

# 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

1st Vice President Lynn Patterson W7HDU

2nd Vice President Rick Kluver W7DFV

Secretary LaDon Snyder KA7AAR

Treasurer Jim Stuntz KF7FIB

Members-at-Large: Ralph Lamell (Ki7BRN) Lee Stumpe (K7AZW)

Sergeant at Arms Ralph Lamell (Ki7BRN)

Club Call Signs UVARC Club Net Info

146.900 (-) PL 100.HZ Wednesday at 1900 hours

HF Net Wednesday at 1930 hours at 28.400 MHZ USB (This is an open Net)

Club Call Signs KC7TLY (Lane) KC7UAV (Boomer)

ARES Nets Douglas County ARES District 5 Ares 3964 KHz Sundays at 5:30 PM 146.900  
repeater PL 100. Net is Mondays at 7 PM

### **President's Message Greetings!** Very interesting experience we

have had last week. You know, you can try to use your imagination and look stuff up on the internet, to learn how to prepare for disasters. However there is nothing like the lights being out and living in the cold for a week to wake a person up to how unprepared we really are for a big event. I see last week as a shot across the bow and a fair warning to us to take stock of what we really need to do to be prepared. I think this is a good subject at our next meeting to see what we, as ham operators, did right and what we can do to improve. On another note, we are still in negotiations with the County ARES club over Lane Mt repeater. As mentioned after the vote to turn the Lane Repeater over to them, that was the beginning, not the end. It will not be complete unless terms are agreeable to both the club and ARES. I understand that this may have been a controversial topic to move on, and there are some members not happy with the outcome of the vote, how ever the club is operated as a democracy and the majority does rule after a vote. We also have to remember why we took the vote to begin with. We were slowly getting in the hole, financially, supporting the electric bill as a club. As any responsible entity, we must explore all avenues to reduce that debt to income ratio. As negotiations continue, I will keep you all up to date. If it does come down to having ARES responsible for the electric bill, there is nothing keeping us as individuals donating to ARES to help them out. With all that said, everyone stay warm and safe this winter, and will see you at the meeting! 73

Dennis Riggs WA7RIG

# **UVARC Meeting Minutes February 21, 2019**

**Meeting called to order by President Dennis Riggs with 30 present**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introductions by Name and Call Sign**

**Last Meeting Minutes read by Secretary LaDon Snyder, report accepted by vote.**

**Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Jim Stunts KF7FIB who gave the treasurers report in the new format. The report was accepted by Vote**

## **Old Business**

**Was the announcements of club breakfast at Denny's every Saturday at 7am**

**And lunch at China Buffet every Tuesday at 11am.**

**Doug Hockinson (KW6E) gave a report on the QSL project that several club members were working on with the project real close to being complete**

**Jerry Eifert (AE7ER) gave a report on the Lane Mountain Repeater explaining that the Lane Repeater continues to have interference problems and they are continuing to work on it,**

**The Early Bird drawing was held by Treasurer Jim Stunts with Lynn Patterson (W7HDU) winning the drawing. Lynn donated his winnings back to the repeater fund. President Dennis brought up the from the January meeting the financial condition of the club and that UVARC owns the call sign and the repeater Pair of Lane Mountain. ARRES owns all the equipment at the Lane Mountain repeater He called for a Club Vote on the motion to move to Boomer Mountain as the Clubs primary Repeater and Lane mountain as its Secondary with ARES taking control of Lane Repeater and the Electric Bill. The vote was 14 to move to Boomer and 5 against the move. At this time the club took a break. Bob Wilkinson gave a great presentation on the 50000 Watt KFI AM 640 radio station in Southern California with many pictures and a rundown of its extensive history.**

**VE Testing and License Upgrading Schedule VE Testing sessions are affiliated with the ARRL. They scheduled the second Wednesday of even month except August. Sessions are held in Roseburg at the Douglas County Courthouse, Room 310, 6:00 PM. For further information contact Jim, WA6KHG, (541)496- 2262 ARRL VEC Test Fee for 2019 (currently) 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. 2019**

**TEST DATES 2019 April 17 June 19--OCTOBER 16th---DEC 18th**