



Watts Up

Monthly Newsletter of the Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club
July 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 July 21 @ 7pm

New Hams, and Upgraded Licenses

On June 8th, we tested 1 person for a new license.

Our newest Ham is:

Dohnovan Reed – KK7GSR - Technician

General Exam Test Question - G1B07

What are the restrictions on the use of abbreviations or procedural signals in the Amateur Service?

- A. Only "Q" signals are permitted
- B. They may be used if they do not obscure the meaning of a message
- C. They are not permitted
- D. Only "10 codes" are permitted

Answer at the end of the newsletter

Upcoming Ham Events

June 25 – Field Day, See article below.

July 1-7 – 13 Colonies Special Event, See article below.

Aug. 18 - Ice Cream Social – At the Way Church, paid members only. The Ice Cream Social will be held on the 3rd Thursday of August, in place of our regular meeting.

Field Day

ARRL Field Day is still scheduled to begin setup at 9am on Saturday June 25th. The Potluck Dinner starts at 6 pm. Even if you don't have an HF radio, or cannot use HF radios on your own, you can come and be a "Third Party Operator" on a licensed ham's rig. So come out and join us. And have your spouse and family join us at the Potluck Dinner. Band Coordinator is Greg W7HDG, Potluck Coordinator is Jerry KJ7HPH.

13 Colonies Special Event

From July 1 thru July 7 special stations in each of the States representing the original 13 colonies operate, plus 2 Bonus stations. At the end of the event, you can request a certificate (along with a \$5 donation). You send in your log sheet, and the certificate will list all the stations you were able to contact. Check their website at

<http://www.13colonies.us> It's a fun event. It gets a little tricky breaking through some of the pileups, because all the stations are on the east coast. Several of the club members have participated in the past. Last year I got QSL's on 7 of the 15 stations. All bands except 60 meters are available for us, and all modes are possible.

August Newsletter

Your ever vigilant and hardworking Newsletter Editor will be off to Boy Scout Camp most of July. That means that in all likelihood, there will not be an August newsletter.

June 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.

President called meeting to order with the Pledge, and Roll Call was conducted. 21 Members present.

Presentation of May's Club Minutes & Treasure's report was done by Pam KK7BWM. Both were unanimously voted on and accepted as read. Pam KK7BWM will no longer read minutes at the meeting. They are available on Watts Up and at the meeting for review. Minutes were approved by membership as written.

Repeater's Report: Clancy K7CAM delivered report that all repeaters are running well. He will be adding coax cable to hook up remote.

Ice Cream Social in August. Instead of the regular club meeting, there will be a member's only Potluck and Ice Cream Social held at 6pm, third Thursday of August (18th).

Paul W7PEB will not be available to do the Simplex Net in July. Greg W7HDG volunteered to take his place.

Report on SEA PAC Ham Convention on June 3rd – 5th, Steve Sunderland N7TPK attended and reported that it was not as large as in previous years, but still largely attended and very fun and informative.

The VHF/UHF Contest: June 11th, on Callahan Ridge was attended by Steve KB7WDP, Mark N7MHR, Bob KF7FID, and Greg W7HDG. They reported to having a good time, with contacts as far away as Colorado.

Club 2-Meter FM Net, New Net Control, Jim WN7COO will be stepping down as the controller and needs someone to carry on with this Net. Starting in August. Notify Jim WN7COO and/or Steve KB7WDP if interested. 6-meter SSB Net Controller Needed: President Burke asked if anyone was interested in establishing this Net; a volunteer is needed

ELMER Sign-up Sheet: Those interested in being an Elmer for the club's new members, please sign up, and notate your interests and/or specialties.

New FCC Regulation: Commission Registration System (CORES) requires all Hams to create a new registration in the new CORES system. Jim WN7COO explained that all Hams must go into the program and register. Must create a new password of 12-15 characters, and register your FRN# to username.

The Way Station! Update on setting up a Radio Station at the church. Work party will be organized when all required materials are gathered, and a date chosen.

Any Volunteers contact Mark N7MHR or Steve KB7WDP.

Greg W7HDG brought in a Satellite Antennae that he made and explained it use.

ECHOLINK Demo by Dale KC7YFE had to be rescheduled because of issues with electronic for the presentation.

General Test Answer: B