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THE OREGON EMERGENCY NET MEETS EVERY NIGHT OF THE YEAR ON OR
ABOUT 3980 KHZ. BETWEEN 6 AND 7 PM. GENERALS AND ABOVE ARE
WELCOME!!

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JULY 5--A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO RUTH, K7RFO, FROM KLAMATH FALLS!!

I would like to welcome three new members to the OEN.

W7EVB Eric is from Bacona OR and holds certificate #1383 issued 6/25/2016.
K7PIA Phil is from Buckley WA and holds certificate #1384 issued 7/1/2016.
W7BC Dick is from Oakridge OR and holds certificate #1385 issued 7/4/2016.

73,
Dennis AG7K

Please welcome additional new members this month.

K17CRC Ricky from LaPine was issued Certificate #1387 on July 14th, 2016

KD7GTI Tom also from LaPine was issued Certificate #1388 on July 14th, 2016. Tom joins his wife Beverly N6DFW, as a member of the OEN! --

Dennis AG7K

AT THE O.E.N PICNIC—I rode to the picnic with my sister, Shirley, KA7QBZ, from Bonanza. She left the lights on at the picnic and the battery was dead. Tnx to Vern, K6UGS, we were saved! He gave us a jump and we got the truck rolling. Thanks Vern!! (ed)

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June	2016						
DAY	Net Control	Traffic	Contacts	Total Ck Ins		Solids	
SUNDAY	AE7CJ John	0	6	495		N7	CPE
MONDAY	W7WX Larry	1	6	589		KI7	CRC
TUESDAY	K7RFO Ruth	1	8	705		K7	EOJ
WEDNESDAY	W7IRJ Doug	1	3	866		N7	HEH
THURSDAY	KA7FHA Mark	4	12	749		KA7	LUF
FRIDAY	AE7ER Jerry	2	5	630		KF7	OEQ
SATURDAY	AF7LB Matt	0	4	570		K7	SEG
ALTERNATES						KC7	SPL
NT7B Jeff						KC5	UZZ
KE7CYK Cindy							
AG7K Dennis		0	18	504			
K6RBN Bill							
KD7RTE Dave							
K7XI Bob							
TOTALS		9	62	5108			

Hello, Fred, Please welcome Roger W7TZ, from Myrtle Creek, to the OEN membership roles. He

is member #1386 issued July 13, 2016.

73, Dennis AG7K

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The results are in :

WA7FIV is the new At-Large director and
KD7HB is the new NE Director , or will be as soon as the board accepts the vote. All votes were entered electronically this year with only 34 votes cast. If the old board approves unanimously by email I will announce the results of the election as a done deal. Otherwise, we need to hold an on the air meeting to finalize it. at this time I would like to nominate KA7FHA to the board chair on the recommendation from outgoing chair WA7JS. Again, we can do this by email or hold an on the air meeting, please get back to me with your thoughts as soon as possible so we can wrap this up.

I talked to Jim WA7JS a couple of days ago and his flame is burning very low as cancer and/or the discontinued chemo has about finished him :(

73,
Dennis AG7K
Hello Fred.

Please welcome our newest OEN member. That Would Be KC7FTS, Wally, From Longview WA. He is #1389 dated August 1, 2016

Dennis AG7K

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I am very saddened to announce that long time OEN member, Net Control, past OEN Director and past OEN Chairman WA7JS, Jim Stinson, lost his battle with cancer on the morning of August 1st, 2016. Jim fought his demise with the tenacity of his Marine Corp heritage and training but in the end embraced the idea that he was "headed home" as cancer overwhelmed him.

Hello , Fred.

I would like to welcome Gary W7GDD #1390 from Drain and Bob N7RFD from Medford #1391 from Medford as our newest members. Both received OEN certificates issued August 14th, 2016.

73,
Dennis

O.E.N . PICNIC EXPENSE--- TWO PORTA POTS COST US 225. DONATIONS WERE TAKEN TO HELP PAY FOR THOSE PORTABLE RESTROOMS. WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE 177 DOLLARS OF THIS

(5) EXPENSE. THANKS TO THOSE WHO DONATED, EXPECIALLY TO BILL, K6RBN,

WHO DONATED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF THAT AMOUNT TAKEN UP FOR THE PORTS POTS. Nd7v treasurer

JULY	2016						
DAY	Net Control		Traffic	Contacts	Total Ck Ins	Solids	
SUNDAY	AE7CJ	John	0	8	670	W7	BC
MONDAY	W7WX	Larry	1	19	778	N7	CPE
TUESDAY	AG7K	Dennis	0	26	859	WT4	D
WEDNESDAY	W7IRJ	Doug	1	6	664	K7	EOJ
THURSDAY	KA7FHA	Mark	26	9	711	KF7	EOQ
FRIDAY	AE7ER	Jerry	3	7	855	WA7	FIV
SATURDAY	AF7LB	Matt	1	7	846	N2	GL
ALTERNATES						N7	HEH
NT7B	Jeff					W7	IRJ
KE7CYK	Cindy					W7	LNB
						KC0	LTI
K6RBN	Bill					KC7	SPL
KD7RTE	Dave						
K7XI	Bob						
TOTALS			32	82	5383		

FROM OEN PICNIC: Members are requested to monitor 3980 during a disaster for possible traffic. If there is no net control, please assume net control until one comes along, we are to try to locate a regular O.E.N. net control to take over the net. --- My thoughts on using two meters in an emergency situation. Most repeaters are toned, and if you do not have the tone, they will be of little use to you if you find yourself mobile and in an emergency situation. When scanning you may locate a repeater but you will not have time to put in a tone. I would suggest that you use simplex on the repeater output if you do not have the code to bring it up. Most likely someone will hear you. Personally, I monitor 146.52 simplex for emergency traffic. I quit monitoring our local repeaters once they were made tone activated. (ed)

The meeting was called to order by the chairman KA7FHA at 11 am PDT in Crooked River Ranch (Terrebonne) Oregon.

Board Members Present: K7RFO, KA7FHA, KD7HB, WA7FIV and AG7K

The meeting was open to the public to observe and was attended by about 15 members and a few nonmembers.

The minutes from 2015 were read and accepted.

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ND7V reports that the balance as of today is \$948.23. The report was read and accepted.

Old business: Discussed again how to activate the OEN in an emergency. As the OEN is basically self-activated we need to stay cognizant of what is going on in the region. It was again agreed upon that the Net members should tune

to 3.980 in the event of any emergency unfolding in the northwest United States. It was moved, seconded and approved that the Net Manager will develop a simple guideline for the net members on activation procedures and once approved by the board it will be formally adopted and distributed via the website and email to the members. New Business: AG7K brought to the board the idea of changing the picnic day from Sunday to Saturday for all future OEN picnics. He cited numerous requests and comments from members that he has received. The discussion included comments from the members present on the pros and cons. It was moved, seconded and approved by the board to change the picnic day to Saturday while retaining the same 3rd weekend in August format. With no other new business on the agenda, KA7FHA asked the non-board members in attendance if they had anything for the board? Praise, complaints, any issue? Several members commented negatively on taking early check-ins. That led to a thorough discussion of the pros and cons by all present at the meeting. The overwhelming consensus was that early check-ins are perfectly acceptable, as everyone at times will need to check out early. That being said it was unanimous that the early check in procedure as approved by the board a few years ago needs to be changed. After much discussion a motion was crafted and presented to the board for consideration. The motion said that the Net starts at 6 pm sharp with no early check-ins. As the preamble is read there will be no early check-ins accepted until after emergency gear is called. It is hard enough to hear mobiles at times without the earlies covering the mobiles up. If the earlies are on emergency gear it will be fine to check in under emergency gear. No special calls for earlies will be made by the net control. The motion was made, seconded and voted on by all board members present to drop the early check in from the OEN net process. The motion as passed states: The Net will start at 6pm. There will be no early check-ins accepted by the NCS before net. Early check-ins will be accepted at emergency power if they are running emergency power. There will be no call for "earlies" during the preamble or any other time during the net. Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and approved. The meeting ended at 11:54 am PDT

Note 1 (Back ground notes on changing early check-in process from the meeting)

The discussion on earlies developed the idea that the members that really need to check out early will do so the same way they have done for 50 years before we started taking earlies. Most that complained had the same complaints

1. Any chatter before net always brings out a drove of people looking for an early check in and wanting anyone they heard to get them in. This was never an issue until we started taking earlies a couple of years ago. The law of unintended consequences seems to apply.
2. The earlies that check in and out before the preamble is read bring nothing to the net other than a number to count. They don't hear the traffic listing or announcements and will not be there to take traffic as needed.
3. As the number of earlies goes up (especially by the NCS that call for them after emergency gear) it alters the timing to get to the towns on the list in a timely manner. The ones that wait patiently and stick with the net for the hour really get aggravated by this.
4. Everyone involved in the discussion at the meeting wanted to be clear that they did not want to BAN the early check-ins, just manage it in the same manner that the OEN used before we liberalized the policy a few years ago. Note 2 OEN Picnic for 2017: Paul and Veta readily agreed to again host the 2017 meeting/picnic. The picnic will be on Saturday, August 19th, 2017 at noon. The business meeting will be held on the same day at 11am

Submitted by AG7K, Dennis Deaton, Net Manager/Secretary

OEN changes early check-in policy to better accommodate everyone needing out early

There is a change in the way the OEN NCS's will handle early check-ins. This new policy is a direct result of the OEN meeting held in Crooked River Ranch on 8/21/2016. The minutes for that meeting are posted on the website w7oen.net

The motion as passed states:

The Net will start at 6pm. There will be no early check-ins accepted by the NCS before the net. Early check-ins will be accepted at "emergency power" if they are running emergency power. There will be no call for "earlies" during the preamble or any other time during the net.

We still want your early check in, just in a more organized manner!

Let's face it. We all need an early check-in at one time or another. Since we switched to a one net per night format with no cutoff at 7pm it means some nights the net goes long. That will mean you might need to check in early and out to go to another net or dinner. Everyone is encouraged to stay for the whole net if you can, but it is unreasonable to expect it from every member every evening.

The simple solution is for people that need an early check-in is to do so at one of the 5 established breaks that occur when late or missed is called. They are evenly spaced, with the first break right at the end of the preamble. The NCS and relays are prepared to copy calls on their scratch sheet at that point so it does not interrupt the flow of the net.

OEN Early Check-in Policy

There are 5 breaks in the net between the reading of the preamble and the call for out of state check-ins. Any one of those breaks, where late or missed is called, is the place to check in early. Please use just your call and state that you need to be out. No need to call out "early check-in" and waiting for a response.

Of course, if you are mobile, we will assume you are checking right out as mobile signals are up and down. Mobiles from any state can check in when "Mobiles" are called.

Emergency power stations from any state can check in when "Emergency Gear" is called. If you are checking in under emergency power and need to be out, just state that you need to be out when you check in. That also applies to checking in when your town is called. If you need out just inform the NCS you need to be out as you check in.

Everybody else needing an early in and out please check in/out at the break that best meets your needs. We do not want to miss anybody and certainly don't want anyone to miss their other commitments when the net is running slow.