



# Umpqua Valley Radio Club

# WATT'S UP

**February 2017**

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***Newsletter for the Umpqua Valley***

***Amateur Radio Club***

***P.O. Box 925 Roseburg, OR 97470***

## ***Club Officers***

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**Ralph Lamell KI7BRN**

**Lee Stumpe K7AZW**

**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)**

**National Simplex Net Fridays at 1900 on Frequency 146.520 Net Control W7HDU**

***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**

**Greeting UVARC members. I hope March is treating you well.**

**Sadly we weren't able to have a presentation at the February meeting.**

**Lee Stumpe is recovering from a stroke, and we discovered that the meeting room no longer has unsecured Wi-Fi. I will find out if we can still get Wi-Fi there with a password. Hopefully Lee can soon make a presentation about the JT65 data mode.**

**At the March meeting Christine AF7OK plans to make a presentation about the 60 meter (5 MHz) ham band. It's the newest shortwave ham band, authorized in 2002. The band has unusual rules and characteristics, so the presentation will be useful for both new hams and old-timers.**

**At the February meeting we had continuing discussion about a new mountaintop Field Day site. Right now we are leaning towards a site at the top of Callahan road which is a paved road that tops out at 2500 feet elevation and is close to Roseburg. In the past some club members have operated there with excellent results. I'm looking forward to it because previous Field Day sites were always in a hole with poor signal propagation. The Callahans have an unobstructed horizon to the east, where most U.S. Field Day stations are located.**

**Lynn W7HDU started a weekly 2 meter simplex net to help hams experiment with increasing the range of their 2m setup. It's at 7 PM on Fridays on the National Simplex frequency, 146.52 MHz. From my house in Oakland I heard several Roseburg stations, but most couldn't hear me. A mast-mounted preamp gives me better "ears" than everybody else.**

**Please contact me if you have an idea for a club meeting presentation.**

**Perhaps you want to talk about equipment you built/bought or some operating activity you recently got involved with. Or you could request a presentation about a topic you want to learn more about.**

**73,**

**Wayne Estes W9AE**

## Ham Radio License Training sites

<http://www.arrl.org/question-pools>

<https://www.hamradiolicenseexam.com>

<http://www.hamtesting.com/ptChoose.php>

[amazon.com](http://amazon.com) for many books with test question built into them

There are many Ham license Training sites out there for those of you that want to upgrade. The hamradiolicenseexam.com site is probably one of the best. Their Prices are Below

Price	Course
\$24.95	<b>Technician Class study course (2-year subscription)</b> <b>(for the question pool effective July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018)</b> <b>(will include the 2018 pool when it becomes available)</b>
\$29.95	<b>General Class study course (2-year subscription)</b> <b>(for the question pool effective July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2019)</b>
\$34.95	<b>Extra Class study course (2-year subscription)</b> <b>(for the question pool effective July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2020)</b>