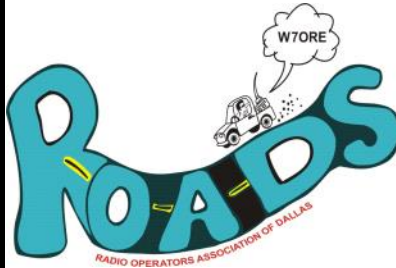


# The ROAD Report

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## RADIO OPERATORS ASSOCIATION of DALLAS OREGON

### The Prez Sez by Jack Schult



I am having a hard time grasping the fact this is the last Prez Sez for 2014. It wasn't until I looked back at some of the things that I experienced with ROADS that made the timeline more acceptable. We have had some great meetings, outstanding program presentations, while new officers and members were added. Field Day is a special memory, the August picnic, New Website, The Rickreall Ham fairs, hearing the laughter of the members enjoying our meetings. I think

we are fortunate to share those reflections of events that our hobby has given us.

What will 2015 be like? That will depend on you. I am seeing more members willing to contribute their time and knowledge to the good of our organization, and that's a good thing. If I start naming folks who went the extra mile, I would surely miss someone and that would be a bad thing. You know who you are, and although it remains unsaid, so do you. Thank you.

Here at the shack the Johnson Viking Valiant, after about 60-70 hours of restoration, both electronic and cosmetic, stands fully operational. The only thing keeping her from worldwide propagation would be the antenna switching circuit. Sure I could build one or, hold out with a tangible reason to invest in a vintage Johnson Matchbox Kilowatt antenna tuner that has a built in delayed transfer for the antenna to the rcvr/xmtr. I am voting for the Matchbox, the cat's meow for connecting an all band doublet antenna with zero loss (or close to it) 450

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Ohm ladder line to the Mighty Valiant. I am watching e-Bay, ready to pounce.

This month's *Christmas* Dinner meeting will be at Murphy's, by majority vote of the membership. Reservations have been made for 6pm December 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

I am writing this Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>, I'll be adding more wood in the stove as I finish. It's so cold out the politicians have their hands in their own pockets.

Be kind to each other.

## Here n' There By Bob Peschka, K7QXG



### **Great turn out!**

The November meeting had a great turnout of members and W7RIS put on a program about coax that was designed to give all of us a few

thoughts about our own antenna installations. When introducing the program, W7RIS asked, "...How to feed your antenna..." KT7H quipped, "Steak and potatoes!" A

little humor always livens up a deep and thoughtful presentation. ROADS did well at Swaptoberfest and all reports indicate that everyone had a good time.

Please visit ROADS web site at [www.w7ore.com](http://www.w7ore.com). A lot of effort went into producing this professional looking site and it speaks well about our club.

### **On The Soapbox.... Or, a few choice remarks from a Charter Member of ROADS....**

I attended the formation meetings at the home of W7LOU when he proposed creating the club. The name ROADS came later, along with our By-laws and eventual 501C3 status. The basic premise upon which the club was formed – then and at subsequent meetings – was that it would be a "social oriented" club. We would have dinners out a few times a year instead of formal meetings. It was never intended to become a "technical" club filled with technical training, such as exists in ARES. The goal was to toss in a little technical information (programs) from time to time, and at other times to have fun events, fun activities and a good newsletter. *There NEVER was an intent to compete with ARES or even resemble ARES.* This premise has been stated and restated innumerable times, but the myth that ROADS was founded to compete with ARES still exists. I guess some fairy tales live on forever.

## Field Day Thoughts....

Yes, Field day is a long way off....Santa hasn't even had time to visit us yet...but now is the time to let your mind conjure up thoughts about ways to enhance the fun we have had for the past two years. Once again we all owe a debt of gratitude to W7SCT and KW7DSP for making arrangements with the city to use the park and for all the other organizational efforts that went into the activity. Their efforts have led to our success.

## Merry Christmas!

**Backyard DX**  
by  
**Bob Peschka, K7QXG**

### Announced DXpeditions

#### December

2 – 10 VU4 Multi Ops  
? – 30 3A SSB/RTTY 1 Op

#### January

5 – 11 TX5W Austral SSB only  
16 – 31 Iran 10 ops

**25 – Feb 13 K1N Navassa Island**  
**15 ops QSL N200**

#### April

1 – 30 Spratly Island

**Good Luck!**

**DX Hunters Society**

## 300 or more entities

K7AA 369  
K7QXG 335  
KX5W 333

## 250 – 299 Entities

KE7JNT 297  
K7CIE 293  
W7LOU 278  
W7HO 261

## 200 – 249 Entities

N1WWH 211

## Associates

AE7OA 154  
KF7SEY 103  
W7RIS 98  
KW7DSP 66  
W7SCT 39

Remember the entity must be confirmed with pasteboard QSLs, LoTW, eQSL, or a Club Log Online Log.

73, K7QXG

## Your 2014-2015 ROAD's Calendar

- 18 December 2014**      **Club Dinner Meeting—6 pm—Murphy's**
- 10 January 2015**      **V.E. Testing @ Polk County Courthouse**
- 15 January 2015**      **Club Meeting - 7 pm @ Polk County Court House—  
Program—TBD**
- 14 February 2015**      **Salem Hamfair & Computer/Electronics Swapmeet,@ Polk  
County Fairgrounds, Rickreall**
- 19 February 2015**      **Club Meeting - 7 pm @ Polk County Court House—TBD**
- 14 March 2015**      **V.E. Testing @ Polk County Courthouse**
- 19 March 2015**      **Club Meeting - 7 pm @ Polk County Court House—  
Appoint Nominating Committee**
- 16 April 2015**      **Club Dinner Meeting - 6 pm—TBD**
- 9 May 2015**      **V.E. Testing @ Polk County Courthouse**
- 14 May 2015**      **Club Meeting - 7 pm @ Polk County Court House**
- 5 June—7 June 2015**      **Sea-Pac—NW Division ARRL Convention @ Seaside, OR**
- 18 June 2015**      **Club Meeting - 7 pm @ Polk County Court House—  
Elections**
- 27-28 June 2015**      **ARRL Field Day**

## Your 2014-2015 Current Club Officers

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<b>Secretary</b>	Troy Greenberg	KF7SEY	<a href="mailto:kf7sey@gmail.com">kf7sey@gmail.com</a>	(503) 302-5746
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### For Sale, Swap, Trade, or Wanted

For Amateur Radio and Amateur Radio-related items may be listed for sale, trade, swap or as "wanted" only by club members. There is no fee and the ad will be listed for two publications of the ROADS Report. Individuals must submit to the ROAD's Editor complete wording to include price and contact information. A picture may be included. All listing are non-commercial.

#### **FT-897D (HF/6M/2M/70CM)**

- MARS/CAP opened
- 100w auto tuner
- internal ac 110v power supply
- stock hand held mic
- optional upgrade MH-59 hand held mic
- signalinkUSB with FT-897 chip
- quick reference guide
- manual
- I may have the original box for it

\$1600.00 or reasonable offer

#### **73's**

**Mike Nolan**

**Once a Marine always a Marine,  
USMC 68-70, 5th FSR**

**Radio Operators Association of  
Dallas  
AE7OA**