

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

KC7UAV

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ARES Nets

Douglas County ARES

146.900 repeater PL 100. Mondays at 7 PM

District 5 ARES

3964 kHz Sundays at 5:30 PM

UVARC Club Net Info

146.900 (-) PL 100.HZ Primary

145.430(-) PL 88.5 Secondary

Wednesday at 1900 hours

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

VE Testing For 2016

April 13

June 8

October 12

December 14

UVARC is looking for someone to be The Media contact person. If you are interested in this position let a Club Officer know and the club will get you set up.

President's Message

Greetings!

We had a great meeting this month, and very informative. I enjoy hams sharing their knowledge and personal experiences with other hams. Last meeting was no exception. Christine Masters, AF7OK, did a presentation on building portable 2m antennas with ladder wire and with measuring tape. One of the draw backs to building inexpensive antennas is that you need an antennae tuner to keep your SWR's down. Well, as long as your in the mood of making things, and in the spirit of Christine's homemade antennae, here is a recipe for a homemade antenna tuner:

<http://vk5ajl.com/projects/Tuner.php>

My theory is, if you have a lot of time, and have extra parts laying around, it could be fun to put one of these together. Otherwise, it may be more cost effective both in time and money to just go to a hamfest and buy a cheap used one and save yourself a lot of trouble.

Speaking of hamfest, Lee Stump, K7AZW, shared with us an upcoming hamfest in Coos County that will be held at North Bend High School July 16, 2016. In case you are interested and did not get a flyer from Lee, here are the details if you did not get a flyer:

<http://www.qsl.net/k7cch/Documents/2016HamfestFlyer.pdf>

Last month Wayne Estes, W9AE, shared with us several different ways we can receive awards for different kinds of contacts. Scanning through the ARRL web site I ran across and interesting contest that I may be able to do.

It's called the "Rookie Roundup". The mission is " To encourage newly-licensed operators ("Rookies") in North America (including territories

and possessions) to operate on the HF bands and experience competitive Amateur Radio operating. Experienced operators (“Non-Rookies”) are strongly encouraged to participate and help new operators – either on the air or in person.” The objective is “ Rookies exchange information with as many other stations as possible on the 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter HF bands. Rookie entrants are encouraged to read *[‘HF Contesting – Good Practices, Interpretations and Suggestions.’](#)*”

This sounds interesting to me and may have to partake. If it sounds like something you would like to do, read the rules, regulations, and rewards here: That is all I have for this month, keep on learning, trying, and most important sharing. <http://www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup>

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73's Dennis Riggs WA7RIG

UVARC Club Meeting March 17, 2016

Minutes

March 17,2016 meeting

Pres. Dennis President Dennis opened the meeting, Pledge to Flag.

Roll Call by name and radio call sign.; 21 present.

Feb. meeting minutes read by secretary Nelson.. Motion to approve by Hutch, seconded by LaDon, motion passed

Treasury report by Jim, KF7FIB .

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

Discussed Field Day .Jim asked for coordinator. We reviewed the location and discussed the facilities available.

Jim announced some of the EMail addresses were omitted or incorrect. He will correct these.

Wayne, W9AE reported the No. Umpqua marathon starting point will be from Susan Creek and not from Swift water park as reported in Feb, minutes

Dennis reminded members of the Sat. AM Breakfast at Dennys. A good time and place to get better acquainted with fellow members.

Coos County Ham fest at Corvallis reported by Lee. He also told about the water bottles mixed with Drano placed in mailboxes . This mixture when shaken ,will explode.

Christine AF7OK. reported on the Oregon emergency station. Lee presented Certificate to her.

Presentation by Christine about building inexpensive radio Antennas. Single lead long wire ,5ft, twin lead One antenna using 3/4 pvc pipe connected as a T, using the metal 'rule' through the pvc soldering incoming lead to rule. Three units stacked in array (like a tv ant,,)

No further business, Dennis entertained motion to adjourn .Motion by Hutch, seconded by Lee motion passed.

Secretary Nelson

Calendar of Events for Month of April

4/5/16, 4/12/16, 4/19/16, 4/26/16, UVARC Luncheon at China Buffet at 11 am
Location of 1350 NE Stephens Roseburg Oregon

4/2/16, 4/9/16, 4/16/16, 4/23/16, 4/30/16, Saturday Breakfast at Denny's Resturant at
0800 hours Location of 350 West Harvard Roseburg Oregon

4/20/16, UVARC Club Monthly Club Meeting 1900 hours at the Douglas County
Courthouse room 310. Code Practice at 1800 Hours same Location

7/16/16 Coos County Radio Club Hamfest and Swapmeet 10 am to 2 pm 2323 Pacific Ave
North Bend Oregon Talk-In 146.610 –PL 110.9 or 147.280 + PL 146.2