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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

PRESIDENTS CORNER 17 October 07
RVARC NEWSLETTER,

I was lax in my duties at the last meeting and didn't appoint a nominating committee. We need some volunteers so we can vote on them and install the new slate at our Christmas dinner.

We need a presidential candidate as my one year tour as president is about up. Bud W7LNG would like for someone to replace him as vice president and Herb K7MMI has been secretary for a couple of years and would like a break.

Lud KB2EVN said he would carry on as treasurer. Al N7CGC and Bud W7LNG have been getting the keys, setting up and tearing down. They would like a

permanent volunteer to do that. So come on fellows, step up and help run the club.

VE exams are being given at the old VA DOM 27 Oct 07, 8:30 AM. Bring a picture ID and copies of licenses or CSCEs. The test fee is \$14.00. Call Bud W7LNG or Harry AE7NY for more information.

A couple of people asked about a Technician licenses class. We need about 5 or 6 to have a class so if you know of anyone who wants to become a ham let us know.

Dave W7OQ has taken over running the club web page and would like some feedback The site is now up to date and he has posted the latest newsletter. Dave posted the club officer's picture on it too. So come on down to the meeting and give him some ideas.

(President's Letter, Cont.)

Wayne Cox K7DZI put on a very interesting and informative program about his experiences solving TVI problems for the Power Company. This subject is always of concern to hams. Thanks Wayne.

On the same subject, Herb W7MMI and Van K7VS built a hand held device for tracking noise. It can be borrowed by calling one of them.

Lud KB2EVN has volunteered to put on a program at this next meeting. It will be on the VT-158, 7C22 & 6949 tube and is called "size matters!" Also I have declared it "show and tell night." Everyone has something they would like to show the rest of us. Do like Al Tipsword W6GER does, bring it down!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the November meeting!

Jack WA7IHU

New Members Received at Last Meeting

We are pleased to have the following persons become members at the last meeting:

Richard Bakkes	KE7EAE	General
Michael J. Barlow	KE7F	Extra
Raymond M. Bledsaw II	KE73NN	Technician
William D. Cook, Jr.	N0DMC	General
Patrick D. McDonald	KF6DZJ	Technician

Sign-ups for Setup/Clean-up for the November meeting:

Set-up -

Bill Cook, N0DMC, & Al Edwards, N7CGC

(Please be at the Red Cross Building meeting place at 6:45 pm to help set -up)

Clean-up

Bob Hunt, KF7AU & Ed Vaughn, K7YLO

Harry AEYNY, sent us this:



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Osprey hanging from antenna rescued through group effort -By Leslie Williams -

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Sometimes it takes a village.

An osprey, hanging helplessly by a single talon, was rescued from a resident's HAM radio antenna Friday morning with the help of Marco Island Fire-Rescue, Rookery Bay, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and a few residents.

Firefighter/paramedic Paul MacMillan climbed the ladder leaned against resident John Abbiuso's radio antenna Friday just after 9 a.m., to free the bird. Bystanders say it had been hanging there since at least 7:30, unable to free itself and hindered by a now-lame leg. Abbiuso lives on Ludlam Court, just south of Winterberry Drive.

Abbiuso said the bird stops by regularly to survey his domain from the antenna, which can reach up to 75 feet in height. Abbiuso, whose call sign is KIPQY, said he has been a ham radio enthusiast for 50 years, though the antenna is only about eight years old.

When MacMillan was finally able to free the bird by pushing against its caught talon, it fell ungracefully onto the roof of the house, about 10 feet below. MacMillan is no stranger to bird rescue. He said his very first rescue on the island 19 years ago was a parrot stuck in a tree.

Before the responding crew could reposition the ladder to net the bird, it wiggled off the roof and flew across Partridge Court before landing in the canal.

Nearby resident Juliette Noens said the bird usually makes a circuit between the antenna and two palm trees bordering the back yard of her house on Partridge Court. She helped lead experts from Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve to the injured bird where it landed in the canal.

The distressed animal flailed through the water, eventually reaching the sea wall where two Rookery Bay employees lifted it from the water without much of a fight.

Amelia Horadam, the Environmental Learning Center manager, and Beverly Anderson, a research biologist, plucked the bird from the water before handing it over to Rebecca Galligan, a wildlife rehabilitation specialist called in from the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

Rebecca Galligan, of the Conservancy, said the osprey's leg was likely broken, and that the bird could be returned to the island if recovery efforts are successful.

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**ROGUE VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Meeting**

**Thursday November 1st
at 7pm**

**At the Red Cross Building, across from Hawthorne Park
South of Tinseltown, in Medford**

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