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The Newsletter of the Multnomah County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

April, 2015

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/>



Communications Trailer Progress Photo

Nets

Multnomah Co. ARES Net
Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.
146.84 (no Tone)

District 1 ARES Net
Daily at 7:30 P.M.
147.320 (PL Tone 100.0)

Northwest Oregon Traffic
and Training Net
Daily 6:05 P.M.
145.27, 145.43, 145.47, 146.84,
443.150 & 442.275
(All have a PL tone of 107.2)

Upcoming Events

April 23, 7:00 p.m.; General Meeting. Digipeaters and crossband repeaters and SET briefing.

April 25 Spring SET QuakeEX1 Volunteers needed. Contact Brian ke7qpv@arrl.net or your team leader.

May 16, Deployment Tour. In-depth training on PBEM trailer and County ECC station. Details coming soon.

June 5-7: SEA-PAC HamFest at Seaside, OR See <http://seapac.org> for details.

From the EC Desk



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Editor note: Nate has informed the leadership team that his wife, Christina, has decided to return to school and he will be on afternoon daddy duty for their two kids ages 5 and 2 for the foreseeable future. He has delegated some of his responsibilities to the AEC's and we will all work



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together to keep the ARES group running smoothly.

We will likely rename this section to "News from around the County" in an effort to keep all members abreast of the latest news and events. If you have something to add please send an email to newsletter@multnomahares.org

Here is the latest:

Multnomah County has a new Emergency Manager, Chris Voss. Mr. Voss starts on June 1st and comes to Oregon from Maryland. We understand he has some experience working with amateur radio operators and we are looking forward to meeting him and working together.

OEM (Oregon Emergency Management) has a new Director, Andrew Phelps, who is working on his ham license, and a new Communications Officer, Terry Pietras, W7JOC.

It is a busy month with the MS Walk and the April 25th SET. Many thanks to all who have volunteered to lend a hand and a voice!

73, Deb KK7DEB

Trailer Project

The BIG news is that the State Homeland Security Grant that we applied for has been approved!! Our request and funding for equipment is very likely. They list all the approvals in a top to bottom list and we are in the top one third. This will mean over \$16,000 in equipment for the trailer. Way to go Adam! The downside is

that we will not receive this equipment until October or November.

The insulation is in; the walls are back up and the floor is in. Deb and Will hope to start the wall install this week. John Bartlett has the detailed plans worked out for all the wiring. Net control for the MS Walk this Saturday will be in the trailer with what equipment we have. This is also going to be used for the April 25th SET. At this point the trailer functions as a shelter only as there is no cabinetry or radio equipment installed yet. It is portable tables and folding chairs and a loaner generator but should serve us well for the time being. Take a look at the page one photo and the checkerboard flooring. We decided to put a little pizzazz in the design. If you are interested in helping with the construction, you can contact the trailer crew at trailer@multnomahares.org

Training News

The training topic for the April general meeting has changed. Traffic Handling is postponed until May.

There will be a an ARRO Basics Workshop on May 7 and a Traffic Handling and Communication Log Workshop on May 21; all at our usual ARES meeting place. These workshops are for new members and any other members not yet ARRO certified. Contact me, eliza.pride@gmail.com if you wish to attend these workshops.

Volunteer Opportunities

May 30-31: Timberline marathon and half marathon

June 13: Nut 100k near Roseburg, OR

July 7-8: 50 mile trail run (7th) 50K run (8th) Timothy lake area

Sept 5: Volcanic 50K around Mt St Helens

Sept 26-27: Mt Lakes 100 mile trail run Timothy lake area

If you are interested in helping at any of these events, contact Paul Deggendorfer at kd7uwo@hotmail.com or call 503-318-9260

OTVARC Scholarship

OTVARC has a scholarship, awarded at SEA-PAC each year, that goes to a high school senior or college student, licensed amateur, preference to STEM degree program. Its \$1,000. Last year there were NO applicants.

If you know of a student who qualifies, please refer them to the SEA-PAC website (www.seapac.org) where the qualifications are listed. They can contact Everett Curry, W6ABM (503)522-7142 or w6abm@arrl.org and he will point them in the right direction. The application deadline has been extended to April 30, 2015.



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Membership News

Welcome to our newest members Mark KG7NZQ and Kevin KG7QGH. Congratulations to Lori W3LOR and Dave and Mark from PBEM for upgrading to General class. Harris KG7AMN just passed the Extra exam. You are all awesome!!!

More Ways to Stay in Touch

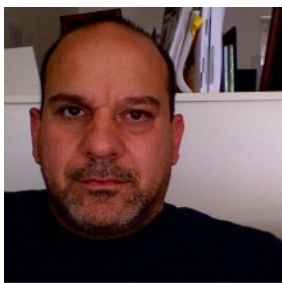
NET net Mondays 7:30 P.M.
146.94 MHz

PSK Digital net Fridays 8:00 P.M.
3.579 Mhz+1500 cycles

Email Focus Groups:

- newham@multnomahares.org
- digital@multnomahares.org
- Technical@multnomahares.org
- Leadership@multnomahares.org
- Trailer@multnomahares.org

Featured Member Profile By Marino Duregon, KG7EMV



Hello!

My name is Marino. I am 49 years old and live in SE Portland (Woodstock neighborhood) with my wife Laura and our two young men, Bruno and Giulio. I am originally from Italy from a town in the northeast of the

country called Treviso, not too far from Venice.

After completing my studies (Computer Science) and starting work, I moved to the States in 1993, first to Chicago, where my wife worked at the time, and later in the same year to Portland, where her family is originally from. I work in Information Technology as a System Engineer in Wilsonville for a major local company in the electronic design automation business.

I became interested in Amateur Radio a few years ago after a tragedy involving a California family lost in the southern Oregon wilderness. It took me a few years to act upon this emergency preparedness urge and finally in July 2013 I took and passed the Technician exam.

From there the path has been the same beaten by many before me: the first trip to the local radio store (aka The Candy Store), the programming of the first HT, finding the frequencies of the local repeaters, listening -- lots of listening. And, the experience of the first check-in, the frustration about not being heard and more trips to the store to get a better antenna, more cables, more books and so on.

Along the way something happened. I met people. Welcoming people; people helping out; and people explaining things and willing to see past the blunders of the new operators.

With time I realized how much dedication and passion for amateur radio there is in these individuals: the guy that every day orchestrates the rag chew net around commute hours;

the folks that every day tirelessly and with infinite patience teach the art of passing formal NTS traffic; the repeater operators; the folks that teach classes in preparation for the license test; the guy who coordinates a VE team; the perpetual tinkerers and experimenters; and those that organize the work of others.

Despite all the jokes about amateur radio operators being a dying breed, I see encouraging signs all around me. Prompted by renewed focus on emergency preparedness, more people than ever are approaching this hobby. More and more 'computer techies' are learning about the world of RF; exploring the airwaves by using a \$20.00 digital TV USB dongle and turning it into an SDR receiver.

Overall I am very impressed by this Multnomah ARES group. We are a diverse bunch with people of all ages and backgrounds. Our leadership team is strong and I believe our growing ranks are proof of its effectiveness.

As for myself, this journey of exploration continues. After passing the General test this past January, I have started tuning into the HF bands. Every day I find something new to learn, forcing me to push myself harder and I could not be happier.

73,

Marino, KG7EMV