ROGUE VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Meeting

Thursday June 7th at 7pm

At the Red Cross Building, across from Hawthorne Park South of Tinseltown, in Medford

BRING A FRIEND!

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Club will again host an ice cream social at the home of Van and Loretta Sias (K7VS and XYL) on the first Thursday of August, August 2nd, between the hours of 7PM and 9PM. So mark your calendar for a repeat of last year's gathering. They live at 641 Sunrise Avenue. Up the hill on East Jackson and turn left at the big church in Medford. Off street parking is available on the empty lot just below their home and in the driveway. Further parking is available on Ridgeway, just off Sunday on the street about half block from their home.

No need to bring anything. No children please. Just hams, their wives and adult guests. Feel free to bring a guest, if you like. See you there for a fun social gathering. Refreshments and Ice Cream and lots of casual conversation to be enjoyed.

Thoughts on Field Day from QST

What is field day?

It's a contest like no other. The idea behind field day is to test your ability to set up and operate a station competitively under non-ideal conditions. This means no commercial facilities like buildings or power. Stations operate on all bands from UI-IF through HF with the exception of the WARC bands (30, 17 and 12 meters) and on all modes, phone, cw and digital. The spirit of field day combines a weekend of camping with intense radio operating. Some consider field day the premier operating event of the year the most fun you can have without breaking the law!

Who sponsors field day?

Field day is organized and sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, a national membership association for Amateur Radio operators.

When is field day and how long does it last?

Field day is always the fourth full weekend in June. This year (2007) it's Saturday June 23 and Sunday June 24. The operating starts on Saturday at 1800 UTC for everyone (2PM EDT) and runs 24 hours. The rules allow stations. 24 hours before the event, to begin setting up so the fun starts on Friday, June 22, 2PM EDT. **How are points made?**

The main goal is to make as many contacts as possible. So that an individual isn't up against a large club operation, there are different entry categories. There are categories or classes for clubs, individuals, mobile operation and even operating at home. No mater how you want to participate, there's a category for you. The rules favor HF operating but there is plenty of activity on the VHF and UHF bands. Contacts through repeaters are not allowed. Points are awarded based on the number of contacts, the mode of operation and power level. Quality operating skills with emphasis on persistence and patients are the keys to success. For a successful contact, stations exchange their operating class and ARRL section. See the ARRL rules in the May 2007 issue of QST for full details.

Where is field day?

Most groups conduct their operations in the classic tradition in the field. Many operators, however, operate from their homes or vehicles. RARS will once again conduct operations from the Carroll Site at APEX, N.C **How popular is it?**

Field day is one of the most popular contests, attracting many thousands of operators. The bands are very crowded on field day weekend!

Who participates?

All US and Canadian hams can compete for points. Contacts can be made with any station anywhere in the world but the vast majority of contacts are made within the US and Canada.

Isn't a lot of operating experience necessary?

No! If you're a new ham and have never operated on HF, field day is a wonderful opportunity to get some mic or key time. Many new hams have had their first taste of field day at a RAPS operation. Even members of the general public have made contacts at PARS field day operations.

What is RARS involvement with field day?



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER (SORT OF!)

OK, we'll start off with the Newsletter Editor's apology to the President! Jack said he was sure he sent me a President's Letter, and no doubt, that's true! Sorry Jack-don't know what happened, but I can't find it! So....beginning this month's newsletter with that minor crisis, allow me to re-cap what I've read, and heard, and been told.....

The June Meeting: will feature Van Sias, K7VS, speaking about "getting started in contesting" and "DX-ing". For anyone who doesn't know him, Van is an expert at both of these aspects (ask, no beg him, to see his "wallpaper") so, it's going to be good, folks....

Dang. I may have to set aside my other plans, and attend for that! Please come, and bring a friend. The club is always open to all, with an interest in Ham Radio, electronics, and communications in general.

Field Day – As of this writing, no organized effort has shown itself in terms of Field Day operating.

It was however, lovely to hear that Lud KB2EVN and Marilyn Sibley have offered the use of their "schoolhouse" estate, in Sam's Valley, once again. If anyone is able and interested in participating, I can testify that Lud and his partner go well "above and beyond" as hosts, so....think about it! It has been a huge amount of fun, in the past. It matters not if the club participates "big" or participates "small".

It's tremendous fun to be part of this huge annual event, and believe me, it's great to get the club call sign. W7OEK on the air; we are well recognized!

We used to have a club member, Stu Mitchell, W7IY. Stu picked his callsign to mimick the huge contest club of his childhood in Virginia, W4IY. He used to say the goals of Field Day were to 1) be safe, 2) have fun, and 3) score points! He had his priorities straight, and that's exactly right!

It's fun, so speak up, if you're interested!