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Good afternoon Fred, (comments from Phil, W7BW, why he got into WW2)

The F-15s are flying and I hear them loud and clear. The sound of freedom!! Especially great on this Pearl Harbor day. I remember it well. I was at home in the Boston area and we had the radio playing. Suddenly the announcement was made about the bombing. Credit where credit is due...the Japs did a helluva job!! I started right then begging my Mom to let me join the Army Air Corps. I was only 18 so needed her written permission. She finally relented and I was sworn in on 7 May 1942. Most of my friends did the same entering all of the Services. After having our head in the sand for several years, we finally woke up and went to war. We simply outmanned and outmanufactured both Germany and Japan. We proceeded to kick their butts!! As Admiral Yamamoto allegedly said..."...we have awakened a sleeping giant". Even if he didn't say it, it is very appropo. (from Col. Phill Rnad, W7BW). Thanks for the great story Phil, thanks for your service!! (ed)

2 THOUGHTS FROM VERN, K6UGS, ON REPEATER ENCODING

A little tidbit of info for you regarding the use of tones to get into repeaters. In most cases tone activation is needed because the repeater may be in an area which has a lot of noise coming through the receiver. That noise will sometimes activate the repeater, then who wants to listen to a bunch of garbage. By installing a tone, the noise is eliminated. Make sense?

As for the other tones, yes they are designed to perform other functions on the repeater. They are a horse of a different color.

Vern K6UGS (thanks for the input Vern, Vern is commenting on an article your editor wrote about repeaters in the last NETTER. We welcome all points of view, and encourage all to give us their comments—ed)

THOUGHTS ON TWO METER REPEATERS (TNX TO Colonel Phil Rand, W7BW for sharing)

“ Two meters has never attracted me and I have seldom used the band. I will admit to having 2 meter radios, but in the past just for emergency communications. Especially when I lived in Rocky Point and made the 70 mile round trip every day. We had wonderful folks like Dick Suber who would gladly drive out and help with any problem. Now with cell phones, who needs 2 meters?? Oh I do understand power outages, etc, but the repeaters would go off line too.” Phil goes on to say “ We do need the Dennies and the Dicks!! “

(ed's note: Phil drove the mentioned seventy miles every day to work and back from Rocky Point to Klamath Falls, where he worked as our airport manager for many years. Dennie Dunkeson, WA7YPR, and Dick Suber, K7DDI, mentioned above, have been knights in shining armor, as far as serving the amateur radio community in Klamath County. Both have spent many hours keeping local repeaters up and running. I can remember many times in the past when DDI has went out to help someone in trouble. If you needed help, Dick was always monitoring the 146.85 repeater. He was there to help if he could. Like Phil points out, we need the Dennies and Dicks of this world in amateur radio; we could not do with out them. Dennie has worked tirelessly for the amateur radio community over the years. As Phil says, with cell phones, two meters is not as important as it once was as a means of emergency communication.

ARE TWO-METER REPEATERS ABOUT TO FADE OUT??

On January 12, your editor attended the annual repeater association meeting for the group that represents Klamath County. The group charges its members a fee of five dollars a year, and that includes family members, but only one vote is allowed for each membership. The financial secretary reported that the group has 27 paid up members, and there was a hope that some others that had not paid their dues yet would do that. I figured up what 27 members at 5 dollars a year would bring in, that being one hundred and thirty five dollars. ----- This group has three two meter machines, one 440 machine, and some packet gear. It also owns an emergency two meter repeater, which can be set up anywhere. They own other items, and some spare parts for the existing repeaters. It is more than solvent, because of good stewardship of the money.brought in over a long period of years. -----There was much discussion about one of the two meter repeaters, it may need up to 3176 dollars to put it in good shape. With 27 dues paying members, that would come to 117.63 for each member. The group has the money to do the job, but with so few members, it would take a long time to replace what was spent with dues at 5 dollars a year. It was decided to leave the repeater needing all that work like it is now, as long as it is running. -- ----- There are many hundreds of amateur radio operators in Klamath County, but it appears that there are very few who have any interest in keeping the repeaters going, Over time, the expenses of keeping up just a couple of repeaters will take away the money that the group has, and with only 27 putting money back in, it would appear that one day there may no longer be a repeater association in Klamath County, unless the ham community gets its act together and supports the group.----- The three two meter repeaters are all mostly quiet these days. I have listened to the 443.9 machine, I hear some activity on it. ----. I am wondering if repeater groups in other locations are having the same kind of experience we are having in Klamath County, lots of repeaters to keep up and only a hand full of folks that are paying the bill and do the work needed to keep it going? --- Jan. 26 up date: I counted the check-ins on the 146.85 Klamath County net tonight, and it would appear to me that there are about 47 dues paying members, that is a lot better that the 27 reported as paid up members earlier in the year. (ed)

3 HATE MAIL I hope the recent tragedy in Az. Results in us seeing a lot less hate mail on the internet. I think the atmosphere in Washington has been a mind set for some people. Republicans smashing Democrats, and vice versa. I have seen some really hateful things in E mails about politicians. I have heard some remarks on the air that should never have been said about our public servants. We are all Americans, we do not have to admire our politicians, or agree with them. We can discuss them, and why we do not agree with them, in a civil manner. What we can not do is call them names, and voice our hate for them. If we hate them, we need to keep that to ourselves. Their office deserves our respect, even if the politician may not. We have our vote, if we do not like a politician we can cast a vote to get him or her out. I hope Americans can come together on this, and respect each other's views with out a lot of hate mail. It is time to pull together and get some of our problems solved, instead blaming the other party for our ills. That needs to be the mind set in Washington, and everywhere in this country. We did not become a great nation because we hated each other, we became a great nation because we found common ground, and went for it. When on the air, I think it is a wise man who keeps his political feelings to himself. Remember no matter how right we are, half the country does not agree with us (ed)

SILENT KEY REPORT Sunday, Jan. 16, it was reported on net tonight that John (Jack) W. Lindsay, from Albany passed away on Sat. Jan. 15. Jack's call was WA7NOS, and he lived in Albany. Jack joined the O. E. N. in 1986, and held O.E.N. number 893. We will all miss Jack. (ed)

We have scheduled an Amateur Radio Exam for Tuesday March 1st 2011 to begin at 6:30 pm Pacific Standard Time; the exam will be proctored at the Keno LDS Church building Located at 11050 Brennan Drive, Keno, Oregon 97627 (Just outside of Keno going west on Highway 66).

All examinees need to bring a picture ID, a drivers license will do. Those upgrading need to also bring a photocopy of their current Ham Radio License with their current address on the license. The cost will be \$15, cash or personal checks are accepted made out to the ARRL. All ham radio exam elements will be available.

Additional information is available from this Email address. Examinees are invited to confirm attendance VIA Email to JJ KB7WVB@Gmail.com; JJ's Email address can also be found on QRZ. (tnx JJ for the input—ed)

ON THE MEND: Ruth, K7RFO, from Klamath Falls, reports that Bill Grove, W7KOC, from Glendale Az. Has recently suffered a stroke. He has lost some control in his left hand, and goes to re-hab to help the problem. We all wish Bill a quick recovery. He often checks in with Jean, W7GOU. (ed)

4 JANUARY 29: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO IVY SUBER, KB7EKB, FROM KLAMATH FALLS!!
FEB. 6 HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOE, KA7FUL, FROM KLAMATH FALLS: JOE IS SECOND
NET CONTROL ON SUNDAY NIGHTS.

Things Getting Out of Hand: (on the net) by Warren N7IPG

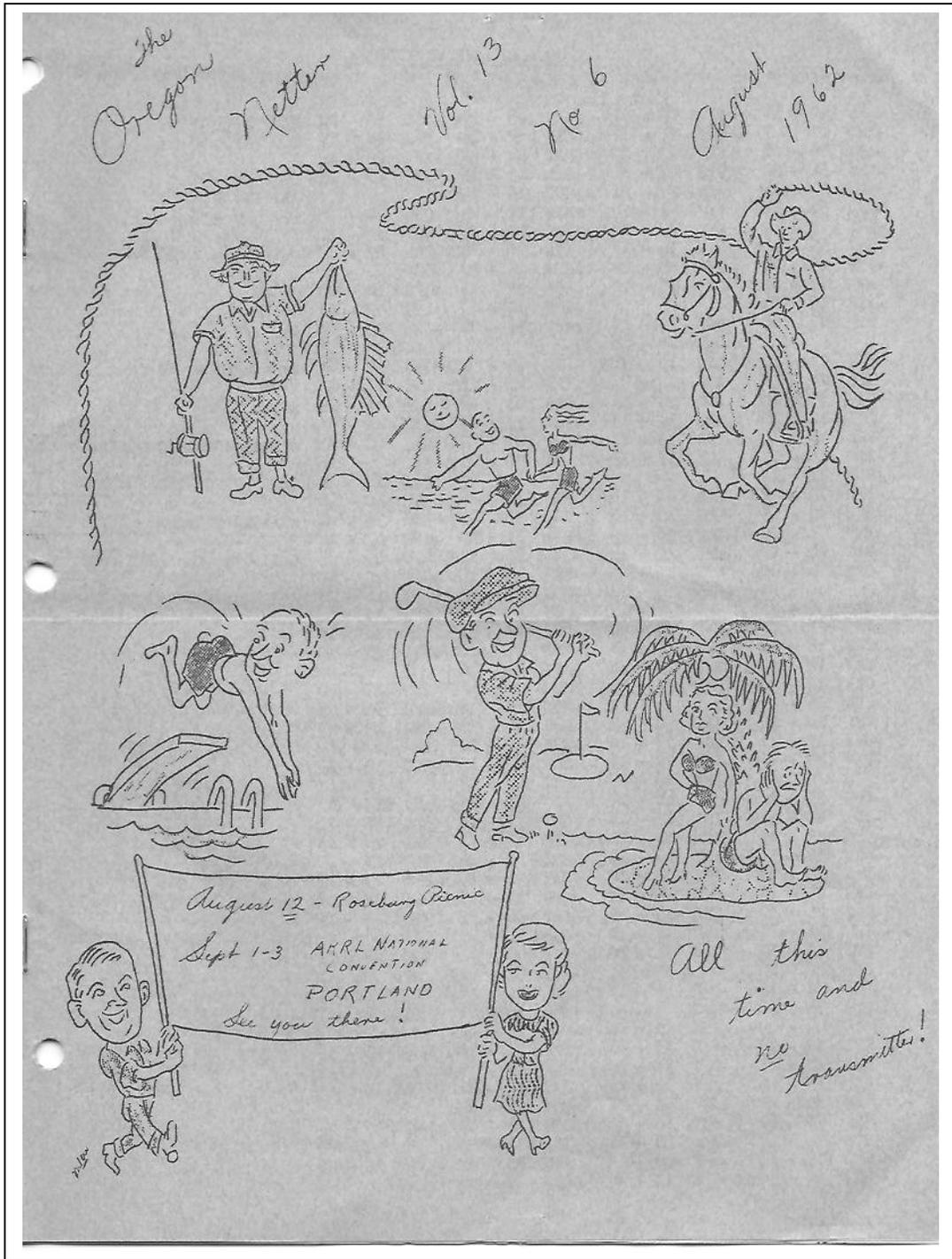
Several things have gotten to the point that they are out of hand for the net operation.

Early Check-ins. It is not the responsibility of someone other than the evenings net control to check you into the net. It is totally up to the individual net controls whether they want to take early check-in on any given night or not. If you need an early check in and the net control hasn't taken early check-ins prior to the start of net, it is better if you check in when emergency gear is called instead of interrupting the net and asking for an early check-in. You should also give some thought as to the reason you need an early check-in. If you have to be at a club meeting or have company, that is one thing. But there are too many people checking in and out every single night, mainly for dinner, and this adds nothing to the net. If you are not going to participate in the net operation, why bother to check-in in the first place. Dinner times can be adjusted or you can check into a later net. Also, please don't check in and then turn your radio off, or leave without notifying the net control. This happens way too often and valuable net time is wasted if someone wants you later and you are not there.

Tuning up. It appears that the net frequency has become the international tune up frequency. Granted a lot of carrier's and tuning up on frequency during the net is nothing more than someone causing malicious interference. Therefore, net controls and others should not acknowledge this interference. The people causing it will go away when they get the idea that they aren't bothering the net. If you're one of the people that is tuning up on the frequency unintentionally to get your antenna tuned, please don't. Older tube type rigs can pretty much go anywhere on the band without the swr getting too high at the band edges. The new radios don't have that much leeway and the antenna must be re-adjusted if you move very far from where you had it adjusted in the first place. Therefore if you have to re-adjust please do it at least 5kc from the net frequency and then move to the net frequency. If this little movement causes your swr to climb above acceptable limits, you better be checking your antenna system and/tuner to find out what is wrong and get it corrected.

From Warren, N7IPG, first net control on Sat. night. *Thanks for sharing with us Warren ed.*

LOOK FOR NET REPORTS IN THE NEXT NETTER. OUR NET SECRETARY IS ON A WELL DESERVED VACATION, SO WE WILL GET THE REPORTS FROM HER WHEN SHE GETS BACK. SHE SURE HAS A GREAT SIGNAL MOST NIGHTS FROM WAY DOWN THERE IN AZ. WE KNOW THAT KAREN, N7RBO, AND KERN, W7BXD ARE HAVING A LOT OF FUN. (HOPE THEY BRING BACK SOME SUNSHINE) ed



OEN PICNIC THIRD WEEKEND OF AUG. --- IF YOU DID NOT SEE IT IN THIS ISSUE, YOU DID NOT GET IT TO ME. (ed)

