

# Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club



# K6PV



# Q R O

*JANUARY 2007*

## COME HEAR THE TALE OF OUR FIRST PVARC DXPEDITION

OPERATING AS K6PV  
AT TWO HARBORS, CATALINA ISLAND  
ON NOVEMBER 12-15, 2006

AS TOLD BY SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS:

GINGER CLARK	KG6TAU
BILL HARPER	WA6ESC
MEL HUGHES	K6SY
RICK MURRAY	K6WXA
LEROY RADCLIFFE	KG6EAO



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# The President Pontificates

## Dave Scholler, KG6BPH

I hope you have all had a great holiday season. The New Year is upon us. It was great seeing those of you that attended the Christmas Party.

The Christmas party was very enjoyable. It was a very causal affair which gave everyone a lot of time to mingle and talk. Our appreciation goes out to Herb Stark for an exceptional effort and phenomenal results. Bob Grimmick , N6OX, gave a very enjoyable talk on the DX expedition to Peter I Island earlier in the year. I have heard a lot of very complimentary comments. For those of you that were not able to make the party we missed you and hope to see you next year at the Holiday party.

At the next club meeting we will be discussing the slate of officers to guide the club through 2007 at the January meeting. We will have elections at the February meeting. There are lots of positions that need to support our club activities for the year. Helping with the Club activities is a good way to meet the Club members. Please consider helping out.

The Club extends a warm welcome to all the new

members to the club in 2006. Amateur Radio is a very broad field. There are many different aspects to the hobby. You will find that there are members in the Club that have interests in many of these fields. Please do not hesitate to ask other members for support. If we do not have the expertise you are interested in we can help you get it.

Let us all make 2007 another very active year for the club. I hope that you have all enjoyed the Club this past year as much as I have.

Dave Scholler  
 KG6BPH  
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When a man marries a woman they become one; the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

### Treasurer's Report



**Bill Harper**

As of January 1, 2007

PVARC Balance	\$1,830.01
John Alexander Fund	\$ 832.00
Repeater Fund	\$ 861.16
Total	\$3,523.17

## Board of Directors

President	Dave Scholler, KG6BPH
Past President	Mel Hughes, K6SY
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## DE the VP Jeff Wolf, K6JW

Happy new year to all. I hope the holiday season brought you much happiness, and that at least a small part

of it was related to getting the amateur radio toys we all love so much. In my case, the “toy-centric” happiness involved two goodies.

First, the big goodie: My tower installation is finally underway. After the County issued the building permit in mid-November, I contacted Skip Bolnick, KJ6Y, whose business is installing antennas for crazy hams like me, and we ordered the tower. I already had the antenna, a three element SteppIR Yagi with the 30-40 meter driven element. This will give me everything from 6 through 40 meters on one antenna. On 12/26, excavation began for the tower base. The hole was dug 5 feet by five feet and 8 feet deep. That ‘s a lot of dirt displaced and it’ll take a lot of concrete to fill the void. Skip did the rebar work on 12/29, and the concrete will be poured right after the prepped site gets inspected by the County. The concrete will take about a month to fully dry, and then the tower can be set onto the inset base. I hope to have the installation on the air by mid-February.

For those of you who wonder who dug the hole, check out the photos. As I have previously said to my admiring fellow hams, “Ain’t nobody can dig a hole like Mama can dig a hole!” (Yeah. Sure.)

The second goodie is a new computer. My shack has two computers. One is for general use: all duties *except* amateur radio. The other is dedicated to amateur radio on a full time basis. It has my logging program (LOGic8), runs all the interfaces with my radios (hf and vhf packet), and will shortly be interfaced with my antenna rotator, allowing nearly complete automation of the station. In order to protect this computer from viruses and spyware, it only accesses the internet for four functions: software and anti-virus/spyware updates,

ARRL Logbook of the World uploads and downloads, internet DX reporting, and callsign lookups on known servers. The old dedicated computer needed replacement and, in early December, I made a pilgrimage to a noted Manhattan Beach toy store and bought myself a super whoop-de-doo HP factory reconditioned unit with HP warranty at a great price. Curious? It’s got an Intel Viiv Pentium D dual core processor running at 2.8 GH, 1 GB RAM, a 250 GB HD, a LightScribe DVD writer, 7 USB ports, and it came with Windows XP Media Center as the operating system. Price: \$540! I would not have thought to buy a reconditioned unit, but I’m glad the salesman – one of the few knowledgeable guys I’ve ever encountered working there – convinced me. Since getting it, I’ve added a second DVD drive and a network adaptor to put it on my wireless home network.

Those who missed the December party missed a great deal: wonderful setting, excellent food, prizes, and a terrific presentation by Bob Grimmick, N6OX about his participation on the Peter I DXpedition in early 2006. If you weren’t there, my deepest sympathies go out to you. It was the perfect end to a great year for the Club.



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The program this month will be Ginger, KG6TAU et al. presenting their experience activating Catalina as an IOTA operation. Come and hear of the exploits of our very own Club members as they undertook a PVARC-sponsored IOTA DXpedition.

See you there. 73, JW, K6JW



## Repeater Antenna Maintenance Party

Herb Clarkson, KM6DD

A building termite treatment tenting provided the opportunity for two radio clubs to jointly work on two collocated local emergency repeater antennas. The tenting necessitated lowering the antennas on December 23rd and then reinstalling them on January 6th. The beam antennas were repainted; new guy wires and new mounting hardware were also installed as part of the effort.

One repeater is the South Bay ARC's 224.38, utilized by the school district for their Emergency Communication Network. The second collocated repeater is jointly operated by the Palos Verdes and Metropolitan Transportation Authority ARCs on 449.980 (PV West) and utilized in emergencies by Lomita Sheriff's Station DCS group.

Participating from the PVARC: Bill Harper, WA6ESC; Dale Carlson, KF6LIX; Denzel Dyer, KG6QWJ; Rick Murray, K6WXA; and Herb Clarkson, KM6DD. From the South Bay ARC Scott Simpson, N6LEM, and Joe Lanphen, WB6MYD, took part.

*(clockwise, from left) Denzel Dyer KG6QWJ, Bill Harper, WA6ESC, Rick Murray, K6WXA, Dale Carlson, KF6LIX, and Joe Lanphen, WB6MYD.*  
 Photos by Scott Simpson, N6LEM  
 Submitted by Rick Murray





# ARRL Summary Report

Bryant Winchell, W2RGG



## AMATEUR COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS SMOOTHLY TO NEW ALLOCATIONS

With some confusion but little commotion, the amateur community took occupancy of more commodious HF phone subbands as the so-called “omnibus” Report and Order (R&O) in WT Docket 04-140 <[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-149A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-149A1.pdf)> kicked in December 15 at one minute past midnight Eastern Time. . . . . The Amateur Radio frequency allocation chart <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bands.html>> and the ARRL Band Plans <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bandplan.html>> on the ARRL Web site have been updated to reflect the band changes. [Ref.: The ARRL Letter Vol. 25, No. 48, December 8, 2006]

## ARRL 600-METER EXPERIMENT SEEKS RECEPTION REPORTS

The ARRL 500 kc Experimental Group for Amateur Radio (WD2XSH) <<http://www.500kc.com/>> is encouraging radio amateurs and listeners to submit reception reports <<http://w5jgv.com/500kcreportform.htm>> of group members’ operations between 505 and 508 kHz. As of this week, 16 of the 21 WD2XSH participants were on the air. *The ARRL Letter, Vol. 25, No. 49 December 15, 2006*

## FCC ELIMINATES MORSE CODE AS EXAM REQUIREMENT!

Early this year, the US will join the growing list of countries that no longer require Amateur Radio applicants to pass a Morse code test as the entry ticket to HF. Announcement of the pending historic rule change arrived with no fanfare December 15 in an FCC public notice. A full-blown Report and Order (R&O) in the proceeding, WT Docket 05-235, followed December 19. The best estimate of when the Morse code requirement will go away officially is sometime in February — 30 days after the R&O appears in the Federal Register. *The ARRL Letter, Vol. 25, No. 50, December 22, 2006*

## “HELLO” CAMPAIGN FINALE SHOWCASED HAM RADIO’S PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Amateur Radio past, present and future will be the focus as the ARRL’s “Hello” campaign <<http://www.hello-radio.org/>> concluded with on-the-air events Friday and Saturday, December 29 and 30. Aimed at putting a friendly face on Amateur Radio, “Hello” also has celebrated “100 years of voice over radio worldwide.” In 1906, Canadian experimenter Reginald Fessenden transmitted a program of voice and music — in essence the world’s first radio broadcast — from Brant Rock, Massachusetts. His original goal had been to make voice radio contact with a station in Machrihanish, Scotland, but that plan fell through after a storm felled the Scottish station’s antenna. ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, says, Fessenden, “in true ham radio spirit,” switched to “Plan B,” broadcasting a Christmas Eve program to ships at sea. *The ARRL Letter, Vol. 25, No. 50, December 22, 2006*





Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club Holiday Dinner at Point Vicente Interpretive Center



Photos by Herb Stark, KO6RC, and Ginger Clark, KG6TAU





# Opportunities

## JANUARY

**January 17** - PVARC Club meeting - Islands On The Air DXpedition by K6PV.

## FEBRUARY

**February 21** - PVARC Club meeting and elections for 2007 officers.

## MARCH

**March 10** - Ham Radio Class-10:00 Hesse Park

**March 17** - Ham Radio Exams - Hesse Park

**March 21** - PVARC Club meeting

## MAY

**May 19** - Palos Verdes Marathon-With a new Organizer! Denzel Dyer, KG6QWJ, has offered to take over this year's marathon. When he calls to ask you to help, give him a break and say yes! If he doesn't call you, offer to help anyway. One morning worth of time. And it's fun!

**Board of Director's meetings** are held on the first Monday of the month at Dave Scholler's house. All visitors are welcome.

**Repeater Board of Director's meetings** are held on an irregular schedule but all members are welcome to attend. Let Dave Scholler know you're interested and he'll contact you when a meeting is scheduled.

**Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.**

— Anais Nin, author, diarist (1903-1977)

"We've heard that a million monkeys at a million keyboards could produce the complete works of Shakespeare. Now, thanks to the Internet, we know that is not true."  
Robert Wilensky.

This is membership-renewal month. Take a moment to fill out the application (well, re-application) on the back page and send it to the Treasurer with your dues or bring it to the Club meeting.

## Who's Who? Find An Elmer

Antennas:	Bill Harper, WA6ESC; Rick Murray, K6WXA
Concours d'Elegance:	Walt Ordway, K1DFO
Contesting:	Bill Pomeranz, KB6FB
CW:	Jeff Wolf, K6JW
DCS:	Bill Pomeranz, KB6FB
DX:	Jeff Wolf, K6JW
Education/Classes:	Walt Ordway, K1DFO
Field Day:	Jeff Wolf, K6JW
HF, Getting Started:	Bill Pomeranz, KB6FB
Lighthouse Events:	Dan Colburn, W6DC Rick Murray, K6WXA;
PVAN:	Alan Soderberg, W8CU
PV Marathon	Denzel Dyer, KG6QWJ
RHE 5K/10K	Walt Ordway, K1DFO

*These Club members have all offered to share their skills. So feel free to contact them Find contact information in the Club Roster. Want to add your name to this list?*

*Contact the editor Ginger Clark, KG6TAU at ginger.garnett@gmail.com or 310.378.7894.*





## Working the wireless radio room at W6RO, The Queen Mary in the January windstorm (The 5:00 - 9:00 evening shift) By Leroy Radcliffe

It was the best time on board the Queen:.....

I was completely alone and on my own amid all that great stuff...

I set up five separate stations, 40m, 20m, 17m, 15m, and 2m...  
Simultaneously....

I had a sixth station verifying wwv time-code...synchronizing the  
clocks

The wind was rippin' since the wireless room is out on the (very)  
exposed sport deck, between the first and second smoke-stack  
(where all eight antennas are located)

One major requirement is:

That the top-half of the dutch door shall remain **open** at all times...

Brrrrr, the wind howled.....

There was an electric heater, and it worked...

Thank you, Queenie

-*flash* - another tourist mit kamera, saunters by...

I studied my extra-class theory, copied some code, monitored  
the ARALB Club frequency on 2 meters as required.

Made a few contacts on 40m ssb.

I got to play with the Yaesu's, the Kenwoods, the Alincos,  
The Heils, etc.etc....iambic, vibra-flex straight and paddle keyers.

When my shift ended and I locked up the room, I discovered that  
all the exit gates, located at the bottom of various steel staircases  
were closed,

chained

and padlocked !!!!

Yes, for a moment I was a stow-away....yipee!!

However,

I ended up walking the length of the ship 2x in order to return the  
keys to security...

Dear Jeep Wagoneer...

please,

please get warm fast !!!

Driving past the fallen fronds and the darkened traffic lights I  
thought I heard

the sound of her horn blasting one more time...

Our next rendezvous, Jan 24th 1700-2100.

If you, too, would like to be a Queen Mary wireless Operator, go to their website at  
[www.mpicomputers.com/ham/queen/](http://www.mpicomputers.com/ham/queen/), to see how it's done.

Hate computers? Call Henry Lulli before 7p.m. at 714-963-2986.



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### New Membership Application and Member Renewal Form

New: \_\_\_\_\_ or Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \_\_\_\_ (\$15/Year) or Household and/or Family Membership \_\_\_\_ (\$17/Year)

(Applying) Member Information: Member Renewal same as Last Year? YES\_\_NO\_\_

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Member of: DCS/RACES/ARES/PVAN \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Unit ID # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL \_\_\_\_\_

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Individual membership (\$15.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Household and/or Family membership (\$17.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation to the John Alexander Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation to the Repeater Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation to PVARC \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ or Check: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club

Dues are based on the January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> calendar year.