

WATT'S UP

News Letter for the Umpqua Valley
Amateur Radio Club

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

*Hi fellow club members, sorry I missed last month's meeting but Brandy and I took a tour bus to RENO to play a little. Evidently may others played hooky too as Jerry our 1st VP did not have enough members for a quorum and some inportant business got delayed until this months meeting. We need your participation so **please try to make it this time.***

Club members if you haven't paid your 2004 dues please remit to me at my address on the club Roster. Our membership chairman has departed on vacation and will be participating in the BATAN death march memorial down in NEW MEXICO in MARCH.

Jerry, KB7WDR, has scheduled a good program for us so please show up and give us your support.

I have the plans for a coaxial linear antenna, that can have up to 10 db of gain. Anyone willing to try and build one with me?? Please advise at the meeting.

73, Lee K7AZW

Minutes of the Meeting

Members enjoyed the coffee and good visit.

We were unable to vote on any business for lack of quorum.

Jerry, KB7WDR gave reportof our lane Mountian repeater.

A volunteer has agreed to raise our antenna higher but need we 100 feet of cable.

Dick N6MOK has written new guidelines for ham of the year award.

We openly discussed our radio equipment. Work needs to be doneon our 712 repeater on Boomer hill, needs your attendance so we can take care of these items.

SEE YOU THE 18th of MARCH.

Sec. Russ W7DUR

Club News

UVARC VP Eifert has been asked to be in charge of updating our repeaters. The 146.900 repeater work will have to be postponed until plans are made. Currently WB6RHW is putting together a DTMF switch for command and control of the 145.390 repeater before it goes back up. We will also be working to update the 147.120 repeater with DTMF command and control.

The last meeting lacked a quorum for a meeting and voting. We did have a good discussion with 12 members present. I would like to encourage members to come for the next meeting so we can get business done.

President

Lee, K7AZW

1st Vice President

Jerry, KB7WDR

2nd Vice President

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Club Call Signs

KC7UAV

KC7TLY

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

ODD Months	EVEN Months
7:00 PM	6:30 PM
01/14	02/11
03/10	04/14
05/12	06/09
07/14	No testing in Aug.

For further information call:

Even Months - Mel, AB7DC, 672-5884

Odd Months - Norm, W0QOT, 863-7692

UVARC REPEATERS

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

PACKET

- Node - 145.090, DC:AB7DC-1

CLUB WEB 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 format.

Forget your CORES/FRN password?

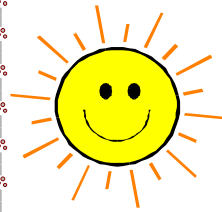
(Feb 27, 2004) -- It's possible to reset your CORES/FRN (Commission Registration System/FCC Registration Number) password via the FCC Web site for electronic application filing. This might come in handy if you have forgotten your password, need to change it to another password or were automatically registered for CORES through a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator and don't know your password. Visit the secure "Forgot your Password" web site and complete all the required fields. You will need to supply your FCC Registration Number (available via ULS or through many on-line call sign servers, such as ARRL's) as well as your Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), typically your Social Security number. Applicants also will need to supply name, e-mail address and telephone number. (ARRL Website).

SATERN Net Assisting With Haiti Traffic

(Feb 26, 2004) -- The Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN) Net has activated on 20 meters to assist with health-and-welfare traffic for the troubled nation of Haiti. The net convenes on or near 14.265 MHz. Jim Adams, WA0LSB, is coordinating net control operators for the activation, while Quent Nelson, WA4BZY, is the health-and-welfare team leader. SATERN National Director Pat McPherson, WW9E, says SATERN members are being encouraged to monitor the net frequency and to assist in relaying traffic as needed. SATERN also offers a health-and-welfare link on its Web site, for use by those seeking information on family and friends who may be affected by the crisis in Haiti. (ARRL Website).



Have Something To Crow About?? Submit it to **Watts Up today, chailena2@yahoo.com. Deadline is the 20th! Thank you for your support!!!**



SUNSHINE

If you hear of someone who is ill or in the hospital, please let me know. Also notify me of any silent keys.

You may contact Stan, K7SUJ at 672-5826 with any information.

FCC Keeps Up Pressure on Unlicensed 10-Meter Operations

NEWINGTON, CT, Feb 27, 2004--The FCC is continuing efforts to stem alleged unlicensed operation--primarily by long-haul truckers--on the 10-meter amateur band. Enforcement Bureau Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth, this month wrote FedEx Corporation CEO Frederick W. Smith enclosing a complaint asserting that some FedEx drivers have used "Amateur Radio transmitters to communicate on the 10-meter Amateur Radio band without a license," Hollingsworth said. The complaint focused on alleged operations in Tennessee.

"Many truckers use CB radio, which does not require a license," Hollingsworth told Smith.

"However, any person using a radio transmitter on Amateur Radio frequencies must possess both a station and operator license, for which an examination is required." He pointed out that some truckers have been known to use uncertificated dual-purpose CB radios that also can transmit on 10 meters. CB gear must be FCC certificated, formerly known as type acceptance, but ham radio gear does not need to be. So-called dual-use ham/CB transceivers may not be sold or marketed under FCC rules.

Two additional trucking firms this month were the target of FCC warning notices involving complaints of unlicensed operation on 10 meters. Hollingsworth wrote Carl Leonard Ross of CLR Transport in Saluda, North Carolina, citing allegations that a CLR Transport vehicle traveling on I-85 in North Carolina "was the source of unlicensed radio transmissions on the 10-meter Amateur Radio band on July 14, 2003." Cassidy's Express of Bristol, Pennsylvania, heard from the FCC regarding reports that one

of its vehicles was the source of unlicensed radio transmissions while under way in Pennsylvania last October 9.

Hollingsworth asked Smith to advise FedEx drivers that such operation of radio transmitting equipment without a license is a violation of federal law and could subject violators to stiff fines and even jail time as well as seizure of equipment. Pointing out the same penalties for violators, Hollingsworth asked the other two trucking firms to contact him to discuss the allegations.

Earlier this year, the FCC sent warning notices to two shipping companies in the wake of reports to the Commission that some of the companies' vehicles may have been illegally transmitting on 10 meters. At least one of the companies, UPS, offered its full cooperation and promised to investigate.

Space Walk Ends Early

(Feb 27, 2004) -- Russian space officials this week cut short Expedition 8's spacewalk due to a cooling system problem in one of the Russian *Orlan* space suits. The "extravehicular activity" or EVA ended February 27 at 0112 UTC. Unlike previous spacewalks by ISS crews, there was not a crew member inside the station as the spacewalkers worked outside. Despite the early end to the EVA, Crew commander Mike Foale, KB5UAC, and Flight Engineer Sasha Kaleri, U8MIR, were able to complete nearly two-thirds of their scheduled work. Initial indications are that a kink in a tube in Kaleri's liquid cooling garment was preventing the flow of water through the suit. The spacewalk began February 26 at 2117 UTC and lasted 3 hours 55 minutes. During the EVA, the NA1SS ham gear aboard the ISS remained shut down for safety (ARRL Website).



CNCS Emergency Communication

Training Grant News:

Three EmComm Seminars in Three Weeks

AARRL provides grant-funded tuition reimbursement for ARRL-member US Amateur Radio operators wishing to receive emergency communication training through ARRL's Certification and Continuing Education program. The second year of reimbursement can cover the tuition expense of almost 1700 amateurs looking to take the ARECC courses.

In 2002, ARRL proposed to the Corporation for National and Community Service that the League could greatly expand its emergency communications training program with grant funding. The training is currently supported by the second year of a three-year, \$540,000 federal homeland security grant from CNCS. The League was among several dozen nonprofit organizations designated to receive about \$10.3 million in federal money to boost homeland defense volunteer programs. During the first year of the grant--September 2002 through August 2003--2225 emergency communication volunteers started the Level I course through the grant-funded program, and 1676 completed the training, a 75% completion rate.

"A good number of people have told us that without the grant, they would not have participated in the training," Miller said. "The CNCS grant is doing exactly what it was intended to do: provide a larger group of trained emergency communications people able to support a number of official agencies in a time of need."

The Corporation for National and Community Service provides opportunities for all Americans to serve their communities and country through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America. Members and volunteers serve with national and community nonprofit organizations, and local agencies to help meet community needs in education, the environment, public safety, homeland security and other critical areas. Senior citizens are especially encouraged to get involved.

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"Introduction to Amateur Radio Emergency Communication" is a basic Amateur Radio Emergency Communication course (ARECC) to raise awareness and provide practical knowledge for amateur emergency communication volunteers.

The course includes basic message handling, equipment and use, the incident command structure, and operations and logistics, among other topics. This course has 20 lesson units and takes about 25 hours to complete over an 8-week period; there are also intermediate and advanced courses available for further study and training. Continuing education units are also available.

Levels II and III continue the student's education in emergency communications, giving instruction in net control, liaising with public safety officials, severe weather and hospital communications, large-scale disasters, ARES, federal planning and much more.

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IN THE NEWS:

President Thanks Ham Radio Volunteer

Shortly after stepping off Air Force One February 5 during a visit to South Carolina, President George W. Bush took a few moments to express his appreciation to ARRL member and Charleston County ARES Emergency Coordinator Charlie Hall, K4AOT. A member of the Charleston Amateur Radio Society and a retired US Army sergeant, Hall, 64, volunteers with a newly formed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), a Citizen Corps program. The president shook Hall's hand and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the community. ARRL is a Citizen Corps affiliate, and in a growing number of localities, Amateur Radio emergency response activities are being incorporated into CERTs.

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WHAT THEY'RE SAYING:

"Congratulations on managing a fine program! I look forward to registering for an upcoming Level II course as time permits, and going on through Level III, if at all possible." -- *Gene Sochor, N9SW*

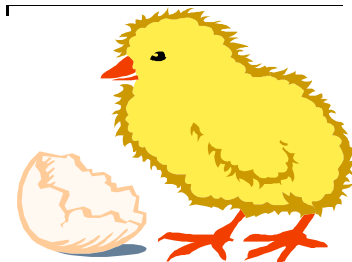
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For more information on this exciting opportunity for learning and service, check out the ARRL Certification and Education Web pages at www.arrl.org/cce/ or send e-mail to ARRL Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, at k3ufg@arrl.org. (Excerpts courtesy ARRL website).



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 DC-ARES NET 7 PM 145.430 Repeater	2	3	4 Board Meeting, 2:30 P.M. at N6MOK's home	5	6 Breakfast, Sis- ters' Cafe, Hwy 99 and Cheetah Inter- section, 7:30 a.m.
7	8 DC-ARES NET 7 PM 145.430 Repeater	9	10 VE Testing, 7:00 P.M. Vet's Mem. Bldg. 252 Old Pacific Hwy.	11	12	13 Breakfast, Sis- ters' Cafe
14	15 DC-ARES NET 7 PM 145.430 Repeater	16	17 <i>St. Patricks Day</i>	18 Club Meeting 7:30 PM, Rm 310 DC Courthouse	19	20 Breakfast, Sis- ters' Cafe, Winston <i>Spring</i>
21	22 DC-ARES NET 7 PM 145.430 Repeater	23	24	25	26	27 Breakfast, Sisters' Cafe, Hwy 99 and Cheetah Intersection, 7:30 a.m.
28	29 DC-ARES NET 7 PM 145.430 Repeater	30	31			

UMPQUA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC

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. Students under 18 are free. Make checks payable to: UVARC, PO Box 925, Roseburg, OR 97470.