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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PALOS VERDES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

NOVEMBER 2015

Learn about L.A. County DCS' new directions and initiatives

The Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service, overseen by the Sheriff's Department, is entering its 65th year with some interesting new directions.

DCS Technical Team Chief Deane Bouvier, N5DQ, will present what DCS is doing under new leadership from the Sheriff's Department. There have been changes in DCS' technical, training, and leadership areas that many amateur operators will find worthwhile.

Deane is also an active member of the City of Torrance's TARA radio organization and Air Force MARS, besides serving as Assistant District Communications Officer for the Lomita DCS contingent.

Join us on November 18 at Hesse Park, 7:30 pm, and optionally for our Red Onion Restaurant pre-meeting dinner at 5:30 pm. ■

Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service

**Deane Bouvier, N5DQ,
DCS Technical Team chief**

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015,
7:30 pm at
Fred Hesse Community Park,
29301 Hawthorne Blvd.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
Visitors Welcome.

Optional no-host pre-meeting
dinner 5:30-7:00 pm in the
Red Onion Restaurant,
706 Silver Spur Road,
Rolling Hills Estates

Another year of public service completed

**By Diana Feinberg, AI6DF
PVARC President**

We should always remember public service remains first on the FCC's Part 97 list of justifications authorizing amateur radio in the United States. While it's true some of us prefer the DXing side of amateur radio more or experimenting with electronics our legal basis for using the airwaves free of charge across many frequency bands is deeply-rooted in our willingness to serve the public, especially in times of emergencies.

Now that this year's Palos Verdes Half Marathon is over, I would like to thank all our club members who participated in PVARC public service events during 2015 and/or volunteered time to support disaster communication groups at city, county, hospital, or state levels.

During 2015 the PVARC provided amateur radio communication support for the Ridgecrest Intermediate School 5K; the Rolling Hills Estates "Hills Are Alive" 5K/10K; the "Conquer the Bridge" run/walk across the Vincent Thomas Bridge; the RAT Beach Bike Tour; and the Palos Verdes Half Marathon. All these events raised significant funds for local charitable organizations.

Many PVARC members belong to city radio groups such as Palos Verdes Estates' NART; Rancho Palos Verdes/Rolling Hills Estates PVAN; Torrance's TARA; Redondo Beach's RBARA; the Gardena DCS; City of Los Angeles ACS; or Los Angeles County DCS. Some of our members also support the ARRL's ARES organization and independently at area hospitals. If you haven't joined a sanctioned group serving your area consider doing so.

Volunteer work engages citizens --in ways large and small--to contribute to the better good. Consider the following anonymous quotations about volunteering:

1. "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."
2. "Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."

With regard to the second quotation, we are only "priceless" as radio volunteers when our radio equipment is in good working condition and the knowledge to use it is continually refreshed. Participating in volunteer events and checking in regularly with your disaster radio groups help accomplish these objectives. Lastly, just as a local mattress retailer exhorts replacing your mattress after eight years, all our members are encouraged to regularly replace their radio batteries. No rechargeable battery lasts forever--no one wants to discover that during an emergency situation if a radio volunteer.

Thank you for your volunteer time in 2015 supporting radio-related public service for our club and elsewhere--and please consider more ways to support the public good in 2016. ■

PVARC's Field Day Results

2015 ARRL Field Day results are in: the PVARC moved up on a national basis but down a notch in Los Angeles

Field Day Year * Indicates FD operations disrupted by lawn sprinklers overnight	(A) K6PV (as 2A Station) Total Points	(B) K6PV Rank of all U.S. & Canada Field Day stations (all classes)	(C) K6PV of all 2A stations in Southwest Division	(D) K6PV of all 2A stations, ARRL LAX Section
2015	5,780	193 rd of 2,270 (top 7% of all FD stations)	4 th of 27	3 rd of 9
2014	4,932	252 nd of 2,686 (top 9% of all Field Day stations)	4 th of 32	2 nd of 9
2013*	4,248	331 st of 2,548	5 th of 26	1 st of 5
2012	5,188	259 th of 2,617	5 th of 24	1 st of 8
2011*	4,492	341 st of 2,632	6 th of 24	1 st of 5
2010	5,468	219 th of 2,617	5 th of 31	1 st of 8
2009*	3,930	391 st of 2,603	9 th of 27	3 rd of 7
2008	4,160	332 nd of 2,409	4 th of 27	1 st of 9
2007	3,216	511 th of 2,331	6 th of 28	2 nd of 7
2006	5,242	223 rd of 2,169	4 th of 30	2 nd of 5
2005	6,216	162 nd of 2,199	3 rd of 32	2 nd of 8
2004	7,118	126 th of 2,242	3 rd of 30	2 nd of 7
2003	6,192	126 th of 2,079	4 th of 37	3 rd of 8
2002	6,246	194 th of 2,099	3 rd of 28	1 st of 7

The PVARC scored in the top 7% of all 2015 Field Day stations nationwide, according to ARRL Field Day results released earlier this month.

In 2014 we scored in the top 9% of all Field Day stations--a typical level for when the soccer field sprinklers don't turn on overnight to disrupt our operations.

Within the ARRL Los Angeles Section this year we placed 3rd out of nine 2A stations, down from 2nd last year. What changed in 2015 was a large team of hams in Orange County who hadn't competed as a 2A station in recent years amassing over 12,600 points to take top honors in the 2A class.

PVARC member Jeff Wolf, K6JW, opted to compete this year as a QRP class 1E Field Day station from his home. Within the 1E class he finished 1st in the ARRL LAX Section, 2nd in the ARRL Southwestern Division; and nationwide was 55th of 322 1E stations. Jeff is giving a presentation at next February's PVARC monthly meeting on his experience operating with 5-watts during Field Day—and how to score well. ■

Next year's Field Day will be June 25-26, 2016

PVARC News

PVARC radio operators covered the 2015 Palos Verdes Half Marathon on Saturday, November 14

This year's Palos Verdes Half Marathon generally went well, with none of the logistical or operational issues that affected recent years' Half or Full Marathons. There were a few access-related matters reflecting streets and parking areas blocked during the race but those issues were beyond our scope. A last-minute change this year affecting us was not having any amateur operators aboard either of the course vehicles. The course vehicle drivers instead relied on cellphone communication.

Our amateur operator net again used a massive UHF Motorola porta-peater owned by Norm Thorn, K6UU, that was stationed at the RPV Emergency Communications Center. This repeater provided excellent coverage to all locations on the Half Marathon course (except marginally to one location on Palos Verdes Drive West in Palos Verdes Estates.

Providing coverage or other assistance at this year's Half Marathon were:

Bob Closson, W6HIP; Bob Kollar, KI6YMD; Bob Millard, KE6JI; Dale Hanks, N6NNW; Dave Held, WA6PHS; Deane Bouvier, N5DQ; Denzel Dyer, KG6QWJ; Diana Feinberg, AI6DF; Herb Stark, KO6RC; Ken Carr, K6HRN; Marty Dodell, KF6VSY; Mike Semos, N6DBS; Norm Thorn, K6UU; Pat Hutchings, W6PBH; Sid Wielin, KF6QFH; Steve Collins, KI6TEQ; Vickie Ruch, N6SKY; and Walt Ordway, K1DFO. ■

2016 IOTA DXpedition planning continues

The PVARC's next DXpedition to Catalina for the Radio Society of Great Britain's "Islands on the Air" program is now set for the last week of April 2016.

Since 2010 we've journeyed to Catalina during the last week of February to take advantage of several HF radio contests and the absence of other people staying at our campground. But forecasts for El Nino weather conditions prompted a search for alternatives and our Team Leader Ray Day, N6HE, consulted participants on this year's DXpedition (plus some others). The almost unanimous conclusion was to schedule next year's IOTA DXpedition from Wednesday, April 27, to Sunday, May 1.

A few members of this year's team indicated they cannot participate in late April. If any other club members are interested please contact Ray at rayday@cox.net.

We expect to use fewer antennas on Catalina next year and have two stations operating simultaneously. ■



A partial view of DXpeditioners' bags and equipment on the dock in Long Beach just prior to departing for Catalina last February. PHOTO: DIANA FEINBERG, AI6DF

PVARC Holiday Dinner is Wednesday, Dec. 9th at Ports O'Call Restaurant---Reservations Now Being Taken

Our club's annual Holiday Dinner will be at the Ports O'Call Restaurant along San Pedro's waterfront on December 9 in the same upstairs "Breakwater Room" as our 2013 and 2014 dinners.

Reservations are being taken at our monthly meetings or by mail using the form on the next page to our club address: PVARC, PO Box 2316, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274.

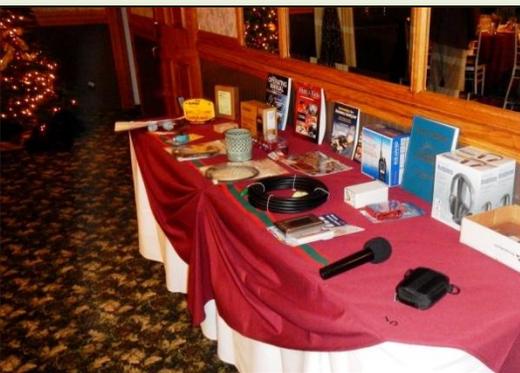
We'll again have a plentiful double-sided buffet line to expedite food serving and a no-host bar in the foyer outside our room. Our guest speaker is PVARC member Joel Pastor, WJ1P, presenting his unique DXpedition last April to the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea.

As always, we'll have a great array of radio-related door prizes--including multiple Ham Radio Outlet gift certificates and at least one handheld radio. It's also our custom at the Holiday Dinner to present the annual W6AM Rhombic Award for exemplary service to the PVARC.

The \$42 cost per person is unchanged from the past three years' dinners but our headcount and advance payment to the restaurant are due by Dec. 1. We have a practical maximum of 72 seats--so please make your reservations as soon as possible.

It's OK to come either solo or with your significant other but we hope to see as many as possible.

See you there! ■



Scenes from our 2014 Holiday Dinner at Ports O'Call Restaurant: You won't go away hungry and you might win an interesting prize too.

PHOTOS:
DIANA FEINBERG, AI6DF



*Please Join Us for the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club's
2015 Holiday Dinner*

Ports O'Call Restaurant

1199 Nagoya Way (Berth 76), San Pedro, CA

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Meet and Greet beginning at 6:30 pm,

Dinner at 7:00 pm, followed by program and prize raffle

Dinner Buffet:

*California Greens with Sliced Apples,
Candied Walnuts, Bleu Cheese
Crumbles and Raspberry Vinaigrette;
Classic Tossed Caesar Salad;
Mexican Chopped Salad with
Romaine, Jicama, Red Bell Pepper,
Carrot, Black Bean, Corn, Cheddar
Cheese, Honey-Cilantro Vinaigrette;
Fresh Fruit Platter with Yogurt Dip;
Sliced Top Sirloin, Au Jus;
King Salmon, with Dill Beurre Blanc and
Caramelized Onion;
Steamed Vegetables Melange
Roasted Baby Red Potatoes
Warm Rolls and Butter
A Tempting Array of Desserts: Cheesecake,
Chocolate Cake, and Tiramisu;
Coffee, Decaf, Hot and Iced Tea*

\$42.00 per person, in advance

(same price as our 2012, 2013, and 2014 Holiday Dinners)

**PALOS VERDES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
2015 HOLIDAY DINNER**

Ports O'Call Restaurant, San Pedro;
Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Price per person: \$42

Number of people attending: _____

I would like to also donate:

\$5 ___ \$10 ___ \$15 ___ Other amount _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Please make check payable to the

Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club

(All donations are applied towards club
expenses for the evening.)

Name _____

Call Sign _____

Please pay at our monthly meetings or by
mailing to: PVARC, PO Box 2316,
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

PVARC Short News Items

The PVARC's upcoming meeting topics...and beyond

At our December 9th Holiday Dinner PVARC member Joel Pastor, WJ1P, will present his unique DXpedition to the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea during April 2015. If you have followed the news lately, the Spratly Islands have become a focus of international tensions with various levels of sovereignty claimed by six nations and certain countries building militarized artificial islands there.

We do not have a December monthly meeting at Hesse Park. Our annual Holiday Dinner on December 9th at Ports O'Call Restaurant in San Pedro replaces the regular meeting (see Holiday Dinner article and reservation form elsewhere in this QRO issue.)

At our January 2016 monthly meeting various club members will each briefly describe projects of interest (see the article below.) Our February 2016 meeting presenter will be PVARC member Jeff Wolf, K6JW, discussing his QRP Field Day station that competed successfully in the low-power 1E category last June.

Also at January's meeting we'll take any nominations from the floor to serve as PVARC officers for the 12-months starting at our February meeting. The election itself will occur at the February meeting ■

Call for Speakers -- "Show me your project"

By Mike Caulfield, AF6VT
PVARC Vice President

At an upcoming club meeting early in 2016 we are currently organizing a session on our Club Members describing their unique projects or other aspects of HAM radio that would be of interest to our membership. The meeting will consist of 6-10 Club members speaking for 5-10 minutes each on their projects or topics. Some of the topics being planned are:

- What can you do with the FLdigi software?
- Building an Arduino keyer
- Remote station operation
- Getting PV high school students interested and licensed in HAM radio
- Operating QRP internationally

If you have an interesting or unique project or topic you would like to share with the Club, please contact Mike Caulfield at AF6VT@arrl.net ■



Need a PVARC patch?

If you want a PVARC logo patch for a hat, shirt, jacket, soft-side bag or whatever we have a new batch with higher-resolution stitching .

The new patches are available for \$4 each and available at all our meetings or by contacting Dave Scholler, KG6BPH, at 310-373-8166 (email : jdavidscholler@hotmail.com .) If you order a PVARC club jacket one patch is sewn onto the jacket's left front and included in the cost. ■

The PVARC's website now has a shorter address

As reported last month the PVARC's website relocated to www.n6rpv.net/pvarc. But there's also a much shorter way to access our website.

We've registered www.k6pv.org as the PVARC's web domain name. You can reach our website using this short address or our sub-domain at n6rpv.net/pvarc to which k6pv.org will re-direct. It turned out other ham radio clubs with our initials had already registered pvarc.com, .net, and .org.

Dale Hanks, N6NNW, is graciously providing web-hosting through his www.n6rpv.net top-level domain after we learned www.palosverdes.com plans discontinuing its free web-hosting services in late December. In the future our club might obtain full web-hosting under the k6pv.org domain name.

Thanks go to Dale and webmaster John Freeman, WW6WW, for quickly facilitating our website's transition from www.palosverdes.com. ■

We're now on the web at
k6pv.org

Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club

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Monthly Meetings:

Third Wednesday (except August and December) at 7:30 pm at Fred Hesse Park, 29301 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. Visitors always welcome.

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

Club: K6PV, 447.120 MHz (-), PL 100.0, CTCSS
"PV-West": K6IUM, 449.980 MHz (-), PL 173.8, CTCSS

To order a Club badge:

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Front page photo and photo at left—*The Pt. Vicente Lighthouse at dusk on November 11, 2015.*
PHOTOS: DIANA FEINBERG, AI6DF

“Islands on the Air” program to become separate legal entity; paperless awards programs may follow

For many years the PVARC has participated in the Radio Society of Great Britain’s Islands on the Air program through our annual activations of Santa Catalina Island. In case you missed it, on October 10, 2015, the RSGB announced a new foundation would assume management of the IOTA program and further its popularity, including offering a QSL program similar to the ARRL Logbook of the World for IOTA awards:

“The RSGB Islands on the Air (IOTA) programme celebrated its 50th anniversary as a premier DX programme in July 2014. The last fifty years have seen the programme grow to 2,500 active island chasers and approximately 15,000 more casual participants. It is perhaps second in scale and scope to the DXCC award; indeed, many would argue it is even more challenging than that programme.

Last year the Board identified a number of challenges that the programme faced, not least of which was the need to provide an IT system that would allow online island credit submission akin to Logbook of the World (LoTW). Since that time, a small group of IOTA enthusiasts has been working with the Society to ensure that the IOTA programme continues to grow and play the prominent role that it has done in Amateur Radio DXing and contest activity for the last fifty years. That work has now come to fruition and we are pleased to announce that a new organisation will be formed, to be called the IOTA Foundation. It will be run by IOTA enthusiasts and will manage the IOTA programme in partnership with the Society.

One major task for the new organisation will be to develop a new online credit system that is due to be completed in 2017. Roger Balister, G3KMA, Bob Barden, MD0CCE, Cezar Trifu, VE3LYC and Johan Willemsen, PA3EXX, are the team who will implement the IT changes and form the IOTA Foundation, with representation from radio amateurs at home and abroad.”

The new IOTA Foundation head in turn issued this statement on October 12, 2015:

“I am delighted with the news announced by the RSGB about the future of IOTA – that, following the initial statement of intent last year, terms of agreement have been fleshed out for the programme to be run by a new body in partnership with the RSGB. This new body will take the form, we hope, of a Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with the name Islands on the Air Foundation (IOTAF). It will be a separate legal body. I have to thank the RSGB Board for acknowledging that the future sustainability of IOTA is of paramount importance to thousands of amateurs worldwide and that this must be the overriding consideration.

Why the change? IOTA has risen from a niche programme to one that is mainstream and second only to DXCC as the international driver of activity on our bands. Increasingly, serious IOTA-watchers saw that the programme needed to be allowed to spread its wings, particularly to have control of its finances and to draw on the pool of overseas helpers in its management. The decision now to embark on the paperless QSLing project, a significant project with many challenges, provided the necessary stimulus for bringing in the change and for making it in a timely way. On Sunday morning at the RSGB Convention, Johan, PA3EXX, our IOTA IT Project Leader, gave a progress report on the project. He explained that the initial technical design papers have been written and that implementation work will start shortly. We envisage a launch in Spring 2017 after the annual update exercise although we will try to make it sooner.

Looking back I should like to thank all who through many years helped IOTA to grow, and the RSGB Board for trusting us with this significant change. From the Foundation’s side, we look forward to a harmonious and successful partnership with the Society in taking the programme forward.” ■



PVARC News:

Seven new school operators licensed after classes and exam

Our Walt Ordway, K1DFO, taught his Technician license class earlier this month to various Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District personnel. These were followed by a non-public VE test session at the school district's Malaga Cove Administration Center on November 13. Serving as the Volunteer Examiners were PVARC members Ray Day, N6HE; Jerry Kendrick, NG6R; and Diana Feinberg, AI6DF.

The results show seven new school district operators obtaining their Technician licenses, with several more likely to do so at our public November 21st VE test session at Hesse Park. The school district requested these classes and exam session to replenish amateur operators at certain campuses after some retirements and staff transfers. ■

PVARC Holiday Dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 9, open for reservations through Nov. 30

We say again: Our club's annual Holiday Dinner at the Ports O'Call Restaurant along San Pedro's waterfront is on December 9th in the same upstairs "Breakwater Room" as our 2013/2014 dinners. Reservations are being accepted at our monthly meetings or by mail to our club address: PVARC, PO Box 2316, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274. **Please note the reservation deadline is November 30 due to a headcount and payment which the restaurant needs.**

Please see our Holiday Dinner announcement and RSVP appearing elsewhere in this issue. As always, we'll have over \$700 of door prizes as well-- including Ham Radio Outlet gift certificates and two handheld radios. The \$42 cost per person is unchanged from the past three years' dinners. ■

Additional PVARC net control operators wanted

Our club's net control operators all need a break. How about you being able to serve occasionally as a net control operator for our weekly Tuesday night net? Please contact Malin, KO6MD, if interested: malind@cox.net. ■

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF THE PALOS VERDES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB IN 2014-2015

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(RETURNING MEMBER)

Support ARRL efforts for H.R. 1301 and S. 1685 to allow reasonable antennas where restricted by CC&R's

From the ARRL website

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 -- H.R.1301 in the US House of Representative and S 1685 in the US Senate -- would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land use restrictions. US Rep [Adam Kinzinger](#) (R-IL) introduced HR 1301 on March 4 with 12 original cosponsors from both sides of the aisle -- seven Republicans and five Democrats in the US House. US Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS) introduced S 1685 on June 25, with Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) as the original cosponsor, into the US Senate.

The Amateur Radio Parity Act would require the FCC to amend its Part 97 Amateur Service rules to apply the three-part test of the [PRB-1](#) federal pre-emption policy to include homeowners association regulations and deed restrictions, often referred to as "covenants, conditions, and restrictions" (CC&Rs). At present, PRB-1 only applies to state and local zoning laws and ordinances. The FCC has been reluctant to extend the same legal protections to include private land-use agreements without direction from Congress.

H.R. 1301 has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR), chairs that panel's Communications and Technology Subcommittee, which will consider the measure. **S 1685** has been referred to the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee's subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation and the Internet, which is chaired by the bill's sponsor, Wicker.

ARRL members are urged to contact their members of both the House and the Senate, asking them to sign on to the bill as a co-sponsor. Route letters for your member of Congress to:

ARRL
Attn Amateur Radio Parity Act grassroots campaign
225 Main St
Newington CT 06111

The graphic features a dark blue background with a grid pattern. On the left, a red banner at the top contains the text "ARRL Legislation" in white. Below it, the text "Show Your Support for The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015" is displayed in yellow and white. Underneath, "HR 1301 - S 1685" is written in yellow. At the bottom left, a yellow triangle points to the text "Learn More" in white. On the right side, there is a circular emblem with a red border. Inside the circle, the text "The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015" is written in white along the top arc, and "S 1685" and "HR 1301" are written in white along the bottom arc. In the center of the circle is a white silhouette of the US Capitol building against a blue sky with white clouds.

Above: Screenshot from ARRL website, <http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act>

Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club 2015 Calendar

January							February							March							April						
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2015 Major Contest Dates

- ARRL ■ CQ Magazine and Other
- Jan. 23-25: CQ Worldwide 160-Meter (CW)
- Jan. 24-25: ARRL January VHF Sweepstake
- Feb. 13-15: CQ Worldwide RTTY WPX
- Feb. 20-22: ARRL DX (CW)
- Feb. 28: North American RTTY QSO Party
- Feb. 28-29: CQ Worldwide 160-Meter (SSB)
- Mar. 6-8: ARRL DX (SSB)
- Mar. 27-29: CQ Worldwide SSB WPX
- May 29-31: CQ Worldwide CW WPX
- Jun. 13-14: ARRL June VHF Contest
- Jun. 27-28: ARRL Field Day
- July 11-12: IARU World Championships
- Jul. 18-19: CQ Worldwide VHF
- Jul. 18: North American RTTY QSO Party
- Aug. 1-2: ARRL UHF Contest
- Sept. 12-13: ARRL September VHF Contest
- Sept. 25-27: CQ Worldwide RTTY DX
- Oct. 3-4: California QSO Party
- Oct. 23-25: CQ Worldwide SSB DX
- Nov. 7-8: ARRL Sweepstakes (CW)
- Nov. 21-22: ARRL Sweepstakes (SSB)
- Nov. 27-29: CQ Worldwide CW DX
- Dec. 11-13: ARRL 10-Meter Contest
- Dec. 27-28: Worldwide Iron Ham Contest

 Club Meeting
 PVARC Public Service
 PVARC Ham License Class

PVARC Nets

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm on K6PV, 447.120 MHz (-), PL 100.0, and 144.910 MHz, Tone Squelch, PL 156.7

PVARC Meetings & Meals

Meetings 7:30 pm **3rd Wednesdays** except August and December at Fred Hesse Park, 29301 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes. Guests welcome. A no-host dinner at 5:30 pm before club meetings is held at the Red Onion Restaurant, 736 Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Estates.
3rd Sunday in August: Annual family picnic at Pt. Vicente Lighthouse.
December 9 Holiday dinner. Ports O'Call Restaurant, San Pedro.

Major Ham Radio Conventions

- Apr. 17-19:** International DX Convention, Visalia, CA
- May 15-17:** Dayton HamVention
- Sept. 11-13:** HAMCON 2015/ARRL Southwestern Div. Convention, Torrance Marriott Hotel

PVARC Public Service Events

- Apr. 26:** Ridgecrest Int. School 5K
- Aug. 8:** Rolling Hills Estates "Hills Are Alive" 5K/10K
- Sept. 7:** L.A. Harbor "Conquer the Bridge" Race
- Sept. 26:** RAT Beach Bike Tour
- Nov. 14:** P.V. Half-Marathon/10K

PVARC HF Operating Events

- Feb. 25-**
Mar 1: Islands On The Air DXpedition, Catalina Island;
- June 27-28:** ARRL Field Day;
- Aug. 14-16:** Intl. Lighthouse Weekend, Pt. Vicente Lighthouse

PVARC Ham License Classes

Fred Hesse Park (Fireside Room), 29301 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho P.V.
Feb. 21 & 28; May 2 & 16; July 25 & Aug. 1; Oct. 24 & Nov. 7



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**NEW MEMBER &
 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

NEW: _____ **or RENEWAL:** _____ **MEMBERSHIP** **DATE:** _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email address: _____

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

License Call: _____ License Class: _____ ARRL Member? _____ Birth Mo./Day: _____

Other amateur radio groups you belong to: _____

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

Name _____ Call _____ Class _____ ARRL _____ Birth Mo./Day: _____

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Individual membership (\$15.00) \$ _____

Household and/or Family membership (\$17.00) \$ _____

Additional donation to support PVARC activities \$ _____

Cash: _____ or Check #: _____ Date _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club; Dues based on January 1st to December 31st year.

All New and Renewal Member applications must be signed below.

I am applying for a new or renewal membership in the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club and understand that by accepting membership I agree to abide by the Club's constitution and by-laws (available on-line at: <http://www.n6rpv.net/pvarc/constitution.htm> or upon request.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Family Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Family Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Tell your friends and relatives about the PVARC's February 2016 Technician and General license classes



Whether for emergency communication, communicating around the world, or learning a bit about electronics, there's nothing else like amateur radio (also known as "ham radio"). Amateur radio operators have long provided the communication "when all else fails" during disasters. Please tell your friends and relatives that with a short course, they can join the over 710,000 men, women, and children in the United States from all walks of life who are licensed to operate ham radios.

Two Free Amateur Radio Courses

FCC "**Technician**" course (entry level)

FCC "**General**" course (2nd level)

Each course is 2 sessions

The next sessions are on 20 February and 27 February, 2016

Technician 9:30 AM to 1:45 PM both Saturdays

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

FCC tests will be 10:00 AM to Noon on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

The Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club will make a brief presentation at 9:30 AM at the start of the 20 February Technician class on how to get further involved with amateur radio.

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

Confirm your attendance to Walt, K1DFO at waltordway@juno.com

No fee for either course; taking the FCC Test is \$15. Optional Material (sold at cost):

- Gordon West book with all the FCC test questions,

\$22 for the Technician, \$26 for the General;

- Copy of PowerPoint charts: \$20 for the Technician, \$20 for the General.

For courses sponsored by the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, students thru grade 12 who also pass their examination at a PVARC test session will, upon application to the Club, be eligible for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$50 to cover the cost of materials and the examination fee.

Everyone who obtains their first ham radio license through a PVARC 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 more information contact Walt, K1DFO, at waltordway@juno.com

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It's Fifth Amateur Radio Cruise
MPMT'S HAM RADIO CRUISE 5
On the Carnival Breeze January 8, 2017 for 7 Days***

**The perfect gift for the "hard to buy for" person.
Great vacation with family and friends**

Planned activities onboard include seminars conducted during days at sea, working Maritime Mobile on two ship installed HF stations with DX for all licensed amateurs, prizes for hams and non-hams and all the fun of a Carnival Cruise! Special arrangements have been made with Carnival Cruise Lines for two HF operating stations and antennas.

Cruise from Galveston, Tx. To Jamaica,
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Only 48 cabins reserved. Book quickly - don't miss the great prices & extras!*

All prices are double occupancy and include government taxes and fees from:

Inside Cabin (Cat 4B) double occupancy

Balcony Cabin (Cat 8B) double occupancy

Balcony Cabin (Cat 8C) double occupancy

(Ocean View, Cove Balcony and Suites available by special arrangements.)

DEPOSIT of \$250 PER PERSON DUE AT BOOKING in order to assign your stateroom.

Group guarantee will expire August 11, 2016 then sales will be based on availability.

*Each stateroom also receives a \$25 onboard credit, bottle of wine and 2 tote bags.

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This event is organized by Lance Rumfield, WD5X, Technical Coordinator, in an effort to offer amateurs the ability to enjoy the rare opportunity of operating at sea while participating in a terrific vacation.

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