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

Lame joke du holiday

Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker were dueling, lightsabers drawn and sparks flying. Vader pinned Luke against a bulkhead and glared into his face. "I know what you're getting for Christmas, Luke" he said.

Luke fought himself free and jumped to a higher platform just out of Vader's reach.

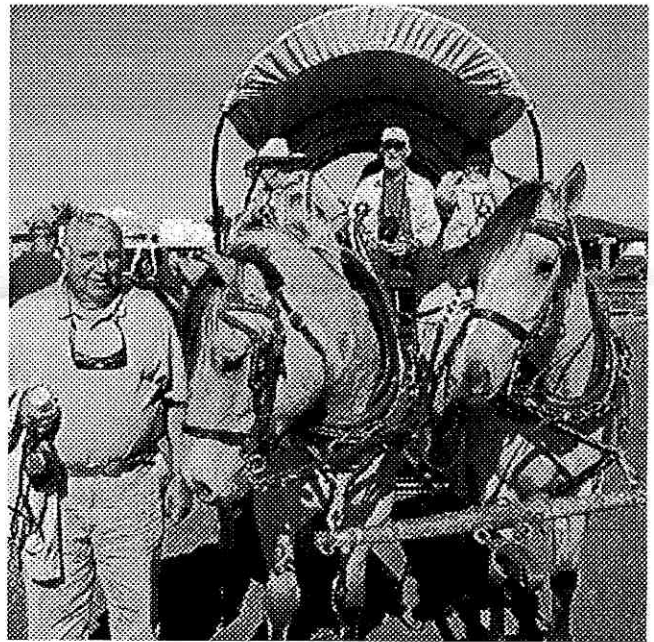
"How do you know what I'm getting for Christmas?"

Vader shot Luke an icy glare and said, "I felt your presents."

Last Tango at Toppinish draws big crowd of hairy legged hams.

Our Chauncey, N7CLI was wagon master for the October 2004 campout at the Yakama Nation RV Park in Toppenish. As usual Chauncey had the skids greased and the way paved for everything to go off like clockwork. CLI and Charlene arrived there one day early to make sure the place was ready for us. Most of the group had the same campsites as in past years. The camp employees have cleaned out a lot of weeds along the path and added some new sites, about 30, at the south end of the oval--otherwise the campground is about the same. We are told that next year they will have some new meeting rooms to replace the white tent like shelter adjacent to the office and pool.

This year, 2004, we had about 17 RV campers as follows: CLI; WX; ABT; MNS; CSU; HRY; DRI; YDG; DZB; HRG/DTI; DKC; YD; ZSX; HCR; 7W; and Bob and Karen, plus we had four more parties that came for the day or stayed in the motel, namely: ES, IEE, GHR, and



time. Ken and Kay live in Moses Lake, WA. We hope they join the group often.

The early birds arrived on Wednesday and had everything shipshape for the bulk of the crowd to come on Thursday.

We had one big project for the "picnic table". When Max & Nila arrived at Toppenish and parked in their site, one of the 4 wheels on their trailer was bent out of shape. Next day Max took it apart and found it had been so hot the axle part sticking through the wheel was so soft that it was bent out of shape. Fortunately the big strong truck drivers of the Dipsea Net could wrestle the wheel off the axle and then the axle off from under the trailer.

Maxine and Tina. It was really great to meet 7YD, Kay and Muffin who joined the group for the first

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