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The Newsletter of the Multnomah County Amateur Radio Emergency Service

August, 2018

Meetings

Multnomah County ARES
Every 4th Thursday
7:00 P.M.

Informal Q&A begins 6:15
Portland Fire & Rescue Center
4800 NE 122nd Avenue, Portland
<http://www.multnomahares.org/>

PARC Meeting
Every 2nd Monday
7:30 P.M.

4415 NE 87th Ave., 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)

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

Traffic Handling Training Net
Fourth Tuesday 8:00 P.M.
147.180 (PL tone 103.5)



Shelter in the Park Alpha Team

Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 23, General Meeting: Repeaters and the new mobile repeater kits, presented by Adam KF7LJH

Friday, September 14-Sunday, September 16: MCARES CampOut: Email Robert at RGAnclin@gmail.com for reservations. There is still room for a few more campers! Come all weekend, or just for the day.

Thursday, September 27, General Meeting: non-radio EOC operations and ICS review

News from Around the County By Deb KK7DEB

Thanks to everyone who participated in the July 28th "Shelters in the Park" exercise. In all we had 38 AROs operating outdoors from 11 local parks. The Mike team was net control from Westmoreland Park and the new portable UHF repeater was set up at Council Crest Park keeping us all connected. All of the teams sent Winlink messages to the County EOC and to our shelter coordinator at the ARES trailer. The County EOC team also coordinated and received MMSSTV images from the field. The focus of this exercise was to continue to train on the yellow digital go kits and to test the range of the portable UHF repeater from the Council Crest location.

We did learn a few things. As awesome as the elevation is at Council Crest, our



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Shelter in the Park Echo Team



Shelter in the Park Charlie Team

Echo team was not able to make contact from Fairview City Park. They were successful from Gresham at Bella Vista Park which is located on top of a hill at 410 feet. The Delta team signal was pretty scratchy from St. Johns Park but was much improved when they moved east to Kenton Park. The Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Mike teams were very clear into the portable repeater from all of their parks. All of this testing really helps to expand our capabilities and evaluate the best location for the repeater. We will try several different locations in the future.

There was also great feedback from the field that this was a fun and worthy team building exercise. Our newer members got a lot of hands on experience and we had suggestions on needed improvements to the drill guide.

Be sure to attend the August 23rd ARES meeting to learn more about the portable repeater and the 2 small cross band/ digipeater kits. Adam KF7LJH will be showing them to you and talking about their amazing capabilities.

McARES Campout Last Call By Robert WX5TEX

Are you new to operating on the HF bands? Thinking about upgrading to a General class license so you can work HF? Don't care about HF but want to hang out and get to know your fellow ARES members and have a great time? The HF Campout is approaching soon, and we still have space for a few more folks!

Date: September 14-16
Location: Pine Point Campground, Mt Hood National Forest, on the shores of Timothy Lake
Cost: \$20 to cover the campground and shared supper

Come join us for our annual HF Campout, Sept 14-16 in the beautiful Mt Hood National Forest. We have reserved a nice group campsite for everyone and still have room for a few more folks.

We will bring the trailer as well as set up a couple of other HF Stations, and

we encourage everyone to bring their own portable HF setups.

Now I know what you're thinking, "But Robert, Timothy Lake is down in a valley, HF must not work down there very well". Have no worries, I spent Field Day camped out on Timothy Lake a couple of years ago, and we had no problems making contacts all over the United States.

To sign up for the campout, email me at RGAnglin@gmail.com

Membership News By Deb KK7DEB

Join me in welcoming our newest member Alex KI7ZPC who will join the Alpha team. This brings our total active membership to 104.



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Wednesday Night Net Gems

Pattie KB7GMM

My name is Pattie KB7GMM Echo team and I am the Gem Coordinator for the weekly ARES net. We have heard wonderful comments regarding how much our members like hearing about our little Gems. First off I want to thank those who have been a source of wonderful information. Without the assistance of our members we could not have the great Gems we have.

We would like to make sure we touch on the topics everyone could use. So what we are asking here is any topics that we could assist with. Keep it small; we have a 10 min slot to use. We are also looking for members that might want to speak to these subjects. So everyone who wants to know a little more about something please speak up. And those who would like to deliver the message or have subject matter that the group wants to hear please let us know.

Thank you so much and we look forward to hearing your ideas. Email me at Kb7gmm@gmail.com

Additional Nets

District 1 ARES Net:

Daily at 7:30 P.M.

147.320 Mhz (PL Tone 100.00)
and 147.040 (PL Tone 100.00)
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.