Bart Earle Way (parallel to Silver Spur Road), Rolling Hills Estates. We'll be seated at 5:30 pm; order from the menu what you wish.

Starting at 6:30 pm in our Hesse Park room's alcove PVARC's "What's Next?" information session for newer hams is there to provide any guidance about amateur radio. All questions welcome.

PVARC's August 4th monthly meeting features Dennis Kidder, W6DQ, speaking remotely from his QTH in Inyokern about ham radio during real emergencies. His talk is titled, "This is not a drill—what happens when a planned mass casualty incident turns into the real thing?" More info next month. ■.



Above: The Battleship Iowa at Los Angeles Harbor seen from the Vincent Thomas bridge just after sunrise on Labor Day, September 5, 2016, prior to the Conquer the Bridge run/walk start. At PVARC's July 7 meeting you'll learn about the Iowa's radios. PHOTO: DIANA FEINBERG, AI6DF

Continuing something new: Random accomplishments of PVARC members...in 35 words or less

Is there a random accomplishment in your amateur radio future? If so, let us know.

Congratulations to Laura, KA6LJR, and Marlee, KA6MJR, who finished 2nd and 3rd place respectively in this year's ARRL Rookie Roundup single operator category within the 6th district call area.

Four PVARC members and one from URAC operated at San Pedro's Little Italy 5K on May 5 to support several hundred runners. Operating were Walt, K1DFO; Ralph, AI6GP; Mike, KK6KCH; Steve, KI6TEQ; and Scotty, K6ZNL.

Bob, W6HIP, recently received an unexpected package from the ARRL. Inside was a plaque naming him ARRL Southwestern Division winner of the June 2021 ARRL VHF Contest Single Operator FM-only category.



Above: The unexpected ARRL plaque that surprised Bob, W6HIP. PHOTO: BOB CLOSSON, W6HIP



Dan Colburn, W6DC, at PVARC's December 2008 Holiday Dinner where he was named the first recipient of PVARC's Rhombic Award for outstanding service.

PHOTO: JOHN FREEMAN,
WW6WW

Dan Colburn, W6DC (1922-2022)

PVARC charter member Dan Colburn, W6DC, became a Silent Key on June 27, 2022, from natural causes at age 99. A continuous member since our club's 1975 founding Dan left an amazing legacy of service, professionalism, and friendship to all who knew him.

Besides helping start our club Dan served as PVARC president in 1985, a Volunteer Examiner, Field Day operator, and Lighthouse Weekend op. But it was his Minnesota upbringing and aviation career that gave him a calm, friendly, and encouraging demeanor to everyone he encountered. Many long-time PVARC members still recall his cheerful telephone messages during 2004-2009 dialing every club member on the day of each month's meeting: "...Don't forget, radio club meeting is tonight at 7:30 at Hesse Park. See you there."

We are very thankful for Dan's generosity too. He provided much of the funding (along with Jeff, K6JW) to quickly purchase what became our K6PV repeater and later donated other equipment to the PVARC. Many members might not be aware Dan freely obtained PVARC's 39' antenna tower trailer for us from Douglas Aircraft. Douglas was about to scrap this radio tower trailer they had used with aircraft flight testing but Dan quickly saw its value to our club and the communities we serve.

Besides being a ham and good CW operator for most of his life Dan was a career aviator. He served as a U.S. Navy pilot in World War II, retired from the Navy with the rank of Captain, was an engineering test pilot at Douglas, a commercial airline pilot for Braniff and TWA, and his most unusual pilot assignment: Chief Pilot of Hugh Hefner's Playboy Bunny DC-9 corporate jet. (For those wondering: Ozark Airlines—a regional scheduled airline based in St. Louis that later became part of TWA—provided the Playboy plane's DC-9 flight crews and maintenance.) Dan had many interesting stories for sure.

We will greatly miss Dan and are forever grateful to have known him. He was a great "pilot" to us too. ■

PVARC HF Enthusiasts meetings still working on hybrid solution

The PVARC's June 11 HF Enthusiasts Group met in the Palos Verdes Library's Purcell Room with 11 attendees (eight in-person, three via Webex). Our pre-paid year of reservations to use the Purcell Room made in January 2020 extends through October 2022 after rolling over unused dates that occurred during the pandemic. We'll evaluate in late Summer 2022 whether to reserve further room use.

The Purcell Room for virtual meetings remains difficult because of many reasons, including backlighting of some attendees from the floor to ceiling windows (bottom photo).

We still encourage in-person HFE attendees to bring unwanted radio and related items that might be useful to others at the meeting. ■



Above: Wide-angle view of attendees at Palos Verdes Library for PVARC's June 11 HF Enthusiasts Group meeting: (clockwise, L-R) Jeff, K6JW; Diana, AI6DF; George, NA6Q; Don WG6E; Neal, N6YFM; Brian, K6BRN; Carlos, WD6Y; and Ray, N6HE behind the iPhone. Three more attended via Webex: Jerry, NG6R; Bob, AC6RM; and Don, NA6Z.

PHOTO: RAY DAY, N6HE

Right:
Backlighting of
HFE Group
attendees makes
for challenging
virtual meetings in
the Purcell Room.
But discussion is
always lively.

PHOTO: DIANA
FEINBERG, AI6DF



What happened (or didn't) on Field Day

By Diana Feinberg, AI6DF

After the June **QRO** newsletter heralded Soleado School in Rancho Palos Verdes as our Field Day site the PVARC re-assessed L.A. County's increasing COVID variant infection rate.

In consultation with Field Day Chair Rocco Lardiere, N6KN, we cancelled a public Field Day and instead encouraged members to operate from their homes. Our apology if you didn't get the message and somehow showed up at Soleado (we never listed Soleado on the ARRL's Field Day locator).

PVARC wasn't alone in its decision...other clubs in L.A. County not having public Field Days this year included the Downey ARC; Pasadena Radio Club; JPL ARC; South Pasadena ARC; and Santa Clarita ARC. Rio Hondo ARC planned its usual Field Day in front of Whittier City Hall but permission was withdrawn about 18 hours before FD when the city learned that an unrelated protest demonstration was coming there.

Our K6PV callsign stayed active during 2022 Field Day as a 1D station from the N6KN QTH atop Rancho Palos Verdes. Operating with Rocco were Blake Bartosh, K6BWB, and Ken Seidner, WA6DPQ. They collectively made 1,184 contacts over 24 hours—an excellent rate for one transmitter. The table above shows 94% of K6PV contacts were on 40 and 20 meters.

Band conditions weren't so great during Field Day weekend. Ten and 15 meters were huge disappointments everywhere and 6-meter activity around SoCal seemed much less than usual. Unusually extreme heat reportedly took a toll on FD participation in the U.S. Midwest and South.

Oh well, there's always next year and we'll be back. ■

K6PV – 2022 ARRL FIELD DAY CONTACTS

Band	CW	Phone
160m	—	—
80m	—	—
40m	191	273
20m	229	420
15m	28	43
10m	—	—
6m	--	—
2m	--	—
222	—	—
432	--	—
Total	448	736



Above: PVARC member Kel, W6KCV, operated low-power from the RPV bluffs with his Icom 705. Can you spot his antenna? PHOTO: KELVIN VANDERLIP, W6KCV

How to fill in the ARRL Field Day web submission form (it's easier than a paper submission)

By Ray Day, N6HE

It's easy to electronically submit your Field Day information package to ARRL—plus get 50 bonus points for online submission. Here are the steps you need.

1. Go to <https://field-day.arrl.org/identry.php> to get instructions and a link to the web submittal form itself. Go to the form.
2. Open your N3FJP Field Day program (*if you use different logging software the following two instructions might differ slightly*).
3. In the Menu bar, click “File”, then click on “Write Cabrillo (contest submittal)” File.
4. Click the green box; this asks you to save a “yourcallsign”.dup file. Save it to the desktop. This will be your “list of band/mode calls list (dupe sheet)” that the web form asks for in the “Band/mode QSO breakdown” section.

After this file is saved, you will see a blue screen of “contacts by band and mode.” Copy/paste (to notepad or blank page) and print this OR write the data down.

5. Filling in the majority of the form is just common sense (call me 310-351-7679) if you need any assistance. Remember, too, when it asked for a club or group name, spell out Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club in its entirety. There should be a drop down menu which allows you to click on that.
6. If you have bonus points, in the “upload documentation” section, choose the file (JPEG or PDF, etc.) to upload. Click on “choose file” and navigate to that file and click on it. Confirm that the proper file name shows up in the field next to the “choose file” box.
7. The last part of the form asks for a band/mode QSO breakdown. This is the information that you printed or wrote down from the blue screen. Fill it in. Notice that they want to know maximum power used for each band and mode. This is where you will upload the “yourcallsign.dup” file saved to your desktop earlier. Click on “choose file” and navigate to that dupe file and click on it. Confirm that the proper file name shows up in the field next to the “choose file” box.
8. Fill in your Name and Call and email address at the bottom and, after reviewing the form, click on “Submit Entry.”

You have until Tuesday, July 26 to submit, but please do it now.

Congratulations, you're done! ■



Now gauging interest for possible PVARC Islands On The Air DXpedition in February 2023 to Catalina Island

PVARC teams made mini-DXpeditions activating Catalina Island annually from 2007 through 2019 for the worldwide Islands On The Air program. Marginal propagation halted a February 2020 trip and the pandemic stopped our 2021-2022 DXpeditions.

Our Board of Directors wants to gauge interest for a late-February 2023 journey to Two Harbors, pandemic conditions permitting. Each team member pays their own expenses for Catalina Express boat travel, cabin at Two Harbors, food, and incidentals. Total cost per person for 4.5 days is estimated at about \$475 (slightly less if sharing a cabin.).

We've had many memorable trips there with a lot of fun and camaraderie, a lot of worldwide contacts, and hopes to return. If you might be interested in a February 2023 Catalina DXpedition advise our Vice President Ray Day, N6HE, soon at rayday@cox.net. There's no commitment required now...we are simply assessing interest. ■

Stay tuned for possible International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend...



Several months ago we filed an application with the U.S. Coast Guard to operate at Pt. Vicente Lighthouse for International Lighthouse & Lightship Weekend, Aug. 20-21. If granted permission this would be a radio operating event only. Photo above from AI6DF was taken during the 2015 ILLW.

PVARC upcoming events in 2022

- **PVARC hybrid monthly meetings online via Webex and at Hesse Park**

1st Thursday each month, 7:30-9:15 pm, except in December

- **PVARC HF Enthusiasts Group meetings in-person or via Webex**

2nd Saturday each month, 10:00 am-Noon in Palos Verdes Library main branch's Purcell Room; Webex virtual option when possible.

- **PVARC EmComm Interest Group online meetings via Webex**

3rd Saturday each month, 10:00-11:00 am or 11:00-Noon (time depends on other radio events that day)

- **Walt Ordway K1DFO Technician and General amateur radio license classes at Hesse Park**

November 5 and 12, 2022.

- **Public Service Events:**

- **Hills Are Alive 10K/5K** on Rolling Hills Estates horse trails, August 6, 8 am.
- Other events TBA.

- **PVARC 2022 Holiday Dinner**, Dec. 8, Los Verdes Golf Course

Non-PVARC Events of Note:

- **W6TRW Swap Meet**, last Saturday each month. 7:00-11:30 am. Northrop Grumman parking lots, Aviation Blvd./Marine Ave., North Redondo Beach
- **PACIFICON 2022 / ARRL Pacific Division Convention**, San Ramon, CA, Oct. 14-16. <https://www.pacificon.org> ■

Become an ARRL member: support amateur radio while increasing your learning

Consider joining the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) if not already 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, which requires at least 51% of club members 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 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/. ■

Need a PVARC badge?

If you wish to order a new or replacement engraved PVARC badge please contact Gary Lopes at wa6mem@cox.net and he will make arrangements for your payment and sending your new badge. Badges 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.

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



About Us...

Welcome to the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, K6PV.

Founded in 1975, today our 150+ members hail from every city in Los Angeles County's South Bay region...and beyond.

Our club fosters diverse ham radio interests including public service, DXing, contesting, digital modes, and electronic experimentation.

We also teach license classes several times annually and gladly assist newer hams in understanding amateur radio technology or procedures.

Many PVARC members serve in the government-affiliated disaster amateur radio groups for the South Bay's cities and Los Angeles County. We also provide public service communication at no charge to sponsors of community and running events.

No matter where you are along your ham radio journey you are welcome as a PVARC member. ■

Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club

An American Radio Relay League Affiliated Club

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 Talkgroup 31060, Color Code 1, Time Slot 2
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Front page photo — Pt. Vicente Lighthouse seen from Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center after sunset on June 29, 2019.
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-PVARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS**JULY 2022-**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5 K6PV analog net, 7:30 pm	6 K6PV DMR net, 7:30 pm	7 PVARC Monthly Meeting at Hesse Park and via Webex: Doug Dowds, W6HB, 7:30 pm	8	9 PVARC HF Enthusiasts Group meeting 10:00 am at Palos Verdes Library Purcell Room / Webex
10	11	12 K6PV analog net, 7:30 pm	13 K6PV DMR net, 7:30 pm	14	15	16 PVARC EmComm Interest Group meeting, 10:00 am via Webex
17	18	19 K6PV analog net, 7:30 pm	20 K6PV DMR net, 7:30 pm	21	22	23
24	25	26 K6PV analog net, 7:30 pm	27 K6PV DMR net, 7:30 pm	28	29	30 W6TRW Swap Meet, Northrop Grumman, N. Redondo Beach 7:00-11:00 am

Postal mail form below; email version: 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 _____ Type _____ ARRL Member? _____

Other amateur radio groups you belong to _____

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

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

Additional donation to support PVARC activities \$ _____

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Please email completed form to membership@pvarc.com or print and mail to the address at top.

Dues based on January 1st to December 31st year.

By submitting this application/renewal you agree to the Club's constitution and by-laws
available on-line at: www.k6pv.org/constitution.pdf.