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In the last NETTER, we mentioned Dick, K7DDI, and Dennie, WA7YPR, for their good work for Amateur radio in Klamath County. Phil, W7BW, and Dick, K7DDI, reminded me of another giving Ham, who has worked along with them, tirelessly, to keep our communication equipment up and working here in Klamath County. That person is Del Hollis, N7RBG. Del has been out there along side Dennie and Dick, in the worst of weather, working hard to keep our communication equipment on the mt. Tops working in good order. Those of us who live in Klamath County want to thank Del, as well as Dennie and Dick, for all the work they do for us. I am sure there are others I do not know about who donate great amounts of time to the cause of amateur radio. We want them all to know they are greatly appreciated. (ed)

AGENT ORANCE comments by Phil, W7BW

There are more people with Agent Orange problems than you would think Fred. We got doused pretty badly there in Vietnam, and there is a huge backlog at the VA because of the volume of folks involved. I received a disability from them several years ago. Here's something I'll bet you don't know...we retired Military get no money from the VA for our disabilities!! They pay us whatever the amount and it's immediatly taken out of our retired pay. The right hand giveth and the left hand taketh away. It's called 'Dual Compensation" and has bedeviled us for years and years. Not at all fair as the 2 are entirely different. It's not worth us fighting the VA for more disabilities for sure. Phil.

Editors comment: Phil and I shared some thoughts about agent orange, a chemical used in some of our later wars. It can be very deadly. I have a younger friend, about 41 now, who served in the Gulf War. He was exposed to agent orange, and has suffered from it ever sense. He had quite a time getting the government to even admit something was wrong. He now gets some help from the VA. I think we as a people need to do better by our great men and women who put their lives on the line for us in war. (ed)

SILENT KEY REPORT: We regret to report the passing of Ronald (Ron) E. Allen, KD7TAH, from Powers. He passed away on Sunday, March 13. Dave, K7NBO, made the report of his death on the first net, Monday, March 14. Ron recently had heart surgery, and seemed to be doing fine. He had been checking into the OEN quite regularly. Ron held OEN certificate 1184. We will all miss hearing Ron on the net, and our thoughts are with his family. (ed) SILENT KEY REPORT w reporting the passing of Duane Mitts, KA7JBP, O.E.N. No. 814. He passed away in a VA hospital in Mo. On April 5 of this year. Thanks to Karen, N7RBO for this report.

REPORT ON DENNIE DUNKENSON, WA7YPR FROM KLAMATH FRALLS. (on the mend) Hello all; For those of you who don't know yet, Dennie is in a Hospital in Las Vegas, which one, I am not sure.

He, Marie, Nancy and Myself went there last week [7-11 March] to attend a Wireless Radio Show. On Friday last, a week ago,

He started to have an elevated heart rate, and his blood pressure went up. I guess that after two days of following me around the show, his health didn't hold up. He wasn't feeling very well on Thursday and seemed more tired than normal.

Marie (his wife) called me this last Thursday night and let me know that he was placed in the Hospital on Friday AM, 11 March.

They placed him on Oxygen and Sedated him to try to get his heart rate and blood pressure down.

Yesterday She sent me a long text message which said that he was doing OK and the doctors were going to try to do a Trachoscopy and a feeding tube.

Today, She says they have lowered the Sedation about a third and he is responding well, resting better and is sleeping normal.

They are trying to get him breathing on his own. Also his pressure and heart rate are staying close to normal.----- Al White, KD6GIY (ed note: This is part of an E mail forwarded to me by Ben, N7RBI. We are keeping Dennie and his wife Marie in our prayers, we hope they are both home soon, that Dennie is well, and we hear him on the O.E.N. Among other things, Dennie is ORRC regional director for Klamath and some other counties here in Oregon. Thanks for sharing Ben. And Al)---March 25 up date: We know now that Dennie had a heart attack; but he is doing good and getting better every day. He is still in a hospital in Las Vegas at this time. (April 8 up date: Dennie came home today, it is sure nice to have him and his wife Marie back. ed)

ALSO ON THE MEND Hollis Kiger, W7UFM, from Keno got out of the hospital March 22. Hollis sometimes checks into the O.E.N. from Keno, and is an O.E.N. member. He had been in the hospital for a week or more suffering from pneumonia. I talked to Hollis on the phone after he got home, and he is doing fine. Hollis said he was glad to be out of hospital, but that the food was good there. We are glad you are home Hollis, check into the net more often. (ed)

FROM THE LISTENING EAR: It is good to hear Bill, W7EXB, from Eugene, back on the net. We missed you Bill.

(FROM VERN, K6UGS) Hi Fred, For the past several days I've been updating my web page, weather section to incorporate Road Cameras along I-5, Hwy 140 Klamath area including

(3) Lakeview, also going north on Hwy 97 from Klamath to La Pine. Someone had asked me if there were any cameras that showed the Shasta area south of Weed. I set out to find them. Found them, and put them on my web page. Anyone needing to look at Highway conditions can view them at: http://www.k6ugs.com/weather.html On this page, toward the bottom of the page is (3) (3) Southern Oregon, Calif cameras from the Oregon Border down to Redding, and lastly from Redding all the way down to the Grapevine along I-5. So if there are weather conditions or road conditions hampering travel in these areas, you can view them right on your computer ahead of time. You'll know what to expect. ------ Thought this might be something useful for those on the road frequently. 73's Vern (Thanks for sharing Vern—Vern provides the O.E.N. Web Page, and does a great job of it! Check it out: the address is on pa 1.)

O.E.N. ON OR ABOUT 3980

JUST GOOD CHOW

Carolyn Clarke's (KB7TMP) Rum Cake: 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts 1 18 ½ oz package of regular or pudding cake (yellow) 1 ¾ oz package of Jello Vanilla Instant Pudding and Pie Filling 4 eggs ½ cup cold water ½ cup Wesson oil ½ cup dark rum (80 proof) *If using yellow cake mix with pudding already in the mix: omit instant pudding, use 3 eggs instead of 4, 1/3 cup oil instead of ½ Glaze: ¼ lb butter ¼ cup water 1 cup granulated sugar ½ cup dark rum (80 proof) Preheat oven to 325 Degrees. Grease and flour 10" tube or 12 cup bundt pan. Sprinkle nuts over bottom of pan. Mix all cake ingredients together. Pour batter over nuts. Bake 1 hour. Cool. Invert on serving plate. Prick top. Spoon and brush glaze evenly over top and sides. Allow cake to absorb graze. Repeat until glaze is used up. Glaze: Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in water and sugar. Boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in rum. Eat. (Thanks to Douglas, N7KF for sharing this with us, Ed)

THE ELECTION AND NOMINATION OF OFFICERS For 2011 April 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by N7RBO Net Manger at 5:55 pm. The purpose was for nomination and election of officers for 2011. Those up for re-election were K7RFO, from the South Eastern Section and K7MKN, Director at Large. Both parties have agreed to rerun. Board members present were K7MKN, K7SEG, K7RFO, WA7FIV, & W7BXD.

(4)The meeting was then turned over to the Chairman K7MKN, he then opened the floor for nominations for the South Eastern Section. Hearing none a motion was made by W7BXD to elect K7RFO to the appointed position that she presently held and was second by WA7FIV. The nominations were then opened for Director at Large presently held by K7MKN, hearing none a motion was made by WA7FIV to re-elect K7MKN and was second by W7BXD. No election will be necessary.

The floor was then open for a Chairman, a motion was made by W7BXD to re-elect K7MKN and was seconded by WA7FIV. Then the floor was open for the approval of Net Manager/Secretary N7RBO. It was approved by all board members present, plus W7TNY & WB7TIR. The Treasurer and Editor of Netter, ND7V was approved by the Board and also W7TNY and W7EXB.

With no other business the nominations and elections were closed at 6:PM. Submitted by Secretary Karen

NET REPORTS BY KAREN, N7RBO: DECEMBER 2010: SOLID FOR THE MONTH AND THE YEAR: W7BCD, W7CUS, W7EET, KE7GML, N7IPG, N7LND, N7RBI, K7SEG, W7WX, KA7ZIS. SOLID FOR THE MONTH: N7CPE, AB7ET, N7HEH, KC0LTI, WA7RRH, KD7RTE, KB7SO. KD7TAH. W7VDQ, EXCUSED: W7LJB, KC7VKR. NET CONTROLS, SUNDAY THROUGH SAT. FIRST NET, THEN SECOND: SUN AE7ER JERRY, KAY7FUL JOE. MON.KG7UY, K7DDI DICK. TUE. K7RFO RUTH, KE7CYK CINDY. WED. W7LJB LARRY, WB6MFV DOUG. THURES. KB7JAL TOM, N7LND JC. FRI. K7MKN JIM, K7NBO. SAT. N7IPG WARREN, K7AKP RICH. TOTALS: TRAFFIC 13. CONTACTS 44. CHECK INS 4778. ALTERNATE NET CONTROLS: N7RBO KARREN, KE7YCK CINDY. JANUARY 2011: SOLID FOR THE MONTH: W7BCD, KD7BUJ, N7CPE, W7CUS, W7EET, KE7GML, N7HEH, K7HMI, N7IPG, K7JJJ, K7KLB, KE7LDX, KF7LN, N7LND, KA7LUF, K7NBO, KF7PAT, W6PHP, N7RBI, KD7RTE, KA7RUZ, K7SEG, KC7SPL, KD7TAH, WB7TIR, W7TYQ, KC7VKR, W7WGS, W7WX, KQ7Z, NET CONTROLS ARE THE SAME AS DECEMBER, EXCEPT SECOND NET ON TUESDAY, WHICH WAS W7BXD, KERN. ALTERNATES WERE: KE7CKY CINDY, ND7V FRED. TRAFFIC 17. CONTACTS 65. CHECK INS 5296. FEBURARY: NET CONTROLS ARE THE SAME AS JANUARY. SOLID FOR THE MONTH: W7BCD, N7CPE, W7CUS, W7EET, WA7FIV, KE7GML, N7HEH, W7HH, K7HMI, N7IPG, N7LND, KA7LUF, KF7PAT, W6PHP, N7RBI, KD7RTE, K7SEG, KC7SPL, WB7TIR, W7TYQ, ND7V, KC7VKR, AA6VL, W7WGS, W7WX, KQ7Z, KA7ZIS. TRAFFIC 17 CONTACTS 107 CHECK INS 5968. MARCH: NET CONTROLS THE SAME AS FEB. EXCEPT SECOND NET ON TUESDAY, WHICH WAS KE7CYK CINDY. SOLIDS: W7BCD, KD7BUJ, W7CUS, W7EET, KE7GML, N7HEH, W7HH, N7IPG, KE7LDX, N7LND, KC0LTI, KA7LUF, KF7PAT, N7QJ, N7RBI, KD7RTE, K7SEG, KC7SPL, W7TYQ, ND7V, KC7VKR, W7WVC, W7WX, W2YZ, KQ7Z, KA7ZIS. TRAFFIC 27 CONTACTS 182 CHECKINS 7375. NO ALTERNATES OR EXCUSED. 73 KAREN NET MANAGER/SECTRARY

SILENT KEY REPORT: We regret to report the passing of Jim Ruttledge, W7DTT. Jim passed away on April 17, in Michigan. He has been a member of the O.E.N. since 1958, and his O.E.N. number was 237. This information comes from Karen, N7RBO, net secretary / manager.