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# The Oregon Netter



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**THE OREGON EMERGENCY MEETS ON OR ABOUT 3980. We all need to remember that net control determines the net frequency. I have heard folks advise the net control he was not on frequency. Net control is ALWAYS on frequency if he is on or about 3980. (ed)**

**NEW MEMBER Please welcome W7CYA Tom, from Stayton as our newest member. He holds certificate # 1373 issued on Leap day, Feb. 29, 2016. 73 Dennis, AG7K**

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER (Sent in by Carol, N7HEH.)**

**If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the news paper you are misinformed. (Mark Twain)**

**I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. (Winston Churchill)**

**HAPPY EARLY BIRTHDAY TO TONY, W7CUS, FROM ASHLAND. DICK, K7DDI, REPORTS THAT TONY WILL BE 100 IN AUG.**

**2 SK REPORT ON APRIL 4 N7IKI, NIKI REA FROM TIGARD LOST HER LIFE IN A SINGLE VECHICLE AUTOMOBILE CRASH JUST NORTH OF PHOENIX, AZ. HER O.E.N. NUMBER WAS 1280. OUR CONDOLENCES TO KEN, K7REA, AND THE FAMILY. Dennis AG7K, net manager/secretary**

<b>February</b>	<b>2016</b>								
<b>DAY</b>	<b>Net Control</b>	<b>Traffic</b>	<b>Contacts</b>	<b>Total Ck Ins</b>	<b>Solids</b>		<b>Solids</b>		
					N7	CPE	KC0	LTI	
SUNDAY	AE7CJ John	0	4	688	KF7	CRG	KA7	LUF	
2ND NET	KF7JUW Pattie	0	8	179	KF7	CRI	KA7	QYY	
MONDAY	W7WX Larry	4	15	1054	WT4	D	K7	SEG	
2ND NET	NT7B Jeff	0	1	442	WA7	FIV	W7	SOB	
TUESDAY	K7RFO Ruth	1	10	1013	KG1	FOX	KC7	SPL	
2ND NET	K6RBN Bill	1	3	212	N2	GL	KA6	WAG	
WEDNESDAY	W7IRJ Doug				W7	GNI	KE7	WVI	
2ND NET	WB7CNV Linda				N7	HEH	W7	WX	
THURSDAY	KA7FHA Mark	2	13	805	K6	JDS	NG7	X	
2ND NET	WA7DUH Steve				W7	LNB	KQ7	Z	
FRIDAY	AE7ER Jerry	1	3	735	K16	LSB			
2ND NET	ND7V Fred	0	7	128					
SATURDAY	AF7LB Matt	0	5	655					
2ND NET	KE7CYK Cindy	0	8	142					
<b>ALTERNATES</b>									
WA7JS Jim		1	0	216					
K7XI Bob	Combined w KE7CYK totals								
AG7K	Dennis	0	13	525					
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>6794</b>					

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To: The Oregon Emergency Net Board, OEN members, and non-members, who make the OEN a regular part of their day each evening.

The OEN has run 2 nets for many years as there was a need as traffic was passed and the membership utilized the net in a different manner than they do now. The advent of the cell phone has probably impacted us more than anything. Why wait for a net to make contact as your monthly cell price includes free calling to most people? As participation on the 2nd net has dwindled the 1st net has grown and we have added many new members, and most of them utilize 1st net and ignore 2nd. The recruitment for net controls goes on all the time, it is just not done on the air as that has never been effective. I and other members of the board use Rickreall and any other encounter with amateurs that they run into to recruit. WA7JS has done the best job by bringing AF7LB and NT7B on board in the last 6 months. He did this one on one as they all belong to a 10-meter net and all live in Eugene. These young men are the exception.

Sadly, most that are interested have travel plans, as they are newly retired, and know that time is running out. Or, they live in a city with hoas and s-9 noise 24 hours a day. Or they work 2 jobs, have kids etc. and so on. Or they have a poor antenna system and run down equipment that they can ill afford to repair or replace. You get the picture. There are very few people out there that have the correct mix of time, good location, low noise, and good equipment. From this pool, you have to find the ones who have the desire to tie themselves down with a net every week. They have to be motivated. This is where things really get thin. Running 2nd Net is exciting at first, till the boredom sets in. After a few weeks or months, you realize that most of the people you are serving have already checked in on the first net and are there on 2nd to show support. I call it the mercy check-in. I have done it and been the recipient of same. I have talked to hundreds of amateurs that check into the OEN at least occasionally and the question I get asked the most about the OEN is "Why do you do the second net right on the heels of the first net?" My answer to them is the same one Karen N7RBO gave me when I asked her this same question around 2005. "We have always done two nets back to back and will continue as long as there are enough check-ins and Net Controls". At that time, she was struggling to fill the seats every night as well. The NCS shortage was not as acute as it now but it was a tough job even then. When I asked her about merging the nets or dropping 2nd she told me that she did not want to bring it up as she did not want to create trouble. As it was her call in her capacity as Net Manager, it was an acceptable answer to me. When Karen got sick we all thought she would survive. I took the job from her only because she was desperately ill and needed immediate relief to concentrate on her treatment. All I wanted to do was run a net and enjoy my retirement, but the sound of her relief at my taking the job made it worth it doing if nothing else did. Sadly, as you know, she succumbed very quickly instead of recovering. After I got up to speed with what the job really entailed I began trying to figure out the strengths and weaknesses of the net, at least from where I sit. I thought then, as you do now, that the failure of 2nd Net to grow and be worth the expenditure in NCS time was because we were not trying hard enough. It took me a couple of years to realize that except for a very small, core group comprised of old hands like yourself mixed with some the newer members, almost nobody cares enough about the 2nd net to do anything to keep it alive. It is like selling bulbs for an 8mm projector these days. If almost no one is using a product or service you can't give it away free. The 2nd net has hit that wall. I am not thrilled to throw in the towel. It makes me feel that I have failed in some way. What I am thrilled about is to run our OEN net each evening with no time cutoff at 7 pm. The NCS will take check-ins till at least 7 just like now. If there is nobody responding then it is over. After a few weeks, I doubt that it will stop at 7 except on the slowest of nights as people will adjust to the fact that they can all get in around 7 and the NCS will keep taking them. I base this on my discussions with the Net Controls. I am thrilled that we will have a few "extra" net controls to do fill in. I am also thrilled to be

designing a simple program to actually train net controls instead of just throwing them in the pond to see if they can swim.

The next point is your statement that we hold "vote of the people", as that is only fair, as this is an "important" decision. What you fail to realize (probably as I did not tell you before now) is that I have been informally talking to the membership one on one, in emails, at casual get-togethers, for the at least three years. I admit that most of the conversations have been with newer, younger members of the net as they are the ones that will keep it going after we are gone. What I have received the last few years is an overwhelming verbal support to drop 2nd net and run one, slightly expanded net each night. Even among the most senior members of the net, the opposition to this idea, at least when talked about privately, has been less than I expected. Almost no opposition whatsoever. Since I announced to the net what I had proposed and sought comment by email, the website, the 2nd net meeting we had last Saturday, even by phone, only 3 people including you, have been in opposition, out of around 40 so far (the comments are still coming in daily at a slow rate) that took the time to respond to me including the meeting. The bottom line is that I have researched ways to make the net stronger and this is the only answer that has made the cut as everything else so far is unworkable without manpower and commitment that has not been forthcoming. The board of directors has full access to the emails that are generated by the website. I did not realize that any of them wanted to see the actual emails until the comment period was closed so they were not automatically forwarded as they came in. That is being corrected as I speak as Vern K6UGS is working on making it happen automatically.

I was pretty confident going into this based on informal polling the membership and potential members for quite a while. I just had to prove it to the board, and the members. I have not rushed into this. I realize my mistake in not having a well-publicized bull session like we did on 2nd net last Saturday before I ever proposed this. It would have been an opportunity to explain what I have been doing and why we are this juncture. I formally apologize to the board and the net for this omission.

The board has discussed this issue ad nauseam with the can always being kicked down the road for future discussion. We have talked it to death at the board meetings over the years and it appears to be nothing more to discuss. So from my perspective, it is not a new issue to the board. It is old business that needs to be resolved.

As you know, since 1952, the OEN has been run basically as a Republic is. The OEN membership elects the Board Members on a three-year rotation for each board member. The only exception is the Net Manager as that position is appointed. This elected board runs the net as far as policies and operational procedure. The OEN board has always sought and accepted input (at least in modern times) that it (the board) has used to guide how it changes anything of major consequence to the net. That being said Article 17 of the bylaws pretty much sums it up.

#### ARTICLE 17. AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS...

Sec. 1- The Board of Directors shall be the final authority in determining the policies and operational procedures of the net.

So the process has been to ask for comments and see how the wind blows and act accordingly.

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The board will act based on the facts, coupled with input like the comments on the air and on the web site. This is the way it has always been done as per the bylaws.

Seven nets will certainly fill the needs each week just as well as fourteen nets each week if only we put out just the slightest effort to adjust and make it work. The NCS issue will not go away, but with 7 slots instead of 14, the issue of covering a net is not as tough to schedule. Removing the time crunch for the Net controls will make it more enjoyable to run the one net and make recruitment easier. As I write this (3/16/2016) the schedule, if nothing changes, is two 1st net replacements and three 2nd net replacements for the week that started On Monday and ends on Sunday. So, as Net Manager, I have 5 empty seats to fill with no reserves other than NCS's that are already doing a net. No problem someone might say, surely the NCS's available can tough it out for a week. The problem is that we have been doing this or slight a variation of this for 3 months. Every week!

I hope that this explains my position and what motivated me to push this change at this time. It was not my desire or intention to alienate any member of the net while at the same time, I realized it might be contentious as it is a major shift in operations.

Please feel free to call me or email me if you have a question, or use the website guestbook.

Sincerely,

Dennis AG7K

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNETY TO WELCOME W7SZS, DAVID, FROM OREGON CITY AS OUR NEWEST MEMBER. DAVE WAS ADDED TO THE MEMBERSHIUP ROLLS ON 3/16/2016/ HE HOLDS CERTIFICATE NUMBER 1374. DENNIS, AG7K, NET MANAGER /SECRETARY

Hey, Oregon guys, it's that time again....The 11th annual 7QP will run this year on Saturday, May 7. We have an outstanding record to uphold. Based on number of logs received last year, 7QP has become the 2nd largest QSO party in the country. For the past several years we have had all 36 Oregon Counties on the air. Info at [www.7QP.org](http://www.7QP.org).

Remember the Digital category. We can help out all those guys looking for Oregon on RTTY or PSK31. Digital modes also provide another way to get more new operators with modest stations into the activity on HF. And if you log with your computer, please email us a copy of your log even if you don't care to compete for an award. It helps us score the event.

Whether you can participate this year or not, I'd appreciate your reply to confirm your email address and so we can make other arrangements to cover your county. Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Wasco, and Wheeler remain as targets for expeditions and/or mobiles.

Talk it up when you can. Consider giving a talk to your local club about the 7QP. Your support and enthusiasm for this event is the backbone of the participation in Oregon. And remember to put May 7th on your wife's calendar so you don't get pre-scheduled. Also, Sunday May 8th is Mother's Day. 7QP only hits this weekend once in six or seven years, but it is why 7QP is a Saturday only event. I look forward to hearing from you and, as always, thanks for your support of the 7QP.

73,  
Dick Frey, K4XU  
Bend, OR  
7QP Chairman

MARCH 27 CONGRATULATIONS TO RUTH  
K7RFO FROM KLAMATH FALLS FOR BEING  
AN O.E.N. MEMBER FOR 54 YEARS!!!!!!! Ruth  
Schorr holds O.E.N. no. 413, issued 3-27-62

<b>March</b>	<b>2016</b>						
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SUNDAY	AE7CJ John	1	8	730	W7	BBA	
2ND NET	KF7JUW Pattie	0	4	227	N7	CPE	
MONDAY	W7WX Larry	1	17	684	KF7	CRG	
2ND NET	NT7B Jeff	0	5	209	KF7	CRI	
TUESDAY	K7RFO Ruth	3	11	985	AA7	DD	
2ND NET	K6RBN Bill	1	4	557	K7	EOJ	
WEDNESDAY	W7IRJ Doug	2	2	948	KF7	EOQ	
2ND NET	WB7CNV Linda	0	0	0	W7	GNI	
THURSDAY	KA7FHA Mark	0	0	0	N7	HEH	
2ND NET	WA7DUH Steve	0	0	0	KI6	LSB	
FRIDAY	AE7ER Jerry	1	3	708	KC0	LTI	
2ND NET	ND7V Fred	0	5	85	K7	SEG	
SATURDAY	AF7LB Matt	0	3	664	KC7	SPL	
2ND NET	KE7CYK Cindy	0	0	0	AA5	TL	
<b>ALTERNATES</b>					KC6	USM	
KD7RTE Dave		1	1	64	KC5	UZZ	
K7XI Bob	Combined w KE7CYK totals				K7	WGD	
AG7K	Dennis	0	20	819	KA5	ZLQ	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>6680</b>			

**Is there anyone out there who would be interested in taking over the position of Editor for the Oregon Netter? I have been at it for over 20 years, and it is time for some new blood and I Would love to pass the position on to someone who would enjoy doing it as much as I have enjoyed it. (ed-nd7v)**

**I have a new internet server that charges me a lot of money if I up load too many NETTERS, for that reason, after this NETTER, I will not be sending out personal**

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**copies to individuals, I will only be up-loading to Vern so he can put it on the web page. To get the NETTER after this issue by the internet, it will be necessary to go to our home page to pull it down (ed)**

Please extend a hearty welcome to K6JDS, Jack Sharp, from Prineville as our newest OEN member. He holds certificate #1375 issued 4/13/2016 .

73,  
Dennis AG7K

Hello. Fred.

I would like to welcome another new member to the OEN rolls. Scott, N7NPA from Veneta holds certificate #1376 issued April 18, 2016.

Dennis

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE, LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD !**

**A few weeks ago, your editor visited the Q.T.H. of Paul, KD7HB, from Crooked River Ranch. Paul is hosting the O.E.N. picnic this year. I enjoyed seeing Paul, looked like he was doing some yard work and we had to be on our way, so we did not visit long. Paul has lots of room for dry camping, and he is looking forward to the picnic. (ed)**