



# Watt's UP

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

**July 2004**

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## *From our Vice President...*

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ARES members did radio support and security for the War Birds and air show at the Roseburg Municipal Airport. Over 100 hours of volunteer time was given by amateur radio operators. Gratitude goes out to the UVARC members who provided radio support for the Douglas Co. Rodeo Parade.

We are waiting to have a UHF commercial type approved receiver set up before we can install the command and control for the 147.120 repeater. We are waiting for a response from Fred Meyer about the cost and timing to put the 145.390 back up on Chilcoot Mt. It already has a UHF receiver, and only needs the DTMF switch set up for command and control.

Norm, *W0QOT*, will be starting technician classes starting June 8th in Myrtle Creek. The class will be running for 6 weeks.

Jim, *KE6QCJ* / Jerry, *K7ETU* / Jim, *KC7FW* helped Don, *KB7WTA* with Kid's Day on June 19th. 20 Meters SSB, PSK-31 and 2 meters were offered. Everyone had a good time.

Jerry, *KB7WDR*

## **Club Call Signs**

***KC7UAV***  
***KC7TLY***

## *In Memory of Candy Woodward, KC7CNP*

Tom, *W7TCH* e-mailed the following to me and I think it speaks for us all... "Our thoughts are with Joe, and family at this very sad time. Candy and Joe were at most Field Days. She was always a true pleasure to be around. Tom"

**VE TESTING**  
**DOUGLAS COUNTY**

**Roseburg** even months - **\*Tri City** odd months

\*Note: Testing at Tri City requires preregistration. **NO "Walk-ins" please.**

**Testing Locations:**

**Roseburg:** DC Courthouse, Room 310.

**Tri City:** Tri City Veteran's Memorial Building,  
252 Old Pacific Highway

**TESTING DATES**

<b>ODD Months</b>	<b>EVEN Months</b>
<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
01/14	02/11
03/10	04/14
05/12	06/09
07/14	NoTesting in Aug.
09/08	10/13
11/10	12/08

**For further information call:**

**Even Months - Mel, AB7DC, 672-5884**  
**Odd Months - Norm, W0QOT, 863-7692**

*Random Quotes...*

*Mark's Dental-Chair Discovery: Dentists are incapable of asking questions that require a simple yes or no answer*



Brief minutes of June 17 meeting;

Discussion of Field Day at Whistler Bend park June 26&27, which will be over when you receive this newsletter.

Norm, W0QOT will be starting Tech License class July 8, 7 PM. Call Norm for information.

Visitors Dave Sanford and Wife briefed us on the activity of the Lincoln Amateur Radio Club of which Dave is President. There problems on the coast are with the fisherman using the 2 meter frequencys without Amateur radio license.

Fair turnout for the Kids introduction of Radio at the Wall Mart parking lot June 19 th. Don, KB7WTA reported.

Secretary, Russ -W7DUR

**UVARC REPEATERS**

- 146.900-, PL 100 (Lane Mountain)
- 147.120-, PL 100 (Boomer Hill)
- 145.390-, PL 123 (Chilcoot Mtn. direct)

**PACKET**

- Node - 145.090, DC:AB7DC-1

**UVARC HOME PAGE**

<http://www.qsl.net/aa7gc/uvarc/home.html>

**NOTES:**

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

**UVARC Current Membership...**

At present we have **60** active members...  
and **9** associate members...



**SUNSHINE**

If you hear of someone who is ill or in the hospital, please let me know. Also notify me of any silent keys. Contact Stan, K7SUJ at 672-5826 with any information.

**Hello UVARC members!**

Any comments, suggestions or articles? Please send them to me via e-mail at [mstruss@cmspan.net](mailto:mstruss@cmspan.net) or give me a call at **673-8847**.  
73, your editor...Martin, KD7QZA

## *Our Volunteer Examiner's...!!!*



At a recent Volunteer Examiner session in the Douglas County Court House, examiners Clarence E. Mills, K17SO, Melvin R. Trammell, AAB7DC, Loyd C. Stout, AB7D, and Glen R. Nigh, K17PX were the authorized ARRL VE's. Melvin Trammell stated that they enjoy helping Amateurs and non Amateurs through the testing process that will enable the participants to qualify for their first Amateur Radio License, or upgrade their present license.

Volunteer Examiners (VE's) are individuals accredited by a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) and are the people who actually administer the exams. Examination sessions must be coordinated by a VEC, but are conducted by VE's.

In the early days of Amateur Radio the FCC did the testing. Except for Novice Class license exams, all testing was directly supervised by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) personnel at FCC offices around the Us.

In the early 1980's the FCC had to "tighten it's belt." Testing schedules at field offices were also cut back to quarterly or less often in many cases. Then it wasn't long before the FCC announced that it would get out of the amateur exam business altogether. If amateurs wanted to continue upgrading their licenses, amateurs would have to do the testing themselves.

In late 1982, the Goldwater-Wirth Bill was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. This bill, known as Public Law 97-259, amended the Communication Act of 1934, permitting the FCC to accept the voluntary and uncompensated services of licensed radio amateurs to serve in preparing and administering examinations. It also gave birth to the Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) program.

The ARRL wanted very much to perform the task of coordinating examinations on a national scale. The League was not willing, however, to spend the thousands of membership dollars that would be necessary to support such a project. And at that time, there was no provision for recouping any of these expenses.

In 1983, Congress passed a bill, introduced by the late Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA (SK), that provided specifically for recouping necessary expenses in the VE Program. By July 1984, the FCC had authorized cost recoupment, the ARRL immediately applied for and was granted certification as a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator for all 13 FCC-defined regions. The ARRL had already trained and accredited 4000 Volunteer Examiners in anticipation of that day. Since September 1984 the ARRL has accredited more than 30,000 VE's, seen more that 2000 VE teams form, teams that have administered more than one million exam elements at more than 70,000 test sessions!

At present, the ARRL/VEC permits its VE's to retain up to \$4 for each applicant served. This level of reimbursement was determined to be an amount that the VE team might expend per candidate in conducting an average session. As an ARRL/VEC requirement, ARRL VE's must maintain their cost-recoupment records for three years if they retain a portion of the test fee.

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The most visible form of FCC regulations is Part 97, which is devoted entirely to Amateur Radio. Every amateur should at least be familiar with the rules and regulations contained in this part, and have an up-to-date copy close at hand.

**NOTE:** The information in this article was found on the ARRL website which has a more extensive presentation on the VEC and VE program. It should be noted that this program illustrates one of the many ways that membership in the ARRL provides a benefit to all Amateur Radio people. Your WATT'S UP newsletter provides a schedule and telephone numbers for taking radio license exams or contacting the VE's. Thanks to the members of the VEC program we can continue to enjoy the hobby of Amateur Radio.

*the following articles were obtained from the ARRL web site @ [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)*

NEWINGTON, CT, Jun 25, 2004--As a youngster, Scott Morrison became fascinated with Amateur Radio by watching his grandfather, Wilbur Morrison, W6OSD, operating his equipment in his ham shack. The younger Morrison's exposure to ham radio led him to become a US Army radio operator, but he never got his Amateur Radio license. Unfortunately, by the time Morrison left the service, his grandfather had died, leaving him without a mentor--or Elmer--to help him pursue his interest in ham radio.

Just by chance, however, he came across the ARRL Web site, and he was able to search for a club in his area. Morrison contacted the [Vaca Valley Radio Club](#) and was referred to Bob Hewitt, K6HEW. A ham since 1952, Hewitt is active in several clubs including the Vaca Valley and Trilogy Radio clubs. It wasn't long before Hewitt had Morrison attending meetings at Vaca Valley and studying the license manual. Hewitt took Morrison to an Amateur Radio license examination session at Trilogy Radio Club, where he passed the Technician license test.

But Hewitt's Elmering did not stop there. When Morrison wanted to buy his first radio, Hewitt helped demystify all of the jargon. "He even helped me program the radio and he helped me through the fear of the first transmission," said Morrison. With Hewitt's guidance Morrison was able to get the vanity call W6OSD--the call sign of his grandfather and original ham radio mentor.

While Morrison currently enjoys FM and repeaters, he's working on upgrading to General, so he can chase DX. His US Army experiences with HF SSB and RTTY had fueled his appetite for HF DX. In addition, his wife now is studying for her Technician license.

"I can honestly say that without Bob Hewitt, I probably would never have become an Amateur radio operator," Morrison said. "I just want to thank him for making my childhood dream become a reality. Thank you K6HEW!"

In addition to serving as an ARRL East Bay Assistant Section Manager, Hewitt is vice president of the Vaca Valley Radio Club, an ARRL-VEC volunteer examiner and an advisor to the Trilogy Radio Club. He's also involved with the [Solano County Office of Emergency Services](#).



*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 the club some money!!*

## July

2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Club Breakfast Seven Feathers 24 HR 0800 HRS
<b>4</b> <i>Happy 4th!!</i>	<b>5</b> DC ARES Net 145.430 repeater 1930 HRS	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Tech Class Starts! Contact Norm, WOQOT Myrtle Creek	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Club Breakfast Seven Feathers 24 HR 0800 HRS
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> DC ARES Net 145.430 repeater 1930 HRS	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> BOD meeting N6MOK's home 1830 HRS	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Club Breakfast Seven Feathers 24 HR 0800 HRS
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> DC ARES Net 145.430 repeater 1930 HRS	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> UVARC Meeting DCCH rm 310 1930 HRS	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Club Breakfast Seven Feathers 24 HR 0800 HRS
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> DC ARES Net 145.430 repeater 1930 HRS	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Club Breakfast Seven Feathers 24 HR 0800 HRS

### UMPQUA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

Membership Application

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.**