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SILENT KEY REPORT: Dick, K7ddi, reported on the first net, Monday Oct. 26, that Earl Bedord K7ONR, from Klamath Falls, became a silent key on Thursday Oct. 22. Earl was 67 years old, and was taken out by cancer. According to Dick, K7Ddi, Earl used to be a regular on the O.E.N. Services for Earl took place in Klamath Falls on Nov. 1.

WEB PAGE CREATOR RETIRES. KK7VO, Elizabeth, has turned the O.E.N. web page over to Vern, K6UGS. Elizabeth created and maintained the first web page the O.E.N. ever had, and we want to thank her for all the years she run that web page. We also thank Vern, K6UGS, for taking over that position.

from Nov. Eager Beaver--Hams Respond to Emergency Call

(2) Thursday evening, Sept. 17, Hal, KC7ZZB checked in about 5:30pm on the Oregon ARES Net, and asked for help. Hal and his family had been boating in eastern Oregon on the Powder River. They were using a 20 foot pontoon boat; the engine had failed and they were adrift. Hal requested a phone call to the Baker County Sheriff for help. Ernie, K7EAJ, made the call. Claire, N7CM, stayed on the air to relay the Sheriff's questions to Hal. The sheriff wanted to know Hal's approximate location, and the number and ages of passengers.....(there were 7 of Hal's family on the boat, ranging in age from 85 to 19). Maintaining power supply to his radio was a big issue for Hal, and he made his transmissions brief to conserve power.

The Baker County Sheriff estimated that it would take nearly an hour to get help out there to Hal. Ernie and Claire and a group of hams stayed on the air with Hal: W7TDN, Trent in Polk County, also Ken, KD7BUJ, Polk County, and Larry, N6TW, Marion County, also Dick, K7DDI in Klamath County, and probably many others who were listening....

From time to time, the Sheriff phoned here in Hillsboro with questions about Hal's situation. Ernie queried Hal via radio, then phoned the Sheriff back with the answers. As time went by, Hal's boat drifted into the Snake River, and since the wind was strong, his boat was actually drifting *against* the current.

At one point, another boat passed them and Hal's group all waved frantically, even fired off a flare, but the boat did not stop.

As it got darker here in Washington County, the 'skip' came up and began to interfere with Hal's transmissions. Trent and Ken sought another quieter frequency and we all moved up to a frequency where a couple of California hams happened to be having a QSO. K1BMW, Bill, in Truckee, CA; and WD6FGB, Van, also in CA allowed us to break in and joined us, offering to stand by to relay if needed.

Before total darkness, Hal reported what landmarks he could see from his location to Ernie; he phoned the Sheriff again with that information. The Sheriff said they were about to put into the water, and requested a description of the boat. Hal's radio was getting weaker, but with relays, we were able to receive the information and pass it to the Sheriff. At just about 7:15, we copied a weak signal from Hal that he could see a boat approaching. And shortly after, another happy shout from Hal that the Sheriff was there!

We believe that there was a unheard group sigh of relief from those who were listening! (and surely a group shout of thanks from those being rescued....)

There is a significant learning point in this event : Success did not happen randomly: Successful rescue in this case "happened" because Hal was prepared with radio, antennas; he knew schedules and procedures. Hal knew the OARES net schedule, as well as the frequency, and the time that local hams would be on the air and able to hear and help him. Hal also knew his equipment and how to pace it to make his power last. And he provided pertinent information to relay to the rescuers, and at the critical time, also provided landmarks.

We have heard some ham friends say that they consider the idea of regularly checking into nets as a waste of time.....but, in this case, there is no doubt about how useful familiarity with daily nets can be when one needs assistance (tnx to Claire, N7CM, and "The Eager Beaver" for sharing this with us. Ed.)

SICK LIST: Nov. 13- We hear that Rosie, K7JIY, from Klamath Falls is in the local hospital suffering from pneumonia. Dick, K7DDI, made this report on net tonight. He has been up to visit her, and she was holding her own. We wish Rosie well and back home soon! (Late Nov, Rosie is back home doing fine) (ed)

I see on the news that we are sending 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan. I am not educated enough to know if that is good or bad. I do wonder why we are borrowing the money for it from China, and leaving it for our children to pay for. It's our war, shouldn't we be paying for it? (ed)

(3) OEN MINUTES
NOMINATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR 2010

December 1st, 2009

5:55 PM

The meeting was called to order by the Net Manager N7RBO. The purpose was nominations on the upcoming election. Board Members that are up for election are WA7FIV who was appointed in 2007, and to find a new Board Member for the Eastern and Central Division. K7JUC declined to rerun for the Eastern & Central Divison. KF7LN from Mosier had volunteered to take that position if approved by the members and the Board.

The meeting was then turned over to Chairman of the Board K7MKN.

Nominations were then open for the Director at Large, W7BXD nominated WA7FIV and was 2nd by K7RFO. WA7FIV had said earlier the he would accept the nomination. Since there were no other nominations, the position was accepted and no voting on that position is necessary.

Nominations were then open for the Eastern & Central Area, K7RFO nominated KF7LN and was 2nd by WA7FIV. The position was accepted earlier by KF7LN so no voting on that position was necessary since there were no more nominations.

The Chairman of Board, K7MKN asked for the meeting to be adjourned, and was 2nd by W7BXD. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Submitted by Karen Lilly, N7RBO Secretary/Net Manager



CHRISTMAS SALAD author unknown-- 1-8oz pkg cream cheese. 6 tablespoons mayonnaise. 1 med. jar of maraschino cherries chopped. 1 16 oz can crushed pineapple drained. 1-lb. Pkg. Mini marshmallows. Add cup coconut. 1 pint whipping cream, need to whip. In large bowl cream together cream cheese, mayonnaise. While stirring, add chopped cherries. Drain pineapple, marshmallows. Add Whip the cream- add . Refrigerate for one day before eating. (By Connie, N7RBH)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOEL!! Dec. 3, Noel, K7ADW, from Bonanza turned 97. He is getting ready to take a trip up North to see his son. Congratulations on your birthday Noel, hope the next 97 are as much fun as the first 97 were. (ed)

SILENT KEY REPORT: (Tnx to Karen, N7RBO for this report) Ron Gallopo, K7RSS, from Otis became a silent key in November. He held O.E.N. number 1015, and was a member since 1994. We will all miss Ron on the net. (ed)

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2009 K-BAR-A
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK
Was held this year at the
Woodworkers Union Hall in
Klamath Falls. To the right
are some of the folks that
showed up this Dec. 13.
Ruth, K7RFO, and Carolyn,
AB7ET cooked the turkey and
ham. Tony, W7CUS, was
among the out of town
visitors. (ed)

NET REPORTS BY KREN, NRBO, NET SECRETARY/MANAGER: OCT. 2009, NET
CONTROLS, FIRST NET THEN SECOND: SUN. KA7FUL JOE, KB7WDR JERRY. MON.
KG7UY DENNIS, K7DDI DICK. TUE. K7RFO RUTH, W7BXD KERN. WED. W7LJB
LARRY, N6TW LARRY. THURS. KB7JAL TON, WB6MFB DOUG. FRI. K7MKN JIM,
K7NBO DAVE. SAT. N7IPG WARREN, KE7LKT DAVE. ALTERNATES: N7RBO KAREN,
KG7UY DENNIS, K7DDI DICK, KE7LKT DAVE, N7LND JC, WA7FIV HAL. TRAFFIC
26. CONTACTS 145. TOTAL CHECK INS 6814 SOLIDS: KD7BUJ, WA7BVB, N7CPE,
W7CUS, W7DJE, N7DRP, W7EET, KC7FHX, KE7GML, N7IPG, KE7LDX, W7LJB,
KE7LKT, N7LND, KE7MSA, WA7VNS, W7NWP, N7RBI, KA7RUZ, K7SEG, KB7SO,
SC7SPL, KD7TAH, W7TDN, W7TNY, KC7TYQ, AA6VL, WA7VNS, KQ7Z, KA7ZIS.
NOVEMBER: NET CONTROLS SAME AS OCT. Traffic 18, Contacts 85, Total
check ins 5454. ALTERNATE: N7RBO KAREN, N7LND JC, KG7UY DENNIS, WA7FIV
HAL. SOLIDS: KD7BUJ, N7CPE, W7CUS, W7EET, KC7FHX, KE7GML,
N7IPG, KA7JFP, K7JJJ, KE7LDX, W7LJB, KE7LKT, N7LND, WB6MFV, KE7MSA,
WA7NIS, KA7QYY, N7RBI, KA7RUZ, K7SEG, KB7SO, KD7TAH, WB7TIR, KC7TYQ,
KG7UY, ND7V, KC7VKR, WA7VNS, W2YZ, KQ7Z, KA7ZIS, AA6VL. EXCUSED: W7JY,
W7LJB.



PICTURE FROM THE
K-BAR-A CHRISTMAS
POTLUCK.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!!!