



Watts Up

Monthly Newsletter of the Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club
November 2021

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.

Christmas Party – Dec. 16 @ 6pm
Next Test – Dec. 8 @ 6pm

New Hams, and Upgraded Licenses

On Nov 10th, we tested 5 people for new licenses and upgrades.

Pam Chase – KK7BWM Mark Consiglio – KK7BWL
Brian Foster – W7BFX – upgrade to General
Michael Chase – KF7OLY – upgrade to Extra

Club Officers for 2022

Steve Burke (Quarterwatt) – President
Mark Rowell – 1st Vice President
Greg Hesseltine - 2nd Vice President
Pam Chase – Secretary and Treasurer
Paul Ebelmesser – Sgt. At Arms

Ham of the Year

To be announced at our December 16th Christmas Party. Nominations for Ham of the Year are closed and the HOTH committee are working on the award.

Christmas Party

Almost time for the Club's Annual Christmas Party. This is one of the club's big events for the year. In addition to a great potluck dinner we also present the new club officers, and award the Ham of the Year. Once again we will be at The Way Church. The dinner starts at 6pm. Bring a potluck dish of your choice. Just a reminder, this event is for members of the Club. If you have a special guest (like a relative that just showed up on your doorstep this afternoon, or a prospective member, I'm assured the Sgt. At Arms won't make them wait on the doorstep.)

Extra Exam Test Question - G0A03

How can you determine that your station complies with FCC RF exposure regulations?

- A. By calculation based on FCC OET Bulletin 65
- B. By calculation based on computer modeling
- C. By measurement of field strength using calibrated equipment
- D. All these choices are correct

Upcoming Ham Events

The ARRL 10-meter contest runs from 1600 hrs. Friday Dec. 9 to 1600 hrs. on Sunday Dec. 12. This can be an interesting contest, depending on the “sporadic e” and other atmospheric events. All contacts must be on the 10-meter band (28 MHz Band). Phone or CW. The exchange is easy, Call Sign, Signal Report (usually 59) and your State. The web page is: <http://www.arrl.org/10-meter>. N3FJP.com has software for this contest.

Jan. 29 Winter Field Day

Feb. 19 – Salem Ham Fair in Rickreall

June 3-5 – Sea Pak in Seaside. Registration will open on Feb. 15 at: seapac.org

Sponsors of all these events are REALLY planning to hold them in 2022

What Good Are Contests?

I just finished with the CQ WorldWide SSB contest, and as I was working the contest, some thoughts struck me. Why am I doing this? As I think about it, I have found I really have gotten some good out even the few contests and Field Day events that I have entered.

1. You learn to fine tune your radio. Nobody ever sits on a nice round frequency; they pick an open spot where there's no one else. So, you learn to tune very fine, to weed out as much cross-talk as you can.
2. You will get used to non-standard phonetic alphabets. I know we are supposed to use the standard alphabet, but radio guys like to use some other phonetic words. That's really OK, we ain't in the military, and sometimes the alternate words come through better.
3. Patience. Pileups happen, fading signals are a fact of radio life, propagation sometimes seem to only go in one direction.
4. Learn to pick out and understand the spoken (or CW) word, through all the static, foreign accents, and southern dialects. This does really help you later when you are on nets or just rag-chewing.
5. Learn logging techniques. Whether you are using a paper log or logging software on your computer. And of course, you need those records of you want to go for Worked All States and other certificates.

With my contest entries, I am now down to only 9 more states for my WAS certificate. And this weekend alone I picked up 10 new DX countries. My wife may not share my excitement with talking to Finland and Japan, but other Hams do.

The Nov. 12 Issue of the ARRL newsletter gives 10 hints for working Contests: Read the Contest rules, Use a Logging program (N1MM Logger or N3FJP are good ones), More operating time means more contacts, Set achievable goals, Study propagation forecasts, Don't waste time in pileups, Work Multipliers, Know your radio's knobs, Use standard phonetics, Listen before calling (Make sure you correctly copy the other station's call sign and exchange, which you can enter in your log while waiting in line).

Volunteer Monitoring

Be aware, the ARRL has a group of Volunteer Monitors that listen on the airwaves. Their job is to report to the FCC violation of FCC regulations by Ham operators. They have been very active in the last few months, including some Douglas County nasty-grams. One of the biggest violations is forgetting to give call signs every 10 minutes. So set a timer or do something to remind you to repeat your callsign when you are on the air. This means us Net Control guys, too. The VM program is a cooperative program between the FCC and the ARRL.

November Meeting minutes

Please read and check the Club Minutes below. If you have any corrections or additions get them to Pam Chase before the January meeting.

Lynn, W7HDU opened the meeting with the Pledge and introductions. There were 18 members present.

Minutes of the Meeting on Oct. 21, 2021 were read and approved

The Treasurers report was read and approved

Repeater Committee: Access to the Whitetail Ridge repeater and fusion for Wires-X is 145.675 (simplex). Not all data streams and "rooms" are accessible via Simplex.

Old business: Doug, K76E talked about the power board project. All went well and he has a few boards for sale for \$30 to club members.

New business: We are holding elections for new officers. Ballots were turned in to Rick, W7DFV.

We still need net controls for those interested in doing the 2-Meter SSB and 6-Meter SSB nets. We also need a new net control at the first of year for the 28.405 MHz 10-Meter net because the current net manager cannot do it during the Winter months

Winter field day will be January 29. Location yet to be determined.

The Christmas potluck will be December 16 at 6 pm at the Way Church.

Rick tallied the votes for new officers.

Steve Burke, KB7WDP will be our new President.

Mark, RowellN7MHR will be Vice President.

Greg Hesseltine, W7HDG will be 2nd Vice President.

Paul Ebelmesser, AG7UJ will remain as Sergeant at Arms.

A voice vote was held to elect Pam Chase, KK7BWM to be Secretary and Treasurer.

Thank you to our new officers.

Meeting adjourned.

From Rick W7DFV, UVARC Secretary



Extra Test Answer: D