



W7OEK

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Next Club Meeting
 Thursday, December 4th, 2008. **6:00 PM**
Far East Restaurant, Front and 4th St., Medford, OR
 (Formerly Colony Far East)
 Annual Christmas Party

President's Letter

I had to miss the November meeting due to an obligatory family birthday celebration. I am reasonably sure that I wasn't impeached in absentia.

The time has flown by and we are at the Holiday Season once again. It is time for our last meeting of the year, and as usual it will be the annual Christmas Party. This year we will be having dinner at the New Far East Restaurant (formerly the Colony Far East), Front and 4th Streets in Medford . We plan to start at 6:00 P.M. and go until 9:00 P.M. on our regular Thursday meeting night, December 4th. Each person will order his or her own meal.

We will be having a gift exchange, limited to \$10.00 value, labeled as **male** or **female**. As usual, the Three Wise men request "no junk". Rumor has it that Santa and Mrs.

Secretary's Report

ROGUE VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
 MINUTES, November 6, 2008

- The meeting was held at the Anna Maria Creek Side retirement center due to a door key mix-up. Herb Gray, W7MMI volunteered to pick the key up in the future.
- Meeting was called to order by vice president Jack Schock, WA7IHU at 7:30PM with 21 people present.
- Bill Cook, N0DMC, tendered his resignation as secretary, set up person, and coffee maker.
- October minutes were read by Van Sias, K7VS. Hearing no corrections announced, the minutes stand as read.
- Corrected treasures report was read by

President's Letter, Continued

Claus will hand out the goodies.

It was quite a year, and if you have the December issue of QST, check the middle of page 75 to see how we ranked in the Field Day Standings. Not too bad, in spite of the fact that at least two log pages of 20 m SSB contacts were lost in the sudden storm.

Please plan to join us on Thursday evening.

Don, KG7BP

Secretary's Report, Continued

Lud Sibley, KB2EVN. The current balance is \$1779.92.

Old business:

- The nominating committee met at Van's, K7VS house. The tentative slate of officers is:
President: Herb Gray, W7MMI (tentative)
Vice President: Don Bennett , KG7BP
Secretary: Open
Treasurer: Lud Sibley, KB2EVN
Donut person: Jack Schock, WA7IHU
We need to find someone to setup and make the coffee.
- President Don Bennett , KG7BP sent a thank you letter to Mike Bach, WB6FFC for his loaning us equipment to our field day endeavor. Don also sent a Harry & David gift basket to Galpin & Associates for the use of their property on field day.
- Vice President Schock queried the members present to see if any wanted to buy yellow RVARC jackets. Hearing not a single response declared the subject of jackets, dead.

New Business:

- Since the new officers slate is incomplete Vice President Schock did not pursue the elections. They will have to appointed by acclamation at the Christmas dinner.
- Vice President Schock queried the members present as to where they would like to have the annual Christmas dinner. Hearing no suggestions he asked if anyone would object to Chinese, that seemed to be OK so he will arrange to meet at the Far East or China Hut.

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Membership Renewals Due

RVARC membership runs Jan 1—Dec 31 of the calendar year, so current memberships will expire at the end of December.

At the last meeting I handed out renewal applications to all attending members. For those not at the meeting, you should find your personalized renewal sheet inserted with this newsletter.

The renewal sheet contains the latest information we have for you, your license class, callsign, address, membership type, etc. so just mark up any errors you find, or make any changes you'd like to make

Then either:

- Bring your renewal sheet and a check with you to the next membership meeting that you are able to attend and Lud Sibley can process it,

or

- Mail your renewal sheet and check to me, and I'll process it.
RVARC Membership: c/o
Tom McDermott, N5EG
3950 Southview Ter.
Medford, OR 97504

We have printed 2009 badges for those members who have already renewed, and will print new ones as people renew. They'll be available at a future membership meeting.

Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race needs amateur radio operators!

Calling all Operators..... Calling all Operators....

The Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race would like to invite Amateur Radio Operators to join us for the Jan 2009 Sled Dog Race.

During January, Volunteers and spectators gather in Joseph, Enterprise and Halfway Oregon to support the running of the Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race. This Race brings Mushers and their Teams from across the country to run through the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, which contains the Eagle Cap Wilderness, for both a 100 and 200 mile event. The Race is a Qualifier for the legendary Races in Alaska and Canada, the Iditarod and Yukon Quest respectively.

For safety and logistic support, Checkpoints are established across the Trail with the 2009 proposed Checkpoints being Salt Creek Summit, Ollokot Campground, Safety, Cornucopia and Halfway. Headquarters for the Race are located in Joseph at two diverse locations. These Checkpoints will be staffed with Volunteers to provide Shelter, Food, Veterinarian care, Logistic support, snow-machiner transportation and of course a multi-layered Communications Network. Again this year the Checkpoint Communication modes available will be Land-line, Internet, Satellite Tracking devices (SPOT) and Satellite Phone at Checkpoints. We are excited to invite Amateur Radio Operators to provide vital Communication support to the event. This September, we will be range and band testing to determine the HF, VHF and UHF bands we will be utilizing. We will also field test HF Amateur antenna configurations.

This year, we are investigating the opportunity for experienced Amateur Radio Operators to exercise their Net skills in an exciting

Eagle Cap Sled Dog Race, continued

winter community service setting. The Checkpoint Communications Volunteer will be vital to passing 3rd party traffic as well as providing support of critical situations and SAR efforts. Law Enforcement from Wallowa and Baker County, SAR Teams and US Forest Service personnel regularly participate as Volunteers and in a professional role during the Race. The Communication Volunteers are vital to providing real time information and coordination for general messaging, Logistics and in support of critical situations through various and appropriate Communication modes.

To learn more..please email me at president@eaglecapextreme.com for a detailed job description, proposed Network overview, Volunteer opportunities and a Volunteer application.

We would like to add to our Amateur radio committee Project Management Team. Please email me if you wish to be involved

Please stop by our web site www.eaglecapextreme.com supplied by EONI.com to learn more. The site is under construction but still provides good information and photos.

Depending on the level of Amateur Radio Operator participation, we may establish a Special Events Station to operate during the Race. These are exciting times for us and invite join us to exercise your skills in a challenging environment to a non-profit event, Eagle Cap Extreme!!

73s KL0CW
Clyde Raymer, Jr.
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Jackson County ARES

JCARES members contributed 46 hours of service during the month of August.

The conversion of a donated ambulance to an emergency communications vehicle is proceeding on schedule. All of the HPP grant funds were expended prior to the August deadline and all of the radio equipment for the first phase of the conversion has been acquired. Additionally, the vehicle has been painted and lettered (photos attached). Some electrical problems remain with the vehicle and these will be addressed in the next several weeks. Once the vehicle is sound electrically, medical equipment will be removed and an operator console will be constructed and installed. The vehicle is stored in a hanger at the Medford airport so work on the vehicle can proceed somewhat independent of the weather. Efforts are underway to obtain security access to the airport for several ARES members so that unescorted access to the vehicle will be available.

An ARES field exercise was held in lieu of the August monthly meeting. The exercise was held on the grounds of the VA Rehabilitation Center & Clinic and, in addition to the field locations, will utilize the permanent amateur radio station at this facility. While the turnout of members was modest, the exercise provided valuable training for operations in the field. More training is needed in message handling.

Efforts to upgrade the amateur radio station at the VA Rehabilitation Center & Clinic are underway. Old connectors are being replaced and the VA Electrical Department will replace and reroute the antenna coax into the station facility. Old amateur equipment will be surveyed and the room reconfigured to accommodate existing and new equipment. The VA Deputy Regional Director has expressed interest in having ARES take re-

ARRL Web Features

The ARRL web site www.arrl.org has some interesting and relatively new tools available to members.

1. An index of ARRL magazine articles. This database contains an index of articles for QST from 1915 to the present, QEX from 1981 to the present, Ham Radio from 1968 to 1990 and NCJ from 1973 to the present. (Note: Beginning in 1998, each issue of QEX covers two months. Most QST articles 2004 and before can be downloaded, while most QST material newer than 2004 is not available for download. Unfortunately QEX, NCJ, and Ham Radio material is not available for download.
2. An index of contest scores from the major ARRL contests is available and is searchable. I pulled the table below from the 2008 Field Day database, looking at all 3A, Low Power (150W), Oregon station entries. We can see that our club president, Don did a terrific job of finding a lot of bonus points!

Jackson County ARES, continued

sponsibility for the amateur radio station and operate it as an emergency station supporting both VA and local emergency situations. No decision by the ARES EC has been made regarding this request. While ARES may take an active role in the operation of the station if operators are available, it is unlikely that ARES will enter into a formal agreement with the VA to support the station.

The ARES radio station at the OSP Central Point station remains dismantled. Indications are that this is a temporary situation and the station should be operational again in several months.

The ARES EC will be out of the country from September 14th until October 12th. The AEC, Kirby, KL7VK will be in charge of all ARES activities during this period.

Don Montgomery, EC, WB7Q

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2008 ARRL Field Day

Displaying entries for **Category=3A** and **Power Mult=2** and **Section=OR**

Entries 1 to 4 of 4 listed

#	Call	Score	Category	QSOs	Power Mult	GOTA Call	Section	Participants	Club
1	W7OTV	3,810	3A	789	2		OR	86	
2	W7DTV	1,692	3A	663	2		OR	15	Skyline Tower ARC
3	W7OEK	1,226	3A	149	2		OR	14	Rogue Valley ARC
4	W7GRA	628	3A	14	2		OR	6	Grande Ronde Radio Amateurs Assn

For SALE

Wanted:

Secretary's Report, Continued

- Vice President Schock then put the meeting on hold for conversation & donuts.
- After the break we had a several club members show us their projects. Bud, W7LNG as usual brought the most items.
- Vice President Schock asked if anyone had anything to bring up. Hearing nothing he adjourned the meeting at 9:35PM.

Submitted by Jack Schock, WA7IHU secretary pro tem!

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