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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

There are some signs of Spring (in between rain, snow and high wind). With that comes the opportunity to get out and do some antenna maintenance and clean out the shack!

We had a good meeting in February, with a lively discussion about licensing classes and the extent of financial support we as a club should extend to participants. Many thanks to Bud, W7LNG, for his continuing work in this endeavor.

Lud, KB2EVN, presented an excellent overview of early amateur transmitting equipment. There seems to always be a lot of interest in the roots of amateur radio. It is important to look back from time to time. It makes one appreciate the "state of the art".

Certain members have expressed the desire to mount a Field Day effort, and now is the time to discuss this. Think carefully about what you are willing to commit to, as it takes a fair amount of participation to pull off such an event. Hopefully we can sort out the details and come up with a solid plan.

Don Montgomery, WB7Q, will present this month's program on the ARES organization in this area. It should be a good presentation because many people feel strongly about this phase of amateur radio, and emergency communications is the sole reason many new licensees are getting into this hobby. It has been proven time after time that we can come through when the commercial carriers get tied in knots by the holes in their infrastructure, as well as the overwhelming amount of traffic.

As always, we will start with a short business meeting, a coffee break and then the program. Please join us at 7:00 P.M. in the American Red Cross building at 60 Hawthorne on Thursday, March 6. Bring a friend.

73, Don KG7BP

## IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?

Please don't forget to update your membership! You'll see on your label your membership year, and whether you are current.

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We have **available for club members**, to use on a temporary basis, two HF band SSB/CW transceivers. A TS440S Kenwood with power supply, speaker and mic and a IC-735 with internal AC supply and automatic antenna tuner accessory with mic. Also, a usable two meter FM mobile transceiver. For availability and further information contact Van, K7VS at 779-0723.

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**WANTED:** small regulated power supply suitable for miscellaneous use in a station console. 13.8V at 3-6 amps, regulated of course. It will run little QRP rigs, keyers, antenna switches, and so forth. No switchers, please. I already have a few supplies of 20A or more, just need a small one for the consoles.

Allan K7GT k7gt.cw@gmail.com or 855-2054.

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### HAM RADIO INTEREST

Interest in ham radio is not dead. Several passed their tests in White City, Feb. 23 conducted by Harry, AE7NY.

Kirby, KL7VK, and Bud, W7LNG have a tech class on Tuesday eves at the Apostolic Faith Church. The six students include two YLs. We hope all will be able to pass the exam scheduled for April 1. We are emphasizing hands-on demos.

### FIELD DAY

After missing club participation last year, many look forward to the annual Field Day outing. Portable stations set up, antennas erected, food and shelter arranged mean lots of fun and companionship. Let's have a good turn out to put W7OEK on the air.

73, Bud Larson, W7LNG, club trustee

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We've received the following successful testing report from Harry AE7NY:

Two upgrades to General:  
John Beinhauer - W7BND  
Paul Moser - KE7PMN

Two new Techs  
Cindy Harper - Talent  
Allan Hassett - Jacksonville

Many thanks to the VE team who helped:

Bud W7LNG, Ray KI7XW, Morris KB6QR, and Rich N6QZU

And thanks to Raymond, KE7ENN, for providing access to the VA radio club.

73, Harry AE7NY

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## Sympathy

Our sympathy to Herb Grey, W7MMI, whose wife, Barbara, went to be with the Lord February 13<sup>th</sup> after serious illness. The memorial service was the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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### ROGUE VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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

Introduction of members and guests followed. Twenty three individuals attended the meeting.

The January 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes were read and accepted.

Treasurer's report by Lud Sibley (KB2EVN) to be read at next meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> 2008

The Board meeting minutes of January 10<sup>th</sup> were read with one correction on the name of the Oregon Connection group.

Old Business: Van Sias (K7VS) said that the Drake equipment mentioned in the previous minutes was still available.

New Business: The Technician Class will begin on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Bud Larson (W7LNG) and Kirby Wheeler (KL7VK) to be instructors. A class schedule was made available to the group.

Mention was made of the upcoming Hamfest in Salem.

Mention was also made of the upcoming exams on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Health & Welfare: Herb Grey's wife is really sick; but, getting better.

Bud Larson (W7LNG) showed the group the two books available for the upcoming Technician class. A motion was made by Morris Prosser (KB6QR) to allow Bud to control the upcoming Technician class. This included the handling of books for the class and the payment for one set of instructor books. Motion was seconded and carried. A donation toward a second set of instructor books was given to the club treasurer.

Meeting was adjourned in order for Lud Sibley (KB2EVN) to give his presentation on Spark, Arc and Alternator Transmitters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Cook (N0DMC)  
Club Secretary

**ROGUE VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
Meeting**

**Thursday March 6th  
at 7pm**

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

**South of Tinseltown, in Medford**

***BRING A FRIEND!***

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