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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The days are getting longer and they are passing quickly. That means it is time once again for me to pound out a few (hopefully) thoughtful words for this issue of The Repeater.

Harry, AE7NY, and I will both be out of town for business purposes on April 3rd, so we will miss seeing the gang for that meeting. I am sure Jack, WA7IHU, won't mind sitting in my chair for that evening. One of the items for discussion, which may actually be part of the presentation part of the meeting, will concern our plans for Field Day. To that end, I have scheduled a meeting of the Field Day committee, which includes Kirby, KL7VK; our esteemed club Secretary, Bill, N0DMC; Harry, AE7NY and myself.

We will try to firm up some preliminary plans (sound rather vague) so that the ideas can be thrown onto the table for general discussion.

It was great to see some new old faces at the March meeting Harry, K7SGQ comes to mind, as well as some of our recently-licensed members, Paul, KE7PMN among them.

Plan to be there on Thursday and have good discussion about Field Day.

ROGUE VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
March 6th, 2008

Meeting called to order by President Don Bennett (KG7BP) at 7:12 pm..

Introduction of members and guests followed. Twenty four individuals attended the meeting. There were a number of new and old faces in the crowd.

The February 7th minutes were read and accepted.

continued Treasurer's report by Lud Sibley (KB2EVN), FOR 2007, was written on the whiteboard and copies given to the President and Secretary. Current bank balance is \$1623.36 Motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Field Day was discussed at length. With a show of hands, 13 individuals showed interest in doing field day. This will include set-up, tear-down and station operation. The date of this year's event is on June 28th and 29th. A Field Day committee of 4 with President Don Bennett (KG7BP) as chair will look into the possibilities of where to hold Field Day along with other aspects of the event.

Motion to table the discussion until after the committee meeting was made, seconded, and carried.

Jack Schock (WA7IHU) asked if anyone would be interested in purchasing the yellow jackets like those worn by a few club members. Harry Ecklund (AE7NY) to check into availability and price.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm, followed by a presentation on ARES by Don Montgomery, WB7Q

Respectfully Submitted,
Club Secretary
Bill Cook (N0DMC)

Hello to the Oregon Section!

This will be a little short this month since I am running short of time right now and this has to get out by the 18th.

The deadline for some of you to run for section manager has passed and since no one ran against me, I will be serving you in the Oregon Section for another two years.

For the most recent news and information, visit the section website at <http://www.arrloregon.org>.

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICES (ARES) NOTES

All of you who are ARES members should have heard that the next Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be April 26th. Your county Emergency Coordinator (EC) should soon be receiving the SET plan; it may already have been received by them. If you haven't heard anything about the participation plans for your unit, ask your EC.

ACTIVITIES

I'll give you an update about some of my activities. In February, I spoke at the Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club (OTVARC) meeting and attended the Salem Hamfair. I'm hard to catch at the hamfair since I spend most of my time in various meetings. In March, I spoke at the Seaside Tsunami Amateur Radio Society (STARS) meeting. On April 24th, I plan to be speaking at the Central Oregon Radio Amateurs (CORA) meeting.

Don't forget the Emergency Communications Academy in Seattle on April 5th and 6th. I've heard it's always really good. I've been wanting to go, but last year I broke a bone in my foot right before the event and wasn't getting around very well. This year I will be working evening shift in the command center for a hospital go-live of computerized nursing documentation in Lincoln City all week, including most likely Friday evening, just prior that weekend.

And most important, make sure you have Sea-Pac on your calendar for May 31-June 1!

SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER (STM) REPORT

Some of you may have heard that Scott Gray, W7IZ, had recently submitted his resignation as STM. Since then he has rescinded that resignation and will be continuing in the position. I think Claire Johnson, N7CM, talked him out of quitting so she would not have to take the position! For the record, he has no interest in digital modes so he will be obtaining an assistant to help in that area.

Scott's complete report is posted on the section website.

NET ACTIVITY FEBRUARY 2008: (ALL REPORTING NETS HAD 29 SESSIONS)

OREGON EMERGENCY NET, QNI 4119, QTC 19, N7RBO NET MGR

NORTHWEST TRAFFIC AND TRAINING NET, QNI 530, QTC 122, N7YSS NET MGR

OREGON SECTION NET/1, QNI 194, QTC 100, WS7L NET MGR

OREGON SECTION NET/2, QNI 84, QTC 65, KC7SRL NET MGR

OREGON ARES TRAFFIC NET, QNI 568, QTC 53, WA7FXF NET MGR

DISTRICT #1 ARES NET, QNI 1096, QTC 36, KC7ZZB NET MGR

BEAVER STATE NET, QNI 714, QTC 55, N7CM NET MGR

TOWER REPORTS

Clatsop County -- We received a good report after the 2007 Storm and Flood about the tower issue in Clatsop County that was settled after year of the Larkin's fighting to keep their tower. Their tower was the only VHF link between Clatsop County and Tillamook County and was needed very badly for their communications.

Deschutes County -- There are tower issues in progress in Deschutes County that a large group of hams are working on. City of Bandon -- This city is a good example of why clubs and ARES units need to identify someone to monitor activity in the city and county that may affect ham towers and antennas. They were revising the ordinances to not allow in towers in the city. Dan Bissell, W7WVF, the assistant section manager (ASM) for Southwestern Oregon, attended a meeting well armed with all the information available to support ham radio towers. The response was that they had forgotten about the hams and gave immediate direction to exclude ham radio from the new ordinance.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Jim Michels, K7GSR, is a new Official Observer in the section.

FIELD DAY

If you haven't sent your field day information to Pat Roberson, N7PAT, the Administrative Assistant Section Manager (ASM), please do so. He is compiling a list of field day locations to be available as needed.

Also, if you have any information or news to be posted on the section website, that information can be sent to either me or to Pat and we can post it. There is a link on the left site of the page for you to submit news, but please email me and let me know it is there to make sure I approve it for posting. That link gets spammed and there are thousands of junk postings sitting out there right now.

For Sale

MFJ Deluxe Versa Tuner II, Model MFJ -969 (working and in fine condition). \$125 obo

Heathkit RF Signal Generator, Model RF-1 (working and in good condition) \$15.00

Daiwa SWR & Power Meter, Model NS-660PA (working and in good condition) \$40.00 obo

Don, WB7Q

WANTED

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.

Needed

Needed: Someone interested in working with and producing our monthly newsletter. Pete Bateman N7NS, has done it faithfully and cheerfully for many years, in addition to a really demanding load at work. The club owes him a great debt of gratitude!

Please contact Al N7CGC if you would be willing to be of help in this.

ROGUE VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meeting

**Thursday April 3rd
at 7pm**

At the Red Cross Building, across from Hawthorne Park

South of Tinseltown, in Medford

BRING A FRIEND!

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