



# Umpqua Valley Radio Club

# WATT'S UP

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***Newsletter for the Umpqua Valley***

***Amateur Radio Club***

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### **Club Call Signs UVARC Club Net Info**

146.900 (-) PL 100.HZ

Wednesday at 1900 hours

HF Club Net

HF Net Wednesday at 1930 hours at 28.445 MHZ USB (This is an open Net)

**KC7UAV**

**KC7TLY**

### **ARES Nets**

*Douglas County ARES District 5 Ares District 5 Ares 3964 KHz Sundays at 5:30 PM*

146.900 repeater PL 100.

Mondays at 7 PM

## **President's Message**

Dennis Riggs WA7RIG

Presidents Note:

### **Greetings!**

**ARRL announced last January that they have given out a record number of licenses in Amateur Radio history,**

**<http://www.arrl.org/news/amateur-radio-showing-steady-growth-in-the-us>**

**The total number of licenses reached up to 717,201 in their ULS database. I personally have noticed a rise in new Amateurs in the area, and as a club we have been welcoming new members even this year. With that said, I personally think that as a club we should try to reach out more to these new members and help them achieve radio proficiency. There are a couple of ways we can do this.**

**One way is that perhaps we could have some of our more "seasoned" members publicly volunteer as an Elmer and create a list of Elmer's that would be willing to take a new "Ham" under their wings to help and encourage them to better enjoy their new licenses.**

**Another way is a challenge that was brought up to me at the last meeting, is to have more presentations and learning activities during the club meetings. This month's meeting lasted only 30 mins due to lack of agenda items and presentations. If anyone would like a presentation on a certain subject, or if you are willing to do a presentation, bring it up during the discussion portion of the meeting, or send me an email a couple of weeks in advance before the next meeting.**

**These are my thoughts on the subject and I am open to any other ideas. Send me an email and let me know.**

**73's**

**Dennis Riggs**

**WA7RIG**

**April 21, 2016 CLUB MINUTES**

UVARC meeting of April 21, 2016

President Dennis opened meeting, Pledge to Flag, Roll Call by name and radio call sign, 23 present,

Reading of March minutes by sec. Russ..

Motion to accept by Hutch, seconded by Roy motion passed.

Treasure report by Jim KF7FIB Motion to accept report by Hutch, seconded by LaDon. motion passed.

For Field day,for advertisement will contact the 'Beacon' editor.

Wayne announced the Bike Race "Tour de Fronds" .will be in the Riddle area.

Two Radio locations to be used. Need two operators.

Jim reported the web site will slightly different than our E-mail. No 'for sale' ads allowed  
April 22-23 are days for earthquake drill. The frequencies being used 146.9 and 145 on Simplex.

Jerry. AE7ER reported grant has been received for gas heater to be installed on Lane Mtn, repeater before winter.

No further business Motion by Hutch, seconded by LaDon to adjourn. Motion passed.

Dennis adjourned at 8:05

## **Tour de Fronds Directions**

**From the Riddle exit, go west 28 miles. This follows Cow Creek upstream into BLM land, winding but little elevation gain.**

**Turn right onto Dutch Henry road (3 miles past the West Fork road intersection). Go 8 miles up Dutch Henry road, climbing to a saddle at 2300 feet elevation. This is the aid station and turnaround point for the "Cruiser Century" route.**

**A bit of information and a somewhat useful map are here:**

**<http://www.tourdefronds.com/index.php/mnu-rides/cruisercentury>**

**Other people set up and operate the aid station. The ham writes down the time and number of each arriving cyclist and reports that to net control. There are occasional questions, messages for the aid workers and organizers. No cell phone service-ham radio is the only link.**

**Be set up by 10 AM. Shut down after confirming with Arrasta Saddle that nobody else is coming. Can probably tear down by 2:30. Bring chair,**

**maybe a table, clipboard, water, food. The aid station should be in a shady area. Very quiet most of the time.**

May Calendar is posted on UVARC web Page