



QRO

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PALOS VERDES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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PVARC Asked for Radio Communication at Two Events

This special **QRO** edition is seeking PVARC members' participation at two upcoming public service events in our area. Recently-licensed hams are encouraged to operate, too.

2nd Annual RAT Beach Bike Tour, Saturday, Sept. 24

6:00 am to 2:00 pm (in shifts of four hours)

PVARC was asked last week to provide radio communication for this charitable event sponsored by the South Bay Sunrise Rotary Club. Bicyclists will cover 62-mile, 31-mile, and 15.5-mile routes; last year nearly 500 riders participated.

PVARC needs three amateur radio operators to work four hours each aboard vans circling from RAT Beach (known as "Torrance Beach" in the Hollywood Riviera area.) These vans will pick up tired bicyclists and deliver additional supplies to "SAG stops" (the cycling term for aid stations). The three shifts are: 6:00-10:00 am; 9:00 am-1:00 pm; and 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

We also have been asked to provide a radio operator alongside Rotary volunteers staffing three SAG stops: at El Segundo High School; the Maple Avenue Soccer Field just north of the County Courthouse in the Torrance Civic Center; and Pt. Fermin Park in San Pedro. These positions are for four hours each.

Net control will be at RAT Beach; a second radio operator there would be beneficial. Event maps are on the next page and the website is at: <http://ratbeachbiketour.com/index.html>. Please contact Diana, AI6DF, at dfeinberg@att.net if you can operate at this year's bike tour and mention your location preferences. ▶▶

Mary's Promenade on the Peninsula 5K Run/Walk, Sunday, October 16

8:00 am

Walt Ordway, K1DFO, is seeking amateur operators for this 5-Kilometer event at the Promenade Mall in Rolling Hills Estates. This event benefits the YWCA of the Harbor Area and had about 500 participants last year. This year's course will begin and end at the mall--not loop through it--and will be less confusing to runners. The event's website is at: <http://www.pop5krun.info/>.

Please contact Walt at walt.ordway@yahoo.com if you can participate. ■

▶▶ Two non-profit organizations receive proceeds from the Rotary Club’s RAT Beach Bike Tour:

The Pediatric Therapy Network, based in Torrance, provides over 100,000 hours of therapeutic intervention annually for children with special needs. Services provided cover physical, speech, and occupational therapies both at their Torrance clinic and at 125 schools in Los Angeles County.

The Scott Newman Center, also based in Torrance, provides substance abuse prevention through educational activities. The late actor Paul Newman started the Center in 1980 following his 28-year old son’s 1978 death from a drug overdose. ■

2011 RAT Beach Bike Tour Routes

(All routes begin and end at RAT Beach, heading north initially.)

62-Mile Route

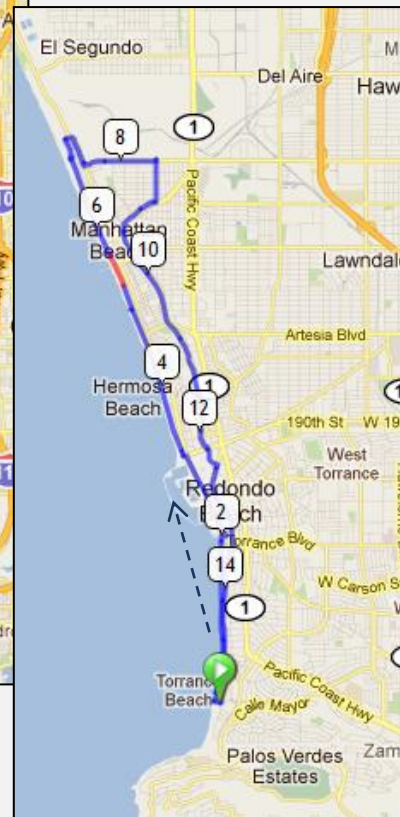


31-Mile Route



◆ **SAG Stops (none on 15.5 Mile Route)**

15.5-Mile Route



Note: The next regular QRO issue will appear on September 15th.

It's this weekend: ARRL's HAMCON 2011 Convention at the Torrance Marriott; another big prize added

Major Raffle Prizes For HAMCON 2011 Attendees

- Elecraft K3 HF+6M transceiver
- Kenwood TS-590 HF+6M transceiver
- **NEWLY-ADDED:** Flex 1500 software defined radio
- Yaesu VX-8DR HT enhanced transceiver with APRS/GPS
- Seven-night stay at 8050 Private Residence Club, Mammoth Mountain, CA
- Comet CAA-500 1.8-500 MHz SWR/Impedance Analyzer

Visit HAMCON's website at www.hamconinc.org for a full listing of activities, including the Saturday midnight Wouff Hong Ceremony and operating the W1AW/6 official station.

The ARRL Southwest Division's annual convention won't be back in the Los Angeles area until 2015, so don't miss this year's HAMCON at the Torrance Marriott during Sept. 9-11.

You may register at the convention if you haven't already done so. The cost for all three days is \$20. Daily parking in the Marriott's structure costs \$5.00 after validation at the HAMCON Prize Desk. Each parking validation also gives you two free \$1.00 raffle tickets for the numerous hourly prize drawings.

Another desirable prize was just added to the Major Prize pool: a Flex 1500 software defined radio, courtesy of Flex Radio Systems. \$2.00 Tickets for the Major Prizes can be purchased at the Prize Desk.

Be sure to take advantage of the numerous technical talks being given throughout HAMCON and also visit the many ham radio manufacturer and vendor booths in the Exhibit Hall.

The PVARC is responsible for manning HAMCON's Information Desk in the lobby area during the convention's operating hours. We still have two openings at the Information Desk on Sunday, one from 8:00-10:00 am and another from 10:00 am to noon, if you are available. Contact Diana, AI6DF, at dfeinberg@att.net to help operate our desk.

We'll be answering HAMCON attendees' questions about the convention, nearby services, and restaurants. We have plenty of literature and information for our members to provide convention-goers. ■



Ham Social at HAMCON, 8 p.m. Friday

Please see the invitation on page 5 of this special QRO issue. PVARC is also a member of the Los Angeles Council of Amateur Radio Clubs.

Last call for HAMCON. Don't miss it.



HAMCON 2011

ARRL SW Division

Amateur Radio Convention

“COMMUNICATIONS

AROUND THE WORLD”

September 9, 10, & 11, 2011

Marriott Torrance South Bay

3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503 1-800-228-9290

Hotel Reservation Code: HAMHAMA

**COME JOIN THE FUN AND
EXPERIENCE WHAT HAM RADIO HAS TO OFFER**

WOUFF HONG	WIAW/6	VENDORS
TECHNICAL TALKS	SPECIAL EVENT STATION	EXHIBITORS
RADIO DEMOS	EMCOMM DOOR PRIZES	T-HUNTING
ELMERS	CW VE EXAMS	GREAT PROGRAMS
ELECTRONICS	ANTENNAS	TECHNOLOGY

GREAT SPEAKERS

Luncheon Rod Stafford, W6ROD, IARU Secretary - “What’s new at the IARU”

Banquet Dr. Jay Jones, WB9FPM - “Amateur Radio, Past, Present & Future?”

Breakfast YLDXC “Team Curacao” - Share their story of an all YL DXpedition.

AND MORE WITH TOPICS TO INTEREST ALL LEVELS OF COMMUNICATIONS ENTHUSIASTS.

MEET & GREET

Join us Friday night for a HAM Social to catch up with all your friends, then plan on stopping by the hall tables to learn more about area clubs & special radio operators that support & sponsor ham radio activities, community service & disaster preparedness.

VENDOR HALL

61 booths full of vendors showcasing the latest radios, accessories, gadgets for all your communications & amateur radio needs.

FOR INFORMATION UPDATES & THE LATEST NEWS

VISIT : HAMCONINC.ORG

HAM SOCIAL



FRIDAY EVENING

SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 PM - ??

in the Banquet Room

EVERYONE'S INVITED

Meet and Greet all your fellow
Hamcon 2011 Attendees



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