



# The Repeater

## Next Club Meeting

**Saturday,**  
 September 6, 2014, **10:00 AM—**  
**3:00 PM**

Red Cross Building,  
 60 Hawthorne St., Medford, OR  
 Across from Hawthorne Park

Program: Swap Meet

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### President's Letter

*swap* /swäp/ verb (swaps, swapping, swapped):

1. Take part in an exchange of goods or money.
2. Give (one thing) and receive something else in exchange.
3. Substitute (one thing) for another.

*Oxford English Dictionary*

It's that time of year again. Summer waning, Labor Day, back to school, and the RVARC Swap Meet. Time for going through your shacks, your garage, and your attic for ham-

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### Secretary's Report

RVARC - Minutes for June 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order in the meeting room of the Red Cross building - Medford, OR at 1900 PDT by Todd Carney, K7TFC.

Visitors this night included:

- Dave Tracy, KG6MWK.
- Tyler and his wife Kendra.

Don Bennett, KG7BP announced the upcoming license exam being held on June 21 at the Fire Station in Phoenix.

New Business: Curt Hadley spoke briefly about the licensing classes. He says that there is a website being developed specifi-

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related items you a) don't use anymore, b) don't want anymore, c) never really used in the first place, or d) that you want to sacrifice to appease the XYL or OM.

Call it a purge, an unburdening, or a catharsis.

Be ruthless. Do you really need that box full of 600V transformers? Those two boxes of air-variable capacitors? Your fifty-year collection of dipole baluns? Do you have a collection of vacuum tubes you're hoarding for the apocalypse? How many code-practice oscillators do you need (and how long has it been since you operated CW)? Are any of those tuna-can rigs you built still working? Do you still have those shoe boxes of straight keys you've thought of donating to a radio museum for a big tax write-off?

If you can answer any of these and lots of other stuff as true, then why not spend the next few weeks going through your junk and bring as much as you can to the swap meet?

Since it's been publicized in all the ham clubs from Roseburg or Redding, and from Bend to Crescent City, and on the Oregon repeater forum reflectors, and on several Oregon nets such as the Tuesday Oregon Swap Net (7:00p at 146.94 PL136.5), and will be appear in S.W. Oregon media outlets in a week or so . . . well, you won't be the only one with things to sell. More to the point, there'll be a lot more people to buy.

73,

Todd K7TFC

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cally for the licensing classes, which is [www.amateurradiotraining.com](http://www.amateurradiotraining.com).

Old Business: No old business was discussed.

Treasurer's report: Lud, KB2EVN, reported a balance of \$3638.84 in the club treasury. The only expected expenses upcoming are related to Field Day.

The meeting was put on hold at 1920 PDT for "eyeball QSOs" and coffee. The meeting was called back into session at 2000 PDT

Program: Todd, K7TFC discussed a variety of issues related to the upcoming Field Day event at the end of the month. There was a good amount of input by many club members.

Jack Schock, WA7IHU gave a presentation on ham shacks in the Rogue Valley. He showed many interesting photos, which were submitted by operators in the area. Those operators that were present gave a brief overview of their setup.

The meeting was adjourned at 2100 PDT

Submitted by Carl VanOrden, W7BRO  
Secretary

## Field Day 2014

RVARC had field day this year in Table Rock park (the same spot as the previous 3 years). The weather was absolutely fabulous this year, and a great time was had by all.

So far I have not been able to locate any photographs of the event, so just visualize "last year" only more so. We ran 3A this year, with 2 Phone stations, and one CW station (plus a GOTA station, and a VHF/UHF station).

Besides Mike Bach's trailer/crank-up tower for CW, Carl Van Orden brought his trailer / crank-up tower for phone. Todd brought his vertical for the GOTA station, and Mike brought about half of all the aluminum in southern Oregon for the VHF/UHF station.

Scott brought his triplexer and bandpass filters so that we could operate 20/15/10 simultaneously on the phone antenna.

Dan Curtis was busy assembling 40 meter dipoles for phone and CW. Dan roughly estimated the 40m phone length needed, and added a foot or so. When we put it on the phone tower, it came in dead-center in the phone band! In all my years of hamming, I've never seen a dipole land dead-on frequency without tweaking. I don't know what kind of magic wire Dan used, but the 40m dipole worked like gangbusters the whole contest. We were able to hold and run a frequency on 40m the entire weekend.

Dave and wife Barbara staffed the CW station the whole weekend, and again claimed a huge pile of points (via the CW double pointers). Bud was not able to join us operating, but he copied the ARRL Field Day message the night before on CW, and gave us a 100 point bonus.

Scott ran 20m phone on the tribander with some relief breaks from Dan.

10 meters was again missing in action. The sunspots took a nosedive just before Field Day, and 10m just had that faint hissing sound.

Four years ago, we had a great 6m SSB opening that finished up and dropped dead 10 minutes before the start of Field Day, not to reopen for the whole contest. This year we had neither the pre-FD opening, nor any good opening during the event. Murphy seems to be stuck on 6m lately.

Our final claimed score was:

CW QSOs:	331
Phone QSOs:	836
Claimed Score:	2,996
Bonus Points:	790

Total Claimed: 3786

## W8WOM Tower / Antenna Raising Party

John Laybourne, W8WOM had a tower and antenna raising party in mid July. Several club members helped him put up the tower. Photos courtesy Dan Curtis, N6WN.



**KZ5AP—Canal Zone**

Tom,

I didn't get to go to field day this year, but if you want a short bit about 'the old days', I ran across a couple of QSL cards on the web while trying to find out my wife's dad's call sign from when he worked in the Panama Canal Zone. They are both from before my wife was born.

I have attached the pics of his QSL cards and the two rigs mentioned on them. I might be able to find his picture in our 'archives'. It was remarkable to find the cards out in the web.

**ART-13 circa 1942**



What are the chances? Anyway, now we know his call sign.

Regards,  
John Armstrong



**NC-240D**



Buy! Sell! Swap!

# Ham Radio Swap Meet

Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

10:00a to 3:00p

Red Cross Building  
60 Hawthorn St., Medford, Oregon



**All Amateur-Radio Operators (and wannabe's) are Welcome!!**

**Non-RVARC members who want to sell please contact Todd at <k7tfc@arri.net> by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> so table space can be arranged in advance.**

**Hosted by the Rogue Valley Amateur Radio Club  
w7dta.org**

# W7DTA—September 2014

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

	1 • Oregon Railfan Net.	2	3	4 • ARES Net.	5	6 • RVARC Meeting / Swap meet
7	8 • Oregon Railfan Net.	9	10	11 • ARES Net.	12	13
14	15 • Oregon Railfan Net.	16	17	18 • ARES Net.	19	20
21	22 • Oregon Railfan Net.	23	24	25 • ARES Net.	26	27 • Texas QSO Party
28 • Texas QSO Party	29 • Oregon Railfan Net.	30				

## Events

- Saturday September 6th - 10:00 AM—3:00 PM RVARC Club Meeting, Red Cross Building
- Thursdays 7:30 PM - ARES Net. K7RVM repeater 147.000 (+) [ PL 123.0 ]
- Mondays at 8:00 PM. Oregon Railfan Net. K7FH King Mountain Repeater 146.940 (-) [ PL 136.5 ]. Also available on Echolink: Node #50239 or K7TVL-L
- Next Newsletter: October Issue. Deadline for input: September 18th
- Texas QSO Party. <http://www.n5bia.net/txqp/>

## RVARC Membership

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

## For Sale / Wanted

Wanted: Reasonably priced rig for 6m CW and SSB. Either a 6m all-mode or a HF+6 rig. (No IC706 or 7000 please)

For Sale/trade: Force-12 WARC 2/2 yagi. 2el on 17 and 12m. Matches the F-12 C3. Make offer or trade.

Allan K7GT [k7gt@charter.net](mailto:k7gt@charter.net)

## 2014 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 2014 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> or our club webpage: <http://w7dta.org>

### 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:** Oct 25

**Contact:** Don Bennett, Email: [kq7bp@rfwarrior.com](mailto:kq7bp@rfwarrior.com) Phone: (541) 973-3625

### Grants Pass

**Time:** Fridays 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:** Nov 14

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

**Roseburg, Bend, Redding, Brookings, Crescent City**— no information received. Please see our club webpage, <http://w7dta.org> for updates as we receive schedules for these cities.

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