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The Newsletter of the Multnomah County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

October, 2016

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)

COMING IN OCTOBER

MCARES Traffic Training Net

(Time and frequency to be determined)
Net Manager: EliW7ELI



ARES in Action

Upcoming Events

Oct. 27 General Meeting: Speaker Scott Honaker N7SS, amateur radio lead during the Oso, Washington landslide disaster response.

Nov. 5 State-wide ARES SET: Save the date. Details at general meeting..

News from Around The County By: Deb KK7DEB

It has been a busy few months with public service events and ARES activities. Thanks to all who have participated to keep their radio

operating skills sharp and provide valued service to the community.

A special thanks to Peter KH6CTQ for his donation of equipment to Multnomah County ARES. Among the many items donated were 2 military masts which will enhance the Mobile Comms field capabilities. Thanks also to John KH6XG for getting in touch with us to arrange the donation.

We hope you will attend what promises to be a very interesting October 27 ARES general meeting. Guest speaker Scott Honaker (N7SS – Snohomish County, WA) will be making a first person report of his participation in the Oso, Washing-



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ton tragedy March 22, 2014. Scott was the lead for six radio operators during the incident.

Chris Voss and Alice Busch will also be attending to present a special award.

Nate will give an overview of the team reorganization and an update on the November 5 statewide ARES SET.

Membership News By Deb KK7DEB

Please join us in welcoming our new members John KH6XG and Bob K7ENA . This brings our total for the year to 30 new members. Way to go everyone for putting in so much effort to grow our membership!!!

Get the credit you deserve! If you worked communications the Portland Marathon, Hood to Coast, Airshow or any public service event, please let me know and include your assignment or tactical callsign. There is a minimum amount of participation that must be met to maintain your active membership status, and for some of you, getting credit for working these events may be the deciding factor.

Annual HF Campout

We had a great time at Fort Stevens State Park, part of the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park. We operated under the event callsign W7A for National Parks On The Air, a year-long event celebrating the 100th birthday of our National Parks. We were able to make many contacts as far away as South Carolina. The weather, the food and the camaraderie made for very fun



Some of the bicycles from DRT

weekend. Congratulations to Brian KE7QPV, Eli W7ELI and Bill KG7UPR for earning their HF operator certificates. Nathan's son Dimitri, age 7, made his first HF contact with the USS Hornet Amateur Radio Club NB6GC <http://www.hornet-arc.us/>

New Traffic Training Net. By Eli W7ELI

MCARES is starting a new Traffic Handling Training Net (THTN) beginning on October 25. The net will meet every second and fourth Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. on the [Portland Amateur Radio Club \(PARC\)](#) 147.180 MHz (103.5 Tone) repeater. This is not one of the standard MC# repeaters so you will need to program this new frequency and tone into your radio.

I will be the net manager for this net and, after the first few nets, I will be asking for volunteers for net control. This is a practice net only.

Messages will not go beyond this net and will not be delivered. We will practice sending by voice ICS 213 messages as well as NTS formatted messages, and we will practice logging these messages on the ICS 309 form. The net will include discussion of voice traffic handling and suggestions for improving one's traffic sending and message formatting. Questions are encouraged and mistakes are simply learning opportunities.

There are some ICS 213 sample messages on our [MCARES website](#) under TRAINING>TRAFFIC HANDLING. (As of this writing, our very busy web master has not



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had the chance to post this to the website. He has been valiantly organizing the DRT! Thanks, Brian. I will send an email when the sample messages are posted.) You can choose to send one of these, or you can format your own NTS message to send. In the future, more complex messages will be added to the sample message folder. In the same location on the website are instructions for NTS formatting, and ICS 213 and NTS traffic handling. Blank ICS 213, NTS Radiogram and ICS 309 forms are under the DOCS tab.

This is a training net; perfection is not expected. The ONLY way to be proficient in traffic handling is to practice, so please participate as often as possible.



More ARES in Action

Other Nets

District 1 ARES Net

Daily at 7:30 P.M.

147.320 MHz (PL Tone 100.0) and
147.040 MHz (PL Tone 100) MC 6

NTTN

Daily 6:05 P.M.

145.27, 145.43, 145.47, 146.80,
442.875 & 442.275 All with PL
Tone of 107.2

Portland NET Net

Sunday 8:00 P.M.

147.040 MHz MHz (PL Tone 100)

Email Focus Groups

For questions from new or prospective Members:

NEWHAM@multnomahares.org

For technical and operational issues
LEADERSHIP@multnomahares.org

To offer your services and donations for the trailer project:
TRAILER@multnomahares.org

For digital Net questions and digital operations questions:
DIGITALNETMANAGER@multnomahares.org