

ROADs REPORT*

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Newsletter of ROADs

NOVEMBER 2008

PRESIDENT'S SCREED...

Another month has gone by...it is true that as you get older, time passes by faster. I believe Einstein addressed this phenomenon in his famous $E=MC^2$ equation. Of course I could be wrong.

It has been raining so much lately that I don't have any excuse not to do some work in the house. Would rather be doing something outside where my wife can't track me down and find something new to do.

I understand that SWAPTOBERFEST went off all right. I believe that W7LOU will have some sort of report. ROADs had a "good" location just inside the main door and I understand that if we want these same tables again next year, we have first dibs. I want to thank everyone who showed up and helped out in some manner. Of course, more participation would have been nice. I will try to be here next year.

Check out our web page: WWW.W7ORE.COM

PRESIDENT	DAVID	KD7VLP
VICE PRESIDENT	BOB	W7LOU
SEC/TREASURER	IRENE	K7IJK
DIRECTOR (1yr)	ABE	W7ABE
DIRECTOR (2yr)	DON	KX5W

**We meet and test at the Polk County Court House in Dallas
Second Thursday of the month 7:00 PM**

R.O.A.D.s ACTIVITY CALENDAR 2008-2009

NOV 13, 2008	Auction & Social Meeting
DEC 11, 2008	Dinner Meeting @ Bert's
JAN 8, 2009	2 Meter Antenna Presentation (Abe)
FEB 12, 2009	Program (?)

MAR 12, 2009 **Create Field Day Committee
CERT Communication Training**
APR 9, 2009 **Field Day Committee Report
Appoint Nomination Committee (Don Bowers)**
MAY 14, 2009 **Field Day Committee Report,
Nomination Committee Report**
JUN 11, 2009 **Field Day Final Plans, Elections**
JUL 9, 2009 **Dinner Meeting – Murphy’s Grill**

BREAKING NEWS...

You may remember in last month’s ROADS REPORT it was reported that Steve Pickering KW7DSP was running for a position on the Coos Bay City Council. Unfortunately, he was not elected. He feels that a lack of name recognition was the main cause of his failure to be elected but he promises to continue to attend Council meeting to act as a citizen watchdog.

VE SESSION REPORT—W7HO

I ran out of room in the last newsletter and was not able to put in W7HO’s report from the September VE Session.

September 13th VE Session - Well we had a great showing this morning for folks talking Test for new License and upgrades. We ended up with 100% of the folks passing their exams, John KE7JNT commented this was the first session that he attended at a VE where all the folks passed their test and have new licenses or upgrades.

We have 5 each new Technicians, 1 new General and 2 new Extra operators. The Five new Technicians were from the Class held last weekend.

New Techs:

Scott Parker
Doug Maxwell
Everett Boyer
Ron Wilson
Brenda Dorothy

New General:

Bill Larson - WB7OWB

New Extra:

Ken Ross - W7YFE

Pat Finger - KE7UYL

I want to thank John (KE7JNT), Bob (W7LOU), Alesa (KA7UGQ), and Trent (W7TDN) for their help as VEs for the session.

If you would like to be a ARRL VE and assist with the ROADS sponsored VE testing session please let me know.

Thanks

Ron W7HO

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DX COMMENTARY by Doc KX5W

DX has picked up a lot in October plus the big CQ WorldWide DX contest always helps to get many DX stations on the air. I haven't heard from club members regarding DX worked this month--sure would like to.

My best this month was Lakswadeep Island, VU4SJ on 40 cw and Andaman Island VU4RG, the India YL who took charge of the emergency on the air back during the Tsunami. Also worked were ET3SID in Ethiopia; VK9DWX on Willis Island; EL2DX in Liberia; T33ZZ on Banaba Island in the Pacific; (worked all on the Carolina Windom before Mike KA7HBB repaired my little beam--Tnx Mike !!) Worked many European and Caribbean stations during the big contest and VO2FF in Labrador where I was portable VO2 for a year in the AirForce in 1967.

My 62 year old cousin, Kathy, just got her Tech, call KE7WVI--congrats !! She was just sent an ICom V8 handheld I wasn't using so that'll be her first rig. After she gets her general I'm taking an old Kenwood 520 down to give her to get her on HF and she will get the DX bug most likely as she's home a lot and wants to talk to a lot of people, hence starting into ham radio now.

Some of the reported upcoming DX Peditions for November include:

TT8JT Chad

XU7MDY Cambodia

A43DLH Oman

VQ9RD Chagos

5X1NH Uganda

9H3YL Malta

ZA1/XE1MO Albania

A5100A Bhutan

XV4BM and XV4CC Vietnam

5J0T Bajo Nuevo

Good luck on the air.....if you don't hear anything, call CQ once or twice--I did and XU7MDY came back to me on 30 meters in Cambodia. You never know what you will find, even though this last month was the lowest sunspot level in history according to two articles, one in World Radio and another in QST.

Weather forecast for tonight: dark. Continued dark overnight, with widely scattered light by morning.

George Carlin