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The Newsletter of the Multnomah County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

December 2014

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)



Lewis and Clark with Julie W7OW, Helen KE7SCS and Doug KG7MJJ

Upcoming Events

Jan. 3, 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.:
EC's Cup Geocache manhunt

Jan. 27, 7:00 P.M.: ARES General
Meeting. Orientation and Disaster
Operations Overview

Feb.7: 9:00 to Noon: Deployment
Drill

Apr. 11-12: Communications
Academy in Seattle.
<http://www.commacademy.org/>

From the EC Desk



Happy holidays to all! As we transition to a new calendar year, I am looking forward to another productive operating year with all of you. On December 14, the leadership team took an entire Sunday to review the past year and prepare for the next. Thanks to all those who put in the effort to ensure our success. I am happy to report that Brian Cochrane (KE7QPV) will be taking over website duties with Robert Anglin (WX7TEX) assisting with social media efforts.



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Thanks to Bruce Harris (N4PDX) for setting up and caretaking our online presence these past few years, and let's all make sure to support Brian and Robert in creating content for our continuing online presence.

On January third, we will be conducting this year's EC's Cup. The gist of this exercise is to use your portable/mobile VHF operating skills to collect and report clues while searching for me in inner SE Portland. I'll be hiding rain or shine, so prep for the weather and come out and chase me down. As was the case last year, I'll be providing a personalized trophy to the winner.

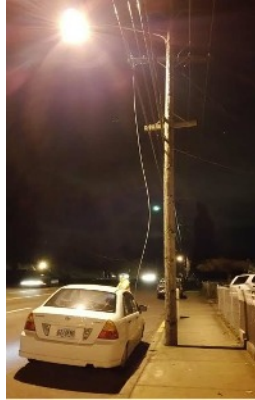
We are almost half of the way through our trailer fundraising effort. I am so impressed with the trailer committee's efforts and results that it makes me proud to be a member of Multnomah County ARES. Please forward the short link (<http://bit.ly/multnomahares>) to anyone whom you think might be interested, and let's finish the fundraising with a bang, so that we can get to the building and operating of this resource!

Thanks, Nate

MCARES Members Help Out In Dec. 11 Storm

PGE operated a net at 8 and 10 pm on 444.675 (PL 100) for check-ins and to gather information on weather conditions, power outages and down power lines. Nate informed us all of this via email. John KG7JKN gave us this: "Glad

I saw this update. I was able to check in and actually get some useful information while I was deployed as a NET to keep folks away from a downed power line. Thanks for keeping the information flowing!"



Michael AE7XP also had a downed power line in his neighborhood and could not get through to PGE as their phones were overloaded. And he learned first-hand the limitations of HTs. He couldn't hit the PGE net. So he called Deb KK7DEB who relayed his info to PGE on the net and arranged for PGE to call Michael for details.

ARES, NETs and PGE all working together to get things done. Way to Go!

Trailer Project Update

The fundraising team reports a total of about \$3500 in cash and equipment so far. Many local business and corporate contacts have been made. These require patience for a response but we are hopeful. Many thanks to those members who have contributed!

Multnomah County Emergency Management is submitting a request for Citizen Corps grant money for equipment. Thanks to Stevie

Bullock for his hard work in the grant process!

The raffle at the January 22nd ARES meeting will be an opportunity for everyone to win one of the following:

- Kenwood 2 meter 50 watt transceiver
- Icom 2 meter 50 watt transceiver
- Portable J pole dual band antenna with tripod
- \$25 gift card
- 2 nights at a 3 bedroom vacation rental near Manzanita

All proceeds will go towards the trailer project. Tickets will be available for purchase for \$5.00 each at the meeting.

If you would like to contribute to the Trailer Project, you can do so online at <http://bit.ly/multnomahares> or send a check to:

Portland Amateur Radio Club
P.O Box 33454
Portland, OR 97292

All donations are tax deductible and would be much appreciated to fund this great resource! Every little bit helps!

Training

Best of Holiday Wishes to everyone!

Thanks to the 31 people who responded to our survey. We appreciate all the positive feedback and the suggestions for improvement. The anonymous responders who indicated you



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wanted to get more involved or to help out in various ways need to let us know who you are. We welcome your help and participation. Some of the changes you will see in 2015 based on your survey comments are:

We will have more hands-on workshop type training at our monthly meetings. You will find the 2015 Training Schedule on the website under DOCS>Training and attached to this email.

Keep an eye on the website www.multnomahares.org too. Take some time to click around and see what is there. And keep coming back as it continues to improve.

We will be much more visible on social media with Facebook, Flickr and Twitter. For those of you who are not into social media, you will still get all the information you need from email, this newsletter and attending monthly meetings.

Looking forward to and wishing you all a fabulous new year!

Eli W7ELI

Membership News

Join me in welcoming our newest members Allan Cordova KG7EMU, Dylan Dalton W7KEF and Jason Davis KD7YNA. We are looking forward to their participation and Eli W7ELI and I will be working with them to get them certified.

The membership forms update has been moved to January. I will work with John K7TY to produce a survey type form so we do not require quite as much information to be repeated. We want to make sure we have the most current info for our records.

Thanks to all for a great year for MCARES ! I am looking forward to 2015 and to continue to hone our operating skills. It feels like we are making huge strides and your support and participation are the reasons why we continue to grow and evolve to be one of the best ARES units in the state.

73,
Deb KK7DEB

Oregon Section ARES/RACES Website

Oregon ARES/RACES has a new website and email system that is open to all. To find out what is going on a statewide basis and get news on training opportunities, SETS, the Oregon ARES Digital Network, the annual leadership meeting, administrative policies and to look at the photo gallery, just check out:

www.oregonaresraces.org

We now have nearly 100 people registered from all over the state. From La Grande to Astoria; south to the California border and east to Burns, ARES members statewide are getting connected and you're invited! Just register on the website and sign up for ARES Email. Welcome aboard!

John Core KX7YT
ASEC, SETS & Website Administrator

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.

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.

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::

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