

Oregon Amateur TeleVision Association

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ATV Radio with Vision

April 2002

From the President....

Rickreall Report

Rickreall Swap Meet was a big success. Our demo ran live to Portland, QSOing with W7AMQ in Portland thru the Salem ATV Repeater and then linking to Portland's machine. Pictures were P5 both ways. Thanks also to the Salem group for providing the Antennas for the demo. The Club made about \$250 in equipment sales at Rickreall.

Repeater Report

Both the Portland and Salem ATV repeaters are functioning well. The Salem systems new Tower Cam is providing great pictures to all of us. Tests are underway for a 910 FM output from the Cooper Mountain Site in Portland. Also a 2.4 input is being thought about.

Puyallup Meet

At Puyallup we made contact with the ATV folks and once again a dialog has started to talk about linking the Seattle ATV system to The Portland and Salem system. They want to do it. We want to do it. Now its just time, money and figuring out what route would be best.

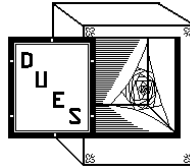
Shack Tours

Every Monday on the Net we have been taking turns showing our shacks. We have been doing one shack each Monday Nite. From neat to sloppy, we are seeing them all! Who is Next?

Ed Mellnik, WB2QHS

Next Meeting

MONDAY, April 22, 2002
6:30 Pizza and 7PM meeting
EMA VIDEO
1306 NW Hoyt Street
Portland, Oregon



Dues

The dues provide for rent on the tower, newsletters, and helps to support ATV promotion in the local area.

The dues have gone up to \$50 a year and \$30 for the rest of the year. It is never too late to pay your dues if you have forgotten.

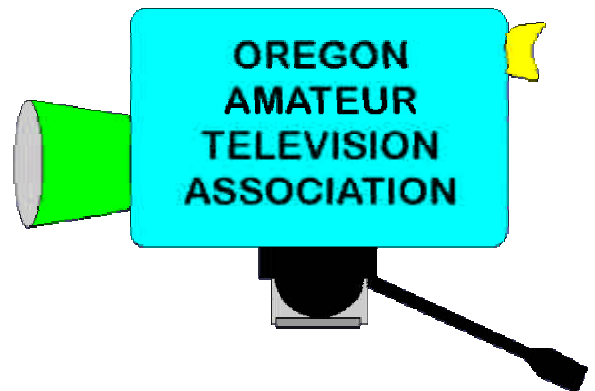
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OATVA frequencies and modes

Where:

The Portland ATV Repeater is located in the West Hills of Portland on the KGON Super Tower at the 375 Foot level. The Portland ATV repeater has an input frequency of 426.25 MHz AM. The receive antenna is vertically polarized

What:

The Portland ATV repeater transmits on 1253.25 MHz FMTV with the antenna vertically polarized. Transmissions are coordinated on 146.43 MHz FM simplex.

When:

The Oregon Amateur Television Association operates two weekly nets utilizing the Portland and Salem ATV repeaters.

Monday evenings at 7:00 PM

Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM

Notes from the Newsletter Editor

I was sitting at a club meeting a few months ago & without warning, I became the new newsletter editor. Boy, do you have to watch what you say around people, they take you seriously around here.

I am happy to spend the time helping out where I can. I was editor of the Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club's monthly newsletter for around five years. It had about 160 on the mailing list. This quarterly newsletter should be a piece of cake.

As you know, a newsletter does not write it's self. I need your input for future articles. Ed will be feeding me with the normal items, but I need the rest of you to add to the columns.

Since most of you don't know me, I will take this time to give you a little of my background.

My son & I joined the communications Explorer Post 2073, to get our ham tickets. I became a ham in 1991, when the new No-Code Tech class started. My son, N7YBH received his

license a few months later and is now the advisor of that Explorer Post.

I was president of the Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club & the Las Vegas Repeater Association when I lived in Nevada.

My son & I worked many events in the Nevada desert & this area is quite a change of environment.

I had an ATV setup on 913 Mhz, FM, being able to hit the Mt. Potosi Repeater with 1w. The ATV Network in California, was tied to the Mt. Potosi Repeater & we were able to watch the Orange County ARES group's nets each week.

After working 28 years, for a defense contractor on the Nellis AFB range, we decided to move back to the Pacific Northwest. This was the best decision, we ever made. We sold our house to our son & moved to Hillsboro.

My wife works for Legacy Health systems as a systems analyst, and just received her license. She is now KD7PFO and is getting Legacy up to speed with the HEART Net. It only took 10 years of my hassling her to get a license.

I work out of my home about 75% of the time, designing & building payloads for high altitude scientific balloons. The other 25% of the time is spent at the balloon manufacturing plant in Tillamook. I also help out launching, tracking, & recovering the balloons & payloads.

My wife & I are both active in the Washington County ARES group. I am getting involved with Slow Scan TV & in packet radio again.

My current home station has a PC electronics 1w transmitter, that is just barely hitting the repeater. I am working on a power amp to try to get a better signal in. I might try my old 900 Mhz transmitter to see if I can get into the Cooper Mt. Repeater. Film at 11....?

Enough about me!! Now I need ALL of you to write an article to fill these columns.

73..... Craig, N7TSZ brunson1@gte.net