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NETTER off the internet. Vern, K6UGS is now in charge of the
O.E.N. Webpage, address at top of the page. Send your articles
for the NETTER to Fred, tell us about your ham station, hobbies,
vacation, items for sale, etc.

HAPPY BE-LATED BIRTHDAY TO Phil, W7BW, from Klamath Falls! Phil
celebrated his 87th this last July. Phil checks in almost every night, and is known
by his friends as 'Colonel Phil'. Phil held that rank in the Air force. May the next
87 be even more fun than the last 87 were Phil ! (ed)

(2) FORMER NET CONTROL WILL NOT BE ON THE NET September 2010, John Klein, WA7VNS, from Klamath falls informed your editor that he will soon be moving, and that he will not be on the net after that. John was net control for many years on the first net on Monday night. Second net control in those days was Don, K7TDX, also from Klamath Falls. WA7VNS is moving to an assisted living home here in Klamath Falls, and will not be putting up a radio station there. John is hoping to sell his gear. John, thank you for all the years you were a net control, and for all the years you have checked into the net. We will miss you, and we wish you all the best in your new home. (ed)

- MICHAEL SULLIVAN / *The News-Review*

Jerry Eifert and amateur radio operators prepare county for emergency .(AE7ER FROM ROSEBURG)

[ANNE CREIGHTON](#)
THE NEWS-REVIEW,

Jerry Eifert and his band of amateur radio operators are good guys to have around in a sticky situation. When other communication systems fail, they're the only ones who can send out an SOS.

"These guys are nuts, and I say that affectionately," Douglas County's emergency services director, Wayne Stinson, said. "They've taken an interest in public radio and have gone above and beyond."

For the past 17 years, Eifert, 65, has overseen about 40 volunteers who are trained to broadcast reports in the event of emergencies such as floods, earthquakes, blizzards or windstorms.

"I love radio," said Eifert, a retired Veterans Affairs hospital nurse. "I love the fact that I can serve my community."

Amateur radio operators around the country have responded to local and regional disasters since the 1930s, including the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and Hurricane Katrina.

In 1997, a windstorm in northwest Oregon knocked out telephones and electricity for four days, Stinson said. The amateur radio operators provided officials with updates on conditions. That (3) storm prompted the governor to give \$250,000 worth of equipment to Oregon's amateur radio organizations.

Eifert has since lobbied for more funding, and the county now has emergency stations in Roseburg and Reedsport and a radio tower on Lane Mountain near Dixonville. If there were a disaster, amateur radio operators would be able to send messages to other parts of the state or country, Eifert said.

A Florida company owned The Lane Mountain tower and planned to tear down the

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structure. Stinson and Eifert, however, were able to get the company to donate it to the county.

The tower allows information to be relayed to and from Reedsport and Roseburg in an emergency. "It provides the link from Southern and Southeast Oregon to Salem, " Eifert said.

In August, Eifert's labor of love earned him the 2010 Oregon Section ARES Volunteer of the year award.

ON THE MEND: Karen Lilly, N7RBO, reported to your editor that her O. M. Kern, W7BXD, suffered a heart attack on October 1. He had to have two stints put in. He is already home (Oct. 3) and doing well. Kern was to have knee surgery Oct. 5, that has been put off to a future date. We all wish Kern a swift and complete recovery. (ed)



This summer, Gary Pederson, n7gk from Ashland, lost his home in a fire. The fire was caused by a homeless person who was careless. That person is now in jail.

The picture above shows what is left of Gary's home, we see his antennas still standing. Gary says " Barely got out. I was in my stocking feet. Was able to save some picture albums and one vehicle and myself. The contents of the fire safe did survive. That's it. Lost wallet and checkbook also. Now in a rental about 3 to 4 minutes from the old place and was ham operators place so have six element tribander and now wire antenna up. Should be pouring foundation this coming weds. Hope to have us in the house around Christmas." The picture above was taken by Randy, k7rpm. (We are all sorry about your loss Gary, but we are glad you got out okay.)-ed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO NOEL, K7ADW, 97 THIS DECEMBER!

August	2010						
DAY	Net Control	Traffic	Contacts	Tot. chk. Ins		Solids	Solids
SUNDAY	KA7FUL Joe	2	8	599		WBCD	K7SEG
2nd net	AE7ER Jerry	1	6	144		AB1C	KC7SPL
Monday	KG7UY Dennis	1	41	949		W7CUS	KD7TAH
2nd net	K7DDI Dick	1	1	306		W7EET	WB7TIR
Tuesday	K7RFO Ruth	2	25	874		KA5EZM	KG7UY
2nd net	W7BXD Kern	0	8	261		AE7FI	KQ7Z
Wednesday	W7LJB Larry	1	19	681		KE7GML	KA7ZIS
2nd net	WB6MFV Doug	0	6	206		N7HEH	
Thursday	KB7JAL Tom	1	4	620		N7IPG	
2nd net	N7LND JC	0	17	377		W7LJB	
Friday	K7MKN Jim	1	10	621		KF4LJX	
2nd net	K7NBO Dave	0	9	196		N7LND	
Saturday	N7IPG Warren	0	3	275		KC0LTI	
2nd net	K7AKP Rich	2	4	182		WA7NIS	
ALTERNATES						W6PHP	
	N7BJH BJ	1	1	71		N7RBI	
	N7LND JC					KD7RTE	
	M7RBO Karen	2	14	223			
TOTAL		15	176	6,585			

Excused for Aug. W7CUS, W7NEO, N7RBI--- net reports by Karen N7RBO,
Secretary / Net manager

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CW MOBILE---From 1976 to 1988, Phil Rand, W7BW, from Klamath Falls, was the Klamath Falls Airport manager. This is a job he took after retiring from 33 years of active duty in the Air Force. Phil retired as a full colonel.

Phil drove 35 miles to work from his home in Rocky Point. On the way to and from, Phil would work Morse Code while driving. Phil reports, "I used a bug for sending and the key sat on the passenger seat. I got pretty good at sending and driving at the same time." Phil goes on, " The CW contacts made the trip from home to work so much more pleasant. The code was sent on a Kenwood TS-130V, which is the 15-watt QRP version of the ts-130s. To quote Phil, " I am 100 percent CW except for the OEN now and again. I am okay up to about 40 wpm, but above that to darned difficult. I use a manual keyboard with no memory or buffer and it saves my ole wrists. I also have several bugs and paddles that I exercise frequently. I used to be pretty good on a bug but now it sounds awful. You have to use a bug all the time to be good at it. At any rate, CW is a great mode and I do enjoy". (Thanks for sharing this with us Phil. It is good to know that there are still some folks out there keeping CW alive.) (ed)

Sorry about some of the fine print in this NETTER. When I had the NETTER all ready to print up, something happened to my word processor, and I lost a lot of the NETTER. Some of it I never did get back, but some of it I did have printed up in print. Instead of re-typing I took a picture of the page, and inserted that in the NETTER. In doing that, I lost some of the quality. I have a lot more to learn about word processors, when they work they are beautiful, but when they do not--oh well.

I want to wish all a Halloween with more treats than tricks. A hearty meal at Thanksgiving, it is okay to eat too much, we all do. Then on Dec. 25, we celebrate Christ's birthday, so I wish every one a very Merry Christmas.

The next NETTER is due in January, will see you then if the snow is not too deep. (ed)