



# Umpqua Valley Radio Club

# WATT'S UP

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***Newsletter for the Umpqua Valley***

***Amateur Radio Club***

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

***Club Officers***

**President**

**Dennis Riggs WA7RIG**

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**Treasurer Jim Stuntz KF7FIB**

**Member-at-Large**

**Lynn W7HDU**

**Lee 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)**

***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,**

**After our meeting in September I reflect on a couple observations and a couple reminders.**

**First the observations.**

**In every organization there is a general rule that 10% of the people do 90% of the work. A good example of this was the call for a nominating committee chairman. As I looked around the table for a volunteer, I saw the usual eye contact avoidance. Thank you Ralph KI7BRN for volunteering. We need to remember that the club is made of members. It is not possible to continue the club without members. Sometimes it requires the members to be active and bite the bullet to take on some of the responsibilities that require the club to run. I do appreciate that the root purpose of a "Ham" operator is to be able to use and experiment with the equipment, and help out with communications when called upon.**

**The way we volunteered for assisting the "NUT" and other activities, made me proud to be a member of this organization. In contrast, when asked to take over the coffee duty or being in charge of a committee, there is a different response. I am just as guilty sometimes of wanting to just come to a meeting to socialize and enjoy. However I think we forget that in order for a club to function properly, we sometimes need to step up and do the not so fun things. As for myself, I am going to intentionally seek out ways to help with the not so fun parts of the club. I know that Tom KG7KQP has volunteered to take care of the coffee before he leaves for Texas, thank you Tom (again), and I will pick up that duty when he is gone. We will sorely miss you and your willingness to serve the Club, Tom. I am reminded of the famous speech from JFK, "Ask not what your country can do for you, rather ask what you can do for your country". Let us all look inside us and decide that 2017 will be a year of involvement. Let's see how we as members can intentionally seek out ways to serve and make the club a great place to come to.**

**73's**

**Dennis Riggs**

## **September 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club Minutes**

**Pres, ; Dennis called meeting to order .**

**PLEDGE TO FLAG.**

**Roll Call by name and radio call sign.            22 present.**

**Due to the August social and potluck, there was no meeting or minutes. A good time was had by all at Lee's residence.**

**Rather than take our meeting time, Dennis suggested that the Antenna building be scheduled at another date and time. October 22 at 1 pm at Lees residence was recommended. Officers for club nominations are due in November,**

**Ralph KIFBRN, volunteered to head up committee.**

**Ham of the year nominations are also due in November.**

**ARRL needs members to send in their vote to pass the Parity Act. See article attached to this Watts UP.**

**Early bird membership dues start October 1st.**

**Tom, KE7KQP will handle coffee making for October meeting, Tom will be moving to Texas so Oct. meeting may be his last.**

**Christine ( AF7OK) reported the 60 meter net , 5330.5 (Channel one) on Monday's 1300 Hours**

**Steve (KB7WDP) diagrammed on board best way to extend or repair antenna ladder line.**

**No further business--motion to adjourn by Tom, seconded by Doug. ,Motion passed. Dennis adjourned meeting 8:10 pm**

**Sec----Russ Nelson**

## News from the ARRL

The House victory culminated many years of effort on ARRL's part to gain legislation that would enable radio amateurs living in deed-restricted communities to erect antennas that support Amateur Radio communication. The measure calls on the FCC to amend its Part 97 rules "to prohibit the application to amateur stations of certain private land-use restrictions, and for other purposes." While similar bills in past years gained some traction on Capitol Hill, it was not until the overwhelming grassroots support from the Amateur Radio community for H.R. 1301 shepherded by ARRL that a bill made it this far. The legislation faces significant obstacles to passage in the US Senate, however.



"This is huge step in our effort to enact legislation that will allow radio amateurs who live in deed-restricted communities the ability to construct an effective outdoor antenna," ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, said. "Thanks to everyone for their help in this effort thus far. Now we must turn our full attention to getting the bill passed in the Senate."



ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, during one of his many visits to Capitol Hill. [Kay Craigie, N3KN, photo]

ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, who chairs the ARRL Board's Legislative Advocacy Committee, has been heavily involved in efforts to move H.R. 1301 forward. "This has been a multi-year effort that is finally seeing some light," he said. "The passage of the bill in the House is a major accomplishment, due to the hard work of so many -- from the rank-and-file member to the officers and directors."

Lisenco said it's not a time to rest on our laurels. "We are only halfway there. The focus now shifts to our effort in the Senate," he said. "We are beginning a massive e-mail campaign in which we need every member to write their two Senators using our simplified process. You will be hearing from President Roderick and from your Directors, asking you to go to our [Rally Congress](#) page. Using your ZIP code, e-mails will be generated much like our recent letter campaign. You'll fill in your name and address and press Enter. The e-mails will be sent directly to your Senators without you having to search through their websites."

Lisenco said getting these e-mails to members' Senators is a critical part of the process. "Those numbers matter! Please help us help you by participating in this effort," he said.

As the [amended bill](#) provides, "Community associations should fairly administer private land-use regulations in the interest of their communities, while nevertheless permitting the installation and maintenance of effective outdoor Amateur Radio antennas. There exist antenna designs and installations that can be consistent with the aesthetics and physical characteristics of land and structures in community associations while accommodating communications in the Amateur Radio services."

*Limited Debate*

**Dear ARRL member,**

**I am writing to you today because we are at a crossroad in our efforts to obtain passage of *The Amateur Radio Parity Act*.**

**Our legislative efforts scored a major victory in our campaign when *The Amateur Radio Parity Act*, H.R. 1301, passed in the House of Representatives yesterday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The legislation now moves to the Senate, where we need every Senator to approve the bill.**

**You are one of over 730,000 licensed Amateur Radio Operators living in the United States. Many of you already live in deed-restricted communities, and that number grows daily.**

**NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL HAMS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS!**

**If you want to have effective outdoor antennas but are not currently allowed to do so by your Home Owner's Association, SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!**

**If you already have outdoor antennas, but want to support your fellow hams, SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!**

**If you want to preserve your ability to install effective outdoor antennas on property that you own, SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!**

**We need you to reach out to your Senators TODAY! Right away.**

**Help us in the effort. Please go to this linked website and follow the prompts:**

**<https://arrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act>**

**Thank you.**

**73,**

**Rick**

**Rick Roderick, K5UR**

**President**

**ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio**