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The Newsletter of the Multnomah County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

May, 2015

## Meetings

Multnomah County ARES

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

7:00 P.M.

Portland Fire & Rescue CTR

4800 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Portland

<http://www.multnomahares.org/>

PARC Meeting

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday

7:30 P.M.

One Liberty Center

650 NE Holladay Street, Portland

<http://www.w7lt.org/>

HARC Meeting

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

## Upcoming Events

**Jun. 5-7 SEA-PAC Ham Fest:**  
Seaside, OR. See <http://seapac.org>  
for details.

**June 6 Rose Festival Grand  
Floral Parade:**

Please respond via the link below  
with a yes or no for your  
participation.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zPWJwVAw\\_V27QKK849q8mqy-G4yckdejZGvPRGpCgg0/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zPWJwVAw_V27QKK849q8mqy-G4yckdejZGvPRGpCgg0/viewform) or  
contact Tary Carlson KA7SKL 971-409-  
0234 [tarycarlson@gmail.com](mailto:tarycarlson@gmail.com)

**June 20 Drill from Home:**

NTS traffic and going off frequency to  
transmit messages.

## News From Around the County

The new communications officer from Oregon Emergency Management, Terry Pietras W7JOC, will be attending our May 28<sup>th</sup> ARES meeting. I am sure he will have a few words about OEM for us. It is an honor to have him attend one of our meetings. I think it shows a positive step forward.

Stevie Bullock from Multnomah County Emergency Management is back to work after several months off following an automobile accident. It is great to have him back. He has always been a huge supporter of MCARES and is our liaison with county emergency



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### Management.

April was indeed a busy month with the MS Walk and the statewide SET. The ARES communications trailer was used for both of these events. I think all the net controls enjoyed the new space in spite of the temporary tables and chairs. Thanks to everyone for volunteering your time for both of these events. We are very fortunate to have such an awesome ARES group.



Our next big event is the Disaster Relief Trials which is usually in July, however this year it looks like the event is being moved to October. We will let you know when we have a confirmed date.

### Trailer Project

The white wall board is almost completely installed. John KF7ZWX and Adam are collaborating on the electrical design. Robert has almost completed a Gator Box with the donated equipment we have so far. The trailer was used for the MS Walk and on Council Crest for the SET. It was great to have the shelter and we got a lot of attention, including from several dogs who

came in for a look around. One even curled up under the table for a nap!

If you are interested in helping with the construction, you can contact the trailer crew at:

[Trailer@multnomahares.org](mailto:Trailer@multnomahares.org).



ARES Trailer Update Photo

Thanks to all who have so generously donated to this project. Donations are still being accepted. Send check to Portland Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 33454 Portland, OR 97292-3454. Please note on your check "ARES Trailer Project."

### Training News

By request from the SEC, Vince Van Der Hyde K7VV, we have new instructions for how to use the 309 Communication Log form. I have redone our version of the 309 to conform and I think it will be much easier to log messages this way. The form will be introduced at the May general meeting. It is already posted

on the website. Please purge your electronic and paper files of all old 309 forms! You're going to like the new one much better!

Training for the May meeting is Traffic Handling, and from the last SET and the Deployment Tour last Saturday, everyone needs a refresher. Please come and hone your traffic handling skills. We will divide into two groups, one for basic message handling presented by Michael AE7XP, and one for experienced message handlers which will cover book traffic, using ARRL numbered radiograms, more extensive NTS protocols for how to send email addresses and URLs in the text of a message and other nitty gritty details.

### Membership News

Welcome to our newest members, Eric N9WJQ, Kent K7YXZ, and Dave KF7QYW. Congratulations to new ARROs Kevin KF7QGH on the PBEM Team, and Ross KD7TUR on the Lewis and Clark Team. Richard AE7BT has agreed to move to the Multnomah County ECC Team.

### Updates from the Webmaster

Brian Cochrane, KE7QPV  
Greetings, members! The role of Webmaster transitioned from Bruce Harris, N4PDX, to me around the end of 2014. I would like to thank him for all his previous work, and for helping me take on his duties. Since the transition, I have been working hard to update and add new content to the



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website, and expand our use of Facebook, Twitter, and Flickr.

The website now has a Training tab, under which you will find details about our training plan, training calendar, certifications, traffic handling, ICS courses, and licensing.

Two other notable additions are under the Resources tab. The Nets section lists several area nets which will be of interest to both new and experienced ARES members. The Equipment Manuals section contains links to manuals for radios and other equipment at our served agencies. The Calendar has been updated with meetings, drills, nets, events, and volunteer opportunities, as well.

Robert Anglin, WX5TEX, created the Multnomah ARES / RACES Facebook page to help get the word out about our Trailer Project fundraiser campaign. The page drove additional traffic to the campaign, and was directly responsible for donations totaling \$275! It has surely proved to be a valuable asset. We now have 69 followers on Facebook, and each week brings more.

We are now using Flickr for all our photos from meetings, events, and exercises. These photos are an excellent way to show people what we do, and can be used on the website, in social media, and in training and promotional materials. Several members have contributed and we now have over 160 photos sorted into albums. Please take some time to browse through the photos and let me know if you have any to share.

Some members have voiced concern over our adoption of Facebook as a communications tool, fearing it might replace existing communication methods. Rest assured, the website and e-mail distribution list will remain our primary means of disseminating information to Multnomah County ARES members; *we have absolutely no intention of replacing them.*

While participation in the e-mail list is only open to active and supporting members, social media provides opportunities to demonstrate our role and value as emergency communicators to a wider audience—people who are not members and who may not even be familiar with ARES or Amateur Radio.

Our Facebook page, Twitter feed, and Flickr photo albums are public, so you do not need to register with those services to view the content. If you do have accounts, however, please consider Liking/Following us by using the URLs below or by clicking these links on the [MultnomahARES.org](http://MultnomahARES.org) website.

<http://www.facebook.com/multnomahares>

<http://twitter.com/MultCoARES>

<http://www.flickr.com/multnomahares>

73,

Brian Cochrane - KE7QPV

[webmaster@multnomahares.org](mailto:webmaster@multnomahares.org)

## 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](mailto:newham@multnomahares.org)  
[digital@multnomahares.org](mailto:digital@multnomahares.org)  
[Technical@multnomahares.org](mailto:Technical@multnomahares.org)  
[Leadership@multnomahares.org](mailto:Leadership@multnomahares.org)  
[Trailer@multnomahares.org](mailto:Trailer@multnomahares.org)

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[newsletter@multnomahares.org](mailto:newsletter@multnomahares.org)  
Thanks!