

PELICAN BAY Amateur Radio Club

Sparks



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New Sparks Editor

This SPARKS edition marks the first compiled and edited by Mike Rice KBØNND. Many things have happened since Polly N7SJH surrendered the mantle to me, and I hope this will give a fair picture of events as they occurred this past quarter.

In introduction, I am also the Vice President of PBARC. I was licensed in Colorado in 1994, explaining the Ø, and decided to keep my call when I passed the General exam late in 2010. One-third of my children reside at home, two-thirds are in school, and the oldest of the three is returning home after an adventure. My DW (XYL to some) reports for the Curry Pilot and keeps me on my toes.

I also edit a newsletter for another non-profit in Brookings, the Pelican Bay Arts Association, but that only gives me a fraction of the experience Polly took to retirement. I will be making a change, hopefully for the better, that I learned of at the PBAA and at the request of other SPARKS recipients. This edition of the SPARKS will be printed and mailed as usual to all members of PBARC and those organizations already on the mailing list. Also, I will email a PDF copy to all members whose email address is listed in the roster and later to those who request it be emailed. This will enhance the possibilities for distribution and allow the newsletter to be archived and downloaded on our website, www.pbarchams.org. We will continue to send the regular mail version, unless you tell me specifically to save a stamp.

I also tend to go lightly on the pictures, but won't rule them out entirely. The people (hams like you and me) who make up this club and make it fun to be a member and participate deserve recognition for deeds done and accomplishments made. I look forward to many more issues leaving my desk.

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Disaster!

Mike Rice KBØNND

This second quarter has seen many great events and we, the residents of Curry County and members of PBARC, have had to deal with them all in one way or another. After the DOGAMI series in January and CERT training for some of us, March 11th

brought the earthquake to Japan, and the tsunami that followed was felt there as well as at the Port of Brookings-Harbor and points south.

Waves as high as six and eight feet laid waste to our port. Fortunately for us, no lives were lost here as a result of the event. Hams started ad-hoc observation and reporting of the waves as they flushed the basin and swept along other parts of the coast.

While the communications systems in Curry County supported emergency personnel and authorities in their duties, the effectiveness of amateur communications and support was not exploited. Bob Wilkinson W7VN explains how an emergency exercise, scheduled before the tsunami took place, could aid our communications systems.



Curry County Emergency Services Coordinator Don Kendall N6VKW directs the attention of Bob Wilkinson W7VN, ARES Emergency Coordinator in Curry County, to the Patterson bridge over the Rogue River in Gold Beach. The bridge might not survive a magnitude 9 earthquake, presenting major transportation problems.

Shake-Ex 2011

Summary and Conclusions: Bob Wilkinson W7VN

A communications exercise was conducted in Curry County on April 9, 2011 as part of a statewide drill called Shake-Ex 2011. The premise was a 9.0 coastal subduction zone earthquake with resulting tsunami and full loss of normal communication. Coastal communities organized amateur radio groups, CERT, CAP and neighborhood groups to respond. The result gave a lessons-learned experience but confidence that communications among and between local cities and to and from Oregon Emergency Management could be well handled.

Narrative:

In the county EOC in Gold Beach, Emergency Services Coordinator (ESC) Don Kendall opened access to the Oregon Ares Digital Network equipment in his office, located in the Sheriff's department and adjacent to the 911 center. The electrical power is backed up by a large generator that is exercised periodically.



Curry County EOC, Gold Beach, Bob Wilkinson (W7VN, Curry ARES EC), Dale Stimson, (KE7WJR, ARES/RACES)

A detachment of 3 operators, Don Carr KE7LBI (Curry County ARES AEC), Dale Stimson KE7WJR and Bob Wilkinson W7VN (Curry County ARES EC) controlled the rigs. HF Winlink was used to send digital messages from the ARES unit and the ESC to OEM and all concerned parties. These included an Activation Notice, a Declaration of Emergency and 2 Situation Reports. These were sent expeditiously with the amateur radio gear to stations in San Diego and British Columbia, using the propagation conditions that prevailed. From those portal stations, the messages were inserted into the Internet and stored in worldwide depots for pickup by the addressed parties. Replies then received were assurance that those messages reached their destinations.



Brookings Civil Air Patrol Hdqtrs. Amateur radio station. Karen Carr KE7KAP, Daisy Carr KE7LBI, Holly Carr KE7TFR

As the day went on, digital messages from OEM, ARES leadership and EOC stations in

adjoining counties were received in large number. They were presented to the ESC, who responded accordingly. Some were printed for later documentation. Voice contacts were also made with the local operators via vhf and adjoining counties via the hf radio in the EOC.



Brookings Civil Air Patrol Hdqtrs. Amateur radio station. Larry Mostachetti (1st Lt. CAP, KE7YUI)

While the digital operation was going on, organized efforts were underway in county communities. In Brookings, for example, CERT teams, Red Cross volunteers, CAP and neighborhood cells on Family Radios from strategic locations were relaying messages to and from the control station at Brookings Airport, where control operator Karen Carr KE7KAP was handling coordination of the efforts, having already set up most of the groups. Karen relayed some messages to Lorraine Wilkinson W7RFC, who was stationed with a mobile rig at House Rock Overlook, from where she could reach stations in Brookings and Gold Beach with vhf radio, for consideration at the EOC. The Curry County EOC, Lorraine Wilkinson, Karen Carr, Pete Peters KA7NCJ and Wally Blackburn K7SEG also made hf radio voice contact with the station in the central valley that was coordinating for OEM, and with adjoining counties. The PBARC KL0HH vhf repeater in Brookings and the one above Gold Beach, belonging to Wally Blackburn, were put to good use, but point-to-point contacts were made as well. Digital messages were received from Phil Barker KB6NZV in Langlois, who was also working with Army MARS.

A total of about 40 digital messages and 40 voice contacts were handled in the EOC from 9AM until 1PM. There

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were no outstanding undelivered (simulated) emergency messages to or from OEM. The exercise was concluded with a De-activation message to ARES leadership and OEM.

The antennas and antenna tuner on the roof of the EOC building performed well.

One reason for such drills is to learn lessons, and that was the case. In the EOC, we found that another vhf radio would have been useful for local voice contacts. The hf radio, when used on voice, would have benefitted from a headset instead of a speaker and microphone. Formats included by Oregon ARES Digital Network (OADN) were not always useful where plain messages could have been used. The digital operation was also slowed once by receiving a picture from a station that took up valuable time, and by numerous unneeded messages from non-adjointing counties around the state. We did not do a real good job in receiving and transcribing voice messages, or logging them.

Brookings and Gold Beach "suffer" from decisions made by pioneers to locate the towns set well back into the profile of the coast and well below nearby mountains, making vhf paths difficult up and down the county. The use of snowy-mountain repeaters, relays and hf radio to work around the problem introduces other possible snags, though they were well-handled

this time. The hf operation at Brookings Airport was using a small portable antenna that would be improved by use of a longer wire antenna. CAP in the same location is in the process of putting up such an antenna.

There is a need to train more operators to use the OADN equipment, especially those near Gold Beach. A portable station, remote yet near the EOC is in the works and needed. I believe there is a need for an OADN trainer to come to Curry County and modernize and clean up our

operation and techniques. There is a need for a nearby station with hf and vhf capabilities, including digital, near the EOC but isolated from it for survival strategy.

Roughly 40 amateur radio operators became involved in this test, and numerous volunteers from the other groups. I believe the test was the best in my experience and showed good promise that valuable communication in such a crisis is available and demonstrated.

Submitted by:

Bob Wilkinson W7VN

**Ron Allen KD7TAH,
SK**

We're sure that anyone who knew Ron is saddened by his passing, as we are. He was a faithful net partner and much more.

73, Bob W7VN

MINUTES JANUARY 28, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Pelican Bay Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Bob Wilkinson at 9:07AM at the Tea Room, Brookings, Oregon.

Those present were:

MEMBERS (13)

Daisy Carr KE7LBJ, Don Carr KE7LBI, Holly Carr KE7TFR, Karen Carr KE7KAP, Wayne Fields N7ENN, Bob Fitton KE7OMK, Dick Keusink K7VPL, Polly Keusink N7SJH, Oscar Marks

K6LKK, Larry Mostachetti KE7YUI, Mike Rice KBØNND, Bob Wilkinson W7VN, Lorraine Wilkinson W7RFC ASSOCIATES & GUESTS (3)
Ellen Babin, Barbara Fitton, Dee Johnson

MEMBER NEWS: *Polly N7SJH, who is retiring as SPARKS publisher, presented her final issue for mailing this morning. She was given a card and a crocheted gift along with many thanks for her 17 years as publisher.

*Polly Edwards reports that member Al N7CGC is seriously ill.

*Kent N6UM and XYL Gladys Harper sent a note of appreciation along with his dues. They hope to see us in July when they come to Brookings for their grandson's wedding.

*Daisy KE7LBJ and Holly KE7TFR Carr plan to enroll in the CAP Cadet program, and Karen KE7KAP will be helping with the program. Karen is also busy with the CERT program.

The minutes of December 31, 2011 meeting were read: MSC

Treasurer's Report: from Reg Dewar KE6CDE via Lorraine W7RFC:

Starting Balance: \$2,183.95

Activities Income - Annual Dues were paid

New Balance: \$2,383.95

Report approved: MSC

OLD BUSINESS:

Repeater report:

Harbor Hills: No change. Cape

Ferrello: Tone of 88.5 has been

activated due to random triggering.

Already coordinated w/ORRCC. IRLP:

No change. Coastal repeater

brochure: No change. Website: Don

Carr, webmaster, requested and

received Ham testing information.

Chetco Community Library: list of

community organizations: PBARC

information will be listed on the

website as soon as the library staff

can manage it.

Net Check-in Incentive Qualifiers for

January: Both Wilkinsons, both

Keusinks and four Carrs checked in

on every Tuesday net in January. Per

policy, they were given cash (\$1.50

each) to cover their beverage at the

monthly meeting at The Tea Room.

Already a Ham? Upgrade!

Ham Exam Schedule for 2011

June 4

August 6

October 8

December 3

SOCC's Brookings Campus

at 9:00 am

Please phone 541-469-3183

or 541-469-1815 at least a week in

advance of the test date for

information and registration.

Annual Dues tally: Thirty-six (36) have paid their 2011 dues as of today. Kent Harper N6UM sent his dues and will be number 37.

Testing Program: Dar KA7GNK will continue testing in Brookings on the first Saturday of every even-numbered month. Next test is Feb. 5. Dar's phone is 541-245-5080.

Tsunami Events: There were public turnouts of about 350 in Brookings, 100 in Port Orford and 240 in Gold Beach. ARES and radio clubs had informational displays and received some public inquiries.

New SPARKS Publisher: Mike Rice KBØNND will be preparing SPARKS from now on.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual dues: \$15 can be paid now. Our Secretary will contact organizations that have been receiving SPARKS to inquire whether they have a continued interest in receiving it.

Radio items donated to PBARC for sale: \$100 has been brought in so far. We may realize another \$40.

Net Control volunteers for February will be Don KE7LBJ and Karen KE7KAP Carr.

Radio activities/contacts: * Keusinks have frequent contact on Skype with Doug KLØHH and Claudia KLØHI Doyle in Council, AK. *Bob W7VN and Paula NX1P enjoyed contacting each other and others on Straight-Key Night, December 31, 2010. *Dick K7VPL suggests that ARRL has many good information books available. Our club has placed some in the Chetco Library. *The ARES District 5 net is now on 160 meters – 1987 KHz, on each Monday. The ARES State net is simultaneously on both 1987 and 3964 KHz on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month. * Bob W7VN reported that a Ham group is organizing an international special event at lighthouses for August. *The Port Orford radio club needs funds to continue their installation for the repeater. Dick K7VPL moved that we donate \$50 for this work. SC.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Wilkinson W7RFC
Secretary

FEBRUARY 25, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Pelican Bay Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Bob Wilkinson at 9:05 at the Tea Room, Brookings, Oregon.

Those present were:

MEMBERS(9)

Warren Dowler KE6LEA, Wayne Fields N7ENN, Dick Keusink K7VPL, Polly Keusink N7SJH, Larry Mostachetti KE7YUI, Paula Keezer NX1P, Mike Rice KBØNND, Bob Wilkinson W7VN, Lorraine Wilkinson W7RFC

ASSOCIATES & GUESTS (2)

Dee Johnson, Jerry Nordeen KF7FVR

MEMBER NEWS: *Kent Harper N6UM reported that his XYL Gladys is feeling better. *Warren Dowler KE6LEA reported rain followed him all the way on his trip to Tucson. *News of Doug KLØHH & Claudia KLØHI Doyle from Alaska via Keusinks: Doug shot a musk ox a few weeks ago, and they

are still eating it. They are also working at playing 3-handed pinochle. The minutes of January 28, 2011 meeting were read and corrected: MSC

Treasurer's Report: from Reg Dewar KE6CDE via Lorraine W7RFC:

Starting Balance: \$2,383.95

Activities Income - Annual dues were paid, equipment sold.

New Balance: \$2,566.96

Report approved: MSC

We currently have 40 members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Repeater report:

Harbor Hills: No change. Cape

Ferrello: OK. IRLP: Bob W7VN will

contact Brian Pacchetti at 469-661-

2929 regarding it is only working one

way. (Late note: Brian is in process of

fixing.) Coastal repeater brochure: No

change. Website: No report. Chetco

Community Library: No report (Late

news: PBARC is now on their list. Go

to chetcolibrary.org, select Community

Organizations and search for "radio."

Click on PBARC)

Net Check-in Incentive Qualifiers for

February: Twelve (12) qualified, of

whom six (6) were present: Wayne

Fields, Mike Rice, 2 Keusinks, 2

Wilkinsons. Not present were: the 4

Carrs, Bob Fitton, Dale Stimson. Per

policy, those present were given cash

(\$1.50 each) to cover their beverage

at the monthly meeting at The Tea

Room.

Testing Program: Dar KA7GNK is

testing per usual schedule: The first

Saturday of every even month. Those

conducting the last test were present,

but no one came. The Port Orford club

is frequently testing and passing

people.

Tsunami Events: County emergency

stakeholders communications

committee: Bob W7VN (for ARES) and

Larry KE7YUI (for CAP) are part of the

committee and attended the first

monthly meeting near Gold Beach at

ODOT Hunter Creek.

Bosley Repeater: Paula NX1P asked

about the 147.250 repeater. Bob

W7VN responded that it will not be

Pelican Bay Amateur Radio Club
Regular Events

Meeting-on-the-air

Roll Call

Every Tuesday 7:00 pm

146.96 + 88.5

Coffee Hour

Every Weekday

8:30 - 9:30 am

The Tea Room

The Abbey, brookings

Monthly Meeting

Last Friday of Each Month

9:00 am The Tea Room

Annual Meeting and Picnic

plus Election of Officers

Loeb state Park

North Bank Chetco River

working until accessible after snow melts and Dar KA7GNK and Joe KA7JAW are ready. Repairs and replacement components are needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Port Orford club: PBARC donated \$50 for their repeater.

Organizations Receiving SPARKS: Our Secretary contacted organizations that have been receiving SPARKS inquiring whether they have a continued interest in receiving it. So far we have had no responses.

Radio items donated to PBARC for sale: \$165 has been brought in.

Net Control volunteer for March will be Mike Rice KBØNND.

Radio activities/contacts: *Discussion about HR 607 – the bill that would grant use of the 70 cm band (420-440) for broadband use. Handwritten letters of protest will be the most effective. (Late note: U.S. Rep. Greg Walden is W7EQI. He recently sounded out a cw message during a house session.)

*Donny Dotson KE7NTF, with the Brookings Police, is in charge of the upcoming emergency center where ARES/PBARC will have a station. *

DX CW contest last weekend: Wayne Fields N7ENN worked 40-10 meter bands with his "stealth" antenna. Paula Keezer NX1P made 520 contacts, 160-10 meters. *Mississippi QSO party this weekend. *Bob W7VN reported that a ham in Kingman AZ was able to tune up on 160m on an abandoned 250-foot AM tower.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Wilkinson W7RFC

Secretary

(Late notes were inserted by W7VN)

MARCH 25, 2011

The monthly meeting of the Pelican Bay Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Bob Wilkinson at 9:06 AM at the Tea Room, Brookings, Oregon.

Those present were:

MEMBERS (11)

Daisy Carr KE7LBJ, Don Carr KE7LBI, Holly Carr KE7TFR, Karen Carr

KE7KAP, Warren Dowler KE6LEA, Wayne Fields N7ENN, Bob Fitton KE7OMK, Dick Keusink K7VPL, Polly Keusink N7SJH, Oscar Marks K6LKK, Larry Mostachetti KE7YUI, Paula Keezer NX1P, Mike Rice KBØNND, Bob Wilkinson W7VN, Lorraine Wilkinson W7RFC

ASSOCIATES & GUESTS (2)

Barbara Fitton, Dee Johnson



Polly Keusink N7SJH extinguishes the conflagration engulfing her birthday cake.

MEMBER NEWS: *Polly N7SJH had a birthday. Dick K7VPL invited us all to breakfast and cake to celebrate last Friday, March 18. Good time! Many happy returns, Polly! *Bob Fitton KE7OMK was given a certificate of thanks for serving the club as Treasurer for two years. Bob and Barbara were off on their own celebration when other certificates were given. * Doug KLØHH and Claudia KLØHI Doyle sent Dick K7VPL and Polly N7SJH Keusink a hoof from the musk ox that Doug shot in Alaska. It could be a.... pencil holder!

The minutes of February 25, 2011 meeting were read and approved: MSC

Treasurer's Report: from Reg Dewar KE6CDE via Lorraine W7RFC:

Starting Balance: \$2,566.96

Activities/Income: Donated equipment sold

New Balance: \$3,427.24

Report approved:

For treasury: Goods sold from the last batch of donated items are over \$1,300. Not all collected.

It was moved to authorize Bob W7VN to evaluate and sell donated goods. SC

We currently have 40 members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Repeater report:

Harbor Hills: No change. Cape Ferrello: OK. IRLP: Brian got it going. Coastal repeater brochure: No change.

Website: The IRLP has been listed on the website. The website domain has been renewed. Chetco Community Library: PBARC is listed in their Community Organizations online.

Net Check-in Incentive Qualifiers for March: Per policy, those 6 present were given cash (\$1.50 each) to cover their beverage at the monthly meeting at The Tea Room. THIS MONTH, THE MEETING COMES BEFORE THE LAST CHECK-IN. Action: It was moved to award those who have checked in every Tuesday of the month prior to the meeting from now on. SC.

March Qualifiers: 4 Carrs, 2 Keusinks, Bob Fitton, Mike Rice, Lorraine Wilkinson

Testing Program: Dar KA7GNK is testing per usual schedule: The first Saturday of every even month. Next testing: Saturday April 2. The Port Orford club is frequently testing and passing people.

Organizations Receiving SPARKS: We have had one response, and Mike KBØNND will send SPARKS on line as a pdf.

NEW BUSINESS:

New PBARC emergency call-up group. Current members are Don & Karen Carr, Lorraine & Bob Wilkinson and Mike Rice. Others are urged to take part in the group.

Criteria for action: NOAA alert at "warning" level

1. Alert this committee – evaluates need
2. Alert entire club if so decided, by telephone or other means.

3. Members monitoring Harbor Hills repeater are assumed to be willing to hear "off hour" alerts or discussions.

Drills during actual events where we have not been activated: Members could, for instance, go to Brookings Police Dept., Harbor Fire, KURY radio,

Upper Harbor (Joanne Cady's), Lone Ranch Beach Overlook, House Rock Overlook. Donny Dotson of Brookings PD has stated that he thinks even this type of un-activated deployment is a good idea. Karen KE7KAP has a list of resources for emergency responders to contact and will develop it further.

Members volunteering to assume an outdoor post (including inclement weather and wee hours) were: KE6LEA, KE7KAP, NX1P, KE7LBI, KE7YUI, W7VN, W7RFC, KBØNND.

Suggestions and observations offered were:

Run sirens often, e.g. every 15 minutes; Karen noted areas where a siren and telephone communication breakdown occurred; Nixle worked for those who have it. All are advised to get it. It is similar to Reverse 911; Similar program, "City Watch," is being developed; (Paula) Need to keep frequencies open for messages; (Warren) Condor system used in some areas with VHF repeaters; Shorty Stouffer's Win-system similar, but too much ongoing chatter; Oregon Connection may be working on 440 through Bosley; Contact Coast Guard Auxiliary – CAP can contact USCG on the USCG frequencies. NWS radio alerts were of limited usefulness.

Bob W7VN suggested that the club consider (later) the idea of the club helping to support the buildup of full communications gear in the upcoming Brookings PD EOC, perhaps with matching funds for community contributions.

Net Control volunteer for April will be Bob W7VN and Lorraine W7RFC. Thanks Mike KBØNND for doing March.

Second Net on Simplex: Immediately following the regular callup net this Tuesday, March 29, Mike KBØNND will call on the simplex frequency 146.52 KHz, those who responded to the regular net. He will also ask for relays as needed.

Radio activities/contacts: A request was made for more information and/or a class on the Winmor system. Bob W7VN and Don KE7LBI have it

working to some extent.

Bob W7VN reported that they had flickering incandescent bulbs in their house and at the fire station one evening. Coos Curry Co-op sent out a lineman and it stopped after about an hour. Larry KE7YUI reported they also had it, even in CFLs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Wilkinson W7RFC
Secretary

Shake-Ex Notes

Karen Carr KE7KAP

I want to thank everyone who helped out on our Volunteer Team response - we did a FANTASTIC job and our county totally shined!

We set up teams based on geographic areas and went mobile. We co-ordinated volunteers from HAMS to CERT to RED CROSS to CAP. We found extra volunteers along the way(!) We co-ordinated different types of radio (family to ham simplex, local repeaters and HF). We checked in via whatever method we had, and passed up status messages to Gold Beach OEM. Our status was reported from OEM in Gold Beach out to the State. GOOD JOB!!!! We had our act together and it showed.

Had there been a 9.0 earthquake, many parts of our county could have mobilized, starting helping neighbors, and been able to communicate to get messages out.

What could we do better....

#1) More teams & more locations, we missed a few areas. We ultimately want each neighborhood to have a working team and to be able to communicate so we need a continuous pattern of groups. Both family radio and ham radio simplex are line of sight and require either adjacent areas or areas that geographically can see each other (along ridges). More hams in those missing areas would of course be great. Next time, we hope to have even more teams!

#2) Improve communication

between Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford. We had problems from Brookings repeater to Gold Beach repeater. Pete Peters KA7NCJ had the best set up for the cross-city communication. With some different locations, we might be able to hit the club repeaters a little better. I know I'm going to try a few different things for next time! Port Orford's new repeater will open up some new possibilities as well.

We tried our HF bands but found those designated ARES frequencies were not available to us to use as they were busy with state traffic. We might establish a backup HF frequency to try. I sure did miss the Bosley repeater and look forward to June when repairs can be made.

#3) Pass traffic from OEM back down to the teams. Other drills we've had have involved a scenario that got relayed to us, and details that unfolded along the way that prompted us to respond. I think our OEM folks were so busy handling traffic between counties and state, that those details were not able to flow back down to us. I know they did a great job up there and Curry was one of the first counties to check in to the state net (I was listening on HF!). All of our messages were passed up, but we hoped to get information back such as road closures, or hospital status, power reports, damage, etc. There were 3 ARES members on site plus our Emergency Services Coordinator Don Kendall. So maybe next time we can add one more person who can send us information. The OEM is a busy place!

I have photos and detailed information that came through my station at the airport. Good job everyone! I think we're on to something and we showed an incredible community effort. I'm proud to live here!

Best regards,
Karen Carr KE7KAP

Karen's notes follow:

Team Coverage

For team responses, "Brookings Proper" was pretty well covered. We

**Test your radio skills
Volunteer to call Roll
on Tuesdays!**

See any PBARC officer to volunteer.

guessed the areas initially that we would have problems covering OR/CA border, Winchuck, South Harbor, North of the Brookings Airport, Dawson Tract, South Carpenterville Rd, WhalesHead, Pistol River. We got these locations: North Harbor, North Bank Rd, "Brookings Proper", Harris Heights, Brookings Airport, Cape Ferrelo.

Gold Beach & Port Orford - we need more teams.

Numbers Tally from my location at the Brookings airport (OEM will have received others from Gold Beach & Port Orford).

Hams = 16

13 MOBILE : KE7YI, KB0NND, N7SJH, K7VPL, K7JCS, KE7YUH, KE7LBJ, KDTAV, W7RFC, W7SPY, W7ZAP, KE7KAP, KA7NCJ

3 OEM Gold Beach: KE7LBI, KE7WJR, W7VN

CERT = 17

Karen Carr, Karen Losinki, Rose Harrell, Lorraine Wilkinson, Bob Wilkinson, Don Carr, Mike Rice, Pete Peters, Larry Mostachetti, Jim Metcalfe, Darlene Thomas, Pat Foley, Terri Bangs, Dianna Blazo, Dana Smith, Lynne Smith, Bob (sorry bob last name???)

We picked up a lost CERT team in Harris Heights! A few of our CERT classes did not get recorded in the county and we've been trying to get those people located. It turns out that a bunch of them were in Harris Heights and when they saw the green helmets and vests out there, they put theirs on and joined right in - well done!

Red Cross = 1

Terri Bangs

Civil Air Patrol = 9

Charles Kresa, Larry Mostachetti, Jim Metcalfe, Darlene Thomas, Ron Griswold, Thomas Moore, Michael Pierce, Karen Carr, Daisy Carr

Extra Family Radio Contacts = 5

From the incredibly prepared Cape Ferrelo area: Nancy, Larry, Linda, and Bobby checked in via family radio and joined the Cape Ferrelo Firehall team (Rose, Karen L., Dianna) and base station Lorraine Wilkinson W7RFC. From South Coast Shopping Center: one anonymous who jumped right in - good for them!

Unique people (doesn't that sound weird): 35. Trying to take out the duplicates and recount, I believe we have about 35 people participating. Add to this Gold Beach & Port Orford

Family Radio Notes:

Harris Heights can reach Brookings airport. Cape Ferrelo could not reach outside its area (Dawson tract, South Carpenterville Rd might bridge these above areas).

North bank (DaTone), Chetco Bridge (port) and Church of Jesus Christ could all reach each other.

Brookings High School we could not get a contact but suspect radio problem** rather than location difficulty. LightHouse Church (Harbor) was able to make contact with Chetco Bridge and DaTone and Church of Jesus Christ.

No family radio contacts in Gold Beach or PortOrford reported.

**Suspect several of the county CERT radios have problems, possibly the rechargeable batteries are not holding charge

CERT Notes:

Very active CERT teams in Cape Ferrelo & Harris Heights

Red Cross Notes:

Two shelter locations in Brookings might be Brookings High School & LightHouse Church.

Messages Passed To OEM

(abbreviated and verified):

Brookings High School: "Reported 20 people, in need of Red Cross Shelter"

HighSchool TEAM ; Dick Keusink (HAM), Polly Keusink (HAM), Terri Bangs (CERT/REDCROSS)

Winchuck Firehall: "No damage in vicinity"

Winchuck TEAM; Ed Ajimine (HAM) &

Terri Bangs (REDCROSS/CERT)

Chetco Bridge: "Many people attempting to cross, some successful. No apparent damage."

CHETCO TEAM: Mike Rice (HAM/CERT/GMRS,family radio), Mei Tang (HAM/CERT)

North Bank Road: "No apparent damage in river valley. North Bank Rd clear, open, light traffic."

North Bank TEAM; Doug Gustafson (HAM/family radio) & Mindy (HAM, family radio)

Church of Jesus Christ: "no apparent damage to building, moderate traffic."

Jim Speas (HAM/family radio) with various church members

Harris Heights: "No damage, 'tsunami in a can' is still ok." (that's their water tank!)

TEAM: Lynne Smith (CERT/family radio), Dana Smith(CERT/family radio), BOB (CERT)

Brookings Airport, CAP: "Airport is manned and operational. Waiting for contact from Rick Oiuette in Eugene. Request telephone relay 541 543 7414."

Airport TEAM: Karen Carr (HAM/CERT, family & gmrs, CAP) Daisy & Holly Carr (HAM/cert junior, family/gmrs, CAP), Larry Mostachetti (HAM/CERT/CAP), Darlene Thomas (CERT/CAP), Jim Metcalfe (CERT/CAP)

Cape Ferrelo: no message passed, ham was out of area at time so family radio group out of contact

TEAM: CF Firehall; Rose Harrell (CERT, family radio), Karen Losinki (CERT, family radio), Lorraine Wilkinson base station, moved to House Rock

HF contact: hit and miss; KE7KAP, KA7NCJ, W7VN, W7RFC

BEST LOG: Jim Speas beeee-u-tiful job, Jim!

MESSIEST LOG - Karen's :(

**Keep your
batteries charged!**

President's Column

April 2011

On April 9, there was a statewide ARES amateur radio exercise based on the premise of a 9.0 earthquake on our coast and the resulting tsunami and complete loss of normal communication. This exercise was planned before a virtually matching event occurred in Japan!

Although we are not primarily an emergency organization, PBARC hams responded in several ways. Don

KE7LBI, Dale KE7WJR and Bob W7VN manned the digital station at the county Emergency Operations Center. Karen KE7KAP organized several groups and set up a station at Brookings Airport to control that net. Red Cross, CAP and CERT were involved. Lorraine W7RFC set up with a mobile station at House Rock Overlook to relay hf and vhf messages between Brookings and Gold Beach. A good number of our other hams dispatched themselves to strategic locations and contacted the nets with

simulated emergency reports.

Overall, our response was outstanding and well received by ARES state leadership. Shortly after the exercise, I got a call from a (non-ham) community leader in Redmond, OR, asking for help in setting up emergency preparations there. He called us because he had information that Brookings has a reputation for being a good resource for that! I think we can and will keep that reputation alive.



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Monthly Meeting

Last Friday each month
9 am, The Tea Room

Holiday Brunch

December 3
10 am, The Tea Room
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