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Watt's Up

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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.

Presidents Message May 2010

Greetings to all of the UVARC members.

We are planning to have Field Day at the Glide High School Athletic Field again this year. Anyone interested in being a "band captain" or running the GOTA station should talk to Jerry AE7ER. This is right around the corner and will be a topic to discuss at our June meeting. Anyone with any input or plans should come to our next meeting.

The move of the repeaters on Lane Mountain has started and so far we have moved the 146.900 voice repeater, the packet node, and the APRS digipeater into the new building. We only had a couple of nice days to work on this but a lot was accomplished. Thanks to all who helped. We are operating on temporary antennas and they are not in their final configuration. Other than some minor desense they are working quite well. We need some nicer weather to be able to get up on the mountain with a lift to be able to put up antennas up on the pole where we hope to have a better signal without the desense. The power is hooked up and running. We will need a few people to help when we do this move so if you can help I am sure it would be deeply appreciated.

We had a great meeting in May although except for me none of the club officers were in attendance. We did elect Members at Large for next year. Doug Hanson, WB6MFV and Ed Stinson, KD7UFZ are the new Members at Large. Thanks for helping guys.

Doug showed a nice slide show of pictures taken during the move on Lane Mountain and afterwards gave an informative presentation on repeaters with some great pictures of some of the equipment we are using and some great shots from on top of the mountains. Well done Doug!

In the repeater department the 146.900 Lane Mt. repeater is running well. The 147.120 Boomer Hill repeater is working. The DC packet node 144.930 is working great.

The next VE session is June 9, 2010 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 VEC license fee for 2010 is \$15.00. Cash or a check made out to ARRL is acceptable.

Jim, WA6KHG

MEMBERSHIP 2010

As of June 1, 2010 membership is 68.

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

** RENEWALS **

KF7AHZ, Craig Pierce, 3950 Del Rio Rd., Roseburg, OR 97471, 541-673-5879, E-mail pierce5879@msn.com

KF7AHY, Larissa Pierce
KF7AIA, Media Pierce

** NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS **

KE7LDZ, johndonner@q.com



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

Editor's Note

I will be out of town for the entire months of May and June. Dick, AA7GC, will make the June and July Watts Up. Please send any club news to Dick. See addresses and phone number above in Membership box.

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 2010 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.

2010 Testing Dates

Second Wednesday of each even Month

February 10

April 14

June 9

August - None

October 13

December 8

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

Order Your IRCs Online at USPS Web Site

(From the ARRL Letter, 5/26/2010)

Many hams have long complained about difficulties they have encountered when purchasing International Reply Coupons (IRC) from their local post offices. Now the US Postal Service (USPS) has made it easier to get those IRCs to send with your direct QSL cards -- [order them online from the USPS Web site](#). The USPS ships all in-stock domestic orders for stamps and retail items within 1 business day via Priority Mail with Delivery Confirmation or First Class Mail. Shipments should arrive within 3-5 business days. All stamp orders are charged a \$1 handling fee, regardless of the order amount. IRCs purchased from the USPS, whether online or in person at a post office, cost \$2.10 each.

International reply coupons (IRCs) provide foreign addressees with a prepaid means of responding to inquiries, solicitations, or other types of communications that are initiated by US senders. IRCs are exchangeable for postage stamps by postal administrations in member countries of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). Each IRC is equivalent in value to the destination country's minimum postage price for an unregistered airmail letter. According to the UPU, some 2.2 million reply coupons are sold each year by 121 postal administrations. While not all countries sell IRCs, all the postal operators of the UPU's 191 member countries, and their territories, are required to exchange them.

More than a century after it first appeared in 1907, the IRC remains a useful item. Aside from its traditional use for correspondence, according to the UPU, two particular groups of users have emerged: Students who use them as a means of exchanging correspondence with academic institutions, and Amateur Radio enthusiasts, who use coupons when exchanging their QSL cards.

As of October 11, 2007, only those IRCs that have been printed by the UPU may be redeemed at US post offices. The valid version of the international reply coupons printed by the UPU is approximately 3.75 inches by 6 inches, has a bar code on the back and an expiration date of December 31, 2013. This policy is for those IRCs issued by the United States, as well as for those issued by foreign postal administrations.

May 20 Meeting Minutes

There were 18 Members Present

Jim opened the meeting and briefly went over what had happened at the previous meeting

Doris KC6CWP took Minutes

No treasurers report as K7ETU or W7DUR were not present.

Jim reminded everyone Field Day was coming the weekend of June 26-27

Tom, W7TCH gave a report on the Lane MT. move. A crew worked up on the mountain for 2 days and got the 146.900, the packet node, and the APRS digi moved into the new building and back on the air. The power is on in the new building also.

Jim mentioned that Boyd, K6PBE had contacted Dick, AA7GC about making changes to the roster.. The members all agreed that things should be left as they are.

The fact that we may need to make changes to our feed lines going to the antennas at the new building on Lane Mt. was discussed. We have asked for a waiver but the outcome is uncertain.

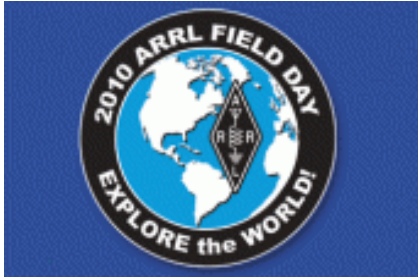
We had an election for new Members at Large. Doug Hanson, WB6MFV and Ed Stinson, KD7UFZ are our new Members at Large.

Doug Hanson, WB6MFV did a slide show from the pictures taken on Lane Mt. as the repeaters were being moved.

Doug then gave a very good presentation on Repeaters showing some nice pictures of some equipment, duplexers, controllers and some of the different repeater sites.

FIELD DAY LOCATOR MAP

If you are not certain where the Glide High School is located (this year's field day site), there is a map on the club web page (<http://aa7gc.net/uvarc/maps.html>). This map is interactive with the user so it is capable of providing directions from wherever you live.



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 !

June 2010

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 7 PM 145.430	8	9 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	10	11	12 Club Breakfast Rsbg IHOP 7AM
13	14 FLAG DAY DC ARES net 7 PM 145.430 rpt	15 Oregon state ARES HF net 3964 kHz, 7 PM	16 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	17 Club Meeting 7PM Courthouse Room 310	18	19 Club Breakfast Rsbg IHOP 7AM
20 FATHER'S DAY	21 DC ARES net 7 PM 145.430 rpt	22	23 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	24	25	26 FIELD DAY Glide High School
27 FIELD DAY Glide High School	28	29	30			

ON-LINE FORM AVAILABLE ON CLUB WEB PAGE

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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 _____

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