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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!!

AUG. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DICK, K7DDI, FROM KLAMATH FALLS!!
2 SEPT. 1—SURE GREAT TO HEAR RUTH, K7RFO, RELAYING ON THE NET AGAIN,
SHE WAS IN HOSPITAL FOR A FEW DAYS IN AUG. SURE GOOD TO HAVE HER
BACK HOME AND DOING GOOD!! (ED)

August	2016							
DAY	Net Control		Traffic	Contacts	Total Ck	Ins	Solids	
SUNDAY	AE7CJ	John	0	6	686	N7	CPE	
MONDAY	W7WX	Larry	0	26	829	N6	DFW	
TUESDAY	AG7K	Dennis	3	18	775	WA7	FIV	
WEDNESDAY	W7IRJ	Doug	4	3	854	KD7	GTI	
THURSDAY	KA7FHA	Mark	1	4	768	N7	HEH	
FRIDAY	AE7ER	Jerry	1	3	473	WA7	KS	
SATURDAY	AF7LB	Matt	28	10	681	W7	LNB	
ALTERNATES						KC0	LTI	

NT7B	Jeff				K7	SAS
KE7CYK	Cindy	2	2	380	W7	TYQ
K7RFO	Ruth	0	0	186	K7	WGD
K6RBN	Bill				KQ7	Z
KD7RTE	Dave					
K7XI	Bob					
TOTALS		39	72	5632		

MONEY CONCERN S: -September 5----- Before the picnic we had 1173.23 dollars in the bank. The porta pots at the picnic cost 225 dollars. Secretary / net expenses for Dennis, AG7K, were 154.06. We took in 178 dollars in donations at the picnic, not even enough to pay for the porta pots. The only income we have is for the NETTER mail outs, we do not charge for the NETTER on line. I have two mail outs. At this time, I do not charge for the paper and ink, but do charge for stamps and envelopes. This means in total we take in 12 dollars a year plus donations. We ask 6 dollars a year for the printed out NETTER. We now have 972.17 in the bank. We have less than 1000 in the bank, so they will be charging us 8 dollars a month for a checking account that would be free were it over one thousand dollars. I will be changing that account to a savings account soon, I will take the money out of the saving account for net expenses. I will pay that money to myself and send a personal check for those net expenses. This way, we do not have to pay the eight dollar a month fee for checking. Right now I am concerned because the donations do not meet the expenses, we will run out of money in a few years if

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This does not change. If any one wishes to donate money to help with the expenses, send a check made out to Fred Bechdoldt, 1846 Johnson Avenue, Klamath Falls, Oregon. I will deposit that money in the savings account for future expenses. The time is coming when we have to find away to meet our expenses, or curtail events that cost us money. Nd7v Treasurer

GROWING OLD I find that the only parts of my body that never hurt are the wrinkles.

I regret to announce that Pattie Payne, KF7JUW, #1296, became a Silent Key on September 11, 2016, at 7:37 am. She had untreatable cancer that never defeated her kind spirit. Patty enjoyed being a Net Control for the OEN, and enjoyed and appreciated the amateurs that she met on the air and at events. She is already missed. Our condolences to John Payne, AE7CJ, current OEN board member, and Sunday NCS.

73,
AG7K

FROM JIM ENGLISH

A VE testing session will be on December 17th at 1:00 pm. The location is the conference center behind the Washington Federal building on South Sixth across from the Black Bear diner. This will take place in the city of Klamath Falls.

Lew Holt
W7AAI

Every Sunday since about 2001 I have sent a Sunday email letter to a group of friends. My topics have been a great variety and showing my age, perhaps I repeat myself now and then. I'll attempt to edit and share a combination of a couple of letters with you.

Intro – the summer of 1953 I signed a contract to teach a 5th grade in North Bend at the Hillcrest Elementary School. The 2nd year a 6th grade teacher, Ernie Ellis, was hired so now Hillcrest had two men teachers. Ernie lived just two blocks from me so we shared rides to school. Ernie was a ham radio operator, W7WTS, naturally we discussed ham radio when commuting and when visiting in our homes. Nate Olson, KOOS radio DJ lived next door to Ernie so I was in a “ham radio environment.” Eventually Ernie got me a code oscillator and started me working on my CW. The novice exam required being able to copy five words per minute. Also, there was a license manual with pages of rules and electronic information that I had to learn. That spring we wrote for my exam – Ernie and Nate administered the CW and written tests.

Finally on June 22, 1955 the big day arrived. My novice license came in the mail. The first thing I looked for was what my ham call letters were. I was very pleased with W7AAI. I had expected since the FCC had gone though the alphabet – ending with W7ZZZ (supposedly), that I would get a K7 call. I was very please that the FCC started through the Ws again using the first calls that were available -- I was one of the first to get a reissued W7 call. That was 61 years ago last June.

Ernie had loaned me a receiver and together we build a simple transmitter. I had my ham station already to go so almost immediately after I received my license, I went to the bedroom where my station was and sent CQ on CW. “CQ” an invitation for any other amateur to reply. My novice license only allowed me to work CW on specific frequencies and low power. On June 22, 1955, according to my logbook, in a bit I received an answer to my CQ. It 4 was a ham in Myrtle Point, W7TLQ, 30 miles away. What an exciting moment that was. I was a novice for the next six months with over 300 contacts – building up my code speed. The next level required me being able to copy CW at thirteen words per minute.

Chet Weed Myrtle Point, Oregon Box 1265
"HEART OF THE MYRTLEWOOD EMPIRE"

Radio W7AAI Confirming tone QSO of 6/22/55
At 200 P PST. Ur Sigs RST 4/19 on 3.7 Mc.

W7TLQ

Rcvr 540 B Xntr VIA 109 Ant. 2-1/2 W
Pse — Tnx QSL — Tnx es 73's

Rmrks DAD TELLS ME YOU WOULD LIKE QSL
CARD. HOPE TO BUY A 73 FER YOU
Chet.

Confirmation of my first contact.

that

While Ernie was gone summer he loaned me his Collins receiver – the

Cadillac of receivers. It impressed my contacts but when Ernie returned, I had to give it up. I bought a used receiver

from W7HHQ.



Just a simple station – receiver I bought from W7HHQ on the right and the “home brew” transmitter on the left and Steve, on my lap, I built the desk. My antenna was something like 120 feet long with coaxial cable feeding it in the middle.

As was the custom, I had QSL cards printed. I exchanged QSL cards with most ever contact I had to verify our contact.

NORTH BEND, OREGON
1616 Garfield Street

WN7AAI

Radio WN7BRM your 3.7 MC CW Sigs RST 599

hr _____ A.M. P.M. PST _____ 19 _____

Xmitter _____ (_____ Watts Input) Ant _____

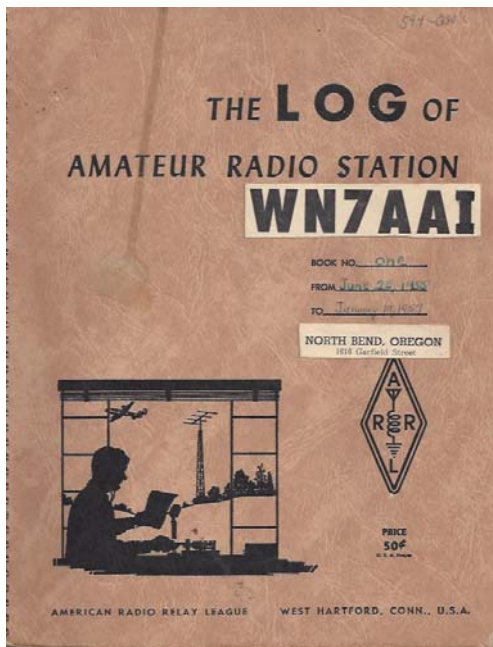
Rmks: _____

PSE QSL _____ 73 “Lew” HOLT

5 Hams ere too often interfering with Yes, I did – both because simple “home brew”

(something like a 6SK7 and an 807) and because of the early stages of television and the weak signals. Several times I went to the neighbor’s TV that I was interfering with, on the phone I had Alice press my key. Sometimes I would have to ask her to wait until the TV picture cleared up enough to be able to tell if it was my fault or just the terrible signal causing snow.

accused of television. of my station



DATE TIME	STATION CALLED	CALLD BY	HR FROM QSL	HR SIGNALS	MY SIGNALS	FREQ. MC	EMIT. MOD TYPE	POWER WATTS	TIME OF BURNING QSO	OTHER DATA
June 22	W7FLD	WN7AAI	3719	599	599	3719	CW	50W	1430	QRN - Myrtle Point, Oregon, Chuck
	W6HEX	WN7AAI	7196	599	569	7196	CW	50W	1530	QRN - Oakland, California - Ho
	W7JMT	WN7AAI	7196	598	579	7196	CW	50W	2155	QRN - Seattle, Washington - Frank
June 23	W7ZUR	WN7AAI	7190	599	599	3735	CW	50W	1440	Cross Bay, Oregon Fred
June 23	W7ZUR	WN7AAI	7190	599	599	3735	CW	50W	1520	Cross Bay, Oregon (Holly) Fred
	W7MFD	WN7AAI	7196	599	466	7196	CW	50W	2245	Weak signal - first time - 1957
	W6HEX	WN7AAI	7196	599	589	7196	CW	50W	2255	Oakland, California Tom
	W6HEX	WN7AAI	7196	599	467	7196	CW	50W	2435	San Francisco, California (Wally) Jim
June 25	W7ZRS	WN7AAI	3719	599	599	3719	CW	50W	1630	Lebanon, Oregon (Field Day) Ray
June 26	W7LWV	WN7AAI	7190	589	579	7190	CW	65W	1530	Wally - Leg in 1954
	W7ZUR	WN7AAI	7190	599	589	7190	CW	65W	1615	Wally - Seattle, Washington Wally
June 27	W7ZMB	WN7AAI	3725	599		3725	CW	65W	1300	Didn't come back (Cal, Sue) Tom
	W7ZUR	WN7AAI	3719	599	579	3719	CW	65W	2040	Longview, Washington 509 15 hrs
June 28	W6BOY	WN7AAI	7195	579	579	7196	CW	65W	2250	Mem 4476 Vanessa Fresno, Calif. Mem.
June 29	W6JDI	WN7AAI	7189	579	589	7190	CW	65W	1615	Hayden, California (Wally) Gerry
	W7ZUR	WN7AAI	3724	579	579	3719	CW	50W	2145	Washington, Washington exp. Gary
June 30	W6JIT	WN7AAI	7189	599	589	7196	CW	60W	1700	18442 Hastings Way, Cas Eru Valley, Chuck
July 1	W6JIT	WN7AAI	7196	589		7196	CW	60W	2035	Leg in 84m and QRN (Dor) 1959m
July 2	W6JIT	WN7AAI	7194	489		7196	MU	60W	2145	4405 Melmore Ave, Lafayette, California
July 3	W6JIT	WN7AAI	7196	489	479	7190	MU	60W	2245	3005 south 164 st Seattle, Wash. Veron
July 7	W7ZUR	WN7AAI	7185	589	579	7190	MU	60W	2355	1718 W. 132nd, Spanaway, Wash. G. L. Paquette

In the six months I was a novice, I worked hundreds of stations – for fun, because it was interesting and to increase my code speed, which I had to have at 13 words per minute for the next higher license.

April 13, 1955

Dear Mom,

. I had planned to write a letter last night but we were invited to Ernie's and Donna's. We ate supper and then worked on my radio. I have a surplus Navy receiver. (A 40 meter ARC 5 – the ham band was maybe 3/16 of an inch across.) I have listened to stations from England, Australia, Japan, etc. I have heard hams talking all over the west and Midwest. Ernie got it for me without any cost. (*Actually snatched it from the Navy Reserves.*) End of letter.



End of letter.

Here are two Arc 5 basement today times sake.”

the one Ernie gave me. We had to add a volume control, a BFO switch and a power supply. The one on the right was my first mobile transmitter – using a dynamotor for power. Those were new and exciting times.

Arc 5 receivers and a transmitter stored in my here in Salem for “old The one on the left is

May 18, 1955 (To my mother again.)

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I worked on my transmitter all evening so I can be ready when my ham license arrives. I still have a lot of work to do on it. I suppose it would go fast if I knew exactly what I was doing. _____

Some time after I got my novice license I made the big plunge to buy a commercial transmitter.



The DX-35 and license opened up Instead of being used a VFO with allowed me to

be on the right frequency. Because I lived over 150 miles from the FCC office in Portland, I was allowed to take the conditional test in North Bend -- given by two licensed hams. Ernie Ellis and Nate Olson witnessed me taking the test. The license was called a “conditional” license. I was not satisfied with the conditional so several years later I went to Portland to take the test at the FCC office. Now a general license – no more privileges over the conditional license, just the pride of having a general license. Then the years that followed, I passed a CW test at 20 wpm – CW

my new conditional a whole new world. crystal controlled I the DX-35 which zero beat a station to

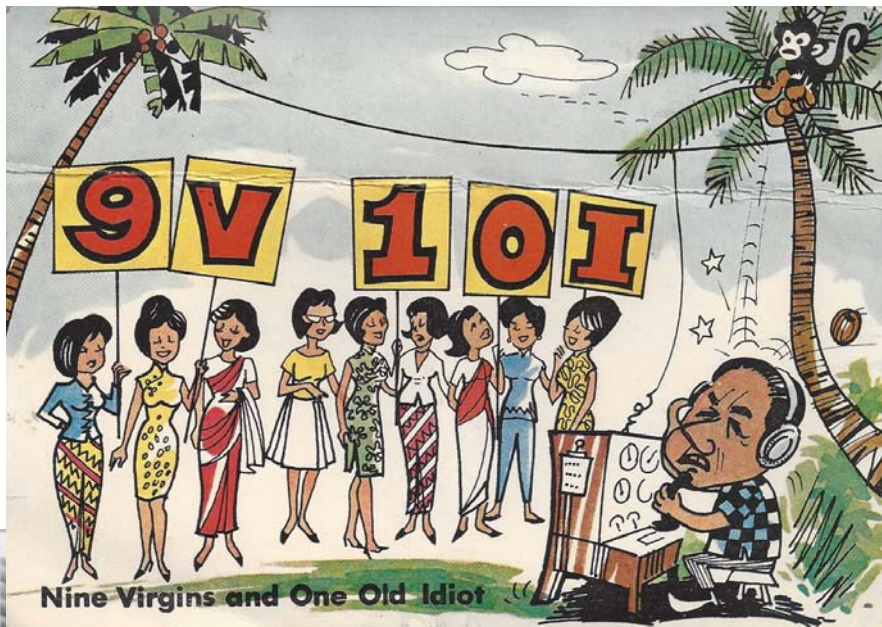
and tougher exams. Now I had gone from a novice to the conditional - general, advanced and Extra Class license.

Over the years as I upgraded my station from AM to SSB, worked CW and RTTY, higher power, better receivers, my many ham radio experiences expanded.

I went through several years of working all states. Working other countries – called DX. I have over 100 different ones confirmed with QSL cards.

My favorite QSL card, I received actually from a neighbor who was a civilian in Viet Nam or in that region – 9V1OI. (Nine virgins one old idiot) I worked him one time from my car when I was parked in my driveway – a very rare DX contact with many stations waiting to contact him. We chatted (I had been his daughter’s teacher) talking about old times. The pile up wanting to work this rare call was.

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I



had a transmitter and receiver in my car – worked all continents even from my mobile. I went from ARC 5s



powered by dynamotors to SSB gear. Along came MARS – Military Affiliated Radio Service – operating on military frequencies out of the ham bands. I passed a lot of traffic during the Viet Nam war. I received my share of military surplus radio gear “for free.” A great motivation. Such as this generator.

Along came two meters – good for local hamming – except for repeaters high on top of mountains that we could use to send our signal all over Oregon. My son, Steve, at OSU at Corvallis surprised me when he got his tech license, which gave him 2 meters privileges. We talked almost every evening going through the repeater at the 4000 foot level on top of Mary’s Peak which

was near by to him. But now, years later, we write every evening on email.



I had a 2 meter repeater in my shack – with a 60 ft pole in the back yard for the antenna. The repeater allowed us easy contact around the Coos Bay area.

At Christmas times I would drape many lights from the top of the 60 foot pole extending out to maybe 60 feet across at the bottom in an inverted V. In the back of my picture above it shows across the dip to the Sherman Ave, which gave a good view of the lights. Many cars would stop to look or drive closer. They had never seen the pole before so couldn't imagine where the lights were suspended.

One time when I was at the top of my 60 foot pole working on my Tri-band beam antenna, I heard an airplane sound that was different. I looked to the north out across the bay. I saw a B-17 followed by a P-51 fighter behind it. I hurried down my pole,

went out to the airport to see the two planes that had circled over Coos Bay and back to North Bend to land. It made me feel as if the two planes might have been flying some 40 years starting one day during WWII and were finally landing in North Bend. They certainly were not the typical airplanes using the North Bend airport.



I went through an evolution of ham gear through the years – both Army MARS gear and commercial gear. After I built the basement in our home on Liberty St. it gave me a ham shack with very little limitations.

Much accumulated gear. My Central Electronics 10B with the BC 458 VFO.

The Collins receiver I picked up one time at the Presidio in San Francisco. The two big rigs on my right are MARS issued TCMs. One is the power supply and the other is the transmitter. Not showing is a TCS transmitter I used, also, for CW on a MARS net on 2308 KCS for many years – one stretch of six years not missing a net at 0500Z on Wednesday nights.





I spent
after
station

hours using my
Teletype – Saturday
Saturday copying a
in California sending

pictures on RTTY/Teletype – much as you have no doubt seen pictures made on a typewriter “back in those days.” One picture of the Last Supper took most of the day one Saturday. I, also, punched a paper tape that I could use to reprint a picture. Or I actually copied the RTTY signal on a cassette tape sometimes. I could replay the tape to print the picture, too.

9 Besides the TA33 tri-band beam, I had an all band dipole. Living in town I was fortunate to have a 200 foot long wire for my low frequency MARS net.

“Don’t confuse me with – too often confused “Citizen Banders” or CBers. No fancy names. Our call letters are our pride – mine being W7AAI. Even being on my license plate proudly for many, many years.



One more comment –
the pictures above of my
Moving here to Salem 23
downsized my gear. Here
present shack in my basement.

you saw
ham shack.
years ago I
is my



Just that simple. When I was anticipating retirement back in 1984, I thought I would lead a life of leisure with a lot of time to work RTTY, chase DX, etc. I don't think I had two RTTY contacts after retirement – didn't have time with the many opportunities that the many forks in the road offered me. When I moved to Salem from North Bend in 1993, I left my 60 foot antenna pole and all that it offered me – a Tri-band beam, 200 ft long wire, etc. I gave my surplus gear away, downsizing to just a basic station in the city lot here in Salem.

Thanks for riding along with me this week.

Lew W7AAI

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Hello
Fred,

Cut Along This Line

Call Sign / Number	Grant Date	Expiration Date	File Number	Print Date	Effective Date
W7AAI	10-02-2014	10-06-2024	0006483729	10-02-2014	10-02-2014
Operator Privileges Amateur Extra	Station Privileges PRIMARY		THIS LICENSE IS NOT TRANSFERABLE Special Conditions / Endorsements: NONE		
ATTN: LEWIS H HOLT HOLT, LEWIS H 1625 19TH ST NE SALEM, OR 97301			 (Licensee's Signature) FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION		
AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE FCC Registration Number (FRN): 0011536554 FCC 600 - May 2007					

Cut Along This Line

N7VSY Ben from Lincoln City became a Silent Key on October 1st, 2016 He held certificate # 1338. Our condolences to Marsha N7UPS and family. 73, Dennis AG7K,

Please welcome Larry Hiatt, W7HLR, from Nehalem Oregon as our newest member. He holds Certificate #1392 issued October 16th, 2016. 73, Dennis AG7K

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September	2016					
DAY	Net Control	Traffic	Contacts	Total Ck Ins	Solids	
SUNDAY	AE7CJ John	0	0	330	K7EOJ	
MONDAY	AG7K Dennis	2	42	1517	WA7FIV	
TUESDAY	KE7CYK Cindy	0	3	554	N7HEH	
WEDNESDAY	W7IRJ Doug	1	2	728	KC0LTI	
THURSDAY	KA7FHA Mark	1	8	995	K7OEQ	
FRIDAY	AE7ER Jerry	1	10	672	KC7SPL	
SATURDAY	AF7LB Matt	0	5	654	KC5UZZ	
ALTERNATES					K7WGD	
NT7B	Jeff					
K7RFO	Ruth					
K6RBN	Bill					
TOTALS		5	70	5450		

HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS!! C-U-NEXT YEAR