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THE 'NETTER' OVER THE YEARS I am not sure just what year I started doing the Netter, perhaps in the early or mid 90's. In those days, I used a typewriter. If I wanted to insert a picture, I pasted it on the paper, and typed around it. Lots of mis-spelled words in those days, did not have the computer to correct me. We mailed out the NETTER in those days, that was quite a chore in its self, as I think we may have mailed out a hundred and fifty or more NETTERS. One went all the way to Australia. ---- As time went by, computers come into play, I remember buying a Commodore 64, I was in hog heaven. It had a word processor in it that allowed you to insert graphics. I used that a few times to make up the NETTER, but the printer I had in those days was of low quality, I received some complaints that the print out was hard to read, so it was back to the typewriter again.---- Time went by, and I purchases a IBM compatible computer. All the memory was on floppy disks. Even at that, it was much faster to load that the old

(2) Commodore was. When you loaded a disk in the Commodore, you could have supper, come back, finish your coffee, and the program was loaded. I had a much better printer with that IBM system, and an early version of Word Perfect. I could even put in photographs, but I needed some help to know how to do it. I purchased a copy of 'Word Perfect for Dummies,' read that from cover to cover. When it came to the part about putting in graphics, there was not any information on that. Over time, I figured it out, and was able to put some pictures into the NETTER.----Time moves along, advanced computers come along. Cut and paste was mastered, and I was able to put the NETTER together much faster. Today we still mail out a few NETTERS, but most folks get them for free off the Internet. We have to charge 6 dollars to print and mail, to cover our costs. Makes it a good idea to get them off the Internet. I think I have been putting out the NETTER for over 17 or 18 years now, word Perfect corrects my spelling these days, so if it is spelled wrong, just blame the computer. I wonder what the next 18 years will give us, in this, the computer age? (ed)

PHIL RAND, W7BW, FROM KLAMATH FALLS, LICENCED 72 YEARS!

I will be 87 next July. I have been licensed since 1938!! I have been licensed 72 years come 2010.

Here's a brief rundown on my different callsigns...due to old rules that said you had to modify and get a new call whenever you moved. And move I did during my almost 33 years active military...early 1942-late 1974. Here they are:

W1LRK 1938-1941

Off the air during WW2...all US hams were legally put off the air

J9ABV on Okinawa 1947

KR6AI on Okinawa 1947-1949 due to pre-fix callsign change

W4UYL 1951

K2BYA 1952

W1LRK/VO4 Newfoundland( got old call back from FCC) 1954-1957

K7RMC 1961

W1LRK 1961-1971(got old call back from FCC)

W7IOP 1971-1977

W7XK 1977-1986

W7BW 1986 to date

There may be some times where I did not have a call due to various duties in the service.

I flew fighter aircraft during WW2 in the S Pacific...P-38s and P-61s. During the Korean War I was a member of the F-86D fighter test project when we were testing the first one-man interceptor aircraft. The goal was to take it to Korea but the war ended too soon!! I flew A-1H and F-5C fighters in Vietnam in 1966-1967. The total in both wars was 326 combat missions and something near 700 combat hours in fighter aircraft. During my long career, I flew most all of the propeller and jet fighter aircraft. I was the commander at Kingsley Field twice, 1961-1963 as the fighter squadron commander, and again in 1968-1969 as the fighter group commander. We loved Klamath Falls and when I retired in Colorado Springs in 1974, we came back here to live.

This is a brief rundown. I could go on and on but it would be of little interest. Suffice to say, I spent most of my adult life in the military. Hi!! And the same goes for ham radio. .

Phil W7BW (from an E mail to your editor, thanks for sharing Phil) (Colonel Phil has a son who is a General, Phil says he has to salute him- (hi)

THANKS YOU WAR VETS: There are but a few veterans left who fought the war that was to end all wars. I think there may be one or two left from WWI. Those who fought so gallantly in WWII are not so many now days either. I was only 7 months old when the Japanese hit Pearl Harbor. I do remember Dad covering the windows and turning out the lights when the civil defense horn went off, perhaps that was in 1944 or 45. I slept safe at night because folks like Phil, W7BW, were out there fighting for our country. I just want to say 'thank you' to all those veterans who served in wartime. I thank those who are serving now. I continue to sleep warm and safe in my bed because of them. (ed)

(3) SILENT KEY REPORT: (from Karen, N7RBO, Net Manager, O.E.N. Secretary) We regret to report the passing of K7JPI, Betty Swanzy, from Bend. Betty passed away Dec/ 24, 2009. She held O.E.N. certificate number 358.

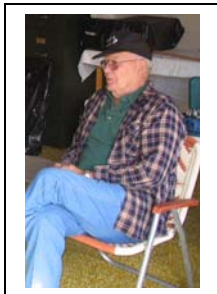
ON OR ABOUT 3980 After the earthquake in Haiti, 3977.7 was a frequency set aside to handle emergency traffic from that area. On Friday, Jan. (3) 15, the OEN net control wisely moved the first net up one kc so we would not interfere with that emergency frequency. We all need to remember that the net control determines the frequency of the net, and that sometimes he needs to move the freq. a bit. That is why we say the net is ON OR ABOUT 3980. If we do not hear the net on 3980, we need to tune a few kc up and down until we find the net. (ed)

SICK LIST: Dick, K7DDI, reported on the first net Sunday. Jan. 17, that W7RAM was in the hospital. We have been wondering why we have not been hearing Ken from Clatskanie lately. We wish Ken Johnson well; we hope he is home, and back on the net soon. (ed)

O.E.N. PICNIC, WEEKEND OF AUG. 21. CAMPING IS AVAILABLE FOR SELF CONTAINED, DOGS ON LEASH PLEASE. THE PICNIC WILL BE A POT LUCK, AND IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT NOON ON SUNDAY. THE QTH IS AT THE HOME OF CAROL DORNING, 304 N. E. DORNING St. N7HEH, CAROL, IS ON THE EAST SIDE OF HIGHWAY 101 BETWEEN YACHATS AND WALPORT. LOOK FOR THE HAMS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD, AS YOU REACH THE CREST OF THE HILL. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE, (ED)

NO JUCE It was a blistering cold night in January of this year, when the power went out in the town of Bonanza. There in that city, lives a 97 year old kid, named Noel Williams. He goes by the amateur radio call of k7adw, and sometimes he even checks into the net from that fair city by Lost River. Around 9 pm on that cold, dark, night, some how a power pole caught on fire, and the power was out for around ten hours. K7DDI, Dick was calling a good night net on two meters, when Noel checked in. He was in his camp trailer, and had just built a fire. He was getting all cozy and warm, and was ready to wait out the power outage. With out power, there was no heat in his house. Noel spent that night warm as a bug in a rug, and by morning, the power was back on. Do you suppose Noel set that power pole on fire so he could go camping in the middle of January?? (ed)

SILENT KEY REPORT: Feb. 2, 2010, Jerry Eifert AE7ER, reported on the first net that Robert (Bob) Ellenwood, W7BWO, from Roseburg, passed away this morning with a heart attack. Bob was a regular at the O.E.N. picnic, and on Sat. night, he would play the guitar and sing songs for the group. Bob will be dearly missed by all who knew hem. Our thoughts go out to his wife, Ruth. Dick, K7DDI, reported on net that Bob held O.E.N. certificate no. 295, and that he received it on May 15, 1959. (ed)



PICTURED HERE IS BOB AT THE 2007  
O.E.N. PICNIC.

(4)-----Original Message-----MORE ON BOB

From: Dick Wolfe [mailto:dickaa7gc@gmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 10:18 AM

To: Russ W7DUR; Jim WA6KHG; Wayne W9AE; Jerry K7ETU; Jerry AE7ER; John

KE7LDZ; doug WB6MFV; Dick N6MOK Cc: Tom W7TCH

Subject: Bob, W7BWO - SK

If you don't already know, Bob, W7BWO, is a SK. Bob was affiliated with the club for many years (50 or 60). Below is his obituary from the New Review....Dick

Age 83, of Roseburg, Oregon, passed away on Monday, February 1, 2010. He was born on March 1, 1926, in Arlington, Texas. Robert is a 1944 Roseburg High graduate, and was a highly decorated member of the U.S. Army during WWII. His service included time in the Philippines, Japan and a special post as one of General MacArthur's Honor Guard. Robert worked for Pacific Power and Light for 35 years before retiring.

He was a pilot, Ham Radio Operator, guitar, violin, and harmonica player, and a skilled wood craftsman, but his favorite times were spent playing with his many great-grandchildren. Robert is survived by his wife Ruth I. Ellenwood, children Dale and Joanne Ellenwood, Larry Ellenwood, and Julie and Rusty Brizendine, all of Roseburg, and Sharon and Doug Stone of Portland, had 14 grandchildren, and 34 great-grandchildren (and counting!). A celebration of life Open House will be held at the family home on Saturday, February 6, 2010, from 1 to 3 p.m. 9TNX TO JERRY, AE7ER, FOR THIS INFORMATION (ed)

FIRST EMERGENCY HANDLED ON THE O.E.N.—The first emergency handled by the net was on January 3, 1949, when a weak code station requested that a phone call be made to a veterinarian in Bend to attend a sick cow. The call was handled and the cow recovered. The calls of the stations performing this service have been lost. (From the O.E.N. Booklet)

SILENT KEY RE3PORT: Feb. 11, 2010, on first net tonight, it was reported that W7GWC, Deyo (Doc) A. McLendon from Seaside, passed away Feb. 10. The report was made by AE7DM, Daniel, from Gearhart. Doc has been a long time check in from that city, he held O.E.N. certificate number 203, and has been a member since 1958. We will all miss hearing Doc from Seaside, and our thought go out to his family. (ed)

BILL, W7EXB from Eugene has not been on net for some time. We think that is because of rig problems. We miss you Bill, hope to hear you back on the net soon. (ed)

LOOK FOR NET REPORTS IN THE NEXT NETTER. Our net secretary/manager is enjoying a well deserved vacation. (ed)