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Watt's Up

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

**KC7UAV
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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.

Field Day at the Glide High School turned out to be an overwhelming success. Jerry KB7WDR did a great job with the publicity. KPIC came out to the site as well as Sheriff John Hanlin who stayed for quite some time. We had a great Potluck on Saturday evening with well over 45 people attending. Jerry KB7WDR ran the GOTA station again on 40 meters and had about 4 people who seemed to want to become amateurs ask him how to get their license. Martin KD7QZA operated the 20 Meter station. Mike WB6RHW operated Winlink 2000 (2 Meter Packet) and send out a few emails from the Field Day site. Wayne W9AE made quite a few contacts on 6 Meters SSB and CW. George KE7MVX operated the 2 Meter FM station and even made a few contacts on Echolink. Myself WA6KHG with lots of help from Doris KC6CWP, Chris KE7GMU and George KE7MVX operated on 80 & 15 Meters and made quite a few contacts on both bands. As for the 10 meter band, I never checked, but seeing as how both 15 Meters and 6 Meters were open I'm fairly sure it would have worked had we had someone with a station on that band.

Thanks to all who helped, participated, or just stopped by the Field Day this year. For those who couldn't make it, you missed a great time. If anyone took some pictures, I am sure Dick, AA7GC would like to post them on the web page, please send them to him.

At the end of the May club meeting and we nominated and elected Members at Large, Doug WB6MFV and Hutch KE7JFQ, we look forward to working with them.

At the June club meeting we nominated and approved Dave Camky KB7OOB as an Honorary Lifetime Member. Thanks to Dave for his continued support of UVARC.

In the repeater department the 146.900 Lane Mt. repeater is running well. The 147.120 Boomer Hill repeater is working, Mike W7OVN and myself made several trips up to Boomer but did get it up and working again. The DC packet node 144.930 is working great.

The UHF repeater with VHF remote, 441.875 is back up and running. We changed the PL tone to 88.5 and it is also transmitting that tone if you want to use CTCSS with it. Doug made a few changes in the controller to help conserve power as this is running on solar power only.

The next classes for Technician Class will be in late September, so it will be close to VE testing. Exact dates will be announced at a later time.

The next VE session is October 14, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at the courthouse in Room 310. 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

June 18 Meeting Minutes

By Russ W7DUR

Continuation of May meeting minutes:

Nominations for Member-at-large.

Kerry (Hutch) KE7JFQ, nominated by Tom W7TCH--
2nd by Chuck KE7YZR.

Doug Hanson, WB6MFV, nominated by Jerry
WB7WDR, 2nd by Tom W7TCH.

No other nominations. Those chosen elected by vote.

June meeting:

17 present

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

Minutes of May meeting read. Treasury report . Jerry
KB7WDR, reported paperwork has been signed for use
of Glide facilities for Field Day June 26-29.

Lane Mtn. repeater: Jerry contacted Douglas County for
purpose of using building at repeater site. Estimate of
cost of power \$40 per month.

Discussion of using wind generator or solar panels for
power.

Hutch attended the Search and Rescue meeting at the
Sam Brown campground in Grants Pass. Volunteers
from California attended.

Dave Camky KB7OOB, has provided the Club with the
sheep hill repeater site free of charge with free electricity
for many years. Dave was an active member of the club
for many years. He still provides the Boomer Hill
repeater site to the club free of charge.

Motion by Tom, W7TCH to nominate Dave Camky as an
Honorary Life Time member. Seconded by Mike Harbin
W7OVN. Motion Passed.

no further business.-----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

MEMBERSHIP 2009

As of July 1, 2009 membership is 76.

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

** NEW MEMBERS **

KF7BSJ, Dirk Brinkman, 1042 Moorea Dr., Roseburg, OR 97471, 541-672-1716, E-mail wirepaladin@mac.com

** RENEWAL **

KB7OQB, Dave Camkey (Honorary Life Member), PO Box 20, Winchester, OR 97495, 541-672-6475, commnet2000@dcwisp.net

Editor's Notes

- Your editor (Wayne W9AE) will be on a bicycle tour for most of July and August. Dick Wolfe will make the August 2009 edition of Watts Up. For that issue only, please send any club news to Dick at aa7gc@arrl.net.
- If you want to be in the UVARC Spotlight, send pictures of your shack, antennas, or mobile setup to w9ae@charter.net.

Oregon HB2377-B

HB 2377-B passed the Oregon Senate on June 23, and passed the Oregon House of Representatives on June 24. This bill prohibits motorists from using certain handheld communications devices while driving. The main target of this bill is cell phones. In particular, it will be illegal to use a handheld cell phone while driving. It is permitted to use cell phones with hands-free devices. The bill includes exemptions for various groups including *amateur radio operators*, public safety personnel, and people operating a vehicle for the purposes of employment. The bill targets cell phones specifically, and exempts most other radio devices. The exemption includes all "one-way" (simplex and half-duplex) radio devices such as ham and CB radios, commercial and public safety 2-way radios, push-to-talk cell phones, etc. The offense will be a Class D punishable by a maximum fine of \$90.

FCC License Renewals

Amateur applications can be filed manually using paper forms or electronically over the Internet. Amateurs may electronically renew their FCC-issued licenses "on line" via the FCC web using [FCC ULS \(http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/\)](http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls). FCC permits on-line renewals at 90 days or less before a license will expire, and when the license has expired but is still within the two-year grace period for renewal. Licenses that have been expired for more than two years are not eligible for renewal or reinstatement. If you have a Vanity License renewal, remember to have your credit card accessible to pay the [FCC Regulatory Fee \(http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vanityfee.html\)](http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vanityfee.html).

Amateurs may also renew their licenses within 90 days before the license expiration date, or within the two-year license grace period after expiration, by using FCC Form 605 by mail to: FCC, 1270 Fairfield Rd, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245. Vanity Renewals will also need to submit FCC Payment Form 159 and the required [FCC Regulatory Fee](#), along with the FCC Form 605. After completing both forms, you can mail your FCC Form 605, FCC Form 159 and your payment to: FCC, Wireless Bureau Applications, PO Box 358130, Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5130. Licenses that have been expired for more than two years are not eligible for renewal or reinstatement.

For a complete list of FCC filing instructions and filing fees go to the ARRL page [Instructions for License Renewals or Changes \(http://www.arrl.org/fcc/licenseinstructions.html\)](http://www.arrl.org/fcc/licenseinstructions.html).

NOTE: Other than for Vanity license applications, all FCC license application actions are FREE.

Field Day at the Glide Athletic Fields



6-meter station (29 contacts!)



The flag pole makes it easy to raise a dipole.



Hanging out in the shade at the GOTA station.

It was a warm day.

PROCLAMATION

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

Douglas County, Oregon

June 22 – 28, 2009

Whereas, Amateur Radio operators are celebrating over a century of the miracle of the human voice broadcast over the airwaves; and

Whereas, Amateur Radio has continued to provide a bridge between peoples, societies and countries by creating friendships and the sharing of ideas and have also provided countless hours of community services throughout these decades wholly uncompensated; and


Whereas, the State also recognizes the services Amateur Radio's people also provide to our many Emergency Response organizations, including Douglas County Sheriff's Emergency Management and Douglas County.

Whereas, these same individuals have further demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing free radio communications for local parades, bike-a-thons, walk-a-thons, fairs and other charitable public events; and


Whereas, the County of Douglas recognizes and appreciates the diligence of these "hams" who also serve as weather spotters in the Skywarn program of the US Government Weather Bureau and Amateur Radio once again proved its undisputed relevance in the modern world in 2005 by providing emergency communications when other systems failed in the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the USA and in the Tsunami catastrophe overseas; and

Whereas, the ARRL is the leading organization for Amateur Radio in the USA and will host an Field Day exercise will take place on June 27-28, 2009 and is a 24 hour emergency encampment exercise and demonstration of the Radio Amateurs' skills and readiness to provide self-supporting communications even in fields without further infrastructure; now

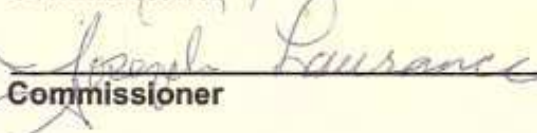
Dated this 24th day of June 2009.



Commissioner



Commissioner



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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 !

July 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	2	3	4 Club Breakfast Rsbg IHOP 7AM
5	6 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	7 Oregon state ARES HF net 3964 kHz, 7 PM	8 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	9	10	11 Club Breakfast Rsbg. IHOP 7 AM
12	13 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	14	15 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	16 Club Meeting 7PM court house Room 310	17	18 Club Breakfast Rsbg IHOP 7AM
19	20 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	21 Oregon state ARES HF net 3964 kHz, 7 PM	22 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	23	24	25 Club Breakfast Rsbg IHOP 7AM
26	27 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	28	29 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	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.**