



Multnomah County Amateur Radio Emergency Services Newsletter



01-23-20

MEETINGS

Multnomah County ARES

Every 4th Thursday, 7:00pm
Portland Fire & Rescue Center
4800 NE 122nd Avenue, 97230

<http://www.multnomahares.org>

Portland Amateur Radio Club

Every 2nd Monday, 7:30pm
4415 NE 87th Avenue, 97220

<http://www.w7lt.org>

Hoodview Amateur Radio Club

Every 3rd Thursday
Mt. Hood Community College
Room 1001

<http://www.wb7qiw.org>

NETS

Multnomah County ARES Net

Wednesdays, 7:00pm
146.84 (no tone)

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District 1 ARES Net

Daily, 7:30pm
147.320 (PL tone 100.0)

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Digital Modes Training Net

Every 1st Tuesday, 8:00pm
440.400 (PL tone 123.0)

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/23 General Meeting

SOP overview
ARES operations
2020 Preview
Acronyms

1/25 Winter Field Day!

New Year's Greeting from Nate!

Happy New Year MCARES! I'm so glad to be entering a new year with the state's best radio crew. I would especially like to thank the leadership team for spending an entire Saturday in December to chart our path through the new year. As we go forward in the new year a lot of the same skills and themes from before will be returning. There are also minor tweaks to improve on the strong operating foundation we have built over the last several years.

Our main focus areas will continue to be digital field operations (Winlink from temporary locations) and building our technical and operation knowledge and skills. We have some new equipment, and a slight revision to the existing field kits. By late spring, I expect a new portable asset to be deployed (the Spartan trailer). Our exercises and drills will attempt to repeat and cement our basic skills, while allowing room for growth as well.

Later in the year we will have our campout, which I have aligned with the "worked all Europe" DX SSB contest. I hope to include a tailgate swap meet element to the August go kit show-and-tell. Right off the bat in January there is Winter Field Day on Jan 25th and our first drill will be a pajama drill on February 1st. I hope to see everyone at the January general membership meeting for a discussion of SOP revisions and further discussion of the year ahead.

Thanks to all, and I am sincerely looking forward to it!

-Nate NA7EE

NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTY

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

STEVE KJ7JBC
DELTA TEAM

AND

TEDDY KJ7IJR
BRAVO TEAM

The newsletter has a new refreshing look for 2020!

The MCARES "Connected" newsletter was established in July of 2013. Vaughn Lewis AC7HO has formatted the content into newsletter format. We can't thank Vaughn enough for all his years of service!

A new decade brings a new look for "Connected." Rochelle AE7ZQ is taking over the job with new ideas and formatting. Thanks Rochelle!

Grant equipment update: With the help and support of Multnomah County Emergency Management two UASI grants have been funded for eight additional digital go kits and personal protective equipment for all of our members.

The radio go-kits will be built with a new design that will make them lighter and even more portable and flexible. The PPE kits will be available for distribution at our January 23rd meeting. If you have completed your ARRO basic training you are eligible to receive this kit. These bags contain safety items you will need for deployment. I was going to list the items but thought a surprise would be much more fun!

Membership News: We welcome our newest members: Steve KJ7JBC who joins the Delta Team and Teddy KJ7IJR who has joined the Bravo Team. The membership roster was trimmed in December to reflect inactivity by some members so we start the new year with **103** active members.

Deb KK7DEB

UPCOMING ARES EVENTS 2020



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| Jan 23 | ARES Membership Meeting |
| Jan 25 | Winter Field Day |
| Feb 1 | ARES Drill from home |
| Feb 8 | New Member training-Part 1-ARRO |
| Feb 15 | Rickreal Swap meet |
| Feb 20 | Roll up Jpole build- ARES workshop |



WINTER FIELD DAY 2020



ARES

Multnomah ARES will be participating in **Winter Field Day** this year on **Saturday, January 25th, at Bald Peak State Scenic Viewpoint**. Operations will run from really early in the morning to late in the afternoon. The Communications Trailer will be set up and all are welcome to come by, hang out, talk radio and maybe work some HF.

From the Winter Field Day Association:

The Winter Field Day Association (WFDA) is a dedicated group of Amateur Radio Operators who believe that emergency communications in a winter environment is just as important as the preparations and practice that is done each summer but with some additional unique operational concerns.

We believe as do those entities of ARRL Organizations like ARES & RACES that maintaining your operational skills should not be limited to fair weather scenarios. The addition of Winter Field Day will enhance those already important skills of those that who generously volunteer their time and equipment to these organizations. This is why WFD is open to all licensed amateur radio operators worldwide.

Disasters are unpredictable by nature and can strike when you least expect them. WFDA's goal is to help enhance your skills and ready you for all environmental conditions found in the US and Canada during the spring, summer, fall and winter. Preparedness is the key to a professional and timely response during any event and this is what local and state authorities are expecting when they reach out to the emergency service groups that offer their services.

If you are serious about emergency communications as we are; we welcome you to join us for our yearly event. We are sure you will find this event a pleasant change and challenge to that of a normal summer time field day.



**Saturday
Jan 25
2020**

**Hope to
see you
there!**

Having experienced a few earthquakes while living in San Jose and realizing Portland, too, was located in earthquake country, Rochelle took a weekend PCC class on preparedness. The one thing she took away was that ham radio would be the only way to communicate during and after a disaster.

A simple search pulled up McARES, and so the journey began with a new volunteer organization. She has a Yaesu VX-8R handheld and a Kenwood D710 at her home station that runs a gateway.

Member Profile

AE7ZQ

"It's impossible to be bored—especially on the Mike team! There is always something to learn and something fun to do with ham radio."

In fact, Rochelle is now the new coordinator for *Connected*, the MCARES newsletter you are reading at this very moment! She hopes you enjoy the new format!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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ADDITIONAL NETS

Portland Neighborhood Emergency Team

Every Sunday, 8:00pm

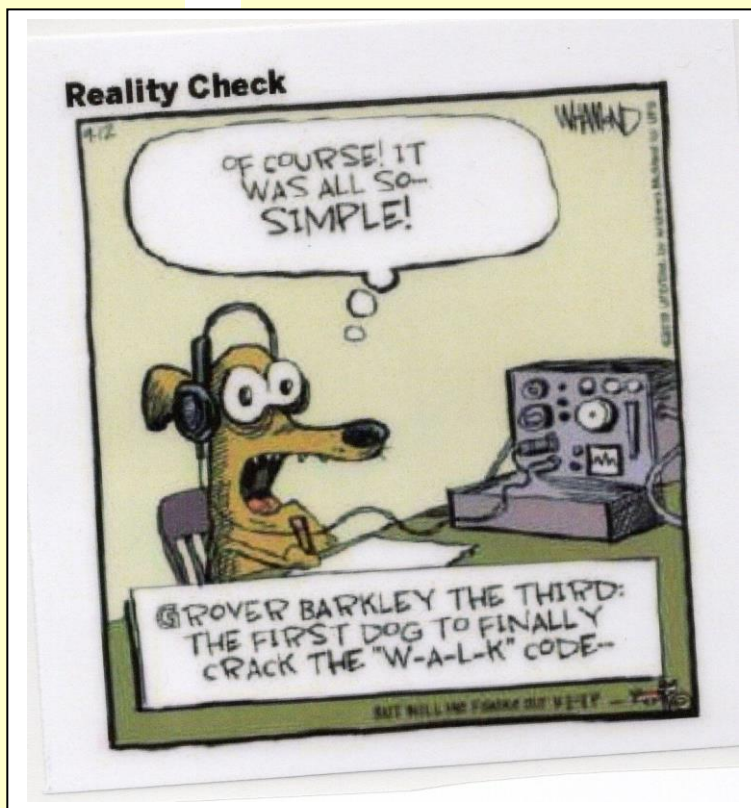
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Northwest Oregon Traffic & Training

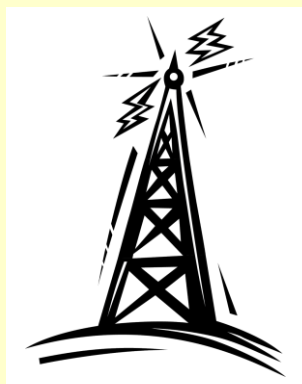
Daily, 6:05pm

145.27, 145.43, 145.47,
146.84, 443.150, 442.275
(all with PL tone 107.2)

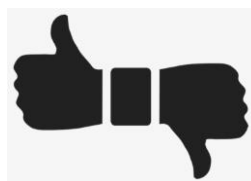


CLASSIFIEDS

Save some money at any **NW Battery Supply** when you ask for the
"Multnomah ARES Discount!"
3750 SE Belmont St, Portland, OR 97214, (503) 232-9002

THOUGHTS FROM THE COMMUNITY
THE MIC IS YOURS

Want to give someone a shout-out for a good job? Or
complain that the newsletter has a lot more pages? This is
the space where you can be heard!



EMISSIONS

Long ago, F.C.C. rules required mobile hams to not only say their call sign, but to say where they were operating, giving both the city and the call sign area. You may hear some hams saying, "...mobile 6" or "...mobile 3" after their call sign. This means that they are operating "mobile, in call sign area 6" or "mobile, in call sign area 3." This is no longer required but it is sometimes good to know. When leaving their home state, some hams will keep track of what call sign area they are in, and say, "...mobile 7," or "...mobile 1," or whatever.

- Recommendation: it's not necessary, but it's not wrong.

ASK AN ELMER

Have questions?
Ask us and we will try to find the answer!



New Components coming to *Connected*!

We have room for **Classified Ads**! For instance, if you have equipment to sell or give away, let the rest of the members know! (No fee!)

"**The Mic is Yours**" –where we welcome "thoughts from the community"--think "letters to the editor".

Have any good radio **jokes, riddles or cartoons**? *Connected* will share

**THIS IS
YOUR
NEWS
LETTER!**

them with the group!

Have a **great idea or tip** you'd like to share with the rest of the members? Like to share some nifty photos? Let us know!

Comments, questions, ideas, suggestions, or complaints? Email them!

TO:

rogini17@gmail.com

subject line: CONNECTED

Winter Field Day (2019)

