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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

18 April 2007

We had another good turnout at our 5 April meeting. There are still more chairs available, so "bring a friend."

Kerby, KL7VK, handled the Pear Blossom parade volunteer program along with members of JCARES. I can't wait until his report to see how many brave hams participated and how they survived in the rain!

The program for the April meeting was given by Lud Sibley, KB2EVN and Bob Duel, K2GLO. They gave us a fine presentation on "tubes that never made it" including some strange German tube types. We had a surprise guest appearance when Bud, W7LNG, brought some of his large tube collection and talked about a few of the rare ones.

Harry, AE7NY will host the club in May out at Kathrein Inc-Scala Div at 555 Airport Rd. We meet in the back of the building in the cafeteria. After a short meeting with him and some of the hams who work there, Harry will give us a tour of the place and then treat us to coffee and donuts, compliments of the company.

Better come to this one! They make antennas like you won't find at Radio Shack!

In June, Van K7VS has promised us a DX primer!

Remember the last week in June is field day. Start thinking about where we should have it. I'll be querying members to see how many want to participate.

If you have any program ideas, or any other ideas, let us know!

Jack Schock WA7IHU, President

Minutes of the RVARC 5 April 07

The meeting was called to order at 1901 by President Jack Schock, and was followed by introductions all around. Thanks to A1, W6GER for talk on military radio last month.

Treasurer Lud Sibley reported \$2364. Also, the club generator needs a new battery before Field Day. He will take care of it.

The April Pear Blossom parade is to be handled by JCARES. Kerby, KL7VK took names of potential volunteers. Info on the JCARES net was given. It meets Thursdays at 7:30 PM on the linked repeater system. 146.34/94 works in Medford. (Use a tone).

Three members of the Tube Collectors Assn. gave an interesting program on vacuum tubes. Lud, KB2EVN told about tubes RCA developed but never produced.

Examples: The "bullet" tube, which was a predecessor of the octals, but smaller. Many odd metal tubes. Early glass miniatures, a metal sub-miniature, only 5/16" in diameter. The regular miniature tubes (7-pin) came out in 1939 with 1.4-volt filaments. Many were used in the wartime "Handy-Talkie". An early version had the evacuation tip in the base but was not made in quantity.

Bob Deuel, K2GLO, showed many European tubes, mostly German. They had some strange looking ones. The Lieben had a spiral grid, disl plate and a drooping filament above. That shorted out sometimes. A spherical French/British one saw service in WW1.

The Germans taxed radios on the number of tubes so they evaded it by putting 3 tubes in one envelope along with capacitors and resistors. It took only a battery, tuned circuit and loudspeaker to finish the radio.

"Bud" Larson, W7LNG, showed some transmitting tubes, mostly from the 30 with numbers from 800 to 833A. These were familiar to several old timers.

Respectfully submitted,

"Bud", W7LNG in absence of the secretary

The 7th Call Area QSO Party

The second running of the 7th Call Area QSO Party (7QP) has been scheduled for the first weekend of May, 2007 (May 5th and 6th). Building on the success of last year's event, the founders believe that the eight states of the 7th Call Area will again offer a fun and challenging operating event.

One of the founders of The Great Armadillo Runs (1983-86), Tom Taormina, K5RC, is chairing the Steering Committee. Hams from each of the 7th Call Area states have agreed to be State Captains and Lieutenants.

Central Oregon DX Club is the sponsoring organization for the 7QP. We also acknowledge the outstanding support that has been offered and provided by members of CADXA, SDXA, NACHO, CODXC, UDXA, WWDXC, RTKCC, NCCC and FOC, among others, to make this event a great success.

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To date we have 125 planned operations in 98 of our 259 counties:

State #Co Act #Ops

AZ 15 14 24
ID 44 13 13
MT 56 9 9
NV 17 7 9
OR 36 27 38
UT 29 3 3
WA 39 19 22
WY 23 6 7

Total 259 98 125

For comparison, last year on this date we had

State #Co Act #Ops

AZ 15 15 23
ID 44 2 2
MT 56 22 28
NV 17 17 25
OR 36 36 54
UT 29 13 16
WA 39 24 26
WY 23 23 45

Total 259 152 219

and ended up the day before 7QP with

State #Co Act #Ops

AZ 15 15 28
ID 44 4 4
MT 56 27 40
NV 17 17 27
OR 36 36 75
UT 29 18 22
WA 39 26 40
WY 23 23 45

Total 259 166 281

**ROGUE VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
Meeting**

**Thursday May 3rd
at 7pm**

At Kathrein Inc. - Scala Division

555 Airport Road, across from the Rogue Valley Airport

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