

July 2017 ARES Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 27: General Meeting; Barbecue and Go-Kit Show and Tell. [Details below](#)

Friday - Sunday, July 28-30: HF Camp Out at Aquila Vista in the Molalla River Recreation Area. Contact Robert6594j@gmail.com for information or reservation. \$5 per person, family invited.

Monday, August 21: Solar Eclipse

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

Sunday, September 17: Gresham Get Ready

Sunday, September 17: Maker Faire at OMSI

Sunday, October 8: Portland Marathon

Saturday, October 14: Ham Fest in Rickreall



Field Day 2017

Robert WX5TEX

News From Around the County

By Deb KK7DEB

We hope everyone who participated enjoyed Field Day on June 24th and 25th. The MCARES trailer was up at Kelly Butte with the Portland Amateur Radio Club for the weekend and there were many visitors despite the nearly 100 degree temperatures. Congratulations to Robert

WX5TEX! His picture above won the Heil field day photo contest. The picture was taken at Pilot Rock in eastern Oregon. Robert won a Heil pro headset for submitting the winning entry.

This month's ARES meeting on July 27th, will be our annual "Go-Kit" show and tell. We will be out in the Portland Fire Training Center parking lot with lots of interesting kit ideas and we hope you will bring yours to share with others. Nate will be grilling up the burgers and we encourage everyone to bring a side dish to share. Pop and paper plates and utensils will also be provided. Bring your own chair to sit and enjoy the great food.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the meeting for the items on display for \$5 each. This annual fundraiser generates funds for the trailer operating fund which helps with the purchase of fuel, insurance and maintenance. We will have the drawing later in the meeting and some lucky folks will take home some great prizes. You do not need to be present to win however.

The HF campout is July 28th, 29th and 30th. Robert reports that several have signed up to spend the weekend at Aquila Vista near Molalla. You are all welcome to come out for the day if camping is not your thing. The trailer will be there and antennas will be hanging in the trees for you to make some HF contacts. It is great fun and a chance to learn in a no pressure atmosphere.

Membership news:

Welcome to our newest members Mark KI7NXQ and Louise KI7MOJ. Mark will join the "Bravo" team and Louise the "Charlie" team. Both are looking forward to the ARO training and will likely join in on the Charlie/Bravo team exercise on August 12th.

Echo Team Update

The Delta-Echo team drill was Saturday, July 8. Delta team provided awesome net control from the trailer. Echo operated from the Gresham EOC and Fire Station 74. Voice and Winlink traffic was exchanged without a hitch. We tried simplex but Gresham had some issues with very low audio. Turns out it was the splitter cable on the speaker. We will have to try that again. We ran out of time before having a chance to do some SSTV. Thanks to those who participated. Great job!

We have been working on making the radio room at Gresham EOC a more workable space. Thanks to Deb for her help in getting the equipment and cables under control. Much of the outdated equipment, forms and manuals have been removed, and other unrelated items

cluttering up the space have been moved out and a table moved in for added work space. Progress!



Gresham EOC Update