



Umpqua Valley Radio Club

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Newsletter for the Umpqua Valley

Amateur Radio Club

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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

A Club Members Passing I received an email from Jim Rucker, WA6KHG, last night which said Doris (KC6CWP) had passed. I have no other details but thought i would let you know. W7OVN

President's Message

Greetings UVARC members. June was a busy month for operating events. The weekend before Field Day I worked at a remote aid station for a 192 mile relay (foot) race. The following day LaDon, Biff, Don and Lee provided communications for 2 aid stations in the same area for the Tour de Fronds bicycle ride. Field Day was at Glide Athletic Fields, but the weather was hot. I was the only person who stayed all day. But several people came back for the usual 6 PM potluck dinner. George Roth had 3 people practice setup and teardown of a borrowed emergency communications system. I made 39 contacts on 20 meter SSB.

At the June meeting the club voted to allow the repeaters to be used for the North Umpqua Trail 50/100k foot race on August 19. This year's race will stay in the upper section so all communication will be on the Cinnamon Butte repeater. That gives us the option to switch off the link to Lane mountain to prevent the Lane mountain repeater from being congested all day with far-away race traffic.

I'm pleased to announce that the July 20 meeting will have a presentation by Dennis Riggs WA7RIG about FLDIGI, a free open-source computer program that allows ham radios to be used for a variety of digital communications modes. The August 17 meeting will be a 6 PM ice cream social and potluck dinner at Lee Stumpe's house. At the September meeting Christine AF7OK plans to make a presentation about propagation.

July 17 is the Coos County Radio Club hamfest at North Bend Middle school. It's not a huge event but it's one of the few nearby hamfests.

See you on the 146.900 repeater. I listen often but don't transmit often.

Wayne Estes W9AE

UVARC June 2017 Club Meeting

President Wayne, W9AE opened meeting

Pledge to Flag. Roll Call by name and radio call sign. 20 present. Minutes of May meeting read by secretary Russ. Motion by Dale, seconded by Steve to accept . motion passed. Treasurer Jim reported antenna up and repeater running. more work needs to be done. Jim KF7FIB, presented an Achievement Award to Lee Stumpe for his years of service to the Ham Radio Club. 18 people attended the breakfast at Denneys sat morning. Wayne reported the run on the 16th July, beginning 8am at applegate reservoir, ending at Brookings. Radio frequency being used 147.585 simplex. Field day at Glide high school area . Bathrooms available. We agreed to a \$40 dollar donation to the custodian to open and close. Jim KF7FIB, and Lynn W7HDU made these contacts .August 19, the Portland radio club asked to use our repeater .09, the members will be at the North Umpqua trail site, Motion by Rick that the Cinnamon butte link be disconnected from late afternoon .discussion---no second.. Motion by Biff, KG7UMD, for the Portland club to use the repeater and area. second by Jim WA6KHG. motion passed. Dennis will give a presentation at the August meeting, Christine volunteered to give presentation on Propagation at the Sept. meeting. no further business motion by Steve Allen to adjourn seconded by LaDon.

Wayne adjourned at 8;15

Sec Russ w7dur

Distracted Driving Bill Update.. Good News!

Here is our understanding of the bill as of today:

After much discussion, the Oregon Senate Rules Committee on Thursday passed out an amended version of HB 2597, which relates to distracted driving from the use of mobile devices. Thanks to strong outreach from the amateur radio community, the newly amended bill includes what is known as an "affirmative defense" clause stating the use of an amateur radio by an FCC licensed individual over the age of 18 is a defense against any ticket issued under this statute.

While this is not an exemption like the one that exists in current law, it will allow hams to operate in moving vehicles. The expectation is that police officers will not write tickets in the first place if they know the driver was using their ham radio. Just be sure to have your FCC license with you while driving. The addition of the age restrictions is a small compromise but is consistent with other restrictions placed on licensed drivers under the age of 18.