



# Umpqua Valley Radio Club

# WATT'S UP

**September 2017**

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***Newsletter for the Umpqua Valley***

***Amateur Radio Club***

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

***Club Officers***

**President**

**Wayne ESTES W9AE**

**1st Vice President Lynn Patterson W7HDU**

**2nd Vice President Christine Masters AF7OK**

**Secretary Russ Nelson W7DUR**

**Treasurer Jim Stuntz KF7FIB**

**Member-at-Large Ralph Lamell KI7BRN Lee Stumpe K7AZW**

**Club Call Signs *KC7UAV KC7TLY***

**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**

**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**

**September 2017 President's Message:**

**We had a very good turnout for the meeting with 24 in attendance. Had a repeater status report from Jim WA6KHG and Steve KB&WDP on Boomer hill which is working very well. We want to thank Jim and Steve for all the hard work to keep the system going. I asked everyone to start thinking about elections as we will elect officers at the November meeting. Also start giving thought to Ham of the Year, the form is on the web site. We picked up 5 new members at the meeting please welcome Ed Giuliani KE7MDQ , Joe Kim AG7IL, JC and Donice Smith ,and Don Adams We also took a vote to raise the club dues by \$1.00to \$16.00 a year which passed. Thanks to all who attended, hope to see you next month Lynn W7HDU Club VP**

## **September 2017 UVARC Minutes**

**Club meeting Sept,21, 2017**

**Vice President Lynn, W7HDU opened meeting, Pledge to Flag.**

**Roll call by name and radio call sign. 24 present.**

**No minutes of august meeting --Ice cream social.**

**Treasure's report motion by Hutch,**

**seconded by Ralph to accept report. motion passed**

**Jim WA6KHG, reported on the repeaters**

**The 441.150 and the 147.120 are now linked together.**

**Saturdays breakfast at Denny's has had a good turnout.**

**Nominations for club officers for 2018 are due.**

**Brandy Stumpy inquired about ice cream from Seven Feathers.**

**They donated three gallons to the Club for the Ice Cream social.**

**Treasurer Jim set a card of thanks to the Chef.**

**Melton Peterson of Sutherlin now a silent key. The son Milt is taking care of the radio equipment. All is for sale.**

**Jim, KF7FIB made motion to raise club's dues from \$15.00 to \$16.00.**

**seconded by Steve KG7KQT. Motion passed.**

**Don Adams KAOZOU lives in Umpqua. signed up for membership.**

**Ed Giuliani joined the club, recently moved from Idaho.**

**Joe Kim, AG7IL, Roseburg signed up for membership**

**Coffee break. No further business, Lynn adjourned meeting.**

**Sec- Nelson**

## **A Message from the Repeater Guru**

**Hi all,**

**This summer Boomer 147.120 decided it wanted to be a pain.**

**It started out not wanting to key up all the time. Sometimes it would, other times it would not. Took it off the hill put it on the bench.**

**After several hours of trouble shooting I found a "sometimes" Logic Chip, a CMOS 4011 to be exact. Replaced it and all was fine.**

**Took the repeater back up on the hill and installed it.**

**Then someone else went up to the site, which is shared, and left the gate open. Grazing cattle got in the compound rubbed against a guy wire and the tower on which our receive antenna was mounted came down. I remotely shut the repeater off from home in Glide at this point in time, Now you have to realize the receive antenna was laying on the ground and 30+ miles away from me when I did this. The antenna was broken into several pieces and had to be replaced. AE7ER had a spare antenna he donated, a Hustler CG 7, and we asked Fred Myers to have it put up on the tower that he was replacing He offered to do that for \$100.00. Great we are done - I thought.**

**The new antenna got mounted on the tower and suddenly the repeater was deaf. I could not key it up from home or work it well mobile from Roseburg. At this point Steve KB7WDP, Biff KG7UMO, and myself went up on Boomer again to check things out. A SWR check on the antenna and Biff climbing the tower revealed that whoever put the antenna up had broken the connector where the feed line hooks to the antenna off. Now we need another antenna. UVARC provided a new antenna and Biff mounted it up on the tower. We checked the SWR and it was great. All is well I thought. I get home and the repeater is still deaf. I still cannot work it from many places I could before.**

**At this point I am dumbfounded as to why things will not work. Remember that I shut the repeater off remotely from Glide after the tower fell and the antenna was broken in pieces and laying on the ground.**

**Another trip to Boomer with Steve KB7WDP, this time I brought a spare repeater and a set of duplexers I had put together from 4 each Decibel 5inch round pass type cavities, I had modified them to pass/reject type cavities and hooked them up so we could use one antenna instead of two. We put the new repeater and home built duplexer in, and now I can work the repeater from home and in the mobile from everywhere I used to.**

**I brought the old repeater and cavities home and started to check things out. The cavities are working great the repeater is working great and is very sensitive. Now the part I do not understand the receive preamplifier is blown. The only thing that takes these out is close lightning strikes. It must have happened after I remotely shut the repeater off and the antenna was still laying on the ground and before we disconnected the broken antenna. I have the same preamplifier here as a spare and put it on the repeater it is now hearing better than the loaner repeater that is on Boomer now.**

**We now need to do two things to wrap this up. Send the preamplifier in to get it repaired. Then take the old repeater back up and install it on Boomer, Now you know why my hair is tuning gray and I don't have too much spare time. Jim WA6KHG**

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE UMPQUA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

**We, the undersigned, being desirous to secure the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons interested in amateur radio, by furthering better cooperation among its members, develop individual efficiency, and further the interest of amateur radio, hereby constitute ourselves "THE UMPQUA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB", and enact this constitution as our governing law.**

## **ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP**

**Sec. 1 All persons with an interest in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership, with a majority vote of the members in attendance at regular monthly meetings.**

## **ARTICLE II OFFICERS**

**Sec. 1 The officers of the Club shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.**

### **Sec. 2**

**The officers of the Club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present at the November meeting. Only members in good standing for 5 years or longer shall be eligible to hold office. The term of office is January 1 through December 31. Nominations may be made by a procedure acceptable to the members present at the meeting.**

**Sec. 3 Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special ballot at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.**

**Sec. 4 Officers may be removed by a motion and a two-thirds vote of the membership in attendance at regular monthly meetings.**

**Sec. 5 Officers must hold a valid amateur radio license.**

## **ARTICLE III DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### **Sec. 1**

**The President shall preside at meetings of this Club, and conduct meetings according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due observation of this Constitution and the By-Laws; decide questions in order; sign official documents that are adopted by the Club, and none other; and perform customary duties pertaining to the office of the President.**

### **Sec. 2**

**The First Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the latter. In addition, he/she shall organize Club activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance Club interest and activity as approved by the Club.**

### **Sec. 3**

**The Second Vice President shall assume the duties of the First Vice President in the absence of the latter, and in the month of February, he shall present to the membership a current list of all club equipment and non-monetary assets.**

### **Sec. 4**

**The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of meetings, keep a roll of members, submit applications for membership, carry on correspondence, and read communications at each meeting, and mail written notices to each member. He/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the Club to his/her successor.**

## **Sec. 5**

**The treasurer shall receive and receipt monies paid to the Club; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay no bills without proper authorization. At the end of each quarter, he/she shall submit an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements. He/She shall, at the end of his/her term, turn over everything belonging to the Club to his/her successor. The treasurer shall assume the duties of the vice presidents in their absence. He/She shall assume duties as assigned by the president.**

## **Sec. 6**

**The officers of the Club, previous President and two licensed Members-at-Large shall constitute a Board of Directors. The Board shall meet at least once prior to the regular monthly meeting to discuss and propose ideas, plans, projects, programs and activities for the Club. The proceedings of each board meeting shall be reported briefly at the regular club meeting. Members-at Large shall be nominated and elected at the regular MAY meeting and their term of office is until the next May election of Board members. All Board members shall insure that Federal Communications Rules and Regulations are maintained in the operation of Club licensed repeaters and equipment.**

## **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**

### **Sec. 1**

**The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of FIVE per cent of eligible voting members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of authorizing the payment of expenses not exceeding FIFTY dollars. All other business shall require a quorum of TEN per cent of eligible voting members.**

## **ARTICLE V DUES**

**The Club, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization. Nonpayment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the Club within the discretion of the membership. Associate members who are licensed during the calendar year shall immediately have full membership privileges without additional dues for the remainder of that calendar year. On their 19th birthday, Student Members will become Full Members for the remainder of that calendar year without paying dues.**

## **ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS**

### **Sec. 1**

**This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the ballots cast by the membership. Members shall be notified by mail of the proposed changes together with a ballot. Ballots may be returned by mail or cast at the next regular meeting.**

## **ARTICLE VII DISSOLUTION**

### **Sec. 1**

**The dissolution of The Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club must be approved by SEVENTYFIVE per cent of the membership. All eligible voting members must be notified by mail fourteen days before the regular scheduled meeting at which the Dissolution proposal is scheduled to be voted upon.**

### **Sec. 2**

**Upon dissolution of this Club, any borrowed equipment must be repaired (if needed) and then returned to the lender. All Club-owned assets remaining at the time will become the property of the local Amateur Radio Emergency Services group to further support the community of Roseburg, OR, and Douglas County in time of need and emergencies. If there is no longer an ARES in Roseburg, OR, the disposition of assets will be the responsibility of the officers of the club and they shall sell the assets and donate the monies to a suitable charitable organization.**

## **ARTICLE VIII RULES**

**Sec. 1 Roberts Rules of Order shall govern proceedings**

### **THE UMPQUA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB BY-LAWS**

#### **SECRETARY**

##### **Sec. 1**

**It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of The Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club, and have them available at every regular and special meeting. He/she shall cause all amendments, changes, and additions to be noted thereupon, and shall submit same to be consulted by members upon request.**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

##### **Sec. 2**

**(A) Full membership shall be made available to all currently FCC licensed amateur radio operators.**

**(B) Student membership shall be made available to all currently FCC licensed amateur radio operators age eighteen or younger, who are attending, or enrolled in school.**

**(C) Associate membership shall be made available to any person who is interested in amateur radio but does not hold a FCC amateur radio license. Associate members shall have all club privileges except the right to hold office or vote.**

**(D) Honorary membership: Honorary members will be those FCC licensed amateur radio operators who, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, have made an outstanding contribution to the welfare of the club or the amateur radio service. Honorary members will be granted a paid up lifetime membership in the club. Three full members may propose a candidate for honorary membership in writing to the Board of Directors. The Board will recommend action on the nomination. Two thirds of the voting members at any regular meeting will be necessary to confirm the nomination.**

**(E) Life membership: Life membership shall be made available to all FCC licensed amateur radio operators upon payment of twenty times the current dues and accompanied with a club membership application.**

**(F) Family membership: Family membership is open to all spouses and dependents holding current FCC licenses, and reside at the same address, with a full member head of household. Family members shall have the same rights and privileges as full members.**

**Any member who conducts himself or herself in such a manner as to violate the purpose and objectives of the Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club is subject to loss of membership. The Board of Directors shall make such recommendations to the membership. A majority vote of the members in attendance at a regular meeting is required to effect loss of membership. Dues shall not be returned.**

## **MEETINGS**

### **Sec. 3**

Regular meetings shall normally be held each third Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M., at such places as the president shall order. When determined necessary, the Board of Directors may change the day of the monthly meeting for that month. In addition, special meetings may be called by the president upon written request of five members of the Club. Notices shall be mailed or electronically sent to all members informing them of the change from the third Thursday for the Special meeting. Business to be transacted at the Special meeting shall be included in the written notification. Such notices shall be so sent that in ordinary postal delivery or electronically transmitted they will arrive at least twenty-four hours before the time set for the meeting.

## **ELECTIONS**

### **Sec. 4**

Nominations for Club officers shall be made at the October meeting. Election shall be completed at the November meeting, and the officers-elect shall be installed at the regular December meeting and will assume the duties of their respective office on January 1 of the following year.

## **DUES**

### **Sec. 5**

A regular yearly assessment of \$16.00 per Full member is hereby due on January 1 of each year for the sole purpose of providing funds for current expenses. Associate member dues are one-half that of full members. Student members will not be assessed dues. New memberships occurring after January 1 may be prorated effective on April 1, July 1, and September 1.

## **AWARDS HAM OF THE YEAR**

### **Sec. 6**

The Ham of the Year nominations will be accepted during the month of October and until the November Club meeting. The award will be made at the December Club meeting. The nomination guidelines, and the nomination form may be amended once each year during the month of January by a vote of two thirds of the members in attendance at the January meeting. Each officer of the club shall keep a copy of the guidelines and the form during his/her term of duty, and the guidelines and form shall be published each year during the month of October in the newsletter Watt's Up.

## **AMENDMENTS**

### **Sec. 7**

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting provided the membership has received written notice of the proposed changes in the current issue of Watt's Up.

***Note: Changes are underlined for identification***