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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope everyone had a great New Year holiday. It's back to the routine now, and there are many things to consider. At the board meeting on January 10th, there was a stirring of interest to mount a Field Day effort for this year. This is no simple matter and there are a lot of little details involved to assure some measure of success. I am sure it will be on the agenda for new business.

We are also looking for ways to raise our profile in order to attract newcomers and other interested parties. There are many avenues to pursue, so we can look at these approaches and come up with some kind of plan.

We also (mostly) firmed up the programs for the coming year, and the February meeting will feature Lud Sibley, KB2EVN with a presentation on spark, arc, and alternator transmitters. It should be electrifying!

Please come and enjoy the presentation and the coffee break, as well as the business meeting, without which nothing would happen!

See you on Thursday, February 7th.

73,

Don KG7BP, President

Lud Sibley, KB2EVN, will give a photo and technical presentation on pre-electronic radio transmitters: spark, arc, and alternator. These were the standard technology before and into the '20s. Think in terms of a 10-kilowatt arc transmitter in Medford, and a one-megawatt one outside Bordeaux! How about a 20-kHz, 200-kilowatt alternator that once spanned the Atlantic every day, and did so again last November!

## ROGUE VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWSLETTER

January 3<sup>rd</sup>., 2008

Meeting called to order by President Don Bennett (KG7BP) at 7 PM.

Introduction of members and guests followed. Twenty individuals attended the meeting, including four guests: Tom (N5EG); John (N7OLL); Troy (working on his license); and Charles.

There was no secretary report made for the Christmas meeting/party. There was mention by several members of having a good time at the Christmas meeting, the meal and gift exchange.

Treasurer's report by Lud Sibley (KB2EVN): After paying room rent and club insurance, we have \$1717.01 in the treasury.

New Business: Past President, Jack Schock (WA7IHU) mentioned that the Board needs to have a board meeting as soon as possible. A motion by Jack Schock (WA7IHU) was made, seconded and carried to hold the meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>., 2008 to be held at Bud (W7LNG) Larson's home at 7pm. All interested parties were invited to attend the meeting.

It was mentioned from the floor that we need to get an ad into the local paper in order to bring in more potential Hams and members. This will be discussed at the upcoming board meeting.

Bud Larson (W7LNG) talked about possible upcoming classes. He said they would probably be on Tuesdays at the Apostolic Faith Church on the corner of Sunrise and Jackson in Medford.

Old Business: Secretary, Bill Cook (N0DMC) asked about the Drake equipment and how that was going. Van Sias (K7VS) was not in attendance to answer that question.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm in order to have the swap meet.

Respectfully Submitted,

Club Secretary  
Bill Cook (N0DMC)

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Ham Exams will be offered on Saturday, February 23 at the VA Dom in White City. Registration will commence at 8:30 am, with exams beginning at 9:00 AM.

Pre-registration is not required.

Applicants are asked to provide photo ID, COPIES of any existing licenses or proof (not older than 12 months) of previous exam success.

A fee of \$ 14.00 is charged per applicant. Cash (exact change is nice!) or a check made out to "ARRL VEC" is acceptable.

Questions? Contact Harry, AE7NY 941-3126 or 282-0854.

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## INTRODUCTION TO HAM RADIO

Class leads to Technician ham license that with recent changes opens 850 KHz of the high frequency bands to entry licenses.

3525-3600 KHz on 80 meters, 7025-7125 KHz on 40 meters, 21,025-21,200 KHz on 15 meters, and 28,000 to 28,500 KHz on ten meters plus all bands above 50 MHz.

CLASS IS TO START FEBRUARY 12, 2008 at the Apostolic Faith Church, 285

Sunrise, at the corner of East Jackson, Medford. 7-9 PM. about 8 Tuesday evening sessions. License Manual is \$25.00 or abbreviated book is less. Upon completion of class, exam is \$14.00. Contact Bud, W7LNG, 773-5214

SALEM HAMFAIR Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008. DEALERS. SWAP TABLES (\$17 or \$20). Transceiver PRIZES, etc. at Polk County Fairgrounds (Rickreal, 10 miles west of Salem) near where Hwy 22 meets 99W. Registration at the door is \$9.

Enter at 9 AM unless you have swap table, then earlier. Contact Don, K7UN 503-031-8751. [hamfair@w7sra.org](mailto:hamfair@w7sra.org)

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## A plea for help!

Your faithful newsletter editor, former secretary, former Prez, Pete, N7NS is voluntarily having himself dragged (ok, kicking and screaming) into the 21<sup>st</sup> century! Yes, it IS a shocker! Another "retro-grouch" bites the dust! He he he

Begone, the now lowly Pentium III; out with you, the (possibly light-fingered) Office 2000. No more Kilobytes of RAM and mere Megs of hard-drive; the new, sleek sexy laptop is all "twos"- two gigs of dual processors, 2 gigs of RAM, and too hard to remember how much hard-drive; two megs? Two hundred Gigs? Two Terabytes? Hahahaha Seems like way too much, so assuredly, not nearly enough!

Windows Vista will probably be the end of me; just when I thought I knew something, Microsoft, once again, begs to differ. Turns out that even Word docs are no longer .doc; they are .docx (you all new that 3 years ago, didn't you?) Amazingly, I am able to covert by forwarding back and forth, between the new and the old computers. Office 2007 is slightly less daunting than the dreaded "Vista".

My PIII will be up and running, through February....it'll take me at least that long to salvage/convert everything. So....you can still email me at [toolguy3@earthlink.net](mailto:toolguy3@earthlink.net), until March 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you will, please send me an email at my new address, with any and all details I probably shouldn't have about you (just kidding) at [motorcyclepete@q.com](mailto:motorcyclepete@q.com) - I'm proud to be a member of the DSL crowd finally; mistakes happen SO MUCH FASTER than they used to! ;-)))

73, 88, and 161, you loyal and supportive newsletter dude, Pete N7NS

**ROGUE VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
Meeting**

**Thursday February 7th  
at 7pm**

**At the Red Cross Building, across from Hawthorne Park**

**South of Tinseltown, in Medford**

***BRING A FRIEND!***

**Rogue Valley Amateur Radio Club  
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