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The Newsletter of the Multnomah County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

January, 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/>

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)

RAFFLE DRAWING AT JANUARY MEETING

Tickets still on sale! Five dollars buys you a chance to win the item of your choice. Tickets can be purchased at the January 22nd meeting and the drawing will be done then as well. Items include ICOM IC-229H 2-meter 50-watt transceiver, Kenwood TM-241A 2-meter 50-watt transceiver, one dual band portable j-pole antenna with tripod, 2-night stay at Bayshore House near Manzanita, and a \$25.00 restaurant gift card. Bring your cash, check or credit card. Proceeds go to the trailer project.



Find out how to WIN these radios!

Upcoming Events

Jan.22, 7:00 P.M: ARES General Meeting, Orientation, Deployment procedure and drill

Feb. 7, 9:00 A.M. to noon:
Deployment Drill

Feb. 14: 9:00 A.M: Salem Hamfair at Rickreal, Polk Co. Fair Grounds. <http://www.w7sra.com/>

Apr. 11-12: Communications Academy. Two days of training and information on various aspects of emergency communications.



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From the EC Desk



Welcome to the New Year!

I am looking forward to a productive year, both training- and preparation-wise. As you all know, we are currently fundraising for a communications trailer project. Between the hard work of the trailer committee and the support of our community, I am expecting a successful push for funding. Towards the end of this month we can steer that project towards the planning and building stage. If you haven't had the opportunity yet, please consider contributing as you are able to the trailer project.

The drilling and training prospects for this year are already in process. Eli Pride will be coordinating with our partners in county emergency management to ensure that we have the most effective training regime possible. Our first training will be at this month's general membership meeting, with a drill to follow on February 7th. Overall, the goal of our activities this year is to reinforce our current operating skills, and grow our ability to operate the Winlink system. Let's start the year off with a bang, I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the January general membership meeting.

-Nate

Membership News

Congratulations to Marino KG7EMV and Paul N7NTW on their license upgrades to General class.

Welcome to our newest member Ross KD7TUR. Ross comes to us with a great deal of ham radio experience.

Michael AE7XP has been promoted to team leader of the Rover team. Now that the training program has been in effect for one year, the Rover team will consist of those who have their ARRO certification. Eli and I will work with any member seeking certification. There are several who are very close to this goal.

Many thanks to all who have helped to make the trailer project a reality. Your donations will create an awesome tool for new member recruitment and promotion of amateur radio as well as a portable net control station.

I am looking forward to the next step of purchasing and equipping this great resource.

73, Deb KK7DEB

More Ways to Stay in Touch

NET net Mondays 7:30 P.M.
*146.94 MHz
*Note the frequency change.

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

On-Line Repeater Book

Local ham Garrett Dow KD6KPC has recently completed a new on-line repeater book. He was frustrated by the ARRL Repeater Book being out of date before it was even published.

This is a living document and he has recruited hams throughout the country to insure that the information is kept up to date. You can access it at www.repeaterbook.com. The site has many really cool features including an app for your phone or tablet. Registration is free and gives you access to even more features.

Discount Batteries

NW Battery Supply, 3750 SE Belmont in Portland will sell batteries at a wholesale discount to ARES/RACES members. You need to identify yourself as ARES/RACES and, if asked, give Garrett Lang as a contact person.



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Featured Member Profile Ed Clulow, N7TL

I grew up during World War II and the interest in radio was popular in even in grade school. In the first year of cub scouts you built a crystal set and in the third year you could even build a two tube battery powered "Bread Board" radio that really worked well. My paper route money went to the local radio repair shop.

I became aware of amateur radio in high school and got my Novice in 1953 and upgraded to General January 1954. I had the advantage of never having much money and had to build my station equipment.

I joined the Naval Reserve when I was in high school and was taking the Electronic Technician 3rd Correspondent class. But when they found that I was a ham, they sent me to a shortened Radioman school saying that the Navy needs RM's more than ET's. Then the Naval Security Group offered an even better job and I became a CT(M). I was in the Naval Reserve for 8 years but they weren't keeping me employed enough and I wasn't getting enough part time at the Union Pacific. I started looking for a better job and eventually went to work at Pacific Bell in Portland and found a lot of ham friends there.

When the FCC changed the classes and I had a commercial 1st class phone, I just went right away to the FCC and took the Advanced test (and passed), because the Extra had

the 20 wpm telegraph test and my code was rusty and I couldn't print fast enough. A suggestion was to use cursive but engineering classes required printing so I had to learn it all over again. Finally in 1979 I got my Extra.

My wife one day said, "Do you think I could learn the stuff to get a license?" She had retired from a Telco technical job to be a stay-at-home mom. I was certain she could because she was pretty good at her job and the company had begged her to stay. She and another wife in the Hoodview club took the Novice class and passed. Without telling anyone they started working on upgrading and not only passed the Technician but passed the code test for General. She got her Advanced and was active on the bands until her passing in 1990.

Jeff, my oldest, got his Novice giving him the Radio merit badge. Kenn, my youngest, got his Novice and at the Jubilee at Gettysburg missed Tech by one question. Later he got his Technician and later upgraded to General and has been active in Washington County ARES.

I retired in May of 1999 from U.S. West and it allowed me to travel to Arizona to visit family and go on Ham radio social events and be active in my church. It also let me get to build the station I had dreamed of.

I enjoy various modes and HF contesting, supporting the Hoodview club and, because we lived in the un-incorporated area for many years, supporting the East

County and City of Gresham even though I now live in Portland.

Ed Clulow, N7TL

This space is for you. Please submit a short article, your own Featured Member Profile Story, ads for items to sell or trade, or pictures of anything radio or ARES-related.

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Thanks!