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Watt's Up

*News Letter 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.

We had a discussion, again, about where we will have our Field Day this year and most people at the meeting agreed that we should look into getting the site at the Glide High School. As I am writing this I have contacted the insurance company and there doesn't seem to be a problem in getting the High School named as also insured on our policy, although there may be a charge.

I am currently working with the High School and the insurance company to get every thing worked out.

Coming up the first Saturday in May is 7QP. This is the 7th call area QSO party. I have participated in 7QP a couple of years now and it is a lot of fun. Technicians can participate also as it takes place on 10 and 6 meters and VHF simplex only. More information is at www.codxc.com. May 2, 2009 from 6:00am to Midnight PDT is the time. The idea here is to have stations on the air in every county in the 7th call area.

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, we have not had the time to go up there to check it out or bring it down for repairs. 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 VE session is June 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.

Jim WA6KHG

April 16 Meeting minutes

By Russ W7DUR

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

Reading of Mar. minutes, approved with correction.

Treasury report- Club spent \$24.75 more than income for the year.

Jerry KB7WDR reported the call sign for Reservoir Hillrepeater is now K7RBG.

Lee K7AZW reported working on the cross-band repeater that will link Douglas County to coastal cities. In an emergency, direct voice communications can be had with Reedsport Fire Dept, Winchester Bay, and Gardiner.

July 18 Coos county radio club Hamfest and Swapmeet at North Bend middle school. Doug Hansen will be talking about Echo Link at the meet.

Owner of KDUN am radio station will work with amateur radio functions.

Result of License tests: one new tech license, one new general license, and two new extra license. 5 candidates took tests.

Field Day discussion; Motion by Tom W7TCH seconded by JoAnne KE7TFA, that the club try to get the Glide High School Football Area for our Field Day activities, motion passed.

Landis estate radio equipment still available, Contact Lee K7AZW. Equipment includes antenna, tower, rotor, transceiver, tuner and other equipment.

Jerry KB7WDR has a 2-meter radio for use by a new member or anyone in need from the Club.

Roger WB0VEQ won drawing for world radio subscription.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned

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

MEMBERSHIP 2009

As of May 1, 2009 membership is 71.

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:

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73, de Dick, AA7GC, Membership

** RENEWAL **

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Upcoming Events

- June 5-7: **SeaPac** convention in Seaside, OR.
<http://www.seapac.org/>
- June 27-28: **Field Day**, Glide High School
- July 18: **Coos County Swapfest**,
North Bend Middle School.
<http://www.coosradioclub.net/>

Silent Keys

(May They Rest in Peace)

WB7VSP, Pat Zurcher, became a Silent Key on 4/1/2009. UVARC records show that she and her husband Jim WB7OTM had been Club members since 1989 (the oldest record available to the membership chairman) through 2007.



W7ARH, Ray Rosenholm, became a Silent Key on 4/2/2009 at the age of 95. Ray received his ham license in 1930 at the age of 16. UVARC records show that he had been a Club member since 1989 (the oldest record available to the membership chairman) through 2008.



Editor's Notes

- Please submit club news and pictures of club events to the Watts Up editor Wayne W9AE:
w9ae@charter.net
- We have no *UVARC Spotlight* this month because nobody submitted pictures. If you want to be in the UVARC Spotlight, send pictures of your shack, antennas, or mobile setup to w9ae@charter.net.
- The official 2009 ARRL Field Day site is up and running. This page includes a summary of available resources, with links to Field Day forms, rules, etc.
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/>

Amateur Radio Quiz: State the Obvious

By H. Ward Silver, N0AX

Knowing little things about the geography US states and Canadian provinces can be of great use on the air or just plain fun. This quiz leads into some quiet corners of the North American continent that you know so well -- or maybe you don't. No multiple guesses this month -- it's map time!



- 1) Which state narrows to the smallest distance between two other states before widening again? Where does it do this?
- 2) Which of the contiguous 48 states extends farthest north?
- 3) What direction would you drive from Detroit, Michigan to get to the closest Canadian territory?
- 4) There are two states that have a portion only reachable by way of Canada if travelling by land. One is the answer to Question 2. What is the other state?
- 5) Which is the southernmost state?
- 6) Which state extends farthest from south to north?
- 7) Which state extends farthest from west to east?
- 8) What are the three Canadian DXCC entities?
- 9) Which four states meet at the Four Corners?
- 10) Which state has a "thumb"?
- 11) Which state has a "boot heel"?
- 12) How many fifth-district states have "panhandles"?

13) If you are at a fixed station in the easternmost part of the easternmost Canadian province, what is your call sign's prefix?

14) How many US call sign districts are bordered by the Great Lakes? How many Canadian provinces?

15) Which is farthest west, the Northwest Territories, VE8, or the Yukon Territory, VY1?

Bonus Question: What state extends farthest to the south that also extends north of Canadian territory?

Answers:

- 1) Maryland -- at Hancock, MD between West Virginia and Pennsylvania
- 2) Minnesota -- in the International Boundary Waters area
- 3) East or southeast to Windsor, Ontario
- 4) Minnesota ([the Northwest Angle](#)) and Washington -- [Point Roberts](#) is only reachable by land through British Columbia
- 5) Hawaii at 19 degrees North
- 6) Alaska spans approximately 40 degrees of latitude
- 7) Alaska again -- from the tip of the Aleutian Islands to British Columbia
- 8) Canada, St Paul Island (CY9) and Sable Island (CY0)
- 9) Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado
- 10) Michigan
- 11) Missouri
- 12) Two -- Texas and Oklahoma
- 13) VO1 -- in Newfoundland
- 14) 5 US districts (2nd, 3rd [PA], 8th, 9th and 10th) and 1 Canadian district (Ontario)
- 15) Yukon Territory, VY1

Bonus - California! The northern boundary of California lies at 42 degrees North while the province of Ontario dips a toe into Lake Ontario just south of that line.



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 !

May 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2 Club Breakfast Rsbg IHOP 7AM
3	4 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	5 Oregon state ARES HF net 3964 kHz, 7 PM	6 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	7	8	9 Club Breakfast Rsbg. IHOP 7 AM
10 Mother's Day	11 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	12	13 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	14	15	16 Club Breakfast Rsbg IHOP 7AM
17	18 DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	19 Oregon state ARES HF net 3964 kHz, 7 PM	20 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	21 Club Meeting 7PM court house Room 310	22	23 Club Breakfast Rsbg IHOP 7AM
24/31	25 Mem'l Day DC ARES net 6:30 PM 145.430 rpt	26	27 UVARC net 7 PM 146.90 rpt	28	29	30

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

Other names at your address desiring family membership

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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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