



Umpqua Valley Radio Club

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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 28.400 MHZ (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

Greetings,

Although we did not have a regular meeting this month, I must say the food, ice cream, and conversation was great! It is always good to get together outside of the courthouse. The same thing goes with our Saturday breakfast, which I vow to attend at least once. There is just a special bond that develops when we all share the same interest over a meal. Let us not never neglect the opportunity when it presents it's self.

Our next meeting highlight will be some hands on making 2m J-pole antennas led by Christine Masters AF7OK. I look forward to that meeting and many more hands on experiences, like this one coming up, in the future. As always if you have a project you would like to lead, or have an idea of something you would like presented, you can always email Hutch KE7JFQ, Jim KF7FIB, or myself WA7RIG and let us know.

73's

Dennis Riggs

News From the ARRL

ARRL BOARD LOOKS AT NEW ENTRY LEVEL LICENSE:

The ARRL Board of Directors has established an ad hoc committee, to look into the current FCC licensing structure and determine if the current levels of licensing are adequate or if a new entry level license class should be established.

As the Novice Class examination was discontinued in 2000 and the Morse Code requirement was removed from all licenses a few years later, the Technician Class license became the new entry point for new Hams, but there was a considerable increase in difficulty for the new entry point, and new licensees were then given extensive privileges not appropriate for all newcomers. We now have more than 15 years of experience with the current FCC Technician Class license as that entry point but we need to improve upon our efforts to attract newcomers to Amateur Radio and pass along the tradition of emergency communications support, developing interest in hands-on projects, and improving on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics educations.

The Committee, headed by New England Division Director Tom Frenaye, K1KI, will be seeking input from the Ham Radio community.

VE testing Schedule for Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club Testing to upgrade your License

Testing

Testing sessions are affiliated with the ARRL. They scheduled the second Wednesday of even month except August.

Sessions are held at the Douglas County Courthouse, room 310, 6:00 PM.

For further information contact Jim, *WA6KHG*, (541)496-2262

ARRL VEC Test Fee for 2015 (currently) is \$15.00

This fee is charged once, no matter whether taking any one, two, three or all four test elements, one time.

Retests of an element failed at the same test session will require payment of an additional test fee.

J-Pole Class September 15 2016 at the Douglas County Courthouse, room 310, 7:00 PM. Regular UVARC Meeting

Ladder Line J-Pole Class Materials and equipment to purchase:

- 60" (5') Ladder-line (Tom Adair gave me some Ladder Line – still need to measure total length of it)**
- PL-259 coax connector with reducer for RG-58 coax** **2-3' of coax (RG-58)**

The following items people can bring to the class if they have them, or other people can offer to loan them (such as antenna analyzers):

- Soldering gun, Solder, 12" tiles as a base to solder on**
 - Measuring tools - Tape measure, 6-12" rulers**
 - Silver Sharpies, scissors, tweezers, ZIP Ties**
 - Wire cutters, needle nose pliers, utility knife**
- Antenna analyzers (If You have one Please bring it to class)**