

Umpqua Valley Radio Club

WATT'S UP February 2021

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Newsletter for the Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club

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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

UVARC DEATH NOTICES

JEFF DILLEY (Veteran)

DON FULTON (Veteran)

Meeting Minutes February 21 2021

Dennis WA7RIG opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions with 18 Members Present.

Old Business:

Jim WN7COO read the treasurers report and all is in good order.

It is likely that the restaurants will be closed soon because of virus so we might not have club breakfast in the near future refer to the website for the latest news on Breakfast. We talked about expelling Wayne Estes for vicious language at the previous meeting. A vote was taken by secret ballot the results were to expel. His membership dues have been returned. A Technician class will be coming up in the new future by Steve KB7WDP. Repeater update: Our repeaters seem to be in good order at this time We talked about a change in the bylaws and it was decided to bring it up to vote at the next meeting. If the club was to dissolve, any assets would go to a nonprofit organization instead of to ARES. This was the second reading.

New Business:

On March 6 there is going to be an exercise as if there would be no cell service or internet. We will handle some traffic via radio from 8 am to 11 am on 146.9 repeater.

It was brought up that if any Ham hears unauthorized use of our repeaters that they should not handle it themselves , it should be reported to the repeater owners and let them take care of it. The repeater owners are Jim WN7COO, Lynn W7HDU and Dean K7FS for the Sheep Hill Repeater.

Paul KJ7BFQ had the Friday night Simplex net with operators using emergency power. It worked quite well.

Doug, KW6E brought in a project. It is a transformer to connect coax to a long wire antenna for portable use. The cost to build is about \$30.00 and they could be made and sold at Rickreall for \$60.00. It looked like a relatively easy build. Thank you Doug.

Winter field day was held at Mark's, KC6BPH QTH on Glengary Loop Road. There was a good turnout and contacts were made. Thank you Mark.

Mark brought up for presentations, the club might want to buy an overhead projector. Several models were suggested. The club will consider.

Meeting adjourned.

Rick, W7DFV Secretary

Presidents Message

Greetings:

It was a great turnout last meeting .we got the business done in ample time to have two presentations. It is my goal that the meetings will be much more than business. I want it to be fun and educational as well. On that note Steve Burke KB7WDP made the announcement that the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints is cooperating with Douglas County ARES who will be holding a grid down Radio exercise on Saturday March 6 from 8am to 11am. The UVARC was invited to join in to help pass messages The primary repeater that will be used on this exercise will be the Lane Mt 146.900 Exercises like this are very important. We rely too heavily on our cell phones and assume they will be working during a disaster . As we found out at the Snowmageddon that isn't necessarily so. We have all gotten into this hobby for different reasons, however it is my personal belief it is incumbent on all radio operators to be available to act as Emergency Communicator during a Disaster. What better way to find out our strengths and weakness than with practice.It is what better to find out what needs improved while the sky is blue and you have a chance to fix it, then it is during a disaster and lives depend on your script working to save Lives I am looking forward to the upcoming exercise and hope you all will join me.

Thank YOU ALL FOR WHAT YOU DO OUT THERE

73's

Dennis Riggs