



The Repeater

Next Club Meeting
Saturday,
December 7, 2013, 6:00 PM
N5EG QTH
3950 Southview Terrace,
Medford, OR 97504

Program: Christmas Pot luck
Party SATURDAY Dec 7th 6:00 PM
N5EG QTH (see map p6)

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President's Letter

It has been a privilege to serve as your club president the last two years. We are fortunate to have a great club in our area where we can meet with our fellow ham radio operators to exchange ideas, make friends and find opportunities to help others.

I would like to congratulate our newly elected officers for 2014. Todd Carney, K7TFC, who has done a remarkable job creating the club's new web page I'm sure will make a fine president. Allan Taylor, K7GT, a former president himself is looking forward to serving as vice president. Carl Van Orden, W7BRO will make a great secretary. Lud Si-

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Secretary's Report

October 3, 2013 RVARC meeting

RVARC met Thursday November 7, 2013. Meeting called to order for the business meeting at 19:00 local time.

Visitors: Oyuky Taylor, KG7GKH
 Glenn Gutshall, KG7FEA
 Frank Peckatt (no call)
 Richard Doshier, KG7GKI
 Jack Spiegel, N7BWG

Joe, AF7GN, needs PL259's, dead or alive, for a class soldering exercise.

The proposed new slate of club officers was presented by Scott Cummings, VP. No positions were contested and all were elected by unanimous vote. The officers for 2014 are:

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bley, KB2EVN, who is also president of the Tube Collectors Association will continue to serve as treasurer.

Our club officers will be meeting later in December to plan presentations for the coming year. If anyone has an idea for a presentation they would like to see or would like to give please contact any of the club officers.

Our annual Christmas party will be held at the residence of Tom McDermott, N5EG and will be a pot luck. Tom will notify every one of the details. Remember there is no regular meeting at the Red Cross in December. I hope to see you all at the Christmas party.

73, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to all.

Jeff W7KNX

Secretary's Report, Cont'd

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Todd Carney	K7TFC	President
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Carl Van Orden	W7BRO	Secretary
Lud Sibley	KB2EVN	Treasurer

A line-item budget was presented by Lud, KB2EVN. It was accepted as a working point with only one adjustment: the 'promotion' entry of \$400 was reduced to \$200 after some discussion and appropriate concurrence from AF7GN. The amended budget proposes a deficit of about \$235.

The Christmas party is set for Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the home of Tom McDermott, N5EG. Further details in the newsletter. Potluck, of course.

The featured presentation began at 20:00 and was given by Scott NA7OM. His topic was "The World above 50 MHz" (or something like that). It was directed at newly licensed 'Tech's and pointed out the multitudinous opportunities available in the VHF/UHF world. At the conclusion, the audience added current local VHF usage information.

Meeting adjourned at about 21:00.

Allan, K7GT, Secretary

RVARC 2014 Budget

RVARC 2014 BUDGET

As accepted, 11-07-2013

Income

Dues: 45 members @ 17.40 avg. + 2 honorary	783
Book sales	340
Coffee & donuts: 17 x 9 mos.	153
Sale of club property TBD	
Interest	2
<u>Total income</u>	<u>1278</u>

Expenses

Room rent: 25 x 9 mos.	225
Liability insurance	325
Plaques / awards	90
Book purchases	340
Promotion (postage, banners, flyers, etc.)	200
Field Day	
Port-A-Potty:	100
Gas & food:	80
Subtotal	180
Coffee & donuts	75
Ice Cream Social	90
Newsletter misc.	50
Supplies	50
<u>Total expenses</u>	<u>1625</u>

Net (347)

Note: previous years' capital purchases were:: 2011, projector, \$490; 2012, generators, \$580

Lud Sibley, KB2EVN
Treasurer

Field Day 2013 Results

It's December, and the ARRL has posted results and scores for Field Day 2013. In addition to the results published in December QST, there is an on-line database which can easily be searched, filtered, and sorted.

This year our club entered Category 2A, which is the most popular category with 398 entrants listed in the database. Looking at the 100-watt power level for Oregon, the scores are shown on the table on the next page.

We placed about middle of the pack in terms of points, and at the top of the 2A list in terms of number of participants.

The 3A category (which we won for Oregon last year) is a bit less competitive. We would not have won it this year, but only just. If we actually had 3 transmitters, we probably could have won that category in Oregon. We beat out several 6-transmitter efforts in Oregon. Interestingly, there were no hi-power entrants in Oregon this year.

The top score was, again, W3AO in the Maryland-DC section, with their incredible 29A multi-multi-multi-multi transmitter effort. They had a total of 10,275 contacts and 113 participants, an I.T. effort bigger than some corporations, and a food service effort larger than many restaurants.

In one of the more unusual scores, the K0DCA DCAR club of Missouri used 36 transmitters to log a grand total of 36 QSO's (contacts).

The tables on the next page list 2A and 3A category results for Oregon.

Field Day 2013 Results, Continued

#	Call	Score	Category	QSOs	Power Mult	GOTA Call	Section	Participants	Club
1	N7LE	7,028	2A	1,958	2	WN7K	OR	11	Central OR DX Club
2	KK7PR	6,104	2A	1,810	2	AE7YP	OR	21	Portland Radio Contester Club
3	W7DTA	3,214	2A	879	2	K7TFC	OR	32	Rogue Valley ARC
4	K7KO	2,376	2A	490	2	KF7IBN	OR	9	Rogue RF Project
5	WA7FQD	1,634	2A	297	2		OR	15	Emerald ARS
6	K7LIX	1,120	2A	230	2		OR	31	Southern Oregon ARC

Field Day 2013 Results. Category 2A, Power Level = 100 Watts, Oregon Section

#	Call	Score	Category	QSOs	Power Mult	GOTA Call	Section	Participants	Club
1	W7SST	3,324	3A	922	2		OR	7	
2	W7ORE	1,806	3A	263	2		OR	30	ROADS
3	WA7LO	1,620	3A	301	2		OR	11	Lake Oswego
4	N7EI	1,348	3A	299	2		OR	15	Columbia ARA
5	W7JVO	1,314	3A	144	2		OR	7	High Desert Amateur Radio
6	WA7VE	1,164	3A	172	2	KE7RR	OR	64	STARS
7	W7GRA	1,130	3A	301	2		OR	5	
8	KF7TCG	902	3A	26	2		OR	10	Mouth of the Co-

Field Day 2013 Results. Category 3A, Power Level = 100 Watts, Oregon Section

Fall Contest Season

The fall radio contest season is in full swing, and several club members have participated in single-operator or multi-operator efforts.

The Fall season kicks off with the two big state QSO parties, the Texas and California QSO events.

The Rogue RF Project (consisting of SOARC (Grant's Pass) and RVARC (Medford) club members mounted a county expedition to Del Norte County California. N5EG did a few hours out-of-state single-operator from Medford.

The CQ WW DX contest drew several club members, and ARRL Sweepstakes also drew a single-op (W7KNX) and a multi-op effort (K7GT and K7KO) this year.

The 10-meter and 160 meter contests will be coming up in December. And last, the contest that's not a contest, straight-key-night (SKN) will be held January 1, 2014 UTC (Greenwich Mean Time) which starts at 4:00 PM December 31st here in Oregon. SKN emphasizes vintage ham radio equipment (i.e. vacuum-tube electronics, manual CQ keys (ow, my aching wrist) and interesting conversation rather than rapid QSOs.

Jeff, W7KNX report on Phone SS (Sweepstakes)

I thought I would start a soapbox for SS phone. I don't know how many of you participated, I heard Steve (K7KO) Joined Allan (K7GT) for a multi entry. My category was single operator high power, although my "high power" is 600 watts at best. HI.

Saturday morning I made a final check of everything. Everything appeared ready to go when I noticed a loud click from inside the AL-811 amplifier. Huh? When I heard it again I knew it wasn't my imagination. Mur-

phy's law I figured (I think Murphy takes a strong interest in sweepstakes). The loud click was not going away so I removed the amp and put it on the work bench with about an hour and a half before contest start. I traced the problem to an open 50K 7 watt bleeder resistor across one of the high voltage caps. Of course out of all the power resistors I have (I have a lot!) there were none. HI. I managed to pair a couple of 100K 50 watt cigars together and rube goldberg it into place to get me by. Back in business.

Saturday evening I had to drop to low power on 40 and 80 because I was melting the roller inductor plastic form in my vintage Wanzer Z match tuner. Picked up most of my 6's and 7's anyway. Need a better tuner.

All in all lots of fun, even got to work the K7GT multi operation on 20 late Sunday. I ended up with 525 Q's, 81 sections (missing SB and NL) for a claimed score of 85,050.

Some Popular Contests in December

ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 6 to 1600Z, Dec 8
Ten-Meter RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 8
ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 14 to 2400Z, Dec 15
ARRL Rookie Round-up, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 22
Stew Perry Topband Challenge	1500Z, Dec 28 to 1500Z, Dec 29
ARRL Straight Key Night	0000Z-2359Z, Jan 1

December Club Meeting: Pot-Luck Christmas Party
NOTE DATE: SATURDAY, December 7th, 6:00 PM—??

The December Meeting this year will be a pot-luck dinner. There will be NO GIFT EXCHANGE.

If your last name begins with the letter:

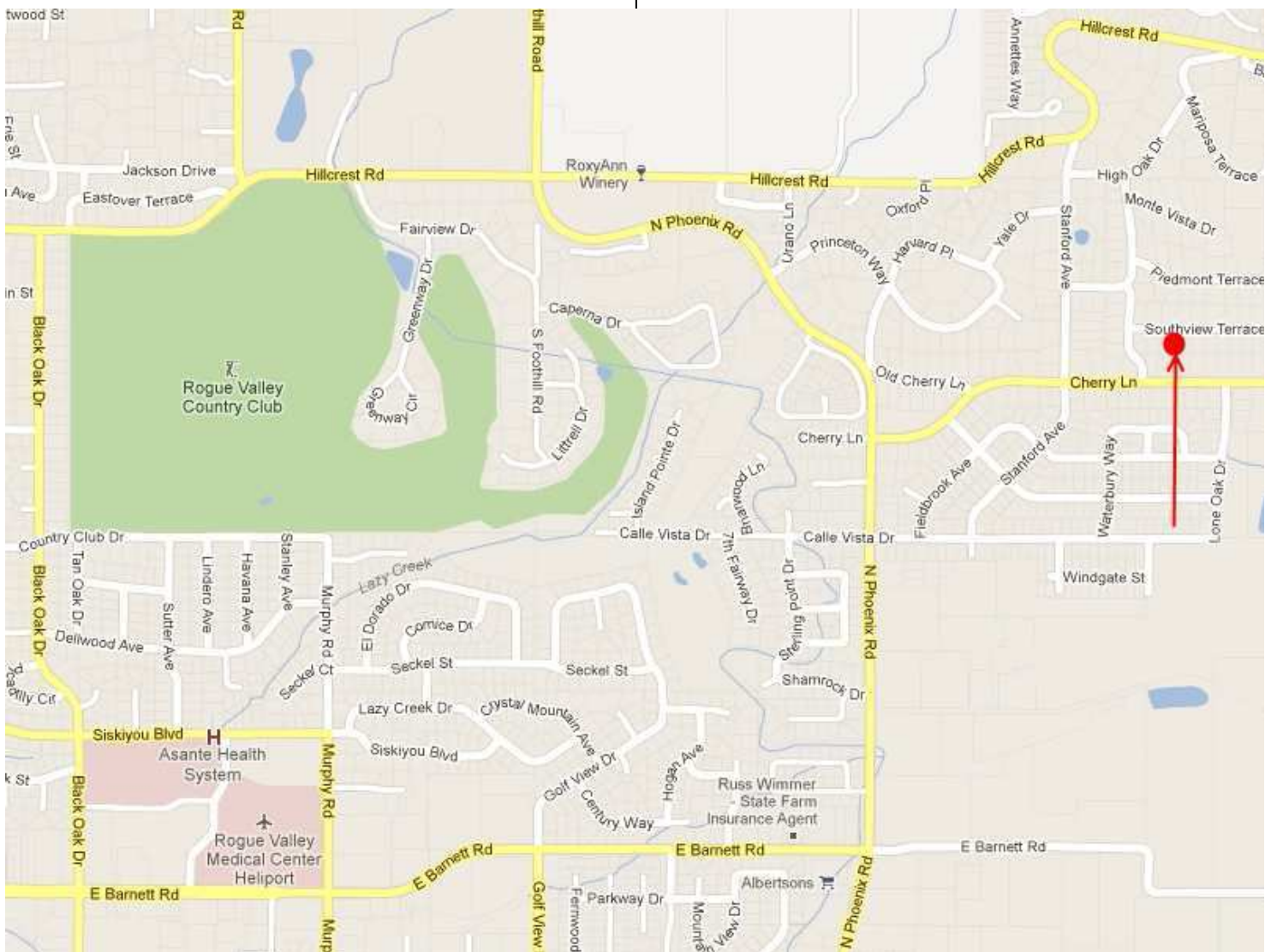
- A through F—bring desert, fruit, or beverage
- G through M—bring appetizer or finger food
- N through Z—bring hot dish, vegetables, or bread

Time: 6:00 PM—??

Place N5EG QTH
3950 Southview Terrace
Medford, OR 97504

Far east Medford, just off Cherry Lane and Orchard View.

Note that the date is **SATURDAY**.



RVARC Dues

RVARC membership dues run from January 1 through December 31. Please bring cash or a check payable to RVARC to a club meeting, or mail (checks only) to:

RVARC Membership
c/o 102 McDonough Rd.
Gold Hill, OR 97525-9626

Regular Member:	\$20.00
Senior Member (62 and over):	\$15.00
Family Member:	\$20.00
Student Member:	\$10.00

Amateur Radio Examinations

In the Rogue Valley, amateur radio exams are provided by the RVARC and the SOARC. New exam participants need to provide identification, while upgrading amateurs need to **provide a copy of their current license** as well as show identification. The exam fee for 2013 remains \$15.00. All license candidates must provide a picture ID. Upgrading amateurs must also provide a photocopy of their current license to send in with their application. To search for other exam locations, see:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml>

Medford—Phoenix, OR

Time: Saturdays, 8:30 AM. Exam session starts at 9:00 AM. Walk-ins welcome.

Location: Fire District 5 HQ. 5811 South Pacific Highway, Phoenix, Oregon 97535

Dates 2014: schedule not released yet

Contact: Don Bennett, Email: kg7bp@rfwarrior.com Phone: (541) 973-3625

Grants Pass

Time: Arrive 6:00 PM. Exam session starts at 6:30 PM. Walk-ins welcome.

Location: Fruitdale Grange. 1440 Parkdale Dr., Grants Pass OR 97527-5288

Dates 2014: schedule not released yet

Contact: John Stubbe, K7VSU, email: K7VSU@arrl.net, Phone: (541) 218-2244

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