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# The Oregon Netter



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Shown here: Carol Dorning, our hostess at the O.E.N. Picnic. She has just won one of the blankets that Ruth, K7RFO, gave away in a drawing. Carol was sure tickled to death to get that lovely piece of art that Ruth created! (ed)

I am happy to present the latest OEN Members as of 08/27/2012: K7OOS Harold C Mardock Coos Bay OR August 27, 2012 #1284 K7MXA Deborah Burklund Coos Bay OR August 27, 2012 #1285 73, Dennis KG7UY

O.E.N. PICNIC-- Dennis, kg7uy, and Vern, k6ugs, put their heads together and came up with some great pictures of the O.E.N. picnic over a number of years. They put together a slide show, and Dennis showed those pictures Sat. night at the picnic site. Everyone really enjoyed them, and we thank Dennis and Vern for doing that for us!. (ed)

HOOD TO COAST RUN by Claire N7CM----- (Lately things have been kinda busy here ...Just got back from 28 hours of Hood to Coast. Ernie and I stay at a runner exchange up in the woods near Vernonia on a gravel road that is a pretty tough leg. The runners have to go up several steep hills (and then of course, come down the other sides). Usually many incidents of sprained ankles and knees; lots of calls for transports,

(2) or medics. And the area has no cell phone coverage at all....the only communication is by Amateur Radio to the Net Control down by the Columbia River near St Helens. We only had one issue to contend with: in the night, a runner car went in the ditch at the exchange where we were. Right front AND rear tires in the ditch...We contacted net control in St Helens on the radio and they got someone to send a guy with a pickup, but he just looked at it and said he couldn't do it and left. Finally someone on the radio said "call Reliable Rob" in Vernonia. So 'central ham station' in St Helens called Rob, and he showed up fast, yanked that car out of the ditch, no problem...and that group went off hollering and yelling at the top of their lungs...fun!

This year, the first group of *Hood to Coast* runners entered the St Helens area Friday evening just as a fire broke out at the Les Schwab tire center on Highway 30. The fire burned down the Schwab tire building and the runners had to be re-routed. Things were delayed quite a bit by the change in routing, but it also grouped the runners closer together. We were at Exchange 20, and usually have to wait quite a while Saturday morning for the many stragglers. But this year, all the runners and walkers were through Exchange 20 by 9 AM. So we checked out and headed for home, went thru St Helens on the way, and yes, the Schwab building was pretty well burned down, a few walls standing, but they were still smoking. Haven't heard what caused the fire, but guess no one was hurt.

What is it they say....all's well that ends well!

Hi to all, Claire N7CM and Ernie, K7EAJ (Hood to Coast is a combo of Runner and Walker Relay teams. Runner teams start at Mt Hood and go to Seaside; Walker teams start in Portland and go to Seaside also (then they all party there, hihi) I think about 10 thousand rtipicate...there were more than 1000 teams and each team has a least 8...it is a mammoth event...and then there are probably more than 1000 volunteers, including a bunch of hams.

Glad it's only once a year!

Cheers, Claire )

PICTURED HERE IS OUR NET MANAGER, (STANDING) DENNIS, KG7UY. BESIDE HIM IS LARRY, W7WX, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. THEY WERE TAKING CARE OF THE O.E.N. BUSINESS AT THE BOARD MEETING; 10 AM ON SUNDAY BEFORE THE PICNIC. (ed)



SK REPORT: Aug. 30, we heard from a church E mail that Bobby Dorsey, KC7ODD, from Klamath Falls has passed on. She was the wife of Bob, KC7ODE, who is a regular

(3) check in from Klamath Falls. We know that Bobby has been suffering a long time from health problems. Our thoughts go out to Bob and his family. (ed)

Net Report for August 2012 Submitted by OEN Net Manager KG7UY

August 2012

DAY	Net Control	Traffic	Contacts	Total Chk	Ins	Solids	Solids
						KA7RUZ	KA7ZIS
SUNDAY	WA7OXM Zane	1	6	714	KA7QYY	KD7BUJ	
2ND NET	N7MAP Mike	1	8	205	K7HMI	K7RFO	
MONDAY	W7WX Larry	1	35	1522	ND7V	KA7LUF	
2ND NET	WA7JS Jim	1	6	233	N7FGF	W7EET	
TUESDAY	K7RFO Ruth	1	10	828	N7EZG	W7WVC	
2ND NET	KE7CYK Cindy	1	4	263	KC0LTI	WB7TIR	
WEDNESDAY	WB6MFV Doug	0	7	623	W7CUS	W7WX	
2ND NET	WA7DUH Steve	0	2	132	AA5TL	N7HEH	
THURSDAY	KG7UY Dennis	5	32	1257	KA5ZLQ	KC7SPL	
2ND NET	K7DDI Dick	2	3	329	K7SEG	N7SWT	
FRIDAY	AE7ER Jerry	1	5	646	KQ7Z	K7REA	
2ND NET	ND7V Fred	1	10	168	N7IKI	W7HH	
SATURDAY	unfilled					WA6BQQ	
2ND NET	unfilled					N7RBI	
<b>ALTERNATES</b>							
	W7PM Marc	0	2	89			
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>7009</b>			

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SANDI, KE7GML, PICTURE FROM  
HEROLD AND NEWS, KLAMATH  
FALLS

SK REPORT: I regret reporting the passing of Sandi Morehead, KE7GML. Sandi passed away Sept. 8 at 7:03 am after suffering from leukemia. Sandi checked in from Keno almost every night. Sandi held O.E.N. number 1195, and until recently, was second net control on Sat. night. Our thoughts go out to her husband, Warren, N7IPG, and to the family. Sandi will always be remembered fondly for her warming smile, and her caring heart. Sandi was always concerned for those who were sick, she was the first to check out how they were doing. She always brightened up the picture where ever she was, and I will deeply miss her. Her passing was reported on net Sept. 9, by our net manager, Dennis, KG7UY. INFORMATION FROM HER OBITUARY, HERALD AND NEWS SEPT. 27: Sandra Lee "Sandi" Morehead changed her address to Heaven just past 7 PM on Sept. 8, 2012, at the age of 69. She was born in Hollywood, Calif. On Nov. 9, 1942, and passed away in Portland, Ore., from Leukemia. It goes on to say that Sandi was a labor and delivery nurse at St. Joe's Hospital in Orange County, Calif, she held that job for 32 years. Following that, she worked concessions for the Anaheim Angles baseball team. Following that, in order to be closer to her parents, she moved to Medford Oregon and returned to nursing for another 9 years. She moved to Klamath Falls, in Dec 2005, in 2002 she met Warren, and they were married in 2003. Warren got her interested in Ham Radio, and we all know how much she loved it. (ed)

Hello Fred, I would like to welcome the following new members to the OEN: September 15, issued #1286 to KF7QNS Helen Meier from Bonners Ferry Idaho' September 19, issued #1287 to K7EJP Eric Polson from Forest Grove Oregon. I also have corrected an error concerning certificate #757 that was issued 10/20/1979. That # belongs to WB7RBH, Mike Meier from Bonners Ferry Idaho. He has been re-instated on the active certificate list! 73,  
[Dennis KG7UY OEN Net Manager](#)

## OEN Picnic 2012

**The OEN picnic was held August 19<sup>th</sup> at N7HEH -Carol Dorning's place in Yachats Oregon. Thanks to you Carol, for providing the OEN with such a wonderful site for our annual event.**

**The weather was cool but very nice for the entire weekend! Campers started arriving on Friday and by Saturday afternoon the camping area was heavily populated. A total of 63 people signed in during the weekend that culminated with the pot luck picnic at noon on Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup>. Friday and Saturday were days to (5) visit, explore the local area, and eat seafood at various restaurants from Yachats to Waldport! Saturday evening KG7UY used a digital projector and a laptop to present a slide show of past OEN picnics from 2005 to 2011. These pictures were**

mostly taken by K6UGS- Vern, and compiled by him over the years with additions from the membership at large. Thank you Vern, for keeping these pictures for us. On Sunday the business meeting started a few minutes after 10 am. It was well attended by the board and membership. The Secretary (me) forgot to get an exact account in the flurry of activity that preceded the meeting. W7WX closed the meeting at 11:08 am. Please read the minutes for the details of the meeting. The actual picnic commenced a few minutes after noon under hazy skies. First off K7DDI was presented with a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday cake by his wife, Ivy. Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Dick! KE7RKG-John then presented to the picnic a large cake In Memory of N7RBO-Karen, who became a Silent Key on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2012. Thank you John, well done! Pictures of these cakes are up on the website for your inspection. After the usual jawing by the Net Manager and a welcoming speech by the Chairman of the Board, the eating commenced! Around dessert time we got to determine the winner of the beautiful wall hanging donated by K7RFO's daughter Lynda. KC7WJ's granddaughter Katelinh assisted by drawing the ticket from the can. The winner was W7WX, Larry, who graciously insisted it be given to someone other than the OEN Chairman. So, another ticket was drawn and the winner is K6UGS! Several pictures of Vern with his Prize are on the web site. The raffle of the wall hanging benefitted the OEN general fund.

Next up K7RFO-Ruth surprised everybody by donating as door prizes 21 light flannel blankets. She crochets the edging on these blankets in her "spare" time. These are just right in the radio room in the winter to" keep your knees from the breeze". Everyone attending was issued a ticket, and then Katelinh drew the winners one by one. W7WX announced the winners and AA5TL verified the tickets and handed out the blankets as they were won. Thanks to Ruth for her unflinching support of the OEN by thought and deed.

I also want to thank everybody who brought snacks and cookies etc. for the "snack bar" that was set up in the garage Friday and Saturday. It was great!!

Special thanks go to Walt-KC7WJ for tirelessly working in the background to make the weekend a success. I also want to give kudos to AA5TL-Rick, who rescued me from the onerous duty of securing donations for the Porta Potty fund. He took salesmanship to the next level and everybody had fun and was happy to donate.

Big thanks go out to *everybody* for showing up and *helping* with the picnic and the weekend campout. I hope to see you again next year. Make your plans now to go to the picnic August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at N7HEH's place in Yachats.

73,

**KG7UY**

I am pleased to announce the OEN now has an official "club" call sign. That call sign is "W7OEN" !!! Isn't that a great club call for us? Many thanks go out to W7AE Marv, for walking us through the process and doing the paperwork and legwork. Also on the thank you list is WA7JS Jim for getting the process started with Marv, and suggesting we look through calls with OEN in them. We also need to thank Hal WA7FIV for bringing up the idea of the club call at the OEN business meeting. Hal was wanting us to see if we could use N7RBO as a club call. That proved to be unavailable as Kern wants to save it for the kids or family use. W7OEN has never been (6) issued and was available so we applied for a license, got it, then applied for the vanity call. I am the trustee of W7OEN at this time. We will be using this call for our on the air meetings and

any special events that we may want to do. At this time we will **NOT** be using it for the OEN Nets, as they will be run under the call sign of the Net Control as it has always been done. 73's,  
Dennis KG7UY OEN Net Manager

ON THE MEND: Sept. 26—Ruth, K7RFO, reported on the Klamath Falls two meter net tonight that Jean Trump, W7KOC, from Klamath Falls, is in a Medford hospital where she is having a gallbladder operation. We wish Jean well soon; we have missed hearing her on the net the past couple of nights. (ed)

### Giving Credit where Credit is Due

I would like to extend as special thanks to Warren, N7IPG, for helping me figure out how to streamline our Board Member Election process. I had several ideas that did not really get the job done in an efficient manner. Warren had the insight to ask the question "Why re-qualify the OEN members to run for election or vote every year?" The answer of course, is that there was no real reason to do it that way. We discussed this at the Swap-Meet in North Bend in July. With Sandi getting sick very soon after that date we did not get to discuss it further, but it got me to thinking about the problem. I had a nagging thought that I had seen a proposal from years past that simplified the process. Looking through the limited OEN paper file I found N7IPG's proposed solution to the problem! It was his elegantly simple idea that I used as a basis for my proposal for changing the bylaws in regards to voting/running for office qualifications. The OEN Board approved these changes at the business meeting in August. The Minutes for this meeting are posted on the OEN website.

Thanks again Warren, for your help! Dennis KG7UY OEN Net Manager/Secretary

I would like to welcome Paula Keezer, NX1P, from Brookings to the OEN. She holds certificate # 1288 issued October 4th 2012. Dennis KG7UY OEN Net Manager

**(Comments from Carol, N7HEH, picnic hostess) Bob and I are doing pretty good.**

**Have had company. First, his two daughters and sister and now my daughter and her husband are here. Have enjoyed the visit with them.**

**Our nice weather is still going strong. We need the rain but I can sure take what we have been having.**

**Give my best to Connie and you are doing a great job with the Netter and I thank you.**

**I, also, think the net controls and relays are doing a terrific job and the new ones have jumped right in and filled some of those empty nights. Three cheers for each and every one of them. 73s Carol**

**2013 OEN Board Member Election** The OEN Board of Directors positions open to election this coming year are North East, held by KF7LN from Mosier, and the "at large" position held by WA7FIV from Seaside. Any Member who *resides in Oregon* and holds a valid OEN certificate issued before January 2011 may run for the "at large" position. Any NE nominee *must* reside in the NE region of Oregon as well as meet the minimum two year member qualification. The list detailing members that are eligible to run in the NE region *and* for the "at large" position is posted on the website at <http://k6ugs.com/oen.htm>. Send any inquiries to [mroencontact@gmail.com](mailto:mroencontact@gmail.com). An "On the Air" nomination meeting will be held on January 10, 2013 at 7 pm, band conditions permitting. Dennis Deaton- KG7UY-OEN Net Manager/Secretary

THIS CONCLUDES THE PRINTED NETTER, MORE OF THE NETTER CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEB PAGE. HAPPY THANKSGIVING, AND MERRY CHRISTMAS! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR. (ed)

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## OEN Minutes August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board, W7WX, at 10:03 am in Yachats Oregon at N7HEH's house.

Board Members present were: W7WX Larry Ballard, K7MKN Jim Boyd, WA7FIV Hal Denison, and K7RFO Ruth Schorr.

ND7V, the Editor of the Netter and the OEN Treasurer, K6UGS, the Web Page Editor, and KG7UY, the Net Manager/Secretary were present.

Also in attendance were AA5TL, KA5ZLQ, KD7HB, AB7ET, K7TYP, W7TYQ, WB7CNV, WA7DUH, WA7JS, KE7PNW, KE7QFR, N7MAP, KC0LTI, KE7RKG, K7REA, K7DDI, K7LJ, KK7VO, K7XI, KE7CYK

The minutes were read and a motion was made by K7MKN to accept the minutes and was seconded by K7RFO. Motion carried.

The Treasurers Report was given by ND7V. He reports that there is \$ 710.95 in the bank as of this morning. ND7V also reminded the board that we need a third signer on the bank account. The Treasurers report was accepted by the board.

Old Business: KG7UY brought up the recurring problem of a lack of 2<sup>nd</sup> Net controls. He spoke about why he had come to the conclusion that the OEN needed to do away with 2<sup>nd</sup> Net, until recently. He asked the board to give him leeway to "tinker" with 2<sup>nd</sup> Net to try to make it an actual training ground for 1<sup>st</sup> net. . W7WX then spoke about 2<sup>nd</sup> Net as a training ground as the best reason to keep it. K7MKN agreed that the Net Manager's job includes attempting to improve 2<sup>nd</sup> Net and keep it viable, but stated that this tinkering is subject to review by the board. No motion was made as it was deemed unnecessary at this time.

New Business: WA7FIV made a motion to add K7RFO to the OEN Bank account to replace N7RBO, as we need 3 people on the account, seconded by K6UGS. Motion carried.

KG7UY proposed some changes in the bylaws: He had handouts that explained the proposed changes and why he thought they needed to be changed. The board read along as KG7UY read from the handouts: See footnote 1 and 2 for complete details.

KG7UY talked for about fifteen minutes as everybody followed along with the print version. After a general discussion by the board and the members attending, WA7FIV made a motion to vote on the proposal to change the bylaws "as proposed", seconded by

(8) K7MKN. Motion carried unanimously by the board and also voice vote from attending members.

W7WX asked if the Porta Potty for the picnic was fully funded yet. The answer will be known after the picnic as the donation jar has not been passed around yet.

K7MKN took the floor and thanked KG7UY for doing a good job as the Net Manager since he was appointed in March. KG7UY thanked K7MKN and the group for the vote of confidence.

WA7FIV took the floor and proposed possibly securing the call "N7RBO" for the OEN club call as we do not have one. The consensus was to have WA7JS confer with W7AE over what needed to be done. Of course this assumes that the call will be available and no one knows at this point. WA7FIV stated that more than anything he wanted to "protect" Karen's call from being used by anyone other than her family. WA7JS agreed to look into it and the proposal was tabled pending further info.

There was a general discussion about how anyone in the OEN should be able to recruit Net Controls. The Net Manager, KG7UY, asserted that Net Controls for the OEN can be from out of state as long as they have the coverage to call the net. WA7DUH from Washington and W7TYQ from Kerby (residing temporarily in Yreka California) both agreed to take a second Net Control position. K7RFO had a question for WA7DUH about how well he could hear all the Oregon stations, Steve replied very well, as he is in Richland WA, just north of Umatilla. W7TYQ said the same as he is just south of the Oregon border on I-5.

W7WX asked KG7UY to talk about the small changes being made in the Roster. KG7UY said he wants ALL Net Controls to use the same format and Roster each night, with the breaks for late or missed at the same place. If the NCs (Net Controls) are consistent with how they run the net, the people wishing to check in can rely on when the breaks will occur. He also wants the relay stations to call late or missed first, then the NC, so as to engage the relay stations more. During the ensuing discussion WA7JS raised the question of how to politely discourage non-mobile stations from checking in early while mobiles are being called. No idea was voiced except to "lead by example" and not do it ourselves.

W7WX explained to the group about how to adjust the Net timing if you are too far ahead on the clock by adding extra breaks for late or missed so that the out of state portion gets started by around 6:45 on 1<sup>st</sup> net, again, for consistency. WA7FIV stated that there should be no "dead air time" if check-ins are light. Everyone agreed.

KG7UY explained that the new Preamble section for 2<sup>nd</sup> Net to pick up late or missed from the 1<sup>st</sup> Net should help when the band is bad or the 1<sup>st</sup> Net runs long. This is a slight



(9) change in mission for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Net and may improve the check in count in the long run, as well as give new NCs the training they need. A general discussion ensued about how to handle various aspects of NC duty.

W7WX then asked if there were any comments by anybody before adjourning the meeting. WA7FIV took the floor and praised W7WX and KG7UY for bringing new, net friendly, ideas to the OEN. W7WX humbly accepted the accolades from Hal and the group.

W7WX entertained a motion to adjourn that was made by K7MKN, seconded by WA7FIV. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am PST

Submitted by KG7UY, Dennis Deaton, Net Manager/Secretary

Thanks to Cindy, KE7CYK, for taking notes at the meeting.

Footnote 1:

Proposed Bylaw changes *outline* 08/19/2012

Article 1. Correct spelling mistake in title of article

Sec 1. Slight rework to include residence requirement

Sec 2. State that the member must be in good standing (not a revoked or voided certificate) eliminating entirely the "so many check ins over so much time" requirement.

We need to revisit Article 6 as follows:

Sec 1. add OR residence requirement

Sec 2. State that the member must be in good standing with the net eliminating entirely the "so many check ins over so much time" requirement.

Sec 3. Slight rewording for clarity

Article 7:

Rewrite sec 1 and 2 reflecting availability of eligible member list from the Net Manager

Article 12 : amend to include email distribution of Ballots

Article 21: Amend to make Net Manager/Secretary a single position

Article 22: Amend adding /Secretary to position title

(10) Article 23: Amend adding /Secretary to position title

Article 24: Rewrite article dropping Net Manager from the process, Amend: dropping” Secretary” from article

Article 25: Amend: dropping” Secretary” from article

Sec.1- Changed required years of membership in the OEN to 2 years

sec.2- State that the member must be in good standing (not a revoked or voided certificate) eliminating entirely the "so many check ins over so much time" requirement.

Article 26: Rewrite article dropping Net Manager from the process. Amend dropping” Secretary” from article

Article 29. We cannot be governed on a day to day basis by a “historical document”. We need to clean this up to include using the OEN Booklet as a guide, not as the absolute authority. We can’t have it both ways!!

Footnote 2.

**These are the revisions *as proposed* by KG7UY, and *passed* by the OEN board on 08/19/2012**

#### **ARTICLE 1. REQUIREMENTS TO BE AN OEN VOTING MEMBER ....**

Sec. 1- The member must hold an OEN certificate and reside in the state of Oregon.

Sec. 2- The member must be in good standing with the net. No void or revoked certificates.

#### **ARTICLE 6. QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO BECOME A BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATE....**

Sec. 1- The candidate must be a certificate holding member of the OEN for at least 2 years prior to nomination and reside in the state of Oregon.

Sec. 2- The candidate must be a member in good standing with the net.

Sec. 3- The candidate must be a resident of the area (according to the current OEN area map) that is up for election.

#### **ARTICLE 7. NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS...**

(11) Sec. 1- The Net Manager will maintain a list of “Eligible Net Members in good standing”

Sec. 2- This list will be made available on request and will also be posted to the OEN web page at least

30 days before the election nominations.

Sec. 3- Nominations for Board of Director will be made by the voting members at large at a business meeting on the air at a time set by the net manager. No endorsements are needed for nomination.

#### **ARTICLE 12. GENERAL ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS...**

Not more than twenty-one days after the close of the nominating business meeting the net secretary shall declare a general election to be conducted by mailed ballots and e-mail ballots by the OEN membership. Ballots will be printed in the “NETTER” prior to election, and also available on the Home Page, or on request, from the Net Secretary by email or regular mail if a stamped self-addressed envelope is supplied.

#### **ARTICLE 21. THE OFFICE OF NET MANAGER/SECRETARY**

The seven elected members of the Board of Directors shall have authority to appoint a Net Manager/Secretary from the elected group or at large.

#### **ARTICLE 22. AUTHORITY OF NET MANAGER/SECRETARY**

Sec. 1- The Net Manager/Secretary shall have equal voting privileges with the elected members of the Board of Directors on executive matters acted on by the board.

Sec.2-The Net Manager/Secretary shall have authority to make decisions of a minor and temporary nature concerning the operations of the net.

#### **ARTICLE 23. NET MANAGER/SECRETARY--REMOVAL FROM OFFICE...**

In as much as the office of Net Manager/Secretary is an appointed position executed by the Board of Directors, the holder of the office may be replaced by a vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE 24. THE OFFICE OF TREASURER**

(12) The office of Treasurer shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE 25. QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO HOLD OFFICE OF TREASURER...**

Sec. 1- The member must hold an OEN certificate two years prior to the time of appointment.

Sec. 2- The member must be in good standing with the net.

**ARTICLE 26. TREASURER REMOVAL FROM OFFICE...**

In as much as the office of Treasurer is an appointed position executed by the Board of Directors, the holder of the office may be replaced by a vote of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE 29. AUTHORITY OF THE OEN BOOKLET...**

Sec. 1 As the OEN Booklet was declared a historical document by the OEN Board of Directors August 23, 2009. The OEN Booklet does not govern or set the policies for the net, as such. As a historical document it will be consulted as a valuable tool to guide the OEN when making decisions that impact the net.



