



Watts Up

Monthly Newsletter of the Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club

April 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, club events, and radio nets. The website also lists local repeaters and frequencies.

VE Test April 13 @ 6 pm
Next Meeting April 21 @ 7pm

New Hams, and Upgraded Licenses

No one showed up for the Monthly Ham test this month. Therefore, no one failed, and we had a 100% pass rate this month.

General Exam Test Question - G2A06

Which of the following is an advantage when using single sideband, as compared to other analog voice modes on the HF amateur bands?

- A. Very high fidelity voice modulation
- B. Less subject to interference from atmospheric static crashes
- C. Ease of tuning on receive and immunity to impulse noise
- D. Less bandwidth used and greater power efficiency

Answer at the end of the newsletter

Upcoming Ham Events

June 3-5 – Sea Pac in Seaside. Registration is open. at: seapac.org

Registration will be on-line only at the SeaPac website. Check out their website. If you tried already and couldn't get registered earlier, try again, they were improving their registration process. Registration is open by now.

April 10 (Sunday) – ARRL's Rookie Roundup, Phone. Rookies are hams less than 3 years.

Good fun and practice if you are a new ham. "Old" only get credit for contacting "New" hams. Contest runs from 1100 to 1700, on Sunday only.

April Field Day and Social at Singleton Park

Saturday, April 9th, we are gathering at Singleton Park to socialize, and maybe play with our radios. Texas Parks on the Air; plus New Mexico, Georgia, North Dakota, and Nebraska QSO parties are all happening that day. The pavilion at Singleton Park has a fireplace, so even if it is cool wet day we can gather round the fire and stay warm. This is the first of our planned get togethers to try to bring more interest to the club and socialize among ourselves. The club is looking into doing this kind of thing several times a year to make contacts on radios and in person. It also gives many of us more practice, so when the ARRL June 25th Field Day rolls around, we'll be ready. If you are bringing a radio, be ready to begin transmitting about 10am. If you are coming for the social event and hot dogs, be there about 11 or 11:30. Bring your wives, kids, friends, pesky neighbors, etc. All are welcome.

Singleton Park at the end of Curry Rd. off Garden Valley Rd. Turn at the river Forks Market.

Hot dogs will be provided, you need to potluck anything else you want to eat. Beverages are on your own, remember, no alcoholic beverages at Club events. (Oh, yes. Buns & mustard will be provided, too.)

For everyone who plans to come play on the radios, there are 5 events going on that day, so hopefully the air will be full of contacts: Texas Parks on the Air and state QSO parties for New Mexico, Georgia, North Dakota, and Nebraska.

Put May 7th on your calendar. That's the Area 7 QSO party, which is most of the western states. We'll do a mini-Field Day and social that day, also. Stay tuned for the location.

Technician License? 10-Meters (28.300 to 28.500 mHz is open to you, and the 10-meter band has been opening up a lot lately.

March Meeting minutes

Below are the un-approved minutes of the Mar.17 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.

Announcements/Upcoming Events:

SEA PAC Ham Convention

June 3, 4, & 5, 2022

Seaside Convention Center, 415 First Avenue, Seaside, OR 97138

Presentation of Red Skelton's Pledge of Allegiance was made by Mark N7MHR to membership.

Saturday, April 9, 2022, Singleton Park Ham party gathering. Vote regarding Park Reservation of \$70, to assure use of all facilities, and insure the event. Discussion also included information from Greg W7HDG about Parks on the Air, National Parks Radio Events/Locations, something else that club can look into. Consider announcing in News Review and KPIC for these events to garner interest by the public. See the above article.

Club Pamphlet and Flier. Mark N7MHR presented flier and Handout to club members for approval. Needed changes and additions were discussed and the approved changes will be made,

Radio Capabilities: Mark N7MHR has about 50% of members radio capabilities worksheet returned. Work is continuing.

E-COM Frequency establishment for Club: President Burke asks any with suggestions for what would be the best E-COM Frequency for the club to please submit them to him. Repeaters are the better avenue for emergency communication for the time being. Whitetail would be the best as it is solar and doesn't always rely on electricity. Roman Nose can be gotten into by anyone, plus it is run on diesel.

Progress of Club Membership: Jim WN7COO read Membership Report by Pam KK7BWM, that there are 51 paying members, of which 9 are lifetime members. Delinquent members have been contacted regarding continuing membership interest. Letter/emails have been sent and responses are coming in. Two new members joined at last meeting.

Summer Field Day (President Burke's Discussion) June 25 & 26 are the Summer Field Day dates, from 11am, Saturday thru 11am Sunday. This will be held at The Way Church. A Band Coordinator, (to assure that different bands are being used, so there will be less interference with the attendees' contacts), and a Potluck Coordinator will be needed for this event.

Club Building: Discussion about fundraising and ways for drawing enthusiasm for events: Raffles, 50/50 tickets at events, setting up a donation can at events...any other ideas. Ideas discussed were members donate used equipment for an auction; Raffle of a newly purchased equipment. Discussion also of Mark N7MHR becoming the Media Director/Public Affairs Director of the club.

Presentation: Paul Ebelmesser AG7UJ, Solar Propagation: A great presentation was made using the QRZ.com Solar-Terrestrial Data

General Test Answer: D