

Umpqua Valley Radio Club

WATT'S UP

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Newsletter for the Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club

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Sergeant at Arms Ralph Lamell (Ki7BRN)

NETS

UVARC NET Sheep Hill 147.120 (-) PL 100.HZ Wednesday at 1900 hours

HF Net Wednesday at 1930 hours at 28.405 MHZ USB

ARES NETS Douglas County ARES District 5 Ares 3964 KHz Sundays at 1730 Hours

146.900 repeater PL 100. Net is Mondays at 1900 Hours

Club Call Signs KC7TLY (Lane) KC7UAV (Sheep)

President's Message

Thanks to everyone who came to the meeting. We had a lot to do. Passing the repair and maintenance budget for Sheep Hill, Flourney Valley, and the ORRC filings was top of the list. This is vital to these sites and will keep them running for many years to come. We will need to assemble a work crew to go up to the site at a later date to paint and replace the roof. Contact me Lynn W7HDU or Jim KF7FIB to sign up. Everyone who participated in this year's Field Day said there was a good turnout with a lot of interest. It looks like Riverbend Park at Winston is going to be our future Field Day location. Doug KW6E said it was a great location with excellent exposure See you next month Lynn W7HDU .

UVARC Meeting Minutes JUNE 20, 2019

Meeting called to order by Vice President Lynn Patterson with 20 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 Stuntz. The report was accepted by vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Was the announcements of club Breakfast at Denny's every Saturday at 730 am and Lunch at China Buffet every Tuesday at 11 am

New Business

Vice President Lynn gave a talk on the Boomer repeater is actually the Sheep Hill Repeater and the Club needs to establish a Sheep Hill Repeater section in the Budget. The new budget section was approved by vote. There was much discussion on raising the check writing limit. Jim brought up that Ham of the year issue with discussion mainly for the new Hams in the Club.

A break was taken for 15 minutes

Treasurer Jim presented a stack of papers dealing with repeater registration. Much discussion ensued trying to figure out who would be taking over the task of moving the paperwork. Les and Paul volunteered to take over the task

Lynn adjourned the meeting

VE TESTING INFORMATION

ROSEBURG Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio

Club The Second Wednesday of the even Months except for August. Next Test is in October 2019 at the Douglas County Courthouse Room 310

Grants Pass August 16, 2019, November 15, 2019

Southern Oregon Amateur Radio Club

1440 Fruitdale (Grange) Grants Pass

Roque Valley Amateur Radio Club

July 27, 2019 October 26, 2019

Fire District 5 5811 South Pacific Highway

Phoenix Oregon 97535

Eugene

Lane County Amateur Radio Club

2nd Wednesday of every month at the American Red Cross 440 East Broadway Suite 200 Eugene Oregon 97401 Contact Person Matt Dillion W7ard@msn.com

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Field Day Report

But, anyway, by my count, we had 12 or 13 members at Field Day. 5 radios, plus some guy who showed up with a "field day" truck. Quarterwatt was doing CW, most of us were doing SSB, Doug tried digital, but his computer time was off. I made contacts over most of the west coast. -Paul-

Snowmageddon and Amateur Radio

Snowmageddon, that super wet snow that hammered Douglas County in February of this year, came out of nowhere, catching most of us unprepared. A lot of hams went "dark" as a result of losing power to their homes, some for more than a week depending on their location and source of power. The silver lining from Snowmageddon is it should be a catalyst to take action to prepare for the next incident.

On my home front,

I added: additional propane storage for the generator installed a transfer switch to hook up the generator to the service panel upgraded and expanded radio power sourcing and distribution

By power "sourcing" I mean the installation of a *West Mountain Radio*, "Epic PwrGate". <http://www.westmountainradio.com/pdf/epic-pwrgate-manual.pdf> This gadget allows me to feed my solar panels into it, power supply, hookup my battery backup system, AND manage how power is distributed to the radio. Its pretty slick. I also take advantage of Anderson power poles, power strips, and voltage boosters. The point of all this is there are things you can do to increase survival-ability of your station, even if its just an incremental improvement of having extra batteries for your handheld. Treat it like a work in progress so you don't break the bank! The key to this prepper message is do it NOW to improve your radio system for the next "big" one. Mike W7OVN