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The Newsletter of the Multnomah County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

September 2017

Meetings

Multnomah County ARES

Every 4th Thursday
7:00 P.M.

Portland Fire & Rescue CTR
4800 NE 122nd Avenue, Portland
<http://www.multnomahares.org/>

PARC Meeting

Every 4th Friday
7:30 P.M.

One Liberty Center
650 NE Holladay Street, Portland
<http://www.w7lt.org/>

HARC Meeting

Every 3rd Thursday
Mount Hood Comm. College
Room 1001
<http://www.wb7qiw.org/>

Nets

Multnomah Co. ARES Net

Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.
146.84 (no Tone)

Digital Modes Training Net

First Tuesday 8:00 P.M.
443.300 Mhz (PL Tone 100.0)

MCARES Traffic Training Net

Second and fourth Tuesdays
8:00 P.M. 147.180 (PL tone
103.5)
Net Manager: Eli W7ELI



Nate at Press Conference

Upcoming Events

Friday – Sunday, September 22-24: Air Show at Hillsboro Airport.

Thursday, September 28: General Meeting. Training topic is safety and situational awareness in field operations. We will also recap our activities with the Eagle Creek Fire and Evacuation re-entry.

Sunday, October 8: Portland Marathon

Saturday, October 14: Oregon ARES/RACES Fall 2017 SET Mars Attacks – The Sequel

Saturday, October 21: Ham Fest in Rickreall

Sunday, October 22: Disaster Relief Trials

Thursday, November 16: General Meeting. Note: This is a week earlier than usual to avoid the Thanksgiving holiday.

No December General Meeting.

News from Around The County

By Deb KK7DEB

What a busy month we have had! Thanks to all who helped Multnomah County Emergency Management by volunteering their time to help support the Eagle Creek Fire response. We had members helping at the EOC in Troutdale and in Corbett for the resident reentry check in point. In all we volunteered over 250 hours. WOW! Great job everyone!





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Behind the scenes we also had a team of builders working on the 4 new digital go-kits. They have been working on Saturdays from the end of August to present. Their mission is almost complete and each of our ARES teams will now have their own digital kit to use in the field. YAY! Thanks to all the kit builders for their hard work and volunteer time.



Digital Go Kit Build Photos

As if that was not enough we also had an Alpha/Echo team drill on September 9th and a couple of outreach events including the “Get Ready Gresham” event on September 16th.

This month goes into the history book as one of our busiest times. The support of our membership has been so awesome. We are so fortunate to have such a great team so willing to help out as needed. We appreciate every one of you.

As we all catch our breath and adjust to the season change I hope many of you will be available for the October event line up. We have

the Fall SET on October 15th and the Disaster Relief Trials (DRT) on October 22nd. Both of these are really great opportunities to hone our radio skills and the DRT is just plain fun to watch. Those guys and gals on their cargo bikes are really amazing.

Training By Eli W7ELI

A look ahead: October general meeting will have a panel of the folks who went to Grant County for the Eclipse. The November meeting will have a demonstration of making a copper j-pole antenna. This will be followed up in January with a Saturday workshop. Participants will be charged a small fee for parts and will go home with an antenna.

Women’s Ham Radio Technician Class taught by women for women. Six session: Oct. 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21. Contact Barbara Yasson ACTUH@arrl.net or 360-574-1152.

Hoodview ARC Technician Classes will be held November 4th and continue on November 11th from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Mt. Hood Community College's Fisheries building and testing on November 18th at 9:00 AM. Classes are free, but the book is \$22 and the VE test is \$15. Textbook: "Ham Radio School" by Stu Turner is available online. A limited number of books are available from Cory, call 503 -781 -9095 to get your book prior to class. To register call Cory or email ka7iug@frontier.com.

The October 5 ARRO Basics and October 19 Traffic Handling workshops are for MCARES members only. All active members who want a refresher are welcome to attend. Please let me know

at eliza.pride@gmail.com if you plan to attend so I can have enough trainers present. New members must have completed the three on line FEMA classes IS 100, 700 and 200 prior to attending the workshops.



Get Ready Gresham Event

Membership News By Deb KK7DEB

Welcome to our newest members Patty U no callsign yet as she is working on it. Aaron K7ALF is a new supporting member. Aaron works for PBEM and is the new PBEM comms trailer master!

New Trick to Try on your Cellphone By Rochelle AE7ZQ

I learned about this nifty trick from my daughter: As you may be aware, you can set different ring tones for different contacts in your phone for voice and text—but did you know you can also set custom vibration patterns for your contacts when your phone is on silent? You can tap out the first letter(s) of your contacts in Morse code and give yourself a little practice memorizing some letters during those boring meetings when your phone has to be quiet!



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Other Nets

District 1 ARES Net

Daily at 7:30 P.M.

147.320 MHz (PL Tone 100.00) and
147.040 Mhz (PL Tone 100) MC 6

NTTN

Daily at 6:05 P.M.

145.27, 145.43, 45.47, 146.80,
442.875, & 442.275. All with PL
Tone of 107.2

Portland NET Net

Sunday 8:00 P.M.

443.300 (PL Tone 100)