

Watt's UP

*News Letter for the Umpqua Valley
Amateur Radio Club
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A message from our President...

Hello UVARC members! I would like to thank Lee, K7AZW for volunteering to be our Field Day Chairman. Also thanks to Jerry, KB7WDR for once again running our GOTA station! Field Day is coming up. Encourage everyone to start making plans to join us at Whistler's Bend Campground. It should be a lot of fun! Thanks to Frank, K6PID for his generous donation of some more valuable gear. It is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use! There was some input this last Board of Directors meeting on having the club meeting every other month on a Saturday. This would work out better for some of our members and hopefully create a larger turnout. Please feel free to e-mail or call me with your input. Have a great month! Martin, KD7QZA

secretary / treasurer's report

Minutes of Feb.17th meeting

Martin opened meeting

Reading of minutes-----Approved

Treas. report-----Approved

Jacob KE7AMF Volunteered to take the refreshment service.

Auditing committee reported audit was taken and books in fine order.

53 paid up members as of this date.

C.J.WB3DRF presented an up date report on club Radio Equipment.

Field chairman volunteered by Lee K7AZW with Jerry KB7WDR to assist.

Drawing won by Jerry K7ETU World radio Subscription.

A big thanks to Dick AA7GC who has kept up with our membership and sends the Watts Up by email.

Members---attend the meetings. We miss you. Be part of the action, we need your input.

Russ Sec

**President
Martin, KD7QZA**

**1st Vice President
Gerry, KC7GZU**

**2nd Vice President
Jacob, KE7AMF**

**Secretary:
Russ, W7DUR**

**Treasurer
Jerry, K7ETU**

Members-at-Large

Jim, KE6QCJ

**Past President
Lee, K7AZW**

**Club Call Signs
KC7UAV
KC7TLY**

ARES net frequencies...

DC ARES 145.430 rpt.

Mondays at 1900 hrs

District 5 ARES 3993.5 khz

Mondays at 2100 hrs

State ARES 3993.5 khz

Mondays at 2100 hrs

VE Testing - 2005 Douglas County

Testing sessions are affiliated with the ARRL. They scheduled the second Wednesday of even months except August. Sessions are held in Roseburg at the Douglas County Courthouse, room 310, 6:30 PM.

ARRL VEC Test Fee for 2005 is \$14.00

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

02/09

04/13

06/08

August - None

10/12

12/14

**For further information contact Mel, AB7DC,
(541)672-5884**

UVARC REPEATERS

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

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.

Hello UVARC members!

Any comments, suggestions or articles? Please send them to me via e-mail at mstruss@cmspan.net or give me at call at **580-3614**.
73, your editor...Martin, KD7QZA

Random Quotes...

I'm very good at integral and differential calculus, I know the scientific names of beings animalculous; In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral, I am the very model of a modern Major-General. -- Gilbert & Sullivan, "Pirates of Penzance"

MEMBERSHIP 2005

As of February 21, 2005, membership stands at fifty-seven.

A new roster for 2005 is attached to this news letter.

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.

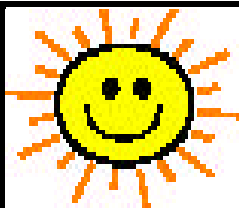
I understand that I am your membership chairman ("from afar"). Since Anne and I now live in Washington state (near Seattle) getting information to me will be a little different, but just as necessary. Sorry, but I don't think I will be able to make many meetings.

I may be reached via:

1. **E-mail** at aa7gc@arrl.net
2. **Telephone:** (253)631-3467
3. **Echo Link.** Connect to the **K7NWS-R** and give me a shout. This is linked to the 145.330 repeater here. If I am home and have the scanner turned on, I'll will be able to talk with you on my HT.
4. **Snail mail:** PO Box 8742, Covington, WA 98042-0055.
73, de Dick, AA7GC.

**** NEW MEMBER ****

KE7BTJ, Bobby Gridley, PO Box 599, Roseburg, OR 97470



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

AMATEUR RADIO SPECTRUM PROTECTION ACT OF 2005 INTRODUCED

At the urging of the ARRL, Rep Michael Bilirakis (R-FL) has introduced The Amateur Radio Spectrum Act of 2005 into the US House of Representatives. The bill, designated HR 691, has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee where Bilirakis serves as vice chairman. Like previous versions of the proposal, the current measure would require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" to Amateur Radio if the FCC re-allocates primary amateur frequencies, reduces any secondary amateur allocations, or makes additional allocations within such bands that would substantially reduce their utility to amateurs. ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, expressed his appreciation to Bilirakis this week.

"As president of the American Radio League and on behalf of the more than 670,000 federally licensed Amateur Radio operators throughout the country, I would like to thank you for once again sponsoring the 'Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act,'" Haynie told the Florida Republican. "As you know, this legislation is vital for ensuring that the Amateur Radio Service, the only 100-percent fail safe emergency communication capability, remains a viable public safety option."

HR 691 references Amateur Radio's role in providing "voluntary, noncommercial radio service, particularly emergency communications," and it points out that hams have "consistently and reliably" provided communication support in the event of emergencies and disasters including tornadoes and hurricanes, chemical spills, forest fires and rail accidents. As the measure notes, FCC actions already have led to the loss of at least 107 MHz of spectrum to radio amateurs.

Rep Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) has signed on as the bill's first co-sponsor. Bartlett chairs the Projection Forces Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee. One of three scientists in the 109th Congress, Bartlett also is a senior member of the House Science

HAM RADIO SAVES A HAM IN ALASKA

Two Alaskan hikers on a day outing in rugged mountains near Anchorage saw their afternoon turn into something entirely unexpected February 12. One of them--Jesse Jones, KL1RK--slipped and fell more than 200 feet down a steep ravine, losing his snowshoes in the process. Jones found himself trapped between a low overhang on one side and a swift-moving stream on the other. Even worse was the fact that his descent could continue into the water at any moment, and almost certain death from hypothermia. With more than 10 feet on the ground, the loss of his snowshoes meant he could not walk out. On the plus side, Jones had taken along his 2-meter handheld transceiver. After several unsuccessful tries, he finally was able to access the wide-area WL7CVG repeater atop Mt Susitna, almost 40 miles distant.

"As a control operator for the repeater, I heard his weak 'Mayday! Mayday! Mayday!' call just a few minutes after 4 PM local time," reports Jim Wiley, KL7CC. "I immediately called 911 and was placed in contact with the local fire department rescue coordinator. I was able to pass on Jesse's messages to the local rescue coordinator, including coordinates from a GPS unit he was carrying." Wiley says the rescue coordinator's office called out the local mountain rescue group and the Alaska State Troopers, who immediately left for the scene.

The rescue team met with Jones's climbing partner, who had been able to hike out to a place where he could assist the rescuers. Jones was able to keep in touch via 2 meters to report his condition, but his signal into the repeater was marginal. Although uninjured, the sub-zero cold was numbing his extremities to the point that he was having trouble operating his transceiver.

Unable to execute the rescue themselves, the team called an Air National Guard unit, which flew a helicopter to the scene. While the presence of high-voltage power lines just above Jones' position complicated matters, the chopper was able to lower some para-rescue jumpers to a nearby location, from which they could rappel to his position and, after a few hours, extricate him.

Briefly hospitalized for a checkup, Jones was released just before midnight, cold and a bit hungry, but otherwise okay. Wiley says several local hams also assisted the effort, either directly or by their connection with local emergency service groups.

*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!!*



March

2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Club Breakfast 0730 Rsbg. Denny's
6	7 DC ARES 1900 hrs 145.430 rpt	8	9	10	11	12 Club Breakfast 0730 Rsbg. Denny's
13	14 DC ARES 1900 hrs 145.430 rpt	15	16	17 DCCH rm 310 UVARC meeting BOD 1845 members 1930	18	19 Club Breakfast 0730 Rsbg. Denny's
20	21 DC ARES 1900 hrs 145.430 rpt	22	23	24	25	26 Club Breakfast 0730 Rsbg. Denny's
27	28 DC ARES 1900 hrs 145.430 rpt	29	30	31		

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.