



Watts Up

Monthly Newsletter of the Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club
Sept. 2022

The Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club meets monthly at The Way Church, 1352 East Central, Sutherlin.

UVARC.NET is the club website. Check the website for updated information about testing, meetings, events and radio nets. The website also lists local repeaters and frequencies.

VE Test Sept. 14 @ 6 pm
Next Meeting Sept. 15 @ 7pm

New Hams, and Upgraded Licenses

No tests given in July or August.

Our newest Ham is:

Note that both the VE test and meeting are the same week

General Exam Test Question - G0B14 (B)

What precaution should you take whenever you adjust or repair an antenna?

- A. Ensure that you and the antenna structure are grounded
- B. Turn off the transmitter and disconnect the feed line
- C. Wear a radiation badge
- D. All these choices are correct

Answer at the end of the newsletter

Upcoming Ham Events

Sept. 11-12 – ARRL VHF contest

Sept. 15 – Monthly UVARC meeting, The Way Church, 7pm

Sept. 17 – Swap Meet a Larry's in Winston on Hwy 42, look for the antenna farm. 8am - ??

Oct. 15 – Mid-Valley ARES Hamfest in Rickreall – 9am to 3pm (\$20-22 for a table, \$10 admission)

Ice Cream Social

Your ever-so-hard-working editor wimped out and didn't make the Ice Cream Social, but I hear from loyal fans that we had 20 to 25 people there. It sounded like everyone had a good time. I haven't received any photos, and didn't see any on the website, so no pictures in the newsletter this time.

ARRL VHF contest

The ARRL VHF contest begins on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 11am, and runs until 8pm on Sunday night. We usually meet in the clearing on the Callahan's on Saturday. To get there go out Dorner Rd. to Callahan Rd. When you get to the top of a series of switchbacks, there is a big wide spot in the road, where we usually set up.

Way Station Status

I have heard that both the HF and VHF radios and antennas have been installed in The Way Church. A lot of work having been done by Mark N7MHR. Having the radio station in the Church gives both the club and the church an emergency communications point, as well as being a place for club members to have another station to work if theirs goes funky.

July Meeting minutes

Below are the un-approved minutes of the June 16th UVARC meeting. Corrections or additions to the minutes need to be referred to Sec./Treas. Pam KK7BWM

Note: These Minutes have been condensed for the Newsletter. Contact Pam for the full Minutes.

13 members present

Pam KK7BWM presented June Club Minutes and the Treasurer report, both were unanimously accepted

VHF Contest in September. Those wishing to attend, it will be held on the Callahan's, as usual. Typically, in the second weekend in September. See above.

Greg W7HDG is interested in setting up build programs for those wishing to build antennas or other small equipment. He would like to know who would be interested in this, what they are interested in building, and when he knows this, a time and place will be found to do this. Idea: Continuator, which normally cost about \$80, can be built for about \$4-5. Grants Pass Radio Club may also be interested in getting together for this. Show of hands demonstrates that all attendees would be interested in doing this

Reed Dohnavan KK7GSP brought up the idea of getting on What's App for the club to be able to communicate together if they cannot meet. This App is a cell phone app. Brian KI7IIT recommended Discord App, as it might be more usable as groups can meet rather than two or more. Through discussion, it was determined that Discord would be the better option. Dohnavan will be giving a demonstration on Discord in September on how this would work.

Summer Field Day held on Saturday, June 25th, at The Way Church. Discussed a change in the location for Field Day next year. Because of the high temperatures in the month of June, a change to a park where there would be better shaded areas, and the ability to spread out further should be discussed before this event occurs next year.

The Way Station! Update on setting up a Radio Station at the church Discussion. Waiting for cooler weather to install. A work crew will be gathered when a date and time is established, in September. Any Volunteers contact Mark N7MHR or Steve KB7WDP.

ECHOLINK was demonstrated by Dale KC7YFE

General Test Answer: **B**