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October 2010:

The October 2010 meeting of the Valley Radio Club will be held at the Red Cross Building, 862 Bethel Drive, in Eugene on Friday, October 1, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. On the program is ARRL Section Manager Bonnie Altus, AB7ZQ, with the latest on ARRL activities. Bring a friend, come early and get a good seat!

September Meeting

Dick Ewing, KO7N gave a talk on his recent efforts to get permits from Lane County for a new tower. He described it as "complex" and "expensive" and "Let's just say it wasn't fun."

Activities Calendar

DX and Contest SIG: Please join us for the DX SIG meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 6 PM, Countryside Pizza on River Road. We will be showing an NCDXF DVD program on TY1MS (Benin). Hope to see you there. 73 de Ron WJ7R

6 Meter SIG: Informal net held at 7:30 p. m. local time Tuesdays on 50.125 USB, run by Larry and Marv. For more, contact Larry WJ7S wj7s@yahoo.com

VE Sessions: second Wednesday each month at Red Cross bldg - contact Riley W7RIL for info and registration. His number is 345-2407, or w7ril@arrl.net.

Em Comm Testing: contact Riley W7RIL well in advance of the regular VE sessions and he will arrange for Em Comm testing on ARRL Em Comm certification categories.

Code Class: no current plans, but if interested, contact Ron WJ7R wj7r@comcast.net.

Technician License Classes: Matt W7ARD teaches Technician classes. Contact him for more info on when his next one starts. The Ham Radio License Manual is available from Matt or from Norvac Electronics. There is no cost for the class. Students should download supplemental info about the book at <http://www.arrl.org/hrlm>. Please contact Matt via email at w7ard@msn.com or phone at 689-0640 to sign up.

Em Comm Classes: For the next emergency communication classes, based upon Em Comm I or Em Comm II certification by ARRL please contact Mark N7MQ at n7mq@arrl.net.

Packet Information Group (P.I.G.): www.lanepig.org. Meetings are generally on the 3rd Saturdays of the month from 7:00 to 9:00pm at the Red Cross building located at 862 Bethel Drive, in Eugene. If you have any questions, please send them to KC7QAG@aol.com. See you all there! KC7QAG / Elmer McClellan

And the Winner Is.....!

Valley Radio Club 2010 officer election results are in. Congratulations to Un-Challenged President Riley McLean, W7RIL; Incoming Vice President: James Stephens, W7SNK; The ever Treasurer: Al Goodman, W7DUW; and Secretary: Mike Piper, WA7QPC

Special Recognition

James Stephens, W7SNK announced he has proposed to the lovely Sam Corbin, KF7BUC. No date is set yet. How does one top that at a meeting? I guess we could say to them "May your SPARK keep you happy and keep up the contacts! Congratulations and good luck. -Ed.

From ARRL HQ

In many states and localities, it is illegal to talk on a cell phone (without a hands-free device) while behind the wheel -- doing so can result in a ticket and possibly a large fine. But on May 30, 2010, when a New York ham was talking on his mobile rig, he didn't think he was doing anything wrong. Except that the officer who pulled him over and cited him with a \$100 fine didn't quite see it that way. Saying that New York's Vehicle and Traffic Law defines a "Mobile Telephone" as a "device used by subscribers and other users of wireless telephone service to access such service," and that a "Wireless Telephone Service" is defined as "two-way real time voice tele-communications service that is interconnected to a public switched telephone network and is provided by a commercial mobile radio service," the judge decided that Steve Bozak WB2IQU's handheld transceiver did not fit that description and ruled in favor of Amateur Radio! *Adapted from <http://arrl.org/news> 09/10/2010*

A Message From Your Editor

Hi, I'm the new editor...what do YOU want to see in YOUR club newsletter? I can keep it like you are used to or I can spice it up a bit. I cleaned up the graphics on the front page and added a header while moving the page numbers on the successive pages. This with a slightly modified format should make for easy reading. Thanks to Norm Fusaro, W3IZ ARRL Assistant Manager, Membership & Volunteer Programs Department for an updated "diamond" logo. James KG7FU

The Valley Voice Newsletter articles, announcements, comments to: James Kaplan KG7FU@hotmail.com. The newsletter is usually sent out the weekend before the monthly meeting and all material received in time will be included in the next issue.

**Valley Radio Club of Oregon
Meeting of 2010 September 10**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Riley McLean at the Red Cross Chapter House.

Members and visitors introduced themselves and the attendance sheet was circulated.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

DX Special Interest Group:

Mark Perrin, N7MQ, in absence of WJ7R, reported that their next get-together will be September 22nd. Anyone wanting to get on the email distribution list for the P.I.G. should email Ron Vincent at wj7r@comcast.net

EMCOMM:

Mark reported four training programs have been held to date. This fall there will be EmCom1 and AirMail classes. Contact Mark if interested. He also reminded all of the Packet Interest Group as a resource for those wanting to learn that mode. Contact w7ewm@arrl.net for information. Riley said the Red Cross is going to be holding CERT training, as well.

NEWSLETTER:

Riley reported that we need a new newsletter editor.

LICENCE TRAINING:

Matt Dillon, W7ARD, advised that another Technician class is starting Sept 16th, meeting from 7 to 9 PM at the Red Cross Building. It will end October 28th.

WHERE'S WALDO:

Matt said 24 hams were involved in providing communications support for this annual 100 kilometer run, with 79 combined hours of operation, 273 message block handled, providing 1450 runner reports. Nobody got lost and there were no serious injuries. The Willamette Pass Ski Patrol expressed its appreciation for the effort.

Members were reminded of the demonstration tomorrow morning at the new bike bridge. Jim Rova, W9PJT, is coordinating this.

J-POLE ANTENNAS:

Kenton Sturdevant, K7BQ, was not present to report on this project, but Jim Darrough, KI7AY, said he is about to put together a dual-band antenna of a different design and will post details on the club website.

RAFFLE:

Riley raised the question of what to offer for the next raffle. Members expressed interest in equipment of various levels of expense and complexity. Riley and Al Goodman will make the call on this.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominating Committee Chair Jim Darrough, KI7AY, repeated his plea of last month for corrections to the roster, having found many incorrect phone numbers and email addresses while canvassing members looking for nominees. He presented the following nominees to serve as club officers for the coming year:

President: Riley McLean, W7RIL (incumbent)
Vice President: James Stephens, W7SNK
Treasurer: Al Goodman, W7DUW, (incumbent)
Secretary: Mike Piper, WA7QPC

Also James Kaplan, KG7FU, agreed to be newsletter editor.

No other names were offered in nomination, so all nominees were elected by voice vote.

PROGRAM:

Dick Ewing, KO7N gave a talk on his recent efforts to get permits from Lane County for a new tower. He described it as "complex" and "expensive" and "Let's just say it wasn't fun."

Riley said next month's program will be a visit by Bonnie Altus, AB7ZQ, with the latest on ARRL activities.

The meeting recessed for approximately 10 minutes at 7:54 PM

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Al Goodman W3DUW made the fiduciary report.

STATION TRUSTEE:

New station trustee W7ARD has not yet finished the paperwork to get his name on the license but commented "I think it's still there." He also was involved in some work on the 146.72 repeater which has restored it to normal performance.

VOLUNTEER EXAMINERS:

Riley says the test session last Wednesday produced one two Tech and three Generals. Next session will be October 13th at the Red Cross Building.

MEMBERSHIP READING:

A second reading for membership was held for John Wagner, WB7BXX, who was voted into membership.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Ralph Cook, W7WTQ, spoke of the passing of Bob Shelby, W7FPY, who died last week. He said 18 or 20 hams attended the memorial service. Bob had been active in many facets of our hobby, including EmComm. A card for his family will be circulated at next month's meeting.

Next month's meeting will be held on the first Friday of the month, as usual.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM

Mike Piper, WA7QPC
Secretary