

Umpqua Valley Radio Club

WATT'S UP APRIL 2021

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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

Presidents Message

Greetings!

We've been having great turn outs to our new meeting place in Sutherlin. We've also been having great presentations. It's always been my goal to have not just a business meeting, but a meeting that informs as well to make it worth the trip, and I think we've accomplished that. There are some interesting changes coming to our hobby coming down from our lustrous leaders from FCC. First they complain that the hobby is declining, so they remove the MORSE requirement from the test. It did help a lot. Now that the hobby started picking up again, the government in their infinite wisdom says, "Hey, look! Another cash cow! Let's charge the crap out of them and bring in more money, what could go wrong?" Next they say, "We need another regulation on these guys because after over a hundred years, they have no idea what they are doing, plus we need to justify our jobs." So now we are looking at adding fees to perspective new HAMS, and then make everyone do the stupid radiation test. Oh how I love government bureaucracy! These challenges are not going to help the hobby, and I predict a downward spiral in new memberships. As with every challenge comes a solution, so I think we as a club need to step up and get our heads together and find ways to circumvent these ramifications. Let's get our thinking caps on and together we can achieve great things to continue to promote and grow our club and hobby. 73's

Dennis Riggs
WA7RIG

UVARC Minutes for APRIL 15, 2021

Dennis WA7RIG opened the meeting with introductions. Jim WN7COO read the treasurers report. Our finances are in good order.

Old business: still having breakfast at Denney's on Saturday at 7 am. Bylaw modifications were done by vote. If the club was to dissolve, all assets would go to a nonprofit.

New Business: Repeater report, all working okay. Doug KW6E gave update on the club project. He will be collecting \$30 for parts to build a half wave long wire antenna. It was announced that Jim Rucker WA6KHG had passed. He was instrumental in getting our local repeaters operational. He will be missed. A moment of silence was held. We talked about the Watts Up distribution. It was decided that the 6 people that don't have email will still receive their Watts Up by mail and the rest will be my email. Paul KJ7BFQ brought up that the FCC has changed their RF radiation rules. Refer to FCC or club website for information. He also brought up that our field day park pavilion can't be used this year due to fire. It was suggested that we could use the Way church lot. The Saturday prior to the meeting, Steve KB7WDP had an exercise handling traffic in case of emergency. It went well.

Mark KC6BPH gave a presentation on FT8 digital operation. Thank you Mark. Meeting adjourned. By Vote