



Watts Up

Monthly Newsletter of the Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club
June 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 June 8 @ 6 pm
Next Meeting June 16 @ 7pm
Field Day June 25 starting @ 9am

New Hams, and Upgraded Licenses

On May 11th, we tested 6 people for new licenses and upgrades.

Our newest Hams are:

Thomas Pyle – KK7FKW – General
Scott Kesterson – KK7GBC -Technician
Samuel Stevens – W7GWM – Extra
Robert Whitaker – KK7GBD- Technician
John Tunnicliffe – KK7GBF - Technician
Joshua Stevens – KK7GBQ - Technician

Extra Exam Test Question - E1C11

Which of the following operating arrangements allows an FCC-licensed U.S. citizen to operate in many European countries, and alien amateurs from many European countries to operate in the U.S.?

- A. CEPT agreement
- B. IARP agreement
- C. ITU reciprocal license
- D. All these choices are correct

Answer at the end of the newsletter

Upcoming Ham Events

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

June 4-5 – ARRL Digital contest

June 11-12 – ARRL VHF contest

June 25 -26– ARRL Field Day (Sat. only for us)

Field Day

One of the big Ham Radio events is ARRL's Field Day on June 25 and 26. The object of Field Day is to give amateur radio operators experience in working radios in a remote environment. We will be hosting our event on Saturday, June 25th at The Way Church. Field Day officially starts at 1100 on Saturday morning, we will begin setting up at 0900. Last year we had 5 stations, even with the 110-degree weather. Hopefully this year

will be a lot nicer. To even the playing field nationwide, all stations are limited to 100 watts, so we won't get wiped out by high-powered eastern stations, like we were for 7QP.

Our mini-field days at Singleton Park should help all of us get ready for Field Day. If you have never done a remote station, our Field Days are a good chance to see how you might set up your station. It usually is a chance to practice on some of our members radios and get some experience. The overall purpose is to get us ready in the event we have to set up stations in an emergency situation. And also to have fun together.

At the end of our Field Day operations, we will have our annual Potluck Dinner in the church's social hall.

If our field day events aren't enough for you, Field Day doesn't officially end until 3pm on Sunday, so go home and play a little bit more.

If you are keeping Field Day logs on your computer, if you can download an ADIF file to a thumb drive or email it to your editor, I will combine the logs and enter our club totals, using our N7TZ callsign. Band coordinator is Greg W7HDG, Potluck coordinator is Jerry KJ7HPH. Potluck signup sheet will be at the June meeting.

June ARRL Digital Contest

This contest is designed for our digital loving Hams. Check the ARRL website and the contest calendar for rules. The contest runs from 1100 Sat. June 4 to 1700 June 5 (PDT)

June ARRL VHF Contest

Less well known than Field Day, is ARRL's VHF contest, held from 1100 June 11th until 2000 June 12th. The VHF band includes everything above 50 MHz. Many times club members have gone up to the Callahan's to work this contest. Your hard working editor can't make the VHF contest this year, but if someone is interested in ramrodding this, I suggest you get the info to Jim, WN7COO so he can get it on the webpage. You can also announce it on the club nets.



Singleton Park May 7 Field Day

We had a great gathering at Singleton Park for the Area 7 QSO Party. By my count, we had 11 members come out with 6 radios operating. The fireplace was welcome, and the food was great. Mark makes good chili, nice on a cool wet day. Between the Area 7 and New England QSO parties, your editor had 30 contacts. All of the photos from the day are on the UVARC website.

May Meeting minutes

Below are the un-approved minutes of the May 19th 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.

How to find Repeater locations via the UVARC website was demonstrated by Mark N7MHR

Reading of April's Club Minutes & Treasure's report was done by Pam KK7BWM. Both were unanimously votes accepted as read.

President Burke received an email from Dan Bissell of the Coos Ham Radio Club requesting Volunteers to man two Check Point/rest stops in the Tour De France bike race to be held June 18, 2022. UVARC and the Coos club worked together in the past for this event. If any are interested, please let President Burke know so he can send contact information to Dan regarding volunteers. Iron Mountain repeater covers the full course of the event. Greg W7HDG volunteered.

STEAM Extravaganza 2022 at UCC, May 14th, Jim WN7COO, Clancy W7CAM and Bob KF7FID set up a table. This event was well attended and received. Jim WN7COO gave a report of the event to the members and stated that he received an email from the organizers, thanking the club for attending and hope that we will participate next year.

ELMER Sign-up Sheet: Sign-up forms were left on the tables for those interested in being an Elmer for the club's new members, to sign and notate your interests and/or specialties. Forms were collected at the end of the meeting with two signing.

Greg W7HDG proposed that the club put on a Fox Hunt to get younger people involved in the club and interest in Ham Amateur Radio. He would be glad to lead this effort if he can get more than 2-3 club members willing to help. There were over three who signed up. Contact Greg if you want to help. The event will be tentatively set for September.

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 the regular meeting time, third Thursday of August (18th), at 6 pm. Potluck Sign-up sheet will be available at July's meeting

Club 2 Meter FM Net, Jim WN7COO will be stepping down as the controller and needs someone to carry on with this Net. Jim's surgery schedule will be known in June and he can get the interested person up and running by the end of June to take over.

The Way Station! The project of setting up a Radio Station at The Way Church was discussed. A locking rolltop desk for the equipment has been donated by the club, radio equipment and antenna donated by club members, and when everything had been gathered a work crew will be established to put it all together. Jim WN7COO is looking into a Call Sign for the church's radio station (KF7SHH). This station will be known as: The Way Station. Any Volunteers contact Mark N7MHR or Steve KB7WDP.

Steve KG7KQT demonstrated various methods of running ham radio: Solar, Golf Cart Batteries, and other methods and equipment to power or charge. He explained the items brought and answered questions and good discussion ensued.

General Test Answer: **A**