



# QRO

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PALOS VERDES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

OCTOBER 2015

## Choosing the right HF radio: Understanding the “hype”

Buying an HF radio often entails understanding some esoteric performance and ergonomic characteristics.

At our October 21 monthly meeting retired Northrop Grumman/TRW engineer Bill Shanney, W6QR, shows us the characteristics you need to know for purchasing an HF transceiver.

Whether you are new or experienced with HF radio Bill's presentation has very understandable and useful information (we can say this because we've seen the slides.) Bill gave his HF Transceivers talk to the W6TRW Radio Club earlier this year.

Join us on October 21 at Hesse Park, 7:30 pm, and optionally at our Red Onion Restaurant pre-meeting dinner. ■

### HF Transceivers

**Bill Shanney, W6QR**

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 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

## Need more things to do in ham radio during 2015?

**By Diana Feinberg, AI6DF**  
**PVARC President**

There is always something else you can do in amateur radio. I love how the multi-faceted aspects of our hobby and public service always provoke so many thoughts for spending my time and money.

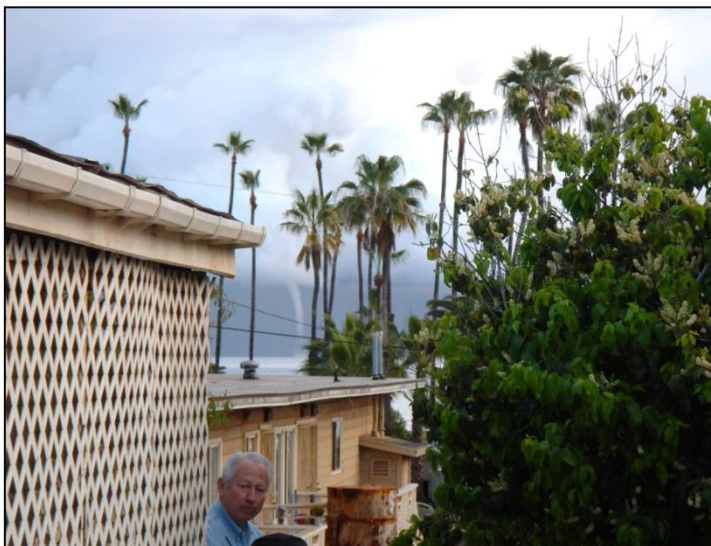
But perhaps you didn't have much time for amateur radio in 2015 until now. You are in luck: there are still plenty of ham radio activities between now and New Year's Day.

Here, in no particular order, are things you can still do in 2015:

1. Participate in public service events. Our biggest public service event of the year is the Palos Verdes Half Marathon on Saturday, Nov. 14. Please consider being one of our operators there. You can never be too prepared for radio operating in the field.
2. Renew your ARRL membership by December 31, 2015. The ARRL is increasing annual membership dues from \$39 to \$49, effective January 1, 2016. But you can renew or extend your ARRL annual membership for up to three additional years at the current \$39 annual rate by December 31.
3. Think now about ham radio holiday gifts to give yourself. Ham radio stores usually have great sales on Thanksgiving Weekend, especially for transceivers of all types.
4. Consider upgrading your license class. Our Walt Ordway, K1DFO, starts his next round of two-Saturday ham radio license classes at Hesse Park on Saturday, Oct. 24. If you need more flexibility for ham license instruction consider HamTestOnline.com. This firm has a computerized approach that tracks the areas you need help in and offers individualized guidance/test questions in those categories. The Technician license class costs \$24.95; the General class costs \$29.95; and the Extra class costs \$34.95—each for a two-year period and with a money-back guarantee if you do not pass your test.
5. Get your equipment ready for El Niño weather. Heavy rains are expected to start soon; antenna seal tape will keep water out of coax connectors. Ensure your external antennas have some lightning protection too.
6. Consider some non-traditional sources for amateur radio equipment. Besides the usual ham radio stores it's interesting how Amazon.com and other non-ham online retailers are now selling many of the lower-cost Chinese brands like TYT, AnyTone, Baofeng (now Pofung), and sometimes Wouxun. Be careful what you order, however, because these brands often use the same model number for units operating on different bands—and quality varies.
7. If you are into DXing, but out of touch with it lately, get your equipment ready for several major (and costly) DXpeditions to rare places. A large team will be operating from South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands in the far southern Atlantic Ocean during January-February 2016; another team is operating from the rare Heard Island in the far southern Indian Ocean from March 6-April 20, 2016; and another team heads to rare Palmyra Atoll in the South Pacific during January 11-26, 2016.

Well, I'm out of space here—and I just got started. But feel free to contact me if you need more radio activities to consider during the remainder of 2015. ■

## PVARC's 2016 Islands on the Air DXpedition to Catalina Island



### Planning for our next IOTA DXpedition to Catalina

The PVARC has enjoyed many annual mini-DXpeditions to Santa Catalina Island...and these have been a source of great camaraderie.

We are now starting planning for our 2016 DXpedition to Two Harbors but considering some changes from recent years.

First, if meteorological predictions for a major El Niño winter hold true there could be substantial storms during late February (when we've gone to Catalina Island each year since 2010.) We are now looking at possibilities during March or April before our campground area starts housing seasonal island workers serving the late-Spring, Summer, and early-Fall tourist trade.

Secondly, we know that going to Catalina in March or April would create conflicts for some of our participants on certain weekends (i.e., Easter, the Visalia DX Convention, income tax return preparation week, etc.)

Third, we all know the solar cycle is trending downward and HF band conditions probably won't be as good as on recent DXpeditions. With 15 and 10 meters likely to be unusable, that leaves 20 meters as our primary band—and only usable band during daytime hours.

Finally—and maybe the biggest issue, but one we can address—we sense that our antenna footprint at the campground area might need to be reduced. We will be discussing this with campground management in the months ahead but are confident of a successful outcome.

If you have an interest being part of next year's PVARC IOTA DXpedition to NA-066 please advise our DXpedition leader Ray Day, N6HE, at [rayday@cox.net](mailto:rayday@cox.net) and we'll keep you advised of developments. ■

**From our 2015 IOTA DXpedition, left:** Top, our 20-meter hexbeam at dusk. Center: our five-band hexbeam at sunrise; Bottom, a waterspout offshore during breakfast. PHOTOS: DIANA FEINBERG, AI6DF

## 2015 Palos Verdes Half-Marathon

# PVARC radio operators are needed for the 2015 Palos Verdes Half Marathon on Saturday, November 14

The PVARC is again providing amateur radio communication for the Lexus LaceUp Series Palos Verdes Half Marathon on November 14 supporting the Rolling Hills Estates Kiwanis Club's charities. We are now seeking operator sign-ups for the various locations at this Half Marathon, our club's largest annual public service event. Please contact Diana, AI6DF, at [dfeinberg@att.net](mailto:dfeinberg@att.net) if you can help.

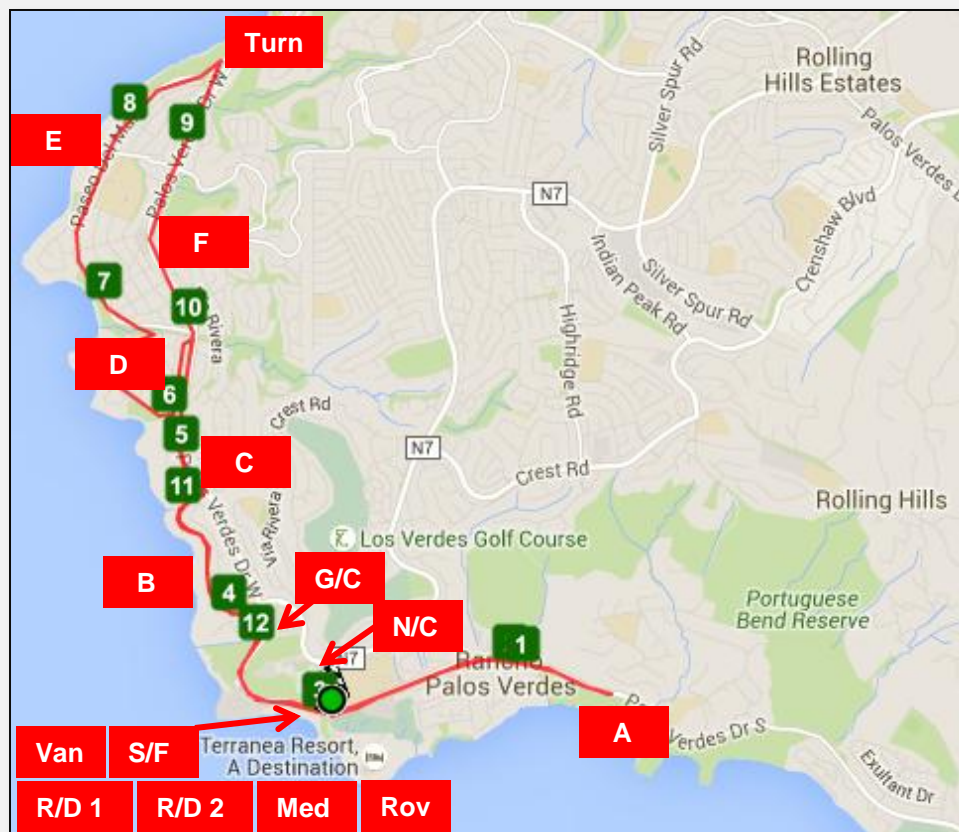
This year's Palos Verdes Half Marathon follows the same course as last year, with the start/finish at Pelican Cove in Rancho Palos Verdes between the Pt. Vicente Lighthouse and Terranea Resort. There will also be 5K and 10K runs with different color-coded runner bibs keeping participants readily identifiable. RF chip timing mats at three locations including the finish line are slated to provide real-time tracking information via cellular data connections.

Keep you calendar open for Saturday, NOVEMBER 14, and thank you in advance for your support. ■

### Locations Where Amateur Radio Operators Needed (abbreviations refer to red location indicators)

- Start/Finish Area (S/F)
- Aid Station A
- Aid Station B
- Aid Station C
- Aid Station D
- Aid Station E
- PVE Turn (Turn)
- Aid Station F
- Race Director (R/D 1)
- Asst. Race Director (R/D 2)
- Paramedics (Med)
- Rover (Rov)
- Support Van (Van)
- Net Control (N/C)
- Golden Cove parking (G/C)

- *Not shown (covered by Kiwanis Club members): RPV City Hall parking and Pt. Vicente Interpretive Center parking.*



**Above:** Mile markers for the Palos Verdes Half Marathon shown in green along the route through Rancho Palos Verdes and Palos Verdes Estates. Amateur radio operator positions are shown in red with abbreviations corresponding to the list in left column.

MAP IMAGE: GOOGLE FROM WEBSITE OF LEXUS LACEUP RUNNING SERIES; OPERATOR LOCATIONS ADDED BY QRO EDITOR

## PVARC Holiday Dinner is Wednesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 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 accepted at our monthly meetings or by mail to our club address: PVARC, PO Box 2316, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274.

Please see our Holiday Dinner announcement with the menu and reservations form on the next page in this **QRO** issue. We'll again have a double-sided buffet line to expedite food serving and a no-host bar in the foyer outside our room. Our after-dinner speaker will be announced soon.

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.

Hope you can attend! ■



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 November 18 meeting: Deane Bouvier, N5DQ, is giving an interesting presentation on the Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service, its activities, and many recent improvements there. DCS is also seeking additional members at all Sheriff's Stations throughout Los Angeles County. Deane now does double-duty as Assistant District Communications Officer for the Lomita Sheriff Station's DCS unit and earlier this year was also designated as countywide Staff 50, Technical Team chief. *(Full disclosure: your QRO newsletter editor also serves in L.A. County DCS as District Communications Officer for the Lomita District and since early summer has also been countywide Staff 60, Training chief.)*

There's no December monthly meeting at Hesse Park. Our annual Holiday Dinner on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Ports O'Call Restaurant in San Pedro replaces our regular meeting (see article and reservation form elsewhere in this QRO issue.) Our Holiday Dinner guest speaker will be announced soon. ■

## 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](mailto:AF6VT@arrl.net) ■



### Need a PVARC patch?

If you want to purchase 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](mailto: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. ■

## Note the PVARC's website has a new address

Friday, October 16, 2015, started like any other day.

Then an email arrived from our member Herb, KO6RC, advising the PVARC's long-time free web-hosting service at palosverdes.com would be shutting down by year-end—and with limited technical support capability before then.

As amateur radio operators we quickly adapt to emergency situations. In that spirit our entire web site safely transitioned within several hours to another web-hosting service thanks to fast work by our webmaster John Freeman, WW6WW, and Dale Hanks, N6NNW. Dale allowed us to freely use his n6rpv.net domain and we are most grateful.

For now you will find the PVARC's web site at [www.n6rpv.net/pvarc](http://www.n6rpv.net/pvarc) and with page access speeds much faster than previously. RPV's PVAN has also migrated its website to n6rpv.net and PVE's NART has been offered a free sub-domain too.

Thank you, John and Dale. ■

**We're on the web at**  
**[www.n6rpv.net/pvarc](http://www.n6rpv.net/pvarc)**

## Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club

*An American Radio Relay League Affiliated-Club*

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Website: [www.n6rpv.net/pvarc](http://www.n6rpv.net/pvarc)

### Mailing Address:

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PO Box 2316  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274-8316

### 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:

Karen Freeman, KG6BNN, 310-541-6971

### To order a Club jacket or patch:

Dave Scholler, KG6BPH, 310-373-8166

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Front page photo—*The Pt. Vicente Lighthouse looks mysterious at dusk on October 14, 2015, behind the Lighthouse Station's palm tree grove*. PHOTO: DIANA FEINBERG, AI6DF



## PVARC operators help RAT Beach Bike Tour navigate through South Bay and adjoining areas

The PVARC provided public service radio communication at the 2015 RAT Beach Bike Tour on Saturday, September 24—our sixth year doing so. PVARC operators were at fixed locations along the 62-mile route and aboard two roving vans covering the entire course for this charity event sponsored by the South Bay Sunrise Rotary Club.

The PVAN N6RPV San Pedro Hill repeater enabled great radio coverage from most locations. But a “sunken” SAG stop site at El Segundo’s Recreation Park made for challenging communication with handheld radios there. Operating at Culver City’s Ballona Creek Bike Path required a 10’ mast with directional antenna to get over Westchester’s bluffs into the N6RPV repeater. And at SAG stop 1 along El Segundo’s beachfront bike path at Vista de Mar and Grand Avenue our operator Ralph, AI6GP, had to give multiple reports that the restrooms were unexpectedly locked all morning—much to riders’ dismay. ■

### Many thanks to PVARC’s operators at the 2015 RAT Beach Bike Tour

- El Segundo: Vista del Mar at Grand Blvd. beach bike path  
- **Ralph Yoon, AI6GP**
- Culver City: Ballona Creek Bike Path at Centinela Ave. bridge  
- **Chris Storey, KA6WNK**
- El Segundo: Recreation Park east of downtown El Segundo  
- **Dan Yang, K6PDY**
- Torrance: Zamperini Field/Torrance Airport General Aviation Terminal  
- **Bob Closson, W6HIP**
- San Pedro : 25<sup>th</sup> Street Park across from 25<sup>th</sup> St. Landing  
- **Herb Clarkson, KM6DD**
- Roving Van operators:  
- **Steve Collins, KI6TEQ (north van)**  
- **Ron Wagner, AC6RW (south van)**
- Net Control, Redondo Beach King Harbor:  
- **Matthew Cruse, N6MDC**  
- **Diana Feinberg, AI6DF**



**Above:** Ron, AC6RW, is shown at Redondo Beach King Harbor helping with net control “tear-down” after finishing his stint operating aboard Roving Van 2 covering the Bike Tour’s southern half. PHOTO: DIANA FEINBERG, AI6DF

*PVARC News:*

## **PVARC assists at 2015 Palos Verdes Concours d'Elegance**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Concours d'Elegance was held on Sunday, 20 September, at the Los Verdes Country Club in Rancho Palos Verdes with several PVARC members assisting. This year's Concours was themed "Automotive Standards of the World" and displayed nearly 200 classic cars.

As in past years, many of the people who organize and manage the Concours needed handheld radios to communicate during the event. This year 73 commercial handheld radios were rented. Coordinating, distributing, and supporting this equipment was all done by PVARC ham radio operators. Thanks for a job well done again this year to our members Herb Stark, KO6RC; Cynthia Gonyea, AG6NW; and Walt Ordway, K1DFO. ■

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## **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](mailto:malind@cox.net) . ■

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

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**GREG LUND, AI6IV**

**CANDACE KAWAHARA, KK6ULN**

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**JOHN CASHEN, W5UG**

*(RETURNING MEMBER)*

## Support ARRL efforts for H.R. 1301 to allow reasonable antennas where currently restricted by CC&R's

### From the ARRL website

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 -- H.R.1301 -- has been introduced in the US House of Representatives. The measure 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 the bill on March 4 with 12 original co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle -- seven Republicans and five Democrats.

HR 1301 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 such 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.

ARRL members are urged to contact their US House members and ask them to sign on to the bill as a co-sponsor. We recommend sending the letter to your member of Congress to:

ARRL

Attn: HR 1301 grassroots campaign

225 Main St

Newington CT 06111

A draft copy of a letter you may send to your House of Representatives member can be found at: <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/HR%201301/1301%20-%20draft%20letter.doc>. Please note: Do not address this letter to either of your U.S. Senators as HR 1301 is currently legislation pending in the House of Representatives, not the Senate.

## ARRL Legislation

### HR 1301: Let's Get it Done.

#### Show Your Support for HR-1301

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015

▶ [Learn More](#)



Above: Screenshot from ARRL website, [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

# 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in August:** Annual family  
picnic at Pt. Vicente Lighthouse.

**December 10:** 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**



**Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club**  
 P.O. Box 2316  
 Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274  
 www.palosverdes.com/pvarc

**NEW MEMBER &  
 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

**NEW:** \_\_\_\_\_ **RENEWAL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MEMBERSHIP DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Phone:** Home \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] **Work** \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_ [ ]  
 (please indicate [x] which number(s) [limited to two] you would like included in the PVARC roster)

**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) \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation to the John Alexander Fund \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation to the Repeater Fund \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Donation to PVARC \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please make checks payable to: Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club; Dues based on January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> year. All New and Renewal Member applications must be signed below.**

In applying for or renewing my membership in the Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, I agree to abide by the Club's constitution and by-laws (available on-line at: <http://www.palosverdes.com/pvarc/constitution.htm> or upon request.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Member Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Tell your friends and relatives about the PVARC's Oct.-Nov. 2015 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> level)

Each course is 2 sessions

The next sessions are on October 24 and November 7, 2015

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, November 21, 2015.

The Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club will make a brief presentation at 9:30 AM at the start of the October 24 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](mailto: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](mailto:waltordway@juno.com)

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*My Pin Money Travel, LLC Announces  
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,  
Grand Cayman and Cozumel returning to Galveston.



**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.

TRAVEL INSURANCE IS OPTIONAL, BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Cruise offered EXCLUSIVELY through Debbie Rumfield, N5DSR "The Ham Cruise Lady" with My Pin Money Travel, LLC (MPMT) who can be reached at [mypinmoneytravel@yahoo.com](mailto:mypinmoneytravel@yahoo.com) or by telephone at 832-656-0731.

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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