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President's Letter

This is my first official act as president of the Rogue Valley Amateur Radio Club. I would like to take an opportunity to thank you for choosing me for this considerable honor. My wife is even more flattered by it than am I. I will do my best to serve all the members and newcomers alike. There are a bunch of really great folks who actually do all the little things that make our meetings what they are. I will be depending on them as I get my feet on the ground. Thanks also to those who volunteered to fill other positions.

So you know how I got where I am, I will share a bit about myself. I was first licensed in 1963 as WN9GST, in Macomb, Illinois. After a not too stellar year as a Novice, I became a Technician in 1965 under the call WA9NYP. I enjoyed many hours of 6 meter AM, until higher education and the fairer sex took up too much of my time. I let that call lapse mainly because the renewal application asked you to vouch for the fact that you could still send and copy Morse code and I was afraid the FCC would track me down if I said *Yes* when it was doubtful that I could!

So I was inactive until 1987, when I was "re-Elmered" by, among others, Bill Shrader,

W7QMU. I was KB7DLS for almost three years, and upgraded to Advanced in 1990 as KG7BP. I enjoy VHF and mobile operation. My favorite activity is building antennas and accessories. Thanks to Harry, AE7NY, I am a newly-minted VE as well.

I spent about 18 years in broadcasting, and another ten in the cellular business before I came to Kathrein Inc., Scala Division, as a Sales Engineer. My actual responsibilities are in tech support and applications, thanks to my field experience.

As a club, we face the same issues as any type of club does these days. Besides a lack of participation and growth, there are the challenges in the ever-changing path of Amateur Radio itself. This is a subject that has been tossed around on many an Internet forum, as well as any other venue where hams get together. I don't have many answers, but with your help and input, we can make sure our club provides something that will spur interest and participation.

Don't forget, the first meeting of 2008 is a Swap Meet style, so let's all check out the goodies!

73, Don KG7BP

SWAP NIGHT JANUARY 3, 2008

COME TO THE MEETING, MEET THE GANG

Bring your excess gear, parts, ham radio books, magazines, etc. It's a fun time. You may see your first transmitter for sale. Sometimes Hallicrafters receivers show up; who knows? Some items are even free.

CLASS

Several want a technician class. We can order the books together and save postage. Possible date Tuesday evenings, in February.

Let me know if interested. Bud Larson, W7LNG, 773-5214. W7LNG@arrl.net.

FOR SALE: 40 FOOT ANTENNA OR MAST. Use to hold up wire antennas, or for a vertical antenna. Four inch diameter irrigation pipe. It has a removable insulator at the top. Transport it on roof rack when traffic is light! Use red flags. Light weight. Only \$20.00. Bud Larson, W7LNG 773-5214
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Pat McDonald signed up to help with Cleanup after the meeting. Thanks, Pat!

Mailing Explanation

We are mailing the newsletter in envelopes from now on because the Post Office suggested it as a means of getting it out on time. The USPS says that our former way of sending it as a folded couple of sheets made it very difficult to process through the automatic canceling machines, and required extra help they did not have available.

ROGUE VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meeting

**Thursday January 3rd
at 7pm**

At the Red Cross Building, across from Hawthorne Park

South of Tinseltown, in Medford

BRING A FRIEND!

