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The King's Plane is Missing:
April 28, Klamath County amateur radio operators participated in an exercise that was designed to find a downed plane, the name of the exercise being "The King's Plane is down."
Top left is a picture of the monthly ARES breakfast in Klamath Falls at JJ's. Top right is a picture of three of the hams who we found at the command center, left, Del, N7RBG, center, Doughlas N7KF, and right, Warren, N7IPG.

Pictured on the bottom left is KE7GMR, Ann Brakora, she is running the communications center for the event, which is located inside a communications van, parked along 6th st. in Klamath Falls.

Participants from Klamath County in the exercise: North Klamath team 1 Dave Martain WA6TYJ, Bev Irwin N6DFW, Dick Lydick KF7VIM. North Klamath team 2 Bob Smith

(2) N7PWK, Penny Smith, a new ham call not here yet. North Klamath team 3 Todd Mundinger KF7VIK, Cliff Hill NC7CH, Dick Coffman. North Lake Team 1 Curtis Owens KY7OR, Jim Sprott W7CFL. North Lake team 2 Jim Kinyon KF7FKL, Leroy Steece KA7UNX. Walker Control Roberta Gresea Logging New Ham, Donna Buhk Logging New Ham, Creagh Williams Maps KA7QAV, Jim Williams WA7TYD. That makes 16 from up North. South Klamath County Team 1 Dick Suber K7DDI, Dell Hollis N7RBG. KF7KLA Klamath Command Dennie Dunkeson WA7YPR Klamath County IC. Andy Abbot K7ADA Deputy Klamath County IC. Doug Clarke N7KF South County Division Director. Carolyn Brooks AB7ET Communications. Anna Brakora KE7GMR Communications. Bill Havlina K6QIE. Alen White W7KHD (Lost plane) W7KHD would broadcast a signal on two meters, from his stationary vehicle ,while the search groups tried to locate him. K7DDI and N7RBG reported picking up the signal of the simulated lost plane in northern Klamath County. The event was officially over at 5 pm, and started early in the morning. No one ever actually found Allen, W7KHD, who was the simulated plane down. N7IPG, Warren, was keeping track of events at his home station. (ed)

SILENT KEY REPORT: Second net, April 27. Randy Ingram, KG7EY, from Myrtle Creek, reported that his wife, Chris, passed away today. Until recently Randy and his lovely wife Chris, lived in the Keno area. I had the pleasure of meeting them at a K-BAR-A picnic that was held at their home in the Keno area. Chris was well loved by all who knew her, and she will be dearly missed. She had been fighting a heart problem for some time. Our thought and prayers are with her husband, Randy. Chris held the amateur radio call KE7IDT.(ed)

CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL RILLEY, W7EXB, FROM EUGENE FOR 56 YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE OREGON EMERGENCY NET. Bill became a member in May of 1956, and holds O.E.N. No. 127. (ed)

MAY 6--- HAPPY 61ST TO OUR NET MANAGER, DENNIS. KG7UY!!! May there be many more to come Dennis! (ed)

ON THE MEND: We hear that Dick Suber, K7DDI, from Klamath Falls was in the hospital for four days early in May. Dick is back home now, keep well Richard, we miss you when you are not on the net. (ed)

TREASURE REPORT: June 5, we have 714.55 in the bank. We only have 4 paid up members who take the NETTER by US mail. We ask 6 dollars a year for those who take the NETTER by mail to pay for the costs of printing and mailing out the NETTER. The net has no other means of bringing in money. We have plenty of money to meet our need for some time to come, but one day we will run out of money, unless we find a way to bring in more money. We urge everyone who can, to get the NETTER off the home page for free. The net funds also pay for the expenses of our net Secretary/Manager. Fred, ND7V, Treasurer.

(3) I want to thanks all of the OEN Net Controls for making my transition into the Net Manager position a relatively smooth process. Without your dedication and hard work there would be no OEN net each and every night of the year. I applaud you !!! Dennis KG7UY (May net report from Dennis below)

MAY	26	012			
DAY	Net Control	Traffic Co	ntacts Tota	al Chk Ins	SOLIDS:
SUNDAY	WA7OXM Zane	1	10	708	KATOYY
2ND NET	N7MAP Mike	0	6	244	1CATZIS
MONDAY	W7WX Larry	2	11	811	KD78 WJ
2ND NET	WA7JS Jim	0	2	190	KETGML
TUESDAY	K7RFO Ruth	3	11	1241	K FICRG
2ND NET	KE7CYK Cindy	1	10	279	KFTCRI
WEDNESDAY	KG7UY Dennis	2	19	1047	KQ72
2ND NET	WB6MFV Doug	0	2	49	K7 HMI
THURSDAY	KB7JAL Tom	2	2	816	N7FGF
2ND NET	K7DDI Dick	1	10	186	NTHEH
FRIDAY	AE7ER Jerry	1	6	482	NTIPG
2ND NET	ND7V Fred	0	4	107	NTRBI
SATURDAY	N7IPG Warren	0	7	617	WTEKO
2ND NET	KE7GML Sandi	0	2	194	WTWX
ALTERNATES					WTYFE
	W7PM Marc	1	2	71	WBTTIR
TOTAL		14	104	7042	

HAM RADIO EXAM June 9, VE exams were given in Klamath Falls at the county library under the direction of Doug Clark, N7KF. Six folks tested, there were more examiners than people taking the test. Five of the six testing upgraded, two to extra class. The exam lasted a little over two hours. (ed) DOUG'S COMMENTS: We have two new Techs: Barbara Meksch and David Thyne.

A new General: Jerry Hardy KF7UDZ

Two new extras: Kenneth Banes KF7UEA, and Lloyd Case, who passed all three tests in one sitting!

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DAY	Net Control	Traffic Contac	ts Tot	al Chk Ins	Solids	Solids	Excused
SUNDAY	K7MKN Jim	0	9	616			
2ND NET	W7PM Marc	0	9	261	W7GNI	N7RBI	
MONDAY	W7WX Larry	3	20	1244	AA5TL	ND7V	
2ND NET	WA7JS Jim	0	7	209	KA5ZLQ	KA7ZIS	
TUESDAY	K7RFO Ruth	2	13	601	N7EZG	KA7LUF	
2ND NET	KE7CYK Cindy	0	4	128	N7FGF	WB7TIR	
WEDNESDAY	KG7UY Dennis	1	21	977	KD7RTE	KE7QFR	
2ND NET	WB6MFV Doug	1	5	217	K7SEG	N7MAP	
THURSDAY	KB7JAL Tom	0	1	716	KA7QYY	W7WX	
2ND NET	K7DDI Dick	1	3	240	KB7EKF	KC7SPL	
FRIDAY	AE7ER Jerry	2	4	866	KQ7Z	W7EET	
2ND NET	ND7V Fred	0	6	164	KD7BUJ	N7HEH	
SATURDAY	N7IPG Warren	0	7	496	KE7GML	KA7RUZ	
2ND NET	KE7GML Sandi	0	4	233	N7IPG	W7EUQ	
ALTERNATES							
	WA7OXM Zane	1	3	349			

TOTAL 10 116 7317

A LETTER TO VERN, K6UGS, FROM BOB WEED, W7SCY, ABOUT BOB'S DAD, W7TLQ, AND GRANDFATHER OSCAR W7ZKJ. Bob also mentions how he and his brother became Hams.

(5) Vern,

Dad (W7TLQ) died during the night before Easter Sunday, 1981 after his third triple heart bypass when he was 69. He was one of the early heart bypass patients in the Northwest, so it was amazing they he

survived three of them! He had been an alternate net control of OEN (as I had) and always had a big signal from Myrtle point with a full wave 240 foot doublet high in the air on top of a hill.

Grandpa Oscar Weed, W7ZKJ, was the oldest novice in the US according to the ARRL when he received his novice license at the age of 76. He took the general test five times before he passed it and enjoyed ham radio and the OEN until he died at the age of 86, checking into the OEN virtually every night in his ham shack in the converted milk house at our family homestead five miles out of Vernonia. I built his transmitter, a Johnson Viking Ranger, and he won the grand prize of a Collins receiver at the OARA (Oregon Amateur Radio Association) convention. He also had a 75 meter mobile rig with a tall antenna on his small Morris Minor and sometimes even checked in mobile, but always listened to the net. The family joke was that when people in Vernonia saw the Morris with the tall antenna coming they knew to watch out for him! A little more back story on Oscar: His father, my great grandfather, was one of the first residents and a founder of Vernonia in the Nehalem Valley, served two terms in the Oregon Legislature and filed the homestead claim on July 4, 1876 on the 100th anniversary of the US. I spent my summers there when I was a kid and was actually there in July, 1951 when my novice license arrived in Myrtle Point from the FCC. I had to wait to go home to get on the air! Oscar was an amazing man, having served as Columbia County Sheriff during prohibition and was the Justice of the Peace for as long as I can remember and actually was at work in court the day before he died.

As for me, I discovered ham radio when I was 12 and a neighbor had a Halicrafters receiver on which he tuned in hams for me and I was hooked! When I was 13 the Novice license was introduced and I was able to pass the test the next year, mostly self-taught and I was the first ham in Myrtle Point, teaching myself code with a wind-up Instructograph with paper tape punched for dots and dashes. There was a lever one could move to adjust the speed of the code. Leander, W7EUG in Riverton (BTW, the roster lists him as Coquille, but he always checked in as Riverton) gave me the test during a dark and stormy night when the power went off and I had to finish the written test by candlelight. My dad got interested in my hobby and he soon followed and he was followed by his Dad, W7ZKJ. My younger brother, Roger, followed later, just missing a W7 call with K7AEF. I should mention that I was helped along after I got my novice license, by W7QYS and W7REG in Coquille, both of whom are on the inactive roster.

Well, I imagine this is more history about three early members of the OEN than you even wanted to know, but once I got started, I couldn't quit!

Thanks for listening!

Bob

Fred,

Our newest OEN member is Ken Ross, W7YFE from Dallas Oregon. His certificate is #1268 and it was issued June 10th, 2012.

Dennis (kg7uy)



PICTURED HERE IS KATHY OLNEY, KE7WVI. SHE CHECKS INTO THE NET FROM ROGUE RIVER. K7DDI, DICK SUBER, TOOK THIS PICTURE AT AN AMATEUR RADIO GET TOGETHER IN GRANTS PASS EARLIER THIS YEAR. THANKS TO DDI FOR SHARING. (ed)

Hello Fred, We have 2 more new OEN members to add to this months list for publication.

KE7U Marvin Sparks Eugene OR June 18, 2012 #1269

KV7P Marian Sparks Eugene OR June 18, 2012 #1270 (Dennis, net manager)

Hello Fred, Feel free to use this or any portion thereof for the Netter: The OEN picnic is being held at noon, August 19th, at Carol N7HEH place just north of Yachats. This is a potluck so please bring your critically acclaimed main dish, salad, or dessert to share! The picnic weekend nominally starts on Friday as people arrive but the only scheduled activity is the picnic at noon on Sunday the 19th, followed by a business meeting of the board of directors. Come camp at Carols as long as you are self contained, camp at a nearby campground if you need hookups, stay at a nearby motel, or just come on over the day of the picnic as fits your schedule and wallet! The talk in frequency is 146.520.

For directions to Carols please visit the OEN homepage. If your computer is on the fritz or you have resisted owning one call me at 541-733-9850 and I will gladly give you the info. Make sure you leave a message with your phone number if it goes to voice mail. The picnic will be at NE Dorning Street Yachats OR 44°20′34.64″N 124°05′34.69″W GPS coordinates To look at the map on the OEN website Go to k6ugs.com On the left of the page left click on the Oregon Emergency Net [Button] This brings you to the OEN homepage. Move the cursor to the menu item labeled "About the OEN" under the Banner, it will open a submenu. Move the cursor over the "Special Announcements" [button] and left click. The info for the campout/picnic location is first on the list. Just left click the button labeled "click here" to get the map link. (Dennis)

Hello Fred.

Here is another addition to the Welcome New Members List!! KD7HSW Andrew, from Turner . Certificate #1271 issued on June 19, 2012 73, Dennis

Hello Fred.

Please include if you can, the following new members to the OEN: As of June 21, 2012 KF7CRG Debra L. Bell, Blue River Or Certificate #1272 KF7CRI James A. Nuttall, Blue River OR Certificate # 1273 thanks.

Dennis