

Umpqua Valley Radio Club

WATT'S UP

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Newsletter for the Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club
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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,

Now we have the major holidays behind us, and a New Year ahead of us, it is time to think of a direction we want to take the club. In my opinion, we must have a club that is fiscally responsible. We started that process this month with a more detailed financial report to better inform our members, thank you Jim KF7FIB for all your hard work on that. From there we can see where we have our weaknesses and make informed decisions on how to strengthen them.

As mentioned last meeting, our membership has gone down, and as a result so has our income to operate. Someone once said that if you do the same thing over and over and expect different results, that is when they measure you for your personal straight jacket and reserve your private padded room. So as a club, we have to start thinking outside the box on how to bring in new members. There are a couple ideas that I have been made aware of and one is generating club flyers and handing them out to successful candidates of the technician exam. This is a good start, and we need more.

I am also encouraged with our new project class that Doug KW6E and Steve KB7WDP has started. This helps give the club a broader dimension other than just meetings. If you have any other ideas on how to grow the club, please email myself, Jim, or Lynn.

Another option to balance the budget is to know where to cut expenses. It was suggested at the last meeting that we turn over all responsibility of Lane Mountain Repeater to the ARES club. Since ARES has already invested so much into new equipment and labor, and as a club we do not receive enough donations to pay the electric bill. We have been supplementing the short fall by using our savings account, but this is limited resources as that account also pays for all other club expenses as well as maintaining Boomer Hill repeater. We will discuss this option further at our next meeting, so be sure to come and give your opinion.

That's a lot to think about, as everything in life, there are pros and cons to this option. We as a club just need to remember that to have a club, we need to have a balanced budget. We just have to explore all options on how to do that.

73

Dennis Riggs WA7RIG

UVARC Meeting Minutes January 17, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Dennis Riggs with 22 present

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Jim Stunts KF7FIB who explained that a new report format would be adopted with a more explanation report would be presented to the membership. As the report shows that the club for the last few years has been mostly in the red. This year with the declining membership and with us only charging \$16.00 for a membership, which is one of the lowest membership fees in the state for radio clubs. The report will be presented line item by line item so every member will know where the money is going. Let it be known that the banks and the credit unions will be going to a 0.25 cent surcharge

for banking transactions at the window so if you are renewing your membership do it by check not cash. 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.

Christmas Dinner was held December 20th2018 at the First Christian Church on Kane street. It was well attended, and a good time was held by all attendees.

New Business

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

Doug (KW6E) and Steve Sunderland (N7TPK) are working on a QST project and they explained the project and what it would do. They went on and tried to recruit more interest from other club members.

President Dennis gave a talk on 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 made a recommendation to look at leaving the Lane Mountain repeater to the ARRES Group and the electric bill. And move to the Boomer Mountain repeater.

An Achievement Award was awarded to the following individuals for the Outstanding Work they performed on all the Local Repeaters.

Jerry Eifert (AE7ER)

Jim Rucker (WA6KHG)

Hugh Harbin (Mike) (W7OVN)

Mel Stewart (N7MNS)

Brent Case