



The Road Report

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RADIO OPERATORS ASSOCIATION OF DALLAS OREGON

Field Day 2017

By Michael WA7SKG

The 2017 ROAD Field Day effort was a success. Led by FD Coordinator Mike KA7HBB, club members Michael WA7SKG, Dennis WB7VAO, Warren W7KBR, Doc (Don) KX5W, Steve KW7DSP, and Brandon N1WTH braved triple digit heat and a very long night to put W7ORE in the log books of 271 stations. Running three transmitters in the club category 3A, the team amassed a claimed score of 708 points. Contacts were made on 80, 40, 20 and 15 meters using both CW and phone with 53 of 83 ARRL/RAC Sections being worked. Stations were contacted in 36 states, 4 provinces, and Japan. Once the submission is reviewed by ARRL, anticipated bonus points of 750 should be added for a total score of 1,458. Considering an off air stretch of about three hours due to generator issues and only one station operating overnight, not a bad showing for a small group. Of course, Field Day is not so much of a contest as it is a demonstration of how Amateur Radio will come together and operate in adverse circumstances. In an almost impromptu "run what you brung" environment, equipment issues are expected. Overcoming those issues, getting back on the air, and completing the task are the main focus of Field Day. Our group excelled and had a good time doing it. Lessons were learned and plans are already being discussed for "the next time." Thanks to all who came out and participated. For those who weren't able to come, there's always next year!



Here and There

By Bob K7QXG

10 Meters Open Almost Daily !

Sporadic E propagation has treated us to morning openings on 10 meter SSB nearly every day since late May. Of course this is North-South propagation, so your contacts are in CA, AZ, NV, and NM. Expect serious QSB at times. I call CQ to see if the band is open, but the following should make it an easier chore for you:

28.400 is used as a popular calling freq.
 28.380 a 10-10 calling and net freq.
 28.385 national QRP calling freq.
 28.490 Australis's national call freq.



W7RIS put on a wonderful program at the June meeting about his team's participation in the big 7 QP event. **Mike's team took home three First Place certificates.** First Place in Wheeler County, First Place in Crook County, and First Place in Multi Multi. **KF7SEY**, Troy, garnered a First Place for his QRP operation. Meanwhile, here at home, **WA7SKG** and **K7QXG** were active in Polk county, and K7QXG took home a First Place certificate for Polk county.

Field Day has come and gone and I will have a report on that in the next issue. ROADS team was headed by **KA7HBB**, Mike.

20 meters Open Most Nights starting at about 10 PM. Great for USA QSOs or working some of the DX that is waiting for your call. One night **KE7JNT** logged 50 QSOs and finally ended his run at 12:30 AM. Last night was no exception – following the ROADS meeting I fired up on 20 meters at 9:45 PM and quickly worked Ukraine, Slovenia, and Austria. Several other countries were heard up and down the band, all with good signals. Then I went to bed.

What Do You Think? At the June meeting it was proposed that ROADS make a financial donation to Gary Marr to assist with replacement of the 145.350 repeater/tower that was destroyed when a tree fell on it. This repeater is not used by ROADS members as indicated by a poll taken at the meeting, except for Mike, **KA7HBB**. It is primarily used by ARES. A decision to take action on the request for ROADS funds to be used for this repeater was tabled until the July meeting. If you think ROADS should give money to this replacement effort, or not, give us your thoughts at the July meeting, pro or con.

Bunny Hunters A tip of the hat to **W7RIS** for keeping that rabbit on the move! I know there is only a handful of us who have searched for it and found it, but it does afford us a challenging activity.

W6SVP SK



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W6SVP, Jim Perkins, was well known to many members of ROADS and often joined the Monday morning coffee crowd for some friendly banter. He was also a good friend of **W7LOU**, now a **SK**, and both had spent part of their lives in Air Traffic control.

Jim, who was referred to as “W6 Senior Vice President”, was not able to get on the air very much during the past year or so because of health problems. I will miss my old friend.

- Bob K7QXG

From the Editors

By Troy KF7SEY

A little over two years have past since Emily and I decided to take the newsletter and run with it. It has been a fun ride and we hope it did well for the club members. We have decided to pass the torch and give someone else a chance to give it a go. So with that, this July newsletter will be our last. This will give the new officers a chance to seek a new editor to continue the tradition for the Roads members.

Sincerely,

Troy KF7SEY & Emily KG7ITR , Dit Dit

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the Heathkit Team




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Minutes of ROADS meeting June 16, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm by Warren, W7KBR.

Visitor Ted Novak, KI7NUZ was introduced and members introduced themselves and areas of interest.

Treasurer gave the treasurer report.

Audit committee gave their report. The audit committee audited the books back to the start of the year and found the books balanced to the penny. However, the committee said there was room for improvement and suggested using a standard booking method.

The secretary moved that the minutes of the May meeting be approved. Passed.

Warren reports that the insurance has been paid for the year and the city has the binder for field day.

Committee Reports:

Field day—Mike reported that the logging program will be N3FJP. Equipment has been volunteered that includes radios, tuners, generators, and computers. Still needed are extension cords and lighting. The group is planning on going 3A and will start on Saturday morning and not on Friday as previously thought. The weather is forecast to be good. Food for participants has not been planned. Discussion followed with Steve, W7DSP making a motion to spend up to \$100.00 from savings for food. All money not used, will be returned to the treasury. Motion passed.

Quartermaster—no report

Newsletter—no report

ARRL—ARRL is looking into new colored name badges. Some countries are having trouble getting QSL cards in and out of those countries. Nothing new on Oregon's antenna bill.

There are still 5 hats available with the Roads logo and your call available for purchase for \$15.00

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The program was on May's 7QP party. Mike, W7RIS engineered the trek to eastern Oregon along with two other ROADS members, Warren, W7KBR and Jim N7WWH, and other hams from the Corvallis and Eugene areas.

Nominations

There being no nominating committee, the president solicited volunteers to fill the vacancies.

President

Two members. Steve, DSP and Mike HBB volunteered to run for president. Nominations were closed and ballots were passed out and voting was held. Our visitor was asked if he would count the ballots. Steve was elected with a majority of the ballots.

Mike ran unopposed for vice president and was elected by acclamation.

Discussion was held among Bonnie, AB7ZQ and Mike, HBB, as to what each could do for the club as Bonnie will be gone part of the time due to Bob, QXG, volunteered to fill in for the time that Bonnie will be gone. That decided, by acclamation, Mike, HBB, was elected secretary and Bonnie, ZQ, was elected treasurer.

Tabled from last month, did the club want to make a donation to help maintain and repair the 145.350 repeater. Bob, QXG, inquired as to how many members use the repeater. Only two, both ARES members were the only ones. Bob said no to any donation and was backed up by Nate, N7NAT.

Good of the order

It was mentioned that some of the members were using 146.460 simplex. Field day count, 6 members are planning on taking an active part. Jack again complained about getting e-mail with standard to instead of blind copy. Warren KBR won the 50/50 drawing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

Your 2017 - 2018 Current Club Officers

Position	Name	Callsign	E-Mail	Phone Number
President	Steve Pickering	KW7DSP	kw7dsp@hotmail.com	
Vise-President	Mike Shelby	W7RIS	w7ris@arrl.net	
Secretary	Mike Nason	KA7HBB	KA7HBB@yahoo.com	
Treasurer	Bonnie Altus	AB7ZQ	bonniealtus@onlinemac.com	
Director 1				
Director 2				

Club Meeting at the Polk County Courthouse at 7:00 PM on 7 /20/2017

Gathering every Monday Morning at Washington Street Steakhouse & Pub

VE Testing Polk County Court House

- July 8, 2017
- September 9, 2017
- November 11, 2017

If you have any questions on the VE testing sessions, please contact Ron, W7HO at W7HO@arrl.net or 503-585-2136.

- **QST, Some Roads members are now monitoring 146.460. We have moved from 146.550 to accommodated the ORRC band plan.**