

Watt's Up

*Newsletter for the Umpqua Valley
Amateur Radio Club
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Club Call Signs

**KC7UAV
KC7TLY**

ARES Nets

Douglas County ARES
145.430 repeater
Mondays at 7 PM
District 5 ARES
3964 kHz
Mondays at 6:30PM
State ARES
3964 kHz, first/third
Tuesdays at 7 PM.

President's Message

Greetings to all of the UVARC members.

At our December meeting we elected club officers for the coming year. I was re-elected as President, Jerry KB7WDR was elected First Vice President, Wayne W9AE is still or 2nd Vice President, Russ W7DUR is still Secretary and Jerry K7ETU is still Treasurer.

We will have our Christmas party for our next meeting. It starts at 6:00 PM on our regular meeting night, December 17, 2009 it will be a potluck so bring a dish to the church across the street from the Douglas County Court House. We will be in the basement. The Ham of the Year will be announced at the Christmas Party!

In the repeater department the 146.900 Lane Mt. repeater is running well. The 147.120 Boomer Hill repeater is working better than it ever has. The DC packet node 144.930 is working great. The repeater move on Lane Mountain is coming soon if weather permits. Jerry KB7WDR, Wayne Stinson, and the county electrician went up to the new repeater site on Lane Mt. today and determined some work had to be done before we turn on the power. Arrangements are being made to get that done.

The next VE session is December 9, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at the courthouse in Room 310. Don't forget to bring a copy of your original license if you are upgrading. You also need some form of acceptable identification. The new VEC license fee for 2009 is \$15.00. Cash or a check made out to ARRL is acceptable.

Jim WA6KHG

MEMBERSHIP 2009

As of December 1, 2009 membership is 80.
Each month updated information will be provided in this space so members may keep their roster current.

Please take the time to review your information and notify me of any corrections or changes.

** 2010 **

As of December 1, 2009, the 2010 membership is 32. The 2010 roster is online in the club web page.

I may be reached via:

1. E-mail: aa7gc@arrl.net
2. Telephone: (253)631-3467
3. Regular Mail: 15823 SE 254th Pl., Covington, WA 98042-4183
73, de Dick, AA7GC, Membership

** EARLY-BIRD **

Just a reminder that it is time to renew your club membership for 2010. Members are encouraged to submit their Early-Bird contest applications. As in the past, the winner will receive his or her (or family) membership for 2010 free. Either the paper or on-line membership application form may be used.

** REQUEST **

Needed: Digital pictures of the Christmas party and the Ham-of-the-Year presentation for publishing in Club web page and the Weblog.

Please send to Dick, AA7GC: aa7gc@arrl.net

Editor's Note

- If you want to be in the UVARC Spotlight, send pictures of your shack, antennas, or mobile setup to w9ae@charter.net. Please also send any club news, pictures, for sale announcements, etc.

Wayne W9AE

UVARC REPEATERS

146.900-, PL 100 (Lane Mountain)

147.120-, PL 100 (Boomer Hill)

PACKET

Node - 144.930, DC:WB6RHW-1

UVARC Web Page

<http://aa7gc.net/uvarc/>

NOTES:

1. Watt's Up is **on line** in the UVARC web Page. It may be viewed in PDF format.
2. Members **E-mail addresses** are on the web page as a link. Password required.
3. The **club roster** is included in the web page as a link. Password required.
4. Club **constitution** is available as a linked page.
5. Back issues of **Watt's Up** are available through the club web page in PDF format.

VE Testing in Douglas County

Testing sessions are affiliated with the ARRL. They are scheduled the second Wednesday of even months except August. Sessions are held in Roseburg at the Douglas County Courthouse, room 310, 6 PM.

ARRL VEC Test Fee for 2009 is \$15.00

This fee is charged once, no matter whether taking any one, two, three or all four test elements, one time. Retests of an element failed at the same test session will require payment of an additional test fee.

Testing Dates

Second Wednesday of each even Month

February 11

April 8

June 10

August - None

October 14

December 9

For further information contact Jim WA6KHG,
at (541) 496-2262



SUNSHINE

If you hear of someone who is ill or in the hospital, please let me know. Also notify me of any silent keys.

Russ Nelson, W7DUR, at 440-3840

US Call Signs *Not* Issued by the FCC

from *The ARRL Letter*, Nov. 12, 2009

Chances are that your call sign was issued by the Federal Communications Commission. A "no brainer," right? Well, if you're an American ham who happens to be stationed at Guantanamo Bay or at one of the US bases in the Antarctic, your call sign is **not** issued by the FCC -- it's issued by the base commander. Guantanamo Bay uses the KG4 prefix, followed by a two-letter suffix; this block is reserved exclusively for American hams at Gitmo. As for Antarctica, the [Antarctic Treaty](#), signed on December 1, 1959, established the legal framework for the management of Antarctica, including allocation of amateur call signs; the National Science Foundation received their block on July 1, 1959. US military hams in Japan and Korea are also issued special call signs:

- KA2AA-KA9ZZ -- reserved for US Army-authorized amateur stations in Japan.
- [KC4AAA-KC4AAF -- reserved for the National Science Foundation's use at the South Pole.](#)
- KC4USA-KC4USZ -- reserved for US Navy-authorized amateur stations at their Antarctic bases.
- [KG4AA-KG4ZZ -- reserved for US Navy-authorized amateur stations at Guantanamo Bay\).](#)
- KL9KAA -- KL9KHZ -- reserved for assignment to US personnel stationed in Korea.



The Amateur Radio station at Guantanamo.
photo courtesy of Chuck Harding, N8CH/KG4NW

The 40 call signs having the first two letters AF, KF, NF or WF and the letters "EMA" following a numeral are available to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The FCC once issued call signs to hams who lived in the Caroline Islands and the Marshall Islands. Even though these entities -- former United Nations Trust Territories -- now have their own sovereignty, the FCC will not issue call signs in the following blocks:

- KC6AA-KC6ZZ -- KC6 was two DXCC entities: The Eastern Caroline Islands and the Western Caroline Islands. The Eastern Carolines became the Federated States of Micronesia (V6) and the Western Carolines became the Republic of Palau (T8).
- KX6AA-KX6ZZ -- the former Marshall Islands, now the Republic of the Marshall Islands (V73).

November 19 Meeting Minutes

25 present.

Jim opened meeting. Roll Call by name and call sign.

Reading of minutes of October meeting.

Treasury report. Balance of \$3567.77.

The Club's 2-Meter radio is available for loan. Bob Williams asked for it's use.

Jerry KB7WDR reported the new building site for the repeater is in the works for signatures from BLM and County. A new UHF repeater is being worked on by Hutch ,KE7JFQ, and Jim ,WA6KHG

Christmas dinner Dec. 17th. at 6.00pm at First Christian Church fellowship hall (across street from Courthouse).

Motion by Doris,KC6CWP Sec. by Rich W7DFV, to allow Treasurer to write a \$30 check for use of facilities. Check will be written at dinner. Motion passed.

Nomination of officers. All current officers offered to run for 2010.

Hutch and Jim nominated for President. Jim was reelected president. Doris and Jerry (KB7WDR) were nominated for 1st Vice President. Jerry was elected by vote.

JD reported the ARRP Defensive Driving course is scheduled for Jan 25 & 26 at Linus Oaks 12 to 4 pm. 8 hrs of instruction. For information call Ernestine at 679-9571. To sign up call Linus Oaks at 677-4800.

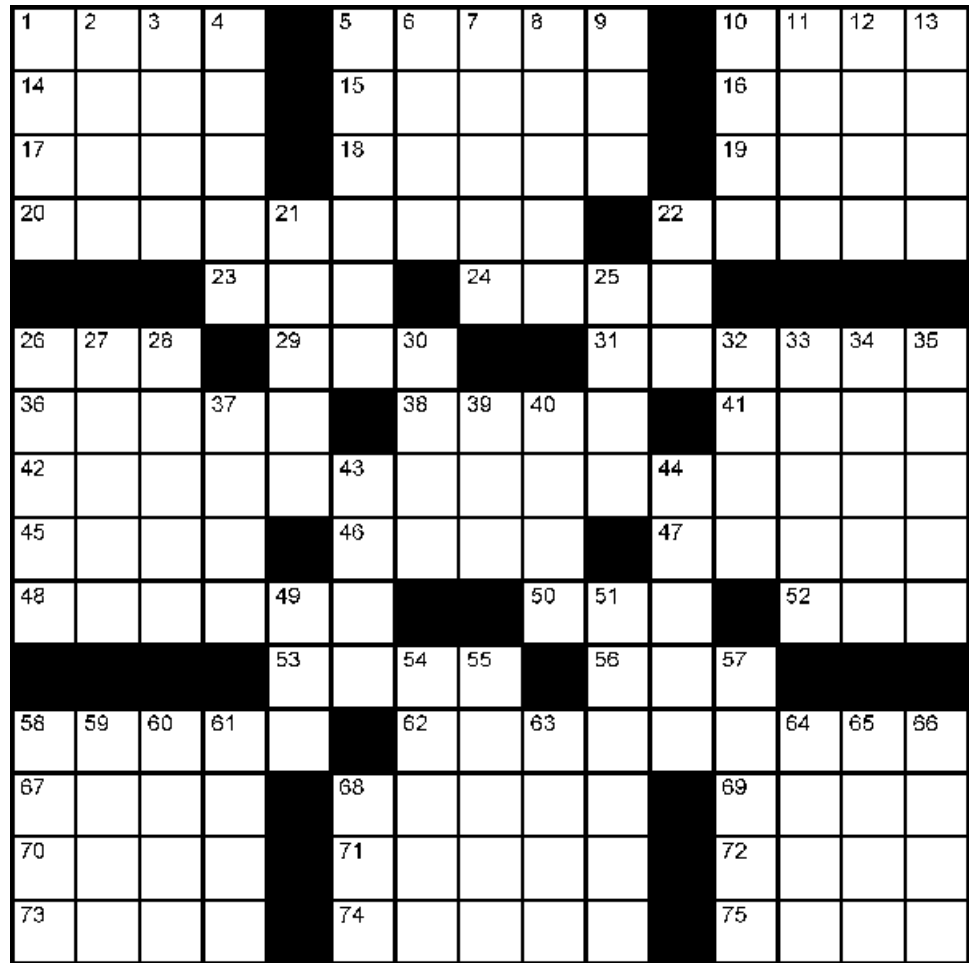
No further business-adjourned.

Sec.-Russ Nelson W7DUR

Amateur Radio Crossword

By Chris Codella, W2PA

The editor found this
to be extremely difficult!
What do you think?



Across

1. Ant. meas.
5. Cousin of 38-across
10. Caucasus region prefix
14. Part of DE, on phone
15. Lid like
16. PW1 maker
17. Part of 23 across
18. Eastern zone-36 prefix
19. NA or SA, e.g.
20. Encoder, in a way
22. Last stage, with 62 across
23. Measuring dev.
24. W5LFL's employer, once
26. SDR part
29. Band booking
31. RX starter
36. Prefix with -band
38. Parasitic array
41. Part of a score, maybe
42. Political pundit?
45. Apple spray
46. Theories
47. Lisbon prefix
48. Seminal radio textbook author
50. Equipment seller
52. Homer's neighbor
53. Eastern zone-28 prefix
56. Dir., for one
58. Dit dah doer
62. See 22 across
67. Tea type
68. Dig, so to speak
69. Eight in some circles
70. HS denizen
71. Part of some joints
72. Dayton digs

Down

1. DVM predecessor
2. "QSY!"
3. "___ Thing"
4. Q followers
5. JD1 name
6. "Get ___!"
7. It's a gas
8. Probably contains a 41 across
9. W5 sect.
10. KP4 name
11. Harbor vessel
12. Turin prefix
13. Apache or Cheyenne, e.g.
21. Gates' job
22. Hole goal
25. Span's partner
26. Amateur 24 across partner
27. Having two parts
28. RIT button
30. Swindles
32. 90 degrees
33. Illegal lighting?
34. Belfast prefix
35. Cut down
37. School session
39. Ready for firing
40. "Geel!"
43. Kink companion
44. Gut bug
49. MI, MO and MT QP mo.
51. Give in
54. Water walker
55. Bratislava prefix
57. CD followers
58. SB-401, 301, 201 and 101, once
59. EME artifact
60. Y2K part
61. Menu option
63. CPU part, abbr.
64. EP place
65. Take home
66. SM-land rugs
68. Took the cake, say



Just a reminder: If you have e-mail capability, Let Russ, W7DUR know! you'll be able to see all pictures in color and save money for the club !

December 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Oregon state ARES HF net 3964 kHz, 7 PM	2 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	3	4	5 Club Breakfast Rsbg IHOP 7AM
6	7 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	8	9 VE Testing 6PM, Rm 310 D.C. Courthouse	10	11	12 Club Breakfast Rsbg. IHOP 7 AM
13	14 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	15 Oregon state ARES HF net 3964 kHz, 7 PM	16 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	17 Christmas Potluck 6PM	18	19 Club Breakfast Rsbg IHOP 7AM
20	21 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	22	23 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	24	25 Christmas	26 Club Breakfast Rsbg IHOP 7AM
27	28 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	29	30	31		

ON-LINE FORM AVAILABLE ON CLUB WEB PAGE

UMPQUA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

ON-LINE FORM AVAILABLE ON CLUB WEB PAGE

NAME _____ CALL SIGN _____ LICENSE CLASS _____

STREET _____ CITY/STATE _____ ZIP _____

ARRL MEMBER YES [] NO [] E-mail Address _____

Other names at your address desiring family membership

NAME _____ CALL SIGN _____ LICENSE CLASS _____ ARRL MEMBER YES [] NO []

NAME _____ CALL SIGN _____ LICENSE CLASS _____ ARRL MEMBER YES [] NO []

Please show names the way you want them to appear in the roster

HOME PHONE _____ RECEIVE YOUR NEWS LETTER BY: U.S. MAIL [] OR E-MAIL (PDF) []

RENEWAL _____ *AMT. ENCLOSED _____ DATE _____ **DATE OF BIRTH (STUDENTS)** _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____

Membership dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$5.00 for each additional family member living at the same address per calendar year. Associate membership dues are \$5.00. Dues are prorated (NEW members only): Jan - Mar \$10/5 (each additional member); Apr - Jun \$7.50/3.75; Jul - Sep \$5/2.50; Oct - Dec \$2.50/1.25. Membership is free for **Licensed** students, 18 and younger. Make checks payable to: **UVARC, PO Box 925, Roseburg, OR 97470.**