



# Watt's Up

*Newsletter for the Umpqua Valley  
Amateur Radio Club  
P.O. Box 925 Roseburg, OR 97470*

**November 2014**

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Steve, KF7UBQ  
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## **Club Call Signs**

**KC7UAV**  
**KC7TLY**

## **ARES Nets**

*Douglas County ARES*  
146.900 repeater  
Mondays at 7 PM

*District 5 ARES*  
3964 kHz  
Sundays at 5:30 PM

## **President's Message**

Greetings to all UVARC members and guests. Fall is upon us and with cooler weather comes the time people are getting ready for winter. Remember to be safe and get your antennas checked and automobiles ready for the winter.

This month's meeting was another packed room with 26 members and 2 guests signing the log. Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to attend.

As called for in our constitution we had to get a slate of officers for the November meeting vote and Tom (KG7KQP) followed by a second from Hutch (KE7JFQ) nominated the current officers to stay on for another term, which was passed without an objection from the members. I must point out that one can still volunteer to be added to the list at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The 2015 Field Day event was discussed and a lot of great ideas came out. Tom Adair (KG7KQP) has volunteered to be the UVARC promotions person and will be in charge of advertising events. We will be discussing Field Day 2015 over the next few meetings, bring your ideas and join the fun.

We had 2 members pass the October VE test and became General Class, Congrats to Christine (KG7FYH) and Dave (KG7FYG) for this accomplishment.

Several Website updates have been made, among them is the new membership renewal form, Constitution and By Laws, a For Sale page to name a few. If you notice something missing drop me a line via e-mail and I will try to get it on the site.

Remember to think about Ham of the Year nominations. Download the form from the website, fill it out and mail it in OR bring it to the meeting in a sealed envelope. The closing date is November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

I hope everyone has a great Halloween and I look forward to meeting everyone at the November 20th Meeting.

73's Jim Stuntz, KF7FIB

## UVARC MEMBERSHIP

As of July 18 the club has 71 members.

The renewal form is on the last page.  
Online renewal is no longer available.

The November UVARC meeting will have a presentation by Wayne W9AE about the history of amateur radio.

**If you have ham equipment to sell, it can be advertised in Watts Up and on the club's web page.**

### Editor's Note

Please send any club news to [w9ae@charter.net](mailto:w9ae@charter.net).

Wayne Estes W9AE



## SUNSHINE

If you hear of someone who is ill or in the hospital, please let me know. Also notify me of any silent keys.

**Russ Nelson, W7DUR, at 440-3840**

## UVARC REPEATERS

146.900-, PL 100 (Lane Mountain)

147.120-, PL 100 (Boomer Hill)

### PACKET NODE

144.930, DC:WB6RHW-10

### New UVARC Web Page

<http://www.uvarc.net>

#### NOTES:

1. Watt's Up is **online** in the UVARC web Page. It may be viewed in PDF format.
3. The **club roster** (names and call signs) is online.
4. Club **constitution** is available as a linked page.
5. Recent issues of **Watt's Up** are available in PDF format.

## VE Testing in Douglas County

Testing sessions are affiliated with the ARRL. They are scheduled the second Wednesday of even months except August. Sessions are held in Roseburg at the Douglas County Courthouse, room 310, 6 PM.

### ARRL VEC Test Fee for 2014 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.

### 2014 Testing Dates Second Wednesday of each even Month

February 12

April 9

June 11

August - None

October 8

December 10

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

## October Meeting Minutes by Russ Nelson W7DUR

Meeting of October 16 2014'-Minutes-

President Jim opened meeting.

Roll call by Name and call sign. 26 present.

Reading of August minutes by secretary Russ.

Treasurer report by Jim. The May-July and the July-Sept. expense to Pacific Power both were \$33.29. Bank balance \$2401.00. Motion by Steve seconded by Rick to accept both reports. Motion passed.

Congratulations to Roy KA7NWT and Christine KG7FYH ,both passed their General Class License.

Pres. Jim has been updating the Club's website.

Pres. Jim opened nominations for 2015 club officers. Tom KG7KQP, Motion that current officers be nominated. Seconded by Hutch KE7JFQ. Motion passed, Nominations will be opened and election of officers at our November meeting.

No names have been submitted for Ham of Year award.

Discussion of Field Day. A definite location needs to be made before first of year. Tom KG7KQP has volunteered to be promotion person. -advertising and make contacts. Field day is the last weekend of June.

Coffee & cookie break.

No further business. Jeanne motion seconded by Hutch to adjourn meeting. Motion passed

Sec. Russ.

## Permission Granted to Activate Navassa Island (KP1) In January 2015

[The KP1-5 Project](#) has received word from the US Fish & Wildlife Service that it may activate Navassa Island (KP1) in January 2015. The DXpedition will be a maximum of 14 days, and exact dates will be determined by USFWS mission requirements and weather windows.

“Our experienced team of 15 is complete and is ready for the challenge,” said an October 22 KP1-5 Project news release from President Bob Allphin, K4UEE, and Vice President Glenn Johnson, W0GJ. “The weeks ahead will be extremely busy as the team has less than 90 days before the DXpedition comes on the air.”

The announcement explained that January is the month of minimum bird nesting activity and this is the primary reason USFWS is asking that the operation be completed during that month. Weather is unpredictable in January, however, and because Navassa is surrounded by cliffs, this may preclude a safe landing by boat.

“For safety reasons and in order to maximize our time on the island and on the air, a helicopter operation is planned,” the team’s news release said. “Navassa is over 100 miles (160 km) from the nearest helicopter staging point, and as many as 10 round trips will be required at the beginning and end of the operation. Obviously, this means that there will be a significant cost for activating this No 1 ranked DXCC entity.”

The KP1-5 Project said it will be working with USFWS over the next few weeks, and, as details firm up, it will release additional details.

Navassa Island (KP1) is the #1 most-wanted DXCC entity. The last major operation was in 1993. Since then the Caribbean island has been off limits by order of the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

## Actor Tim Allen Gets His Ham Ticket For Real

Actor and comedian Tim Allen now not only plays an Amateur Radio operator on television, he *is* one! Allen got his Technician license on September 4, but did not release the news until this week. In his weekly ABC comedy TV show “Last Man Standing,” Allen’s character Mike Baxter, is supposed to be KA0XTT, and the show has featured ham radio in some episodes.

“Last Man Standing” producer John Amodeo, NN6JA, told ARRL that the agreement with Allen was that “we would not publicize his license until he approved it.” Allen revealed to Tom Medlin, W5KUB, for one of Medlin’s webcasts that he had passed his Technician license test but did not mention his call sign, Amodeo said. “Obviously, most hams are capable of finding Tim’s call sign, if they feel the need,” he conceded.

“We arranged for Tom Medlin to do a ‘surprise’ interview with the [ARRL VEC] VE team that administered Tim’s test,” Amodeo said. “They are Rob, AA6RA; Tim, N6QJ, and Julian, N3JF. ARRL VEC Staffer, Amanda Grimaldi, KB1VUV, helped us arrange the test.”

More than 2 dozen members of the “Last Man Standing” crew — and now Allen, its star — have been inspired by the show’s Amateur Radio component to get licensed. On September 28, the K6H “Hollywood Hamnado” special event station was on the air, with “Last Man Standing” crew members at the helm. The Southern California-based PAPA Repeater System, in association with the Broadcast Employees Amateur Radio Society (BEARS) and Disney Emergency Amateur Radio Service (DEARS) sponsored the special event.

Amodeo said K6H went very well. “We had about 35 operators and guests on Stage 9 here at CBS Studio Center” he told ARRL. “All enjoyed being on the set of ‘Last Man Standing.’ Naturally, we brought in breakfast (bagels and donuts), lunch (sandwiches), and, at wrap, pizza. The feeling was like a Field Day and a mini Hamvention.” Amodeo said that all six K6H stations had “continuous contacts from start to finish.”



Actor Tim Allen as KA0XTT on “Last Man Standing” with Flynn Morrison who plays his grandson on the show.

# NOVEMBER



*Just a reminder: If you have e-mail capability, Let Russ, W7DUR know! you'll be able to see all pictures in color and save money for the club !*

# November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 DC ARES net 7 PM 146.900	4	5 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	6	7	1/8 Club breakfast 7 AM Denny's Roseburg
9 ARES Dist. 5 net 3964 kHz, 5:30PM	10 DC ARES net 7 PM 146.900	11	12 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	13	14	15 Club breakfast 7 AM Denny's Roseburg
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ON-LINE FORM AVAILABLE ON CLUB WEB PAGE

## UMPQUA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

ON-LINE FORM AVAILABLE ON CLUB WEB PAGE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL MEMBER YES [ ] NO [ ] E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Other names at your address desiring family membership

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL MEMBER YES [ ] NO [ ]

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL MEMBER YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Please show names the way you want them to appear in the roster**

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIVE YOUR NEWS LETTER BY: U.S. MAIL [ ] OR E-MAIL (PDF) [ ]

RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ \*AMT. ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH (STUDENTS) \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues are \$15.00 for individuals and \$7.25 for each additional family member living at the same address per calendar year. Associate membership dues are \$5.00. Dues are prorated (NEW members only): Jan - Mar \$15/\$7.5 (each additional member); Apr- Jun \$11.25/\$5.65; Jul-Sep \$7.50/\$3.75; Oct - Dec \$3.75/\$1.90. Membership is free for **Licensed** students, 18 and younger. Make checks payable to: **UVARC, PO Box 925, Roseburg, OR 97470.**