



# Watts Up

Monthly Newsletter of the Umpqua Valley Amateur Radio Club  
June, 2023

## New Hams, and Upgraded Licenses

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 14 @ 6 pm

Next Meeting June 15 @ 7pm

Our newest Hams from our May tests:

Richard Shanahan – KJ7EAW – Extra

David Baker – WA6IMS – General

Wiley Robbins - - Technician

James Noyes – KK7JBX - General

## General Exam Question of the Month

What precaution should you take whenever you adjust or repair an antenna?

- A. Ensure that you and the antenna structure are grounded
- B. Turn off the transmitter and disconnect the feed line
- C. Wear a radiation badge
- D. All these choices are correct

*Answer at the end of the newsletter*

## Upcoming Ham Events

June 24 – 11am to 5pm - ARRL Field Day – This is your chance to come out and practice emergency field operations. We will be setting up in the park in Sutherlin. The park has a large covered pavilion, plus the activity center adjacent to the park has a wide covered veranda. The park has trees, so you have a chance to hang antennas up, if you need to. As far as I know, there is no 110-volt power available. This is part of the emergency planning you should do. How are you going to get power for your radio? Batteries, solar, dog on a treadmill? Whatever works for you.

Don't have any ideas, yet. Come on out anyway, you can see how some of the rest of us work our radios.

The exchange is simple, 1) Your Operating Class, 2) number of operators at your station or from your club, and 3) your State (OR)

We will have our potluck dinner after we shut down our stations, starting at 6pm at The Way Church. The potluck dinner is a long tradition in our club. We usually eat very well. Even if you don't plan to do Field Day with us, come to our dinner. Bring a dish to share. Some paper plates and plasticware will be available, but we suggest you bring your own service.

### Technician Class in June

Quarterwatt will be hosting another technician class at the LDS Church on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. The classes will be from 9am to 4pm. For more information, call 541-580-4795. The next amateur radio tests will be on June 15<sup>th</sup>, so the class will have the information fresh in their minds. (The tests will be given at The Way Church, our usual test location)

### >>>>>Club Treasurer<<<<<

The club is actively seeking nominations for a Treasurer. Our current Treasurer is once again stepping down, and he says, "This time I really mean it". Jim will help whoever decides to seek the position, but he has had enough years in the job, so it's time to pass the baton.

### Sutherlin Preparedness Fair

The City of Sutherlin is hosting a preparedness fair on Thursday, June 15, in the City Plaza. The purpose of the fair is to help people be ready for any out-of-the-ordinary event. Our club will be participating, to give people the opportunity to find out about emergency communications.

### Area 7 QSO Party

Kind of a bust for me, this year. I was really looking forward to 7QP. During the day, the only active band was 20-meters. 20-meters was bouncing long, I picked up the Midwest and East coast, and a few Arizona and So. Calif. station. Counting my POTA contacts, I only had about 40 contacts. I worked both 10- and 15-meters but heard no stations. I heard the same thing from other friends who worked 7QP. After dark, 40-meters started picking up, but I was tired by then, so I only worked a few stations. Because of the VE testing that day, I wasn't able to go with the PRA group to Prineville, where they traditionally operate. But that's OK, they woke up Sunday morning to 9 inches of snow.

### Another HamFest

There will be a HamFest in Bandon on July 15, hours 10am to 2pm. Contact [N6BLU@Hotmail.com](mailto:N6BLU@Hotmail.com) for more details. This will be an outdoor event, according to their flier.

### ----->>>>>FCC RF Exposure Rules <<<<<-----

The RF Exposure rules went into effect May 3<sup>rd</sup>. I know, you think the FCC isn't going to come knocking at your door, but anyone can complain to the City, the Planning Dept., etc, that you are creating a hazard to them with your radio beams. You need to do calculation sheet for your radios and antennas, and have it in your files, so you can show anyone who asks. A simple calculation sheet is found on the ARRL website, go to ARRL and up at the top, search "RF Exposure". That will take you to a page where you can access the calculator. No Printer? Copy all the information down and keep that in your files. Write the date and time you did the calculation on the sheet.

### Unusual Testing and Meeting dates in June

With June 1<sup>st</sup> being on a Thursday, it kind of throws our monthly calendar off. Our regular VE test will be on June 14<sup>th</sup>, the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. Our club meeting will be the next night, June 15<sup>th</sup>. And yes, it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. That's just the way the cookie crumbles, folks. I know it's the same day as the Preparedness Fair. Pick out one of Sutherlin's good restaurants and stay in town for a few extra hours.

General Test Answer: B