



Working as a computer instructor for an adult-education program at a community college, I am keenly aware of the gap in computer knowledge between my younger and older students. My observations were confirmed the day a new student walked into the library and glanced at the encyclopedia volumes stacked on a bookshelf. "What are all these books?" he asked. Somewhat surprised, I replied that they were encyclopedias. "Really?" he said. "Someone printed out the whole thing?"

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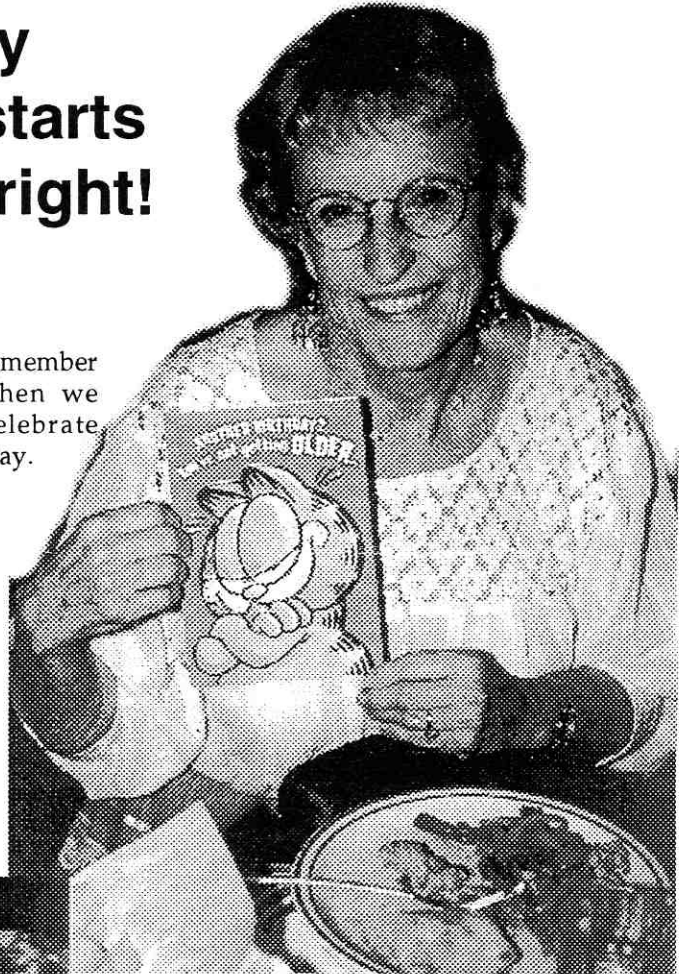
*Ham radio is a friendly joining of great people,
enabling lasting friendships to be cherished.*

Ollie's birthday party always starts our New Year right!



I can't remember the year when we began to celebrate Ollie's birthday.

I do know it was held in Salem. Bill, KD7OA, was still alive as was Al, WA7AAC, and "little Betty," who lived there. (She called him Allen Henry when she was miffed with



him.) It was his idea that we go to this fine Mexican restaurant. True to that tradition we have celebrated at Mexican restaurants ever since, but located in Portland and Vancouver. Just in case you were wondering why.

This year we celebrated at La Presidente in Vancouver as we have for several years now. The crowd was smaller than usual due to weather and other priorities. Only twenty two of our finest members attended. Our Spanish speaking Vacaro, Harry, KD7LL, made all the arrangements and this year we went for the

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WHEN AWAY FROM CAVE

It's all in your point of view.

My son, Paul, a lieutenant, is an aviation instructor at Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego. At Paul's annual physical, the doctor was studying his chart and noticed his birth date. "What a coincidence," he said. "I was born the same day." Paul thought to himself, here's a guy the same age as me, and he's already a doctor.

The physician continued reading my son's chart and then exclaimed, "Wow, that's fantastic. You're only 28, and you're teaching guys how to fly!"

Old Chinese saying:

Talking is like driving a car—you must know when to stop.

Lame joke du jour

Q: Why are elephants big, wrinkled grey and hairy?

A: Because if they were small, smooth, white and hairless, they'd be asprin.

(Republicans too?)



**More first event of 2002—
Ollie's birthday!**



Melba, Ollie, and Doriis at the salad bar.

buffet again. There was plenty of delicious food and a salad bar.

We got to sit next to Harry and Jean and across from Leo, W7TMI, & Cheri, Chauncey, N7CLI, and Bob, KB7MPC and Melba. Leo felt the food could have been hotter—not spicy hot, but temperature hot. The tables were arranged in a "L" shape and that was much better for conversations. Some of our starving Armenians rushed to the food as soon as it was placed on serving tables while others of



Leo and Chauncey diving in for

us, er, lingered over our margueritas and other mediciones.

Little Carl, NA7C came in with Esther in her new wheel chair. Of course there was our birthday girl, Ollie and Doris Marra joined in the fun. There were lots of birthday cards to pass around. Dave, WA7KAI and Dorothy brought Whispering Bob, K7EPE. Gib, KB7ZXW, and Blondie came with Bob and Melba. I don't know who brought George, N7DTI, and Gretchen, but they were there. And starting us off with a grace was Bill & Vivian.

We had plenty of waiters anxious to serve us with nachos, salsa and our favorite beverages. They even surprised us with dessert nachos and ice cream at the end of the meal. I think everyone who attended had a great time visiting with their friends. There sure wasn't a shortage of good food. It was like a Dipsea Net potluck.

Harry had to make a deposit to reserve our dinner reservation and whenever he went to get it back, the right guy was never there. After about five trips there after the party he finally prevailed, talked to the right guy in Spanish, and got the money back.

I'm not sure everyone understands what time and effort it takes to arrange a Dipsea Net Adventure. We owe all the wagonmasters



George, N7DTI, and Gretchen

a huge vote of thanks for all their efforts to make each event a pleasure for those attending. Well done senior Harry!



