

Watt's Up

*News Letter for the Umpqua Valley
Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 925 Roseburg, OR 97470*

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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.

For our March meeting we plan on having Doug WB6MFV give a presentation on Echolink. Doug has a nice Echolink node set up at his QTH just east of Roseburg. It has been up and running for quite some time on 147.520 simplex. He normally keeps it linked to K7NBO/L over at the coast in North Bend. That in turn is linked to several California systems.

The Salem Amateur Radio Club Hamfair is coming up on February 14th at Rickreall at the Polk County Fairgrounds. This is usually a good one so if you haven't been there try to make it. The price is \$7.00 at the door (free for children 12 and under with an adult). Doors open at 9:00 AM. Ticket sales start at 8:00 AM.

For those in the club who are also members of the DCARES group, Jerry KB7WDR, Mike WB6RHW, Mike W7OVN, Lee K7AZW and myself, went over to Florence and picked up the new equipment that will be installed at the EOC. This equipment was made possible by the \$250,000 Governors Grant as a result of the amateurs' help during the storm and flood of December 07. We had a nice orientation as to how to get this equipment up and running. This will be installed as soon as we can get the new coax pulled in at the EOC.

In the repeater department the 146.900 Lane Mt. repeater is running good. The 147.120 Boomer Hill repeater is back to working when it wants to, but does work most of the time. The DC packet node 144.930 is working great.

The UHF repeater with VHF remote, 441.875 finally ran out of batteries with not enough sun to charge them was down for a while. Doug WB6MFV is working on a problem in the controller that showed up when we were trying to get it up and running again after the batteries had charged back up.

The next VE session is February 11, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at the courthouse 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.

Mel Trammell AB7DC, has decided to turn over the job of VE liaison to me as of the first of this year. Mel has dedicated many hours in that capacity over the past 15 or so years and made it possible to have VE testing here in Roseburg. Thanks Mel.

Jim WA6KHG

Jan 18 Meeting minutes

By Russ W7DUR

18 present.

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

Brief minutes of Dec. meeting (no actual meeting) presentation of Ham of Year award to Doris KC6CWP.

November minutes read with corrections made.

Treasurer's report. 13 new members added this evening for a total of 50 for 2009.

Jerry KB7WDR reported on the problems with the ORRC as far as coordinating the repeaters.

Tech ham license classes will be held on Jan 22 and 30th. at the Red Cross. VE testing will be held on Feb 11, 6 pm. at the Courthouse.

Jim reported storage space available at 158 Garden Valley

Jerry. KB7WDR, proposed that any new member needing a radio, he would donate a 2 meter radio to the club if the club would buy a mag mount antenna to go with it. The expectation is to let the new member use it for a couple of months. Motion was made by Doug Hansen, 2nd by Doris in favor of proposal. Motion passed. Chuck Martin KE7YZR asked for use of a radio.

Jim asked for suggestions for Field Day. Jerry, KB7WDR, will check with Glide School to use the Football Field and rest rooms.

Doug will show do a presentation on Echo-Link for the February meeting.

Lee has an antenna for use by the Club.

Jerry KB7WDR and a few other hams traveled to Florence and pick up several pieces of radio equipment for the EOC.

Rickreall Ham fest is on February 14.

Chuck Martin won drawing for world Radio subscription.

No further business and the meeting was adjourned.

UVARC REPEATERS

146.900-, PL 100 (Lane Mountain)

147.120-, PL 100 (Boomer Hill)

PACKET

Node - 144.930, DC:WB6RHW-1

New URL for 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

Message from Spokane DX Association

Dear Friends,

Are you Casual DXers or Full Blown DX Contesters?

Then you will want to attend the 54TH Annual Pacific Northwest DX Convention in Spokane, Washington.

Save these dates: August 07 – 09, 2009. We will send additional information soon, and / or visit our website,

www.sdxa.org

for up-to-the-minute details!

Please share this message with contacts in your local clubs and nets.

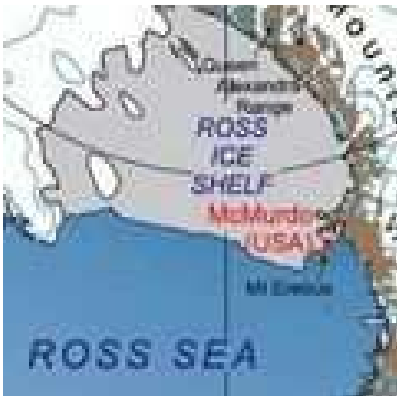
Thanks and 73,

Spokane DX Association
For the Northwest DX Convention Publicity Committee,
Ed AI7H ai7h@arrl.net

Antarctic Station On the Air Until Feb 18

From the ARRL web site

KC4USV, the Amateur Radio station at McMurdo Station on Ross Island in Antarctica is now on the air. According to Bill Erhardt, K7MT, who is stationed at McMurdo, the station boasts a new transceiver, amplifier and antenna. "We set up the equipment on January 19, tested it and went on the air," Erhardt said. "The station will be in operation on Sundays on 14.243 MHz, starting at 0001 UTC. We had a nice pile up last Sunday with US hams on the East Coast and in the Midwest." Erhardt leaves McMurdo on February 18 and is unsure if the station will be on the air over the Antarctic winter.



MEMBERSHIP 2008

As of February 1, 2009 membership is 53.

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.

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

** CORRECTION **

KE7YZR, Chuck; telephone number is 541-672-4802

** NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS **

KC7FW, Jim Aday: jmaday@wildblue.net

KD7SDI, Minnie Aday, jmaday@wildblue.net

NOTICE

If you want to receive **WATT'S UP** without interruption, please renew now.

This is the last issue to 2008 members!



Please hurry, we would miss you.



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 some money for the club !

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	3 Oregon state ARES HF net 3964 kHz, 7 PM	4 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	5	6	7 Club Breakfast Rsbg IHOP 7AM
8	9 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	10	11 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	12	13	14 Club Breakfast Rsbg. IHOP 7 AM
15	16 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	17 Oregon state ARES HF net 3964 kHz, 7 PM	18 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	19 Club Meeting 7PM court house Room 310	20	21 Club Breakfast Rsbg IHOP 7AM
22	23 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	24	25 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	26	27	28 Club Breakfast Rsbg IHOP 7AM

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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.**