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THE PALOS VERDES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

Additional club news appears in the PVARC Weekly Bulletin sent by email to members.

"Digital Mobile Radio (DMR)"

Kirk Beasley, KN6UMV

**Thursday, April 4, 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 April:

**Saturday, April 13, 10:00 am-Noon,
PVARC HF Enthusiasts Group meeting at
Palos Verdes Library main branch in the
Conference Room**

Upcoming PVARC meeting speakers in 2024...

PVARC's 7:30 pm **April 4th monthly meeting** at Hesse Park and via Zoom is all about "Digital Mobile Radio" (DMR). It's also a five-year anniversary celebration of our K6PV repeater becoming a dual-mode analog/DMR repeater on March 22, 2019. Speaking about DMR, experiences with it, and how you can use DMR is fellow PVARC member Kirk Beasley, KN6UMV. Note: our Hesse Park meeting room now opens at 6:45 pm; our Zoom virtual room by 7:10 pm.

Our **May 2nd monthly meeting** at Hesse Park and via Zoom features "Summits on the Air" presented by Don Minkoff, NK6A.

Speakers for our June and July hybrid meetings will be announced soon. Our July meeting will be on Wednesday evening, July 3, because the 1st Thursday is 4th of July. ■

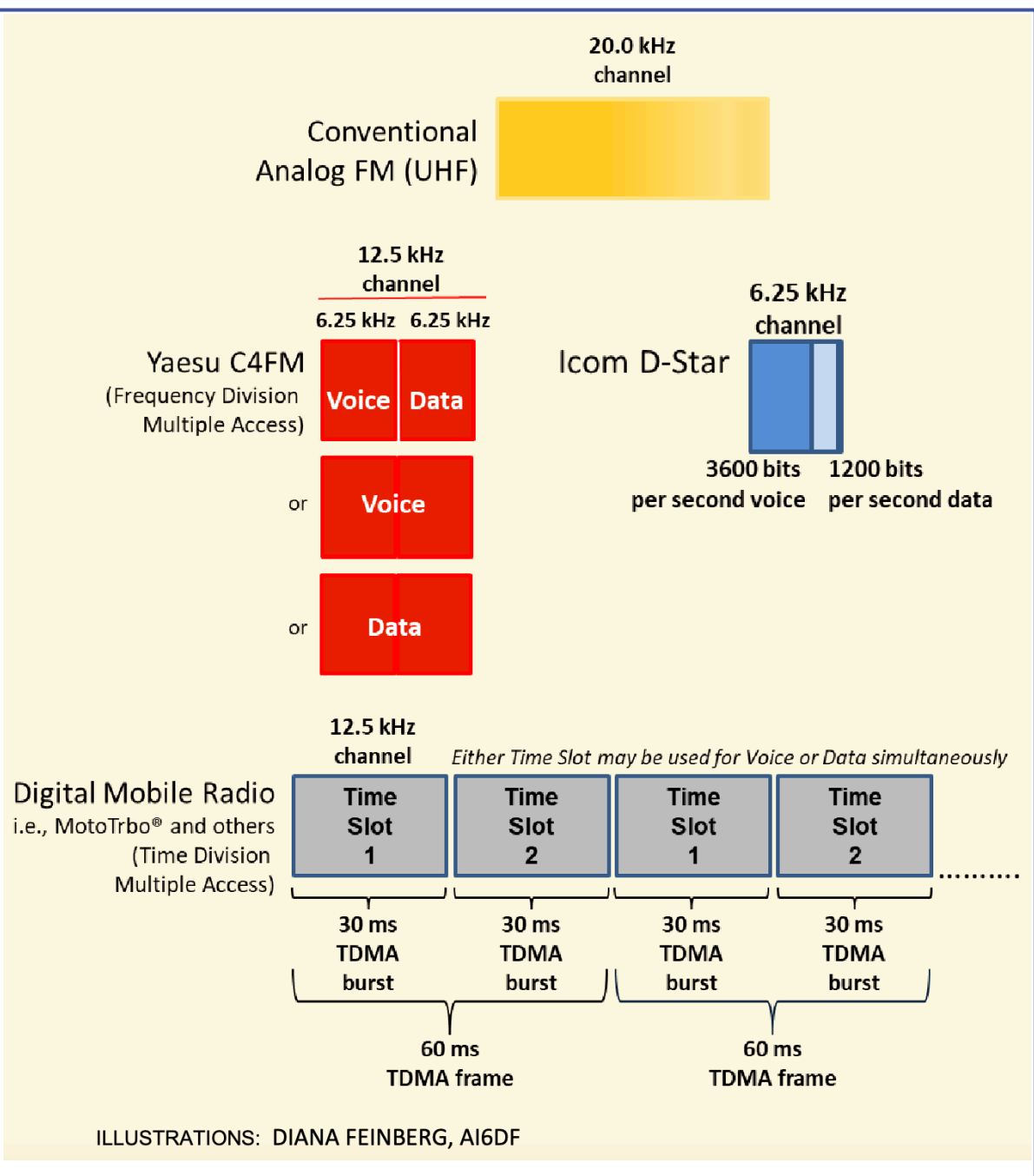
A quick visual comparison of major ham radio digital modes

In just a one-year span our club's monthly meetings will have covered all three main voice/data ham VHF/ UHF digital modes.

Our upcoming April 4, 2024, meeting about DMR follows PVARC meeting presentations on D-Star (May 2023) and Yaesu C4FM System Fusion (September 2023).

On the left: Reprinted from the January 2019 **QRO** is a succinct visual comparison of the respective channel widths and channel splitting/uses for DMR, C4FM, and D-Star.

In early 2019 our Board felt DMR offered us the most current and future potential. ■



QRO Editor's Note: The Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club is not the sponsor of this trip to Owens Valley Radio Observatory. All information below is provided by fellow member Doug Millar, K6JEY.

OWENS VALLEY RADIO OBSERVATORY TRIP
SCIENCE BEYOND THE BOOK
June 7-9th, 2024

With Dr. Mark Hodges and
Dr. Doug Millar and Cecilia Caballero, MA

Please join with us on the above date for an extraordinary adventure in science education at the Owens Valley Radio Observatory outside of Big Pine, CA. Included are science demonstrations at the 40m radio telescope and a tour, walking a scale model of the Solar System, solar astronomy, and night time astronomy. We will also make ice cream with liquid nitrogen.

This year we are emphasizing the DSA projects that are being built at OVRO. (See the OVRO website for more info: <http://www.ovro.caltech.edu>)

If you want to come on Friday, we will have an evening of astronomy to the south of Building #10 at the west end of the observatory. You can bring your own telescope and there will be a number of telescopes set up to share their views. 120V AC is available. We will also do astronomy on Saturday night. The main program will be on Saturday afternoon, starting in the dining area in Building #10. We will go to the Pizza Factory in Bishop for dinner.

All the above is free and courtesy of Dr. Mark Hodges, OVRO, and Caltech. This trip is open to teachers, students with their families, members of local astronomy clubs, and radio hams. You must RSVP to go on the trip to Dr. Millar so that we know how many to expect (contact information below). Please also forward your cell phone number.

This is not a school or OCA sponsored event. Everyone is on their own for transportation and lodging. You have many options. You can stay at a motel nearby, camp in a campground, bring a tent or trailer and stay at the OVRO site. If you decide to camp at OVRO, you must provide your own bathroom, as the buildings will be locked. There are places to eat in Big Pine and Bishop.

Please arrive at OVRO by 1:00 PM on Saturday for the program. The weather will be warm and dry. Evenings will be a little cooler, so dress accordingly for the nighttime astronomy.

Schedule:

Friday-

Setup telescopes to the south of building #10 for astronomy by sunset. 120v AC, bathroom and coffee and water available.

Saturday

1:00pm: arrive at kitchen in building #10 for start of program and tour.

5pm: check in at your Motel (if not already checked in) and go to dinner in Bishop.

Evening- Astronomy at the site

Sunday

A lot of us like to gather for breakfast about 9:30 at one of the local restaurants. More information will be available on Saturday.

Leave whenever you like. Check websites about the area and the Highway 395 for sightseeing opportunities.

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The directions from the LA area are: Drive north on the 5/14 through Palmdale and Mojave. Continue past Inyokern and join 395. Continue on North through Little Lake, Lone Pine and Independence. Continue through Big Pine. Just as you get to the end of town turn right on Highway 168 towards the Westgard Pass. Go about 2 miles and turn left onto Leighton Lane, the observatory road. You should be able to see the 40m dish in the distance, but it is 4 miles away! Continue through the gate onto the property and follow the blacktop road. Go past two 90-foot telescopes to the west end of the site and park. Below is a more detailed map. The observatory address is: 100 Leighton Lane, Big Pine, CA.

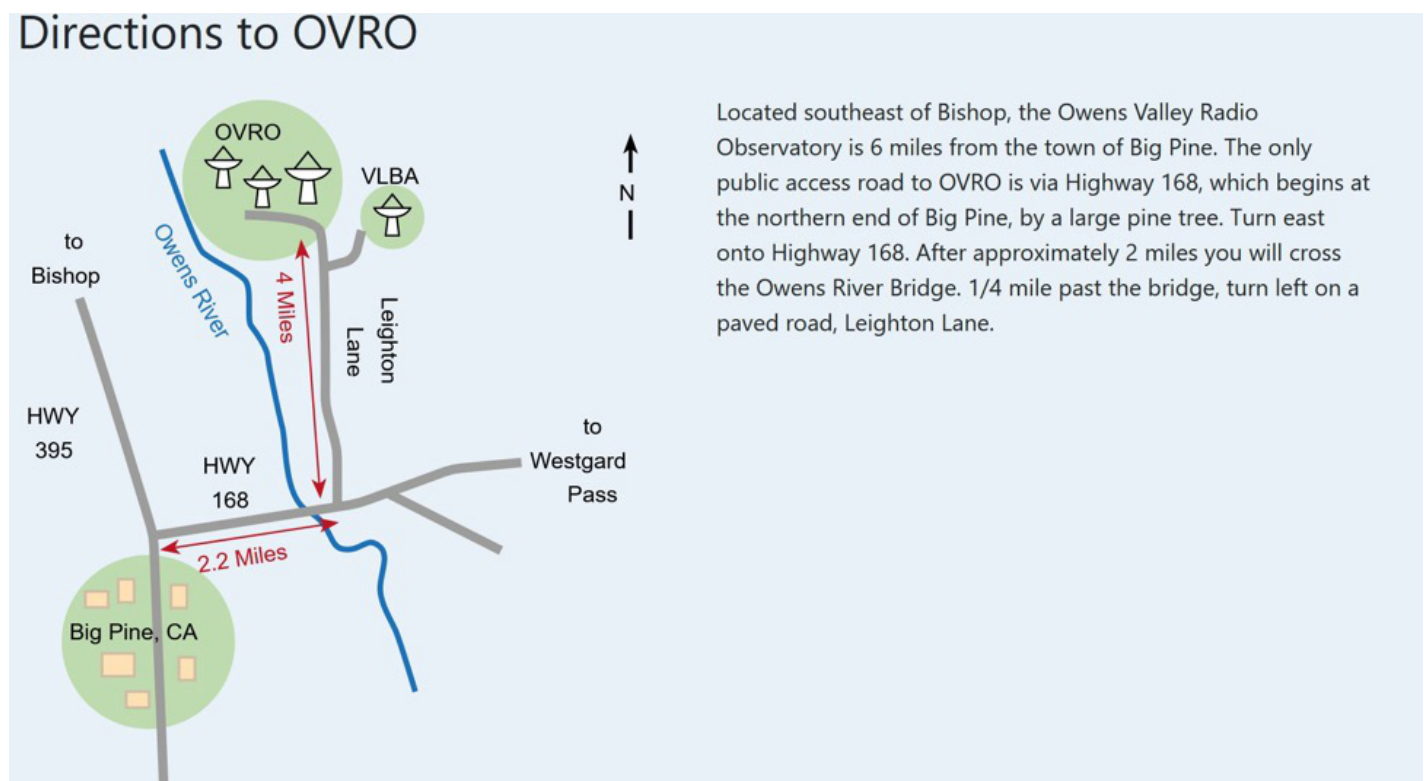
If you would like to bring your own telescope, please do so. If you have a telescope and don't know how to use it, please bring it as there will be people to show you how to properly set up and use the telescope.

For any questions and RSVP's my contact information is
Dr. Doug Millar Cell- 562-810-3989 and email is drzarkof56@yahoo.com

Thank you and I hope to see you on the trip!
Dr. Millar

Local Directions to the observatory:

n.b. The large pine tree no longer exists.



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Some photos from past visits at OVRO



Top photo: The main dish to explore is the middle one, 40 meters in diameter.

Photos by Doug Millar, K6JEY



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



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

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

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.■

Need to renew your amateur radio license and pay the \$35 fee? ARRL’s easy to follow article has the steps you need

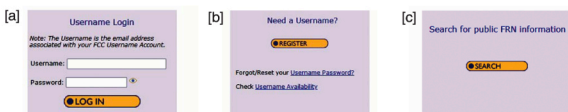
How to Renew Your License Online

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).

Before you renew your license, you will need to create a new FCC CORES username account, and then link your FCC Registration Number (FRN) to your new account. As of April 2022, the FCC charges a \$35 fee to renew amateur radio licenses. You must create the new account to pay the fee. Follow the steps below to create a new CORES account, and then after you complete the license renewal application, the License Manager system will automatically direct you to the CORES system. Log in and pay the fee.

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/core/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.



2 Log in to your new account and click the first option, ASSOCIATE USERNAME TO FRN.

Visit:

<https://www.arrl.org/files/file/QST/This%20Month%20in%20QST/2023/10%20october%202023/10%2023%20Somma%20renew%20license%20online.pdf>



Left: March 18, 2024, Starlink launch visible from near Torrance Beach after starting as a small orange glow just above the horizon near Santa Barbara.

Below: Contrail from March 18 Starlink launch as seen directly above Torrance's Hollywood Riviera neighborhood. Dark object in top left corner is the house roof eave.

PHOTOS: DIANA FEINBERG, AI6DF

Is there a Starlink in your ham radio future?

When SpaceX Starlink satellite missions launch from Vandenberg Space Force Base in early-evening hours many PVARC members at home can easily view the spectacular rocket contrails. Starlink intends to eventually provide high-speed internet access from almost anywhere using a constellation of nearly 12,000 low-Earth orbit satellites; Starlink currently reports having 2.6 million customers, with plans starting at \$120 per month (plus \$600+ for hardware.)

While Starlink does not use amateur radio frequencies already some hams in EmComm groups are using their sponsoring agency's Starlink.

In late March, for example, L.A. County DCS hams supporting a search and rescue operation deep in the San Gabriel Mountains used their agency's Starlink internet and WiFi to send/receive Winlink traffic and email. Perhaps Starlink will be in your ham future too. ■



PVARC 2024 membership (as of 3/29/2024)

Thank you to everyone who has 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. ■

AB6SY
AB9A
AC6RM
AC6RM-XYL
AC6RW
AF6VT
AI6DF
AK6CZ
K0MZ
K1DFO
K5LAX
K6BRN
K6DMO
K6JW
K6JW-XYL
K6LH
K6MU
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W6YBW-XYL
WA6LKV
WA6MEM
WA6NSR
WA6OWM
WA6OWM-XYL
WA6WV
WD6Y
WJ1P
WW6WW

PVARC 2024 upcoming events

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

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

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

2nd 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.
- **International DX Convention: April 12-14, 2024.** Visalia Convention Center, Visalia, CA; website: www.dxconvention.org
- **Dayton HamVention: May 17-19.** Greene County Fairgrounds, Xenia, OH (Dayton suburb). Largest ham convention in the Western Hemisphere. Website: <https://hamvention.org/>

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: www.arrl.org/. ■

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. ■



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

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 Analog FM: (-), PL 100.0, CTCSS
 Digital DMR: 447.120 MHz (RX); 442.120 MHz (TX)
 Talkgroup 31060, Color Code 1, Time Slot 2
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Front page photo — Pt. Vicente Lighthouse with Catalina Island in background after sunset on November 14, 2018.
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PVARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 K6PV analog net, 7:30 pm	3 K6PV DMR net, 7:30 pm	4 PVARC monthly meeting at Hesse Park and via Zoom, 7:30 pm:	5	6
7	8	9 K6PV analog net, 7:30 pm	10 K6PV DMR net, 7:30 pm	11	12 Intl. DX Convention, Visalia, CA	13 HFE Enthusiasts Group meeting, PV Library, 10 am Intl. DX Convention, Visalia, CA
14 Intl. DX Convention, Visalia, CA	15	16 K6PV analog net, 7:30 pm	17 K6PV DMR net, 7:30 pm	18	19	20
21	22	23 K6PV analog net, 7:30 pm	24 K6PV DMR net, 7:30 pm	25	26	27 W6TRW Swap Meet, Northrop Grumman, N. Redondo Bch. 7:00-11:30 am
28	29	30 K6PV analog net, 7:30 pm				



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Fillable PDF form is downloadable from PVARC website at: http://www.n6rpv.net/n6rpvpage/pvarc/membership_form.pdf

MEMBERSHIP FORM	
New <input type="radio"/>	Renew <input type="radio"/>

Date _____

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email address _____

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

License Call _____ Class _____ v ARRL Member?

Other amateur radio groups you belong to _____

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

Last _____	First _____	Call _____	Class _____	v	ARRL?	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Membership (\$20 Individual, \$25 Family) \$ _____

(Optional) donation to support PVARC activities \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Paypal to recipient
PVARC90274@gmail.com
Go to www.paypal.com

Cash

Check made payable to
Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club

Check # _____

Please email completed form to PVARC90274@gmail.com or print and mail to the address at top. Dues based on January 1st to December 31st year.
By submitting this application/renewal you agree to the Club's constitution and by-laws, available on-line at: <http://www.n6rpv.net/n6rpvpage/pvarc/constitution.pdf>.

Two Free Amateur Radio Courses

FCC **“Technician”** course (entry level)

FCC **“General”** course (2nd level)

Each course is 2 sessions

The sessions will be on 11 and 18 May 2024

Technician 9:30 AM to 1:15 PM both Saturdays (bring your lunch)

General 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 no fee 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.