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#### "Summits On The Air"

**May 2024** 

#### Don Minkoff, NK6A

Thursday, May 2, 2024, 7:30 pm, hybrid meeting in-person at Hesse Park and via Zoom

- PVARC Hesse Park room opens at 6:45 pm
- Zoom online meeting room opens by 7:10 pm

Also in May:

Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am-Noon,

PVARC HF Enthusiasts Group meeting at Palos Verdes Library main branch in the Conference Room

All **QRO** monthly issues since 2007 are on the PVARC website at <u>www.k6pv.org</u> under the "Newsletter" tab.

### Upcoming PVARC meeting speakers...

PVARC's hybrid **May 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly meeting** at Hesse Park and via Zoom features "Summits on the Air" (SOTA) presented in-person by Don Minkoff, NK6A (*photo, right*). Don previously has spoken to us about SOTA as well as on operating amateur radio in Italy from the Marconi Museum. A screenshot below from SOTA's website provides a brief SOTA overview but Don has much more to say after the SOTA program expanded in recent years.

Don was first licensed in 1959 at age 12 and later became interested in DXing and low-power HF operating. He has operated from numerous



peaks/mountains as well as from Portugal and Ireland in portable mode. He's a retired Quality Engineer and ISO 9000 auditor in the automotive electronics industry and lives in the Mar Vista section of West Los Angeles.

Our **June 6**<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting features Patrick Bolan, KJ7ZSU, from Oregon City, OR, speaking about Geochron world clock maps. Patrick developed the digital version of Geochron and now owns the Geochron company which still makes mechanical Geochrons. His talk with us will mostly focus on the digital version which offers far more information for much less cost...and on much larger screens than the mechanical models.■

From Summits On The Air website, https://www.sota.org.uk/

## New to SOTA?

SOTA has been carefully designed to make participation possible for all Radio Amateurs and Shortwave Listeners - this is not just for mountaineers! There are awards for activators (those who ascend to the summits) and chasers (who either operate from home, a local hilltop or are even Activators on other summits).

See the 'Joining In' section of the website for lots of information, advice, rules, guidelines and our FAQs.



SOTA is fully operational in nearly a hundred countries across the world. Each country has its own Association which defines the recognised SOTA summits within that Association. Each summit earns the activators and chasers a score which is related to the height of the summit. Certificates are available for various scores, leading to the prestigious "Mountain Goat" and "Shack Sloth" trophies. An Honour Roll for Activators and Chasers is maintained at the SOTA online database.

# The years in the life of an RF connector: How many mating cycles do yours have remaining?

#### By Diana Feinberg, Al6DF **QRO** Editor

A splat in the short

Unlike a local mattress store impresario whose television commercials advise "If your mattress label says eight, it's time to replace" ham radio has no labels announcing when it's time to replace your RF connectors.

A seldom-discussed aspect of ham radio, all RF connectors whether UHF, SMA, BNC, N, or others have a limited number of mating cycles between male and female connectors (i.e., insertion-removal-insertion, etc.) Hams such as myself who must frequently set-up/take-down their amateur radio equipment or operate portable will experience pin and socket plating wear-out sooner. In the photos below, my 50' Times Microwave LMR-400 cable with PL-259 UHF connectors has been through at least 600 mating cycles since 2010—and showing it.

Higher-quality RF connectors, such as from Amphenol, promise a minimum of 500 mating cycles; lesser-quality connectors can have as few as just 75-80 depending on the plating used for pin and socket. Male SMA connectors such as on many HT radio antennas likely won't last 500 cycles due to the thin conductor pin which doesn't allow for thick plating.

Gold plating, nickel plating, and tin plating are the most widely used–with corresponding price and performance differences. Unlike tin which oxidizes, gold plating does not react with atmospheric contaminants and requires less force for insertion/ removals. The more insertions/removals and more force needed eventually thins the plating...and then it's time to replace.

A final aspect: unlike the mattress store, there are no promises that if you find a lower price your new connectors or coax are free.■

Left: PL-259 pin plating is worn after 14 years of in and out.

**Right:** SO-239 female UHF connector no longer firmly seats the PL-259 pin.

PHOTOS: DIANA FEINBERG, AI6DF



### QRO

# Rancho Palos Verdes Planning Commission approves new antenna codes–for now, no "new" ham antenna restrictions

The Rancho Palos Verdes Planning Commission at its April 23, 2024 meeting approved for City Council consideration two new municipal code chapters replacing the current single chapter governing any wireless transmission antennas. Ham radio antennas will now be covered in a separate chapter with provisions unchanged from the last antenna code revision in October 2020.

Shown below are types of amateur radio antennas **not** requiring city approval–there's still a lot of creativity available for hams. But ham antennas involving towers up to 41' above grade level do require approval from the City's Director of Community Development after an application process. Any ham antenna exceeding 41' needs to obtain Planning Commission approval and will incur additional costs. Existing permitted antennas and towers are grandfathered. *Continued next page* ►

**3) Antennas Exempt.** The following noncommercial amateur radio antenna assemblies may be constructed or installed on a lot without the approval of an antenna Site Plan Review application or noncommercial radio antenna permit;

- a) The replacement of an existing antenna or antenna support structure with an outside diameter of three inches or less with a similar antenna or support structure.
- b) Parabolic dish antennas which are one meter (39.37 inches) or less in diameter. This exemption shall not apply to parabolic dishes located on a mast which is greater than twelve feet in height. Freestanding masts shall be measured from existing adjacent grade. Masts located on a building shall be measured from the point where the mast meets the roof surface.
- c) Any combination of two different antenna assemblies from the following categories:

(i) One antenna assembly which is located outside of any required setback areas and which is sixteen feet or less in height, as measured pursuant to the residential building height measurement methods described in section 17.02.040 (View Preservation and Restoration) of this title.

(ii) One building mounted antenna assembly, located outside of any required setback areas, which does not exceed twelve feet in height, as measured from the point where the antenna assembly meets the roof surface, and which contains radiating elements, each of which does not exceed six feet in total length. If the antenna assembly is mounted onto the roof, or if any portion of the antenna assembly projects above the roofline, not more than one antenna may be affixed to antenna support structure.

(iii) One wire antenna assembly consisting of a single flexible wire, with a diameter not to exceed one-half inch, suspended between two supports, which if man-made do not exceed forty-one feet in height as measured from adjacent existing grade, and located outside of any required setback areas.Exhibit B-3

(iv) One vertical antenna assembly, located outside of any required setback areas, consisting of a single pole or mast with a maximum outside diameter of three inches or less with no guys or horizontal elements located higher than two feet above the ridgeline of the residence, and which does not exceed forty-one feet in total height, as measured from adjacent existing grade.

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The ham antenna October 2020 code revision had several new requirements amateur operators might find objectionable: 1) any permit application required notifying all property owners within a 500' radius instead of just adjoining property owners; 2) any permit application required building a physical mock-up of the proposed antenna and structure at its location, or a photo simulation; and 3) if directed, paint the antenna structure to be more compatible with surrounding areas.

While the 500' notification radius gives more residents an "opportunity" to react ham radio wasn't singled out. The 500' radius already applied to applications for all commercial antenna, all variances to the city's General Plan, any encroachment on public property, and several other situations involving neighborhood compatibility.

At the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Planning Commission meeting our fellow member Dale Hanks, N6NNW, attended inperson and your **QRO** Editor watched via Zoom. We knew in advance no changes for ham antennas were being proposed–but just in case...■ — *Diana Feinberg, AI6DF* 

# More on DMR from PVARC's April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting...useful links from great presentation by Kirk, KN6UMV

PAPA (Pocket Auto Patch Association)	https://papasys.com
LastHeard	https://brandmeister.network/?page=Ih
Hoseline	https://hose.brandmeister.network/
Western States DMR	https://www.westernstatesdmr.com
Callwatch	http://dmr2.interworld.net:42420/CallWatch
Peerwatch	http://dmr2.interworld.net:42420/PeerWatchFrame
NorCal-DMR	http://norcal-dmr.org
SNARS (Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society)	https://snars.org
Callwatch	http://cbridge.snars.net:42420/CallWatch
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### PVARC begins planning for ARRL Field Day, June 22-23

For this year's ARRL Field Day the PVARC plans to again operate from Soleado Elementary School in Rancho Palos Verdes, subject to final School District permit approval.

We've enjoyed Soleado's quiet site since 2018 which, although somewhat "off the beaten path", offers an outstanding transmit location above the Los Angeles Basin. Previous PVARC Field Day sites have been at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School (mid-1990's through 2011) and Ridgecrest Intermediate School (2012-2017). Coincidentally, we had to move from Pen High and later Ridgecrest because major construction work in progress prevented access for Field Day.

The PVARC expects to again operate as a 2A station on emergency power. We always encourage newer hams to visit our Field Day site and try operating on the HF bands, including under a higher-licensed ham.

Don't wish to operate radios? We still up our stations in limited time. after 8:00 am Saturday–and we am. Many other clubs will start gear on the day before, which is When Field Day ends at 11:00 disassembling everything and site by 1:00 pm

This year's ARRL Field Day logo with a Civil Defense-inspired visitor traffic at Soleado which has



need help from PVARC members to set PVARC typically has site access just need to be "on the air" by 11:00 setting up their antennas and allowed by the Field Day rules. am Sunday we then need help completely vacating the school

uses the pun "Be Radio Active" design. We don't expect that to hurt very little to begin with.

Stay tuned for more Field Day details...this year should be another great one for the PVARC.■

# We say again: Need to renew your license and pay the \$35 fee? ARRL's easy to follow article has the steps to do it

How	to Renev	v Your License O	nline			
The ARRL VEC provides instructions on how to file an amateur radio license renewal application and make a payment via the FCC's new COmmission REgistration System (CORES).						
and the FCC pay the plete	nen link your FCC Registration charges a \$35 fee to renew a ne fee. Follow the steps below	will need to create a new FCC CORES username accc Number (FRN) to your new account. As of April 2022 nateur radio licenses. You must create the new accoun to create a new CORES account, and then after you on n, the License Manager system will automatically direc nd pay the fee.	, the nt to com-			
Setting Up Your New FCC CORES Username Account 1 If you haven't already created a CORES account, you must register a username (your email address) and a password (see [a] and [b]). Visit the FCC CORES web page at https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do to set up your account. If you don't know your FRN, you may search for it on that web page (see [c]). You will need your FRN for the next step.						
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# Something visibly new as the PVARC again provided communication at Ridgecrest 5K...

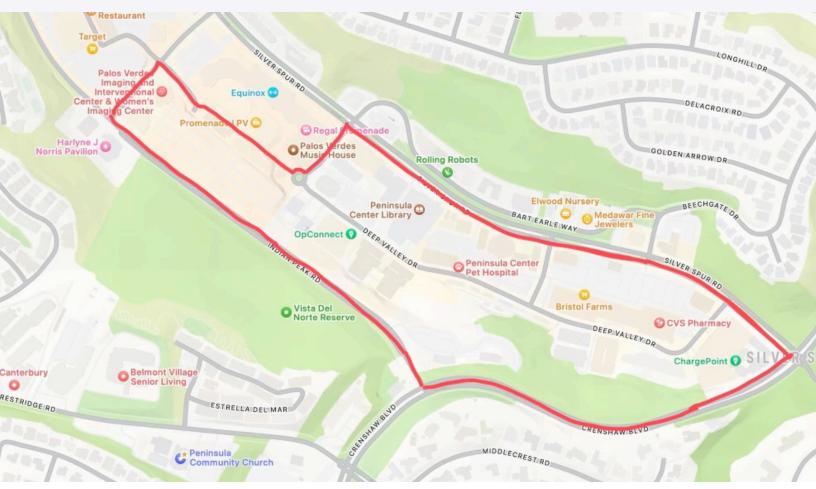
At this year's Ridgecrest Intermediate School 5K on April 28 the PVARC had a "new" presence while providing public service communication as usual under Walt Ordway, K1DFO, direction.

What's new? For the first time in our 49-year history the PVARC's club logo adorned every T-shirt given to an event's participants. Ridgecrest 5K 2024 T-shirts issued to runners and volunteers included our club patch design on the

shirt back alongside race sponsor and supporter logos. Our Board of Directors was truly appreciative when race organizers asked if they could include our club's logo to recognize the PVARC's service.

This year's race had 641 participants, mostly children from schools in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. The route (shown below from the race website) duplicated previous years, a two-loop circuit starting on Deep Valley and Norris Center Drives in the Peninsula shopping district and circling back via Indian Peak Road, Crenshaw Blvd., and Silver Spur Road before turning on Norris Center Drive..

The event went very well with no injuries or incidents reported. Using the K6PV repeater in FM analog mode our radio communications team consisted of Dave KE6GFR, Bob AC6RM, Matthew N6MDC, Mike KN6YSK, Sergio WA6WV, Steve KI6TEQ, Cynthia AG6NW, Steve KN6YDX, Herb KO6RC and Walt K1DFO. Thanks to all for serving.■





#### PVARC 2024 membership (as of 4/27/2024)

Thanks to all who have renewed their PVARC membership for 2024 or holds a complimentary membership for this year. To ensure we better acknowledge all membership renewals–whether received by postal mail, PayPal, or in-person–we'll be listing renewals in **QRO** for the next several months. Let us know if you renewed (or recently joined) but do not see your call sign here.

Haven't renewed yet? Renew at either a PVARC in-person monthly meeting; by using the fillable form on our website with your PayPal payment; or print and mail the form with your check to our PO Box address. ■

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### **PVARC 2024 upcoming events**

 PVARC hybrid monthly meetings online via Zoom and in-person as announced

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month, 7:30-9:15 pm, except in August and December; July 2024 meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, July 3,

 PVARC HF Enthusiasts Group meetings in-person at Palos Verdes Library main branch

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays, 10:00am-Noon

- PVARC EmComm Interest Group online meetings via Zoom (currently under review)
- Walt Ordway K1DFO Technician and General amateur radio license classes at Hesse Park

May 11 and 18, 2024; 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

- Volunteer Examiner license test session at Hesse Park, May 25, 2024 (Fireside Room) 10:00 am
- PVARC 2024 Holiday Dinner or virtual "After-Dinner", December 12

#### 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. VE license testing in Building S-2 at 10:00 am.
- Dayton HamVention: May 17-19. Greene County Fairgrounds, Xenia, OH (Dayton suburb). Largest ham convention in the Western Hemisphere. Website:<u>https://hamvention.org/</u>
- Hamcon, Zion: ARRL Rocky Mountain Div. Convention, July 12-13. St. George, Utah., Website: http://hamconzion.com/
- Bored Net Group MicroExpo / ARRL Santa Barbara Section Convention, August 31. Cal State University Channel Islands, Camarillo. Free. <u>http://www.theborednet.net/index.php/ham-radio-expo-to-be-held-on-august-31-2024/</u>
- PACIFICON, ARRL Pacific Division Convention: October 18-20, 2024. San Ramon Marriott, San Ramon, CA; website: <u>www.pacificon.org</u>

### 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 that at least 51% of club members be ARRL members.

Annual ARRL membership costs \$59 and includes digital access to all four ARRL periodicals (**QST** magazine, **On The Air** magazine, **National Contest Journal**, and **QEX** magazine focusing on advanced technical topics.) Subscriptions to printed copies of ARRL publications are available at additional charge.

All ARRL members can access numerous web-based materials, ARRL staff, and assistance with ham radio issues. Visit: <u>www.arrl.org/</u>. ■

### Need a PVARC badge?

If you wish to order a new or replacement engraved PVARC badge 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 available

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

If you would like a patch contact Diana, AI6DF, ai6df@arrl.net and we'll find a way to get your patch to you.■

#### **MAY 2024**





### 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

#### **Board of Directors:**

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#### 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

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Front page photo — Pt. Vicente Lighthouse starting its night shift on June 16, 2016. PHOTO: DIANA FEINBERG, AI6DF

PVARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> K6PV DMR net, 7:30 pm	<b>2</b> PVARC hybrid monthly meeting at Hesse Park and via Zoom, 7:30 pm:	3	4
5	6	<b>7</b> K6PV analog net, 7:30 pm	<b>8</b> K6PV DMR net, 7:30 pm	9	10	<b>11</b> HFE Enthusiasts Group meeting, PV Library, 10 am
<b>12</b> Mother's Day	13	<b>14</b> K6PV analog net, 7:30 pm	<b>15</b> K6PV DMR net, 7:30 pm	16	<b>17</b> Dayton Hamvention	<b>18</b> Dayton Hamvention
<b>19</b> Dayton Hamvention	20	<b>21</b> K6PV analog net, 7:30 pm	<b>22</b> K6PV DMR net, 7:30 pm	23	24	<b>25</b> W6TRW Swap Meet, Northrop Grumman, N. Redondo Bch. 7:00-11:30 am
26	27 Memorial Day	<b>28</b> K6PV analog net, 7:30 pm	<b>29</b> K6PV DMR net, 7:30 pm	30	31	

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### **Two Free Amateur Radio Courses**

FCC <u>"Technician"</u> course (entry level) FCC <u>"General"</u> course (2<sup>nd</sup> level) <u>Each course is 2 sessions</u> <u>The sessions</u> will be on 11 and 18 May 2024 <u>Technician</u> 9:30 AM to 1:15 PM both Saturdays (bring your lunch) <u>General</u> 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM both Saturdays The FCC tests will be 10:00 AM to noon on 25 May 2024

At the start of the 11 May Technician course, a member of the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club will give a 30-minute presentation on how to get further involved in amateur radio.

The class location is at Fred Hesse Community Park, 29301 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 Confirm your attendance to Walt, K1DFO at waltfordway@juno.com

I charge <u>no fee</u> for either course. Taking the FCC test is \$15. After passing the Technician test the FCC will send you an e-mail for paying its \$35 license fee and then they will post your call sign.

> Optional Material (sold at cost) Gordon West books with all the FCC test questions, \$30 for the Technician and \$33 for the General Paper copy of Walt's Power Point charts, \$29 for the Technician and \$26 for the General

For courses sponsored by the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, students thru grade 12 who pass their examination at a PVARC VE test session will, upon application to the Club, be eligible for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$85 to cover the costs of materials, examination fee, and FCC license fee.

Everyone who obtains their first ham radio license through a PVARC VE test session, regardless of age, will receive a free membership in the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club for the remainder of the current calendar year.

For Sale by PVARC Member:

ICOM IC-7300 (SN 02005611)

The ICOM IC-7300 is an all mode transceiver that incorporates coverage for all HF bands as well as 6 meters.

The radio is in mint cosmetic condition and has only been used in the shack. The firmware was updated on 7/17/2021 to v.1.41. Any available additional update(s) may be done by the owner. Full instructions for doing this are in the owner's manual. I have reset the radio to its factory defaults.

Included with the radio are a power cable, microphone, the original operator's manual, a factory CD with the manual, and the original carton.

On 5/1/2021 I replaced the internal, soldered-in clock battery with a replacement battery that fits into a holder I installed so that any future replacements will no longer require soldering. The only function of the battery is to run a clock on the display.

Asking price: \$800, cash only, firm, no trades. (The asking price is \$200 less than the current retail advertised price, including the current manufacturer's rebate.)

Contact Jeff, K6JW at <u>k6jw@arrl.net</u> to view the radio or for further information.



