

The Road Report

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RADIO OPERATORS ASSOCIATION OF DALLAS OREGON

The Prez Sez

by

Jack Schult, W7SCT



Got dem computer blues....

OK, I should have known better. Windows XP pro has been without customer support for a while now, and is a prime target for viruses, but I have always subscribed the old adage, If it ain't broke don't fix it. There's a flaw in that logic, I discovered spending two days trying to nurse my hard drive back to life. After attempting for the third restore point it

was clear that no amount of above my pay grade manipulation was going to resuscitate the operating platform. It was kaput.(1. utterly finished, defeated, or destroyed 2.Unable to function 3. hopelessly outmoded)

After another half day of interviewing prospective repairman in three cities, waiting an additional four days for the local Radio Shack expert to show up (he never did) and a long string of anathemas, I found Salem Geeks. Mulder and Scully always said not to trust anyone, but the A+ Better Business Bureau rating for that Salem Company made the decision easier.

All files saved and restored, Windows 7 with updated electronics and over a Terabyte of hard drive storage I am once again able to function, snatched from the jaws of the Ohm for the Electronically Retarded. A computer is a terrible thing to loose.

We had a nice turnout at the Park for the Ice Cream Social (the suggestion of K7CIE)

Had so much fun I forgot I was lactose intolerant.

Here at the Five Acre Antenna Farm my dual Moxon, 80 Meter Vee and 500+ foot loop survived the windstorm. After seeing the damage in

the Portland area we only had a taste of what could have been a lot of crumpled aluminum and broken wires.

Jim, N7WWH and Troy KF7SEY will be forming the deconstruction team to take down a tower in Siletz. This time we will be wearing hardhats.

I mentioned last month that the club stopped by the VE test session to congratulate the newly licensed. There was only one. David Ford, and he called me last week. Looks like we may have a new member. In sales that would be considered a 100% closing rate!

28.803 The Oregon Trail/10-10 NET Sunday morning continues to be a great place for a good ol' Dallas rag chew starting shortly after 11am. K7LWV, Richard has volunteered to serve as a NCO.

Less than two months to go before the Swaptoberfest 10/24/15. I'll be keeping an eye out for >20MFD >250 WVDC Caps.

Next meeting 09/17/15. QTX

- Jack W7SCT

New Roads Member

and future amateur radio operator



Rylie Beth Greenberg

Born Aug 10, 2015 at

8:27 PM

8 lbs 2 oz

Here 'n There

By K7QXG

The Ice Cream Social drew a good crowd from ROADS with 29 persons counted at one point. Herewith are a few photos of the event.



A very special thanks to Jack, **W7SCT**, for helping serve the ice cream. I also wish to thank Nate, **W7NAT**, and his wife for bringing some home-made ice cream, and a big thanks to **Shirley Peschka** for her assistance in buying, storing and delivering the ice cream and other needed items.

The little guy in the picture below seems to be saying, "Gosh, she did all that!"



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K7LWV is now sporting a new antenna installation, which includes a nice tower, a 4 element beam for 10, 15, and 20, and a rotatable dipole for 12 and 17. **KE7JNT** was the lead engineer in this project that spanned several weeks. Sadly, the propagation numbers were terrible on the first day it was operational with a K of 5 and an A of 53.

K7QXG is anxiously awaiting the results of the 10-10 Summer SSB contest. Propagation was nearly zero but a short opening on Saturday provided about 40 QSOs on 10 meters.

The **Oregon Trail net** on 28.803 every Sunday noon has been enjoying good local participation.

What is the **NA SSB Sprint**? A great SSB fun contest that is only 4 hours long. It presents some exciting challenges because after every QSO as a result of a CQ you must move 5 KHz up or down the band. The action is hot and heavy, but a great deal of fun as you scramble around the band and try to work all states. If you send in a log, your call is entered in a drawing for one of the 31 prizes.

Don't miss the Sept. meeting!!!

- Bob K7QXG



Troy KF7SEY is looking for a A3S or A4S. If you may know of one for-sale or have one you may want to get rid of let me know. Email is a good way to make contact
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If there is any items you would like to post in the newsletter for-sale or wanted please let us know and we will get it posted in the news letter.

- KF7SEY & KG7ITR

From: Bonnie AB7ZQ

To: Roads Members

I am being challenged for the position of Vice-Director for the Northwestern Division. The election will be held this fall and the ARRL will be returning to paper ballots. Jim Pace is also being challenged for the position of Director of the Northwestern Division.

I would like to ask for your vote for each of us in this race.

I have observed Jim Pace function at three board meetings and have worked closely with him between meetings for a year and a half. He is respected on the board for his strong leadership skills on the board and the committees he is on. Simply looking at the list of committees he has been appointed and elected to in his short time on the board demonstrates that. Most of the work is done on committees and so being on these committees is critical to fully representing the Division on the board.

I am learning a lot from working with Jim and would like to continue working with him and learning from him, to support the Division, for another three years. I will not have the same learning opportunities with a less experienced Director. If someone were to step into the Division Director role without having been a Vice-

Director there is a huge learning curve to overcome prior to being on many committees and being effective as a board member.

As far as Vice Director goes, I demonstrated long-term reliability in leadership roles with nearly eight years as Oregon Section Manager. Prior to that, I was a club president and an ARES Assistant Emergency Coordinator and Emergency Coordinator. I also have significant management experience in my career, primarily in hospital IT management.

The influence a Vice Director has is to eventually be on committees and to influence the vote of the Director. The Vice Director must also be prepared to step in and act for the Director, if circumstances ever require that. The Northwestern Division has had a different person in the Vice Director position each term since the time that Jim Fenstermaker moved from Vice Director to Director and that has been a long time ago. A new Vice Director will have limited opportunities to serve and be less effective than one who has made progress in becoming involved in board activities and who has become familiar with people and processes at ARRL headquarters.

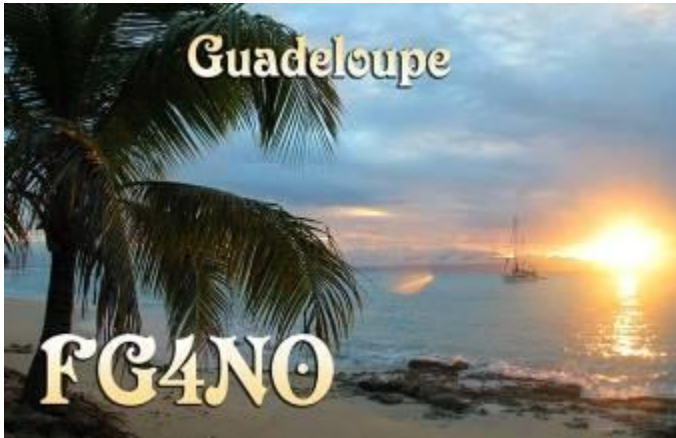
I can bring long-term stability to the Vice-Director position on behalf of the Division if elected to serve for another three years. I also have demonstrated the commitment to amateur radio and the desire and ability to be your voice and assist you with concerns that is needed in this role. I will continue to listen to you and take your concerns seriously if elected to a three-year term.

Again, I ask for your vote in our election campaigns so we can continue to work together and bring stability back to these positions, for the benefit of the members in the Northwestern Division.

Bonnie AB7ZQ

Backyard DX

By K7QXG



Yes, DX QSLs do not need to be from a rare entity to be a colorful addition for the wall of your radio room. This is the reason that some DXing members of ROADS pursue DX stations – to get colorful cards like this even though the entity doesn't fall in the rare category.

Quick TidBits.....

FW1JG, Wallis & Futuna calling CQ on 20 SSB about 10 PM, local time, and little response. Easy QSO. **7S5A** Swedish Special Event was an easy catch on 20 CW at 10:30 PM local time. **R7KZ** is a new call for Stan

from the Crimea. Did anyone manage to work the **ST100S** in **Sudan**? And from "Down Under" there is the whopping big signal of **VK7XX**. I learned that a former ROADS member, W7TDN, worked him on 20 SSB with a ground mounted vertical!



Announced Expeditions

Now to Sept 15 – **J20JM**, Djibouti with F5LCI, CW & JT65

Sep 4 – 19 **K6W Wake Is.** SSB and digital.

October: **TX3X**, Chesterfield Team

December: **3Y0F**, Bouvet Team

January: South Georgia and South Sandwich with a team. Also **P5** on 10, 15, 20 SSB. Dates for the above are not known at this time.

March: Palestine, Heard, and Cocos Keeling.

Have fun!

QSL Wait Times

You need patience when it comes to getting a QSL card from a needed entity. Some of the following cards required a 4 month wait, despite use of OQRS and SASE: 7Q, 9Q0, E30, OD5, JT1, J28, 5R8, C91, K1N, 9H and 7X2. Ten out of ten is a good return, even though it took considerable patience.

Your 2015 - 2016 Current Club Officers

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September 2015

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Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 <small>Roads Meeting 7 pm court house</small>	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			