

Umpqua Valley Radio Club

WATT'S UP

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Newsletter for the Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club

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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

June 2018 UVARC Minutes of Club Meeting June 21, 2018

Meeting brought to order by President Dennis Riggs (WA7RIG) with 26 present,

Pledge of allegiance, Introductions by name and call sign.

No minutes from last meeting were read. Treasurer's report was given by Jim Stuntz (KF7FIB).

Repeater report was given by Jerry Eifert (AE7ER), Changes are coming because of a grant to upgrade/update several repeaters within the Douglas County system.

Old Business

a. The new Constitution is on the website. b. Field Day is this Saturday at Glide High School

c. Echolink report by Dale Wilson (KC7YFE), new net is moving slowly. Jim Stuntz (KF7FIB) is working with Doug Hanson to be able to use his 2M Echolink system for club use on Thursdays.

New Business

A. We need a new club Secretary as Russ is having health related issues.

b.Christine Masters (AF7OK) gave a great presentation on the MARS system..

c. The Wednesday night net will be held on the Boomer Hill repeater until the Lane Mt. system is updated.

d. Steve Burke (KB7WDP) is trying to get a team formed for the September VHF QSO Party.

Meeting adjourned by President Dennis Riggs (WA7RIG).

President's Message

We have had several new Techs pass their exams the last couple of times. I think I can count at least 7, you can correct me if I'm high or low. The problem is that we have only had a couple of those new techs show up to our meetings. We must think of somehow do a better job of reaching out to those new hams and help them become aware of our club and the help that is available to them as they learn and become more involved in the Ham community. If you have any ideas on how to do this, please send me a note.

I have to apologize for the lack of fldigi presentation at our last meeting, my notebook computer is getting more and more finiky with the external VGA port. I will work on a solution to that and bring the presentation to you in the July meeting.

With the current propagation problems and noise levels we have on HF and some on VHF as well, reminds us on how vulnerable we are if we are only relying on voice to communicate with one another. That is why I promote the increase use of digital communications. We as a club should learn and practice more on digital communications. During and emergency digital will get out where voice will fail. At our July meeting I will demonstrate more on the abilities of fldigi and perhaps as a club we could set up an digital net for practice. We can address this more at the meeting.

In the meantime, happy Hamming !

Dennis Riggs

WA7RIG

The North Umpqua Trail 50/100k foot race is cancelled this year because some of the trail is still closed due to last year's fires.

The Echolink Experience

By Dale, KC7YFE

Hi Fellow Club Members, this article is about my own experiences in using the Echolink software. Before I get started, some of you know me from 1997, when I took the Technician Exam Elements and moved up through the License Classes. I've got to say that the hobby has, and will always be a treasured possession to me.

Before I got my Ham Ticket, I was a CB user, and what I heard was cussing and preaching. That's 11 meter Children's Band for ya.

When I first got on a friend's 2 meter as third party, I experienced a whole new world of people who had, and still have common sense about them. I started acquiring the radios I had over the years and used them all a great deal. I have always enjoyed Ham Radio much more than "11 Meter Children's Band". The High Frequency Bands, 10 through 160 worked well when propagation was good. Over the years, I have met some very interesting people On The High Frequency as well as the very high and ultra high frequency bands. I will also continue to do this because It is interesting to hear People share their day, their Hobbies, What's going on in their own lives, or just anything else that comes to mind. About five or six months ago, I discovered Echolink Voice Over Internet Protocol software. This is an application that can be downloaded Do a computer, tablet, or other device. Since I got this software, It has really opened some new doors for me and has allowed me to meet many interesting people. This article is really about my experiences using this software. I have to say, it has really opened some brand new doors for me. Since I've been on Echolink, I have served as Alternate Net Control for one of the nets that takes place On a regular basis, I have really enjoyed doing this because I can reach out to other people and to be a Ham among Hams, and a friend among friends.