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## **Curry Emergency Net Resumes**

The Curry Emergency Net has restarted. The net had been off the air for the last two years. The repeater is located on Bosley Butte, about 10 miles north of Brookings. At 3,400 ft, it has excellent coverage of Curry County, reaching the coast from Port Orford to Brookings, and even as far south as Eureka CA with a solid signal. It is also good up the Chetco River Valley.

The Bosley repeater is licensed to Dar KA7GNK. Dar and his friend Joe WA7JAW have historically done a great job of establishing and maintaining service. The site has been difficult to maintain. Winter access is usually not possible and vandalism has been hard on antennas.

This is the only VHF net that reaches both ends of Curry County. If you've not yet checked into the net, we urge you to stop by. The net is friendly and brief. Since resuming in December, the net has gained members steadily, averaging about 15 check-ins.

The net belongs to all Curry County Amateurs. If you check in, you're a member, and your participation is sincerely appreciated. In case of a communications emergency, familiarity with this resource will be invaluable.

The Curry Emergency Net meets every Tuesday evening at 1845 on 147.25(+/-88.5). We'd love to have you join us next Tuesday!

Best Wishes, Doug K7KY, NCS

## **Sam Hall KB7BIB—Silent Key**

Sam was born in 1917 and died on December 18. He was one of the very early members of our club. In his early years near Fresno, CA, Sam worked on farms and conservation programs. He was an amateur boxer who reached championship competition.

Moving to Portland and joining industry, Sam became a union leader. Completing his education and the bar exam, he was admitted to the bar in Oregon in 1941. A shining career as attorney and judge followed for another 41 years.

Sam served in the US Army in Africa and Sicily during WW2, earning Sergeant's stripes and a Bronze Star. He told stories of making the army's radios work during combat.

Sam and his wife Jeanie moved to Brookings in 1951 and raised their 6 sons here. He helped found the Harbor Fire Dept. and served there for decades, being conspicuous in parades while driving their old truck. After retirement, they enjoyed motoring around Oregon and the rest of the country.

Sam continued to educate himself and fix everything the rest of his life. He was an avid ham and a contributing, congenial and memorable club member and gentleman.

### **Member News:**

Doug K7KY and Mindy W7ZAP each received an award from the Oregon Emergency Net (OEN) for "Extraordinary Service" for checking in solid for the year of 2013. They've been solid for 23 months now!

### **PBARC 2014 Dues Still Only \$15**

Pelican Bay Amateur Radio Club dues remain at \$15 per calendar year as stated in the by-laws.

Licensed hams under the age of 18 may join for \$5 per year. Dues are payable now.

All memberships are for the calendar year, except when a Ham joins for the first time during the year their dues may be prorated.

Newly-licensed Hams may have the first calendar year of membership free.





# WE ENJOYED THE HOLIDAY BRUNCH !





**SOMETIMES YOU FEEL LIKE A NET!**

We can participate in a number of amateur radio nets on a weekly basis. Some are listed below.

**Mondays: Humboldt County net** at 7:30 p.m. on 146.760 MHz, -/103.5 tone (from Scotia)

**Tuesdays: Curry Emergency net** at 6:45 p.m. on 147.250 MHz, +/88.5 (Bosley Butte)

**PBARC net** at 7:00 p.m. on 146.960 MHz, -/88.5 (Harbor Hills)

**Gold Beach hams net** at 7:00 p.m. on 146.740 MHz, -/88.5 (Grizzly Peak)

**Del Norte ARC net** at 7:15 p.m. on 146.880 MHz, -/103.5 (Crescent City)

**ORCA voice and digital net** at 7:25 p.m. on 146.56 MHz (simplex)

If your license and interest reaches farther, ARES District 5 (Curry, Douglas, Josephine, Jackson and Coos Counties) has a Sunday net at 5:30 p.m. on 3.964 MHz LSB. Visitors are welcome after the roll call and info segment, which usually takes about 20 minutes. Net control rotates weekly through the counties. It's a good way to see how propagation (and your antenna) works in the short/mid-distance range on 80 meters.

SUMMARIES OF MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2013

Eleven members and three associates or guests were present. We had a quorum. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$5,507.02, unchanged from last meeting. We have 49 members. Approval was given to buy a new battery box for \$50 for the Harbor Hills Repeater. It was moved, seconded and carried that members' names and information be removed from the website. Both of our repeaters are registered with ORRC with the club call sign W7BKG. Seventy-one members and guests checked in on the weekly net since the last meeting.

November 22, 2013

Eleven members and seven associates or guests were present. We had a quorum. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$5,663.02. The change reflects dues paid for 2014 and Holiday Brunch reservations paid. Tony Smith KI6MSH and Leonard Smith KA7VMW joined tonight. We currently have 51 members. Sixty members and guests checked in on the weekly net since the last meeting.

December 20, 2013

Ten members and six associates or guests were present. We had a quorum after Mike Poole WA6ZYK joined the club. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$5,498.02. We paid Dee Ann's Tea Room \$535 for the Holiday Brunch. Twenty-seven member have paid there dues for 2014. Eighty members and guests checked in on the weekly net since the last meeting.

**HAM LICENSE TEST SCHEDULE**

The first ham testing session in Brookings for 2014 will be at 9 AM Saturday, Feb. 1, in the Library Annex in Brookings. Other testing dates for 2014 include Apr. 5, June 7, Aug. 2, Oct. 4 and Dec. 6, according to Dar Rasmussen KA7GNK, coordinating volunteer examiner.

**Members Birthdays**

- Feb. 1 KE7YUH Mei Tang
- Feb.13 KF7YDP Kandi Howell
- Feb.15 KE6YUI Larry Mostachetti
- Feb.17 KI6MSH Tony Smith
- Feb.17 KE6NVU Paul Carlin
- Feb.21 W6ZX Chuck Larimore
- Feb.24 KE6LEA Warren Dowler
- Feb.27 AE7MA Marion Ayer
- Mar. 3 KE7FXM Jim Wills
- Mar. 8 K7KY Doug Gustafson
- Mar.19 N7SJH Polly Keusink
- Mar.25 K6HWK Elijah Hawk
- Mar.27 WB6GUM Andy Tullis
- Apr.11 W7RFC Lorraine Wilkinson
- Apr.25 KC7WHG Virgil Cox

**Member Bio:  
Oscar Marks K6LKK**



Oscar Marks, K6LKK, our Vice President, was born in Sacramento, CA. In high school he worked as a soda Jerk at a popular drug store. After completing his education, he worked for Union Oil Co. for eight years as an auditor in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Returning to Sacramento, he went to work as office manager for Mercy Medical Center. He eventually worked at several hospitals, holding management positions including DFO and CEO, finally retiring from Sutter Coast in 1990. As a result of a 1936 trip in a Tri-Motor Ford airplane, he developed a childhood fascination and in 1948 obtained his pilot's license. He has logged nearly 2000 hours. When Oscar was 12 years old, he purchased a "cat whisker" detector for 25 cents. It was simply a mineral (galena) and a piece of wire mounted on a piece of Bakelite. It worked really great on local AM stations. It was more than a decade before he obtained his novice ham license. He enjoyed building electronic projects and his first transmitter was a single 6L6 pushed to 25 watts and fed into a home built tuner and antenna. Among his other projects was a five-tube super-regenerative receiver. Today he still enjoys ham radio but depends on the commercial market to provide him with equipment he might need!

**President's Message...**

As we begin a new year with a new board I want to thank Larry Mostachetti KE7YUI as well as Lorraine Wilkinson W7RFC and Kate Davies KF7WIB for a great job of looking out for the best interest of the club. We begin the new year with some new folks and some old friends on the board. Larry is back as Treasurer, I am returning, as President, and of course Lorraine is our secretary, to keep us on track. Our new (and former) vice president is Oscar Marks K6LKK, who has a broad background in ham radio as well as business. We are all looking forward to working together.

I invite each member of the club to let us know what you would like from the club. We are having "Project Night" after each business meeting. We would like to understand what you want to learn. Presentations of 5 minutes are all welcome; please let the club officers know of your ideas. Getting involved in your club is very rewarding, with knowledge and friendships.

Thank You and 73s,  
Paul Carlin KE7NVU

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IRLP Simplex 145.750 Simplex  
PBARC Simplex 147.420 MHz

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The 2014 Membership Roster and Club ByLaws will be included in the May issue of Sparks.

Additions, ideas, corrections or suggestions for this publication are appreciated. Please submit them to Bob W7VN or Lorraine W7RFC at [bobnlori@wtribe.com](mailto:bobnlori@wtribe.com). before April 15, 2014



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**PELICAN BAY AMATEUR  
RADIO CLUB  
REGULAR EVENTS**

**Meeting-on-the-air**

Roll Call  
Every Tuesday, 7 pm  
146.960 MHz — (88.5)

**Coffee Hour Fridays**

8:30 to 9:30 am  
at Dee-Ann's Tea Room  
and

**Monthly Meeting and  
Workshop**

Last Friday of each month  
at 6:30PM at

**Chetco Activity Center**

Brookings  
Unless otherwise advised.

**Annual Meeting and Picnic**

Plus election of officers  
Loeb State Park  
North Bank Chetco River

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