

Sea-Pac Edition!



June 2018 Newsletter

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President's Comments

Welcome to the Yelm Amateur Radio Group's monthly newsletter for June 2018. The month of June is going to be very busy. June 1 will be the start of the SEA-PAC ham fest in Seaside Oregon. Several of our members will be going to this event. As I posted last week, via E-mail, the June 2 meeting has been canceled. We will see everyone on June 16.

On June 9, 1:00 PM we have scheduled a license testing session at the Rainier city hall conference room. The Technician test will be using a new study book and test questions after the end of June so everyone who has studied with the current book should be there to test. Anyone wishing to upgrade to General or Extra Class should be there too.

On June 23 we will be participating in the ARRL Field Day 2018. We will be using the field in front of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, in Yelm again this year. Chris, KB7NMU will be organizing the event. This year

we are only planning to operate only on Saturday June 23.

On June 30 ARES will be participating in a disaster exercise. All ARES members should have received the draft Exercise communications plan. If you didn't, please contact Ed, N7EKB.

On Sunday night, after the ARES net, we are moving from 146.55 MHz simplex to 440.200 MHz PL: 100 Hz. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join in.

I hope to see all of you Saturday June 16 at 9:00 for coffee and conversation followed at 9:30 by our meeting and training.

73's

Richard WBOSRJ
President YARG

Editor's Notes

YARG Newsletter Editor: Chris Kennedy KB7NMU

I'm doing something a little different this month and writing the newsletter while in Seaside for the Sea-Pac Ham Radio Convention. I thought it might be fun to show everyone what goes on here, so I'll try and get some pictures and recaps of each day to share.

Sorry about the missed newsletter last month. Things got a little hectic and I had less and less time to work on things, and then my dog unexpectedly had to be put to sleep. Hopefully things will go a bit smoother from now on.

I also accepted the Secretary position, so you can find my contact info in the Club Info section.

Thanks, and see you on the air.

Chris KB7NMU

Definitions:

Bandwidth – A Ham's waist size.

Broadband – An instrumental musical group made up of older women.

Automatic Gain Control – Ham weight loss program.

Purloined from Ham Universe.

ARES

By: Ed Braaten, N7EKB

In the case of an emergency how do you get news of your situation to your relatives? Do you have a personal/family disaster communications plan? Does your plan address the scenario where you have no telephone or internet connectivity?

After Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico last year one of my ham friends came to me asking how he might reach his family members in Puerto Rico. Some of his family members were also hams. We quickly determined that none of his family had a communications plan in place. My friend had to worry for weeks before he got word that his family members were alive and safe. This experience drove home to me the importance of planning our family disaster communications before an event happens.

During our quarterly ARES disaster communications exercises we usually test how well our stations can contact various EOC's. The focus is mainly ham-to-ham communications with simulated traffic. This quarter we're going to change that and focus instead on our personal/family disaster communications plans and the general public.

Each participant in this quarter's exercise will be asked to provide the name, address and phone number of an out-of-area contact person that would be used by their personal/family disaster communications plan. Our ARES team is going to send an individual ARRL Radiogram addressed to each of these out-of-area contact persons with the following message:

"I participated in a local disaster communications exercise June 30. Everyone safe here. Please don't worry. No phone or internet was allowed during the exercise. Greetings by Amateur Radio."

My hope is that this quarter's exercise will help each participant and their family to be better prepared to communicate in a disaster situation that has knocked out local telephone and internet connectivity. I encourage anyone in the club to participate in this quarter's exercise - just send your out-of-area contact information to me (ed@n7ekb.net) or one of the other ARES team members and we'll draft and send a radiogram on your behalf.

MASON COUNTY WASHINGTON

From ARRL NW Division Newsletter

Mason County Emergency Manager Ross McDowell, KE7YZD, announces the appointment of Tom Dennis, KA4VVA as the new Mason County Radio Officer. Tom retired from the Thurston County Sheriff's Office, after a long and successful career. Having nothing to do in his retirement, Tom was recruited to fill the position at Mason County DEM.

ARISS LOOKING FOR PROPOSALS

From ARRL NW Division Newsletter

It's been a while since a school or big student group from the ARRL Northwestern Division has submitted a proposal for an ARISS radio contact. The window for accepting proposals is just closing, but another window will open in 5 months. Competition is pretty healthy, but the school doesn't have to have ham activity right now--just be open to having hams come in and do demos and fun activities like fox hunts or building things...and sometimes educators include in their proposals that they want to set up a school club. Actually, ARRL Headquarters has a loaner station that can be shipped out, if needed.

If you know a teacher that would like to become involved in this exciting program for youth, let them know that the next window for proposals opens September 2018. For more information contact me at: k7cex@arrl.org

Sea-Pac 2018

By: Chris Kennedy, KB7NMU

Well, another Sea-Pac Northwestern Division Convention has come and gone. This year the Friday Workshops included Antenna Modeling, and Emergency Preparedness and Communications. I went to the Emergency Preparedness and Communications workshop which covered the supplies and equipment you should have prepared in order to whether a storm or disaster. The advice was that you should have a minimum 3 weeks of supplies, but attempt to have supplies for much longer. Also make sure you have some way to power your radios for long term power outages.

Friday night was the 3rd annual “Radios on the Beach” event. This year finally saw the long-promised deployment of a kite flown antenna. For all of 8 minutes before the wind died down...



There were plenty of other radio and antenna combinations on the beach though.



Saturday was the start of the flea market, exhibitors, and seminars. This year Sea-Pac had over 2,100 attendees and 34 seminar sessions.



I think the most interesting seminar I attended was on EYEWARN, a program in Clark County Washington for ordinary ham radio operators not in ARES to be able to provide situation reports to feed into ARES so that Emergency Managers could be provided information about local situations. More is available about EYEWARN at <http://www.eyewarn.net>.

Sea-Pac is a lot of fun, and I recommend it to anyone who can find the time to attend. It doesn't hurt that it is by the beach is Seaside Oregon either. For more information about Sea-Pac go to <http://www.seapac.org>. Seminar presentations for 2018 should be available soon from the Seminars page on the Sea-Pac website.

Sea-Pac 2019 will be May 31 through June 2nd. Mark your calendars now!

Weekly Nets

East Thurston County ARES

When: Sunday 7:00PM

Frequency: 146.550MHz Simplex

Purpose: To develop communications skills, familiarize members with proper Net procedures, and to test radios and antennas.

Additional Info: Anyone is welcome to listen in, and we always appreciate visitor check-ins to the net! If you're interested in joining the ARES team feel free to contact Ed Braaten – N7EKB at ed@n7ekb.net.

East Thurston County ARES Roundtable

When: Sunday, after weekly simplex net.

Frequency: 440.200+MHz 100.00Hz Tone

Purpose: General chat among East Thurston County ARES team members.

Additional Info: Anyone is welcome to join. Generally we are on the repeater around 7:15PM, but that can change depending on how long the Net goes.

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Amateur Radio Events

YARG VE Session

Date: June 9th, 2018 at 1:00PM

Location: Rainier City Hall

Cost: \$15 test fee

Event Info: Come and get your first Amateur Radio License, or upgrade!

APPLE CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS

The Apple City ARC will celebrate 50 years of Ham Fests on June 8, 9 and 10 at Dryden Gun Club off of Highway 2, East of Wenatchee. This is a great event, with camping, games and food. For more info go to:

<https://www.applecityarc.com/>

ARRL Field Day

Date: June 23rd, 2018

Location: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Info: ARRL Field Day is a fun Amateur Radio demonstration and operating event held every year the last full weekend in June. YARG will be doing a single day operation this year.

Club Information

Website

<https://yelmamateurradiogroup.org/>

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Meetings

1st and 3rd Saturday. Social time 9AM, meeting starts at 9:30AM. Short club meeting followed by educational/informative program.

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