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Profile of Anita Ragan KE7BJR



Anita and Buster Buddy

My name is Anita, KE7BJR and I've always Loved The Magic of Radio for many years. I really got started into learning more about radio after my Love of my Life Stuart Lent and I met back in August 1989. Stuart taught me a lot about the Technical side of radio and we had a lot of fun talking on 11 meters for a lot of our years together until Stuart urged me to study for the Technician's Ham Radio exam back in July of 2004. Ever since I passed my Technician class Ham Radio exam, a whole new world has been opened up to me and I was shown a positive side of life I really had never experienced be-

fore. I had become a part of something wonderful, a part of a wonderful group of people called My Ham Family. I hadn't quite realized the scope of Ham Radio until I first made contact on Echolink with VK7HGO, Gavin O' Shea in Tasmania, Australia on November 29, 2004, who was a race car driver at the time and has since retired and we still keep in touch. By February of 2007, I passed my General class Ham Radio exam and have made 46 DX contacts on HF since then. One of the best parts though, for me as a Ham operator is being part of a group of people around the world who, as I say, "Makes time to help others because that's what we do." Also, to be part of a group of people from all walks of life that tries to make life a bit better by all that they contribute to make this world a better place to live.

Sincerely, Anita G. Ragan KE7BJR



(Anita is a fairly new addition to the Dipsea Net, and she is very much appreciated. Ed)

Net Controls

Sunday

AM – Dick McGraw N7DRI PM – David Jubb WA7KAI

Monday

AM – Ron Magnus WA7GFE PM – Dick Booth W7VPV

Tuesday

AM – Dick Honey KE7IEE PM – Cherie Conway KD7HVT

Wednesday

AM – Jack O'Rourke N7ROG PM – Pete Henniger KB7OVJ

Thursday

AM – Walter Brooks KB7LCA PM – Phil Hathaway N7GFQ

Friday

AM – Ralph Griffin W7DJX PM – Bill Holmes AE7WX

Saturday

AM - John Payne AE7CJ PM – George Raney N7DTI

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead.

Life is sexually transmitted.

Healthy is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.





(We're going to revive another feature from the era of Slugger's BaitBoxes. Ed.)

Let's not forget winter. It makes one more thankful for spring. However, here are some beautiful scenes.

John AE7CJ and Pattie KF7JUW live in the Oregon Coast Range. They had snow off and on all winter and into the spring – a cozy scene. They gave a different daily perspective to us lower land dwellers.



Noel VE7TIS and Lila live in British Columbia. What a glorious setting (pun intended) this is.



Well, this picture tells it all – snow, snow, and more snow at the Chipmunk Ranch in Mecham, the home of Walter W7ALT and Charlene KC7RQF. They had 22 feet of the white stuff this year



What do you think of these cute people, at 2 ends of the age spectrum – Pete KB7OVJ from Sandy, OR and little Emmett.



Johnny N7VSM from Tacoma is a frequent net participant. However, many of us have never seen him. Here he is pictured, with his lovely wife Georgia



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Dipsea Net Upcoming Events

CAMPOUTS

May 19-23 at Haystack Reservoir near Madras, OR. Wagon Masters - Dan and Darlene. If you are able to camp, please let them know. The potluck will be Saturday, the 21st at 1:00pm.

June 9-13 at Ryderwood, WA. Want to volunteer to be Wagon Master?

July 7-11 at Wapiti Elks RV Park near Lincoln City, OR. Wagon Masters - Dick & Joyce

August 25-29 at Tillicum Lake near Mt. Hood. THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED. If there is anyone who would like to head up a campout during this time, or even at this place, please let us know and we will support you. (Ed.)

September 29-Oct 3, at Barton County Park near Carver, OR. Wagon Masters – George & Gretchen

Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days, no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to?

Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.



More "Minnows"



Jerry WB7NUE's Shack



The Bride

We recently received a nice letter and picture from Jerry WB7NUE in Oakesdale, WA. What a great looking ham shack! He says that he doesn't even have room for a computer. Priorities, right?

A favorite time for some Dipsea Netters is the monthly Canby Breakfast, attended by many amateur radio folk from around the area. Ralph W7DJX and Beth are regulars. They recently celebrated their 65th anniversary, and their children and grandchildren honored them at the January breakfast.



The Groom



Some Guests

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Recapping Some Dipsea Net Get-Togethers

The "February Birthdays" Party Back to the Eldorado for another celebration.



Max YDG and Bill ABT



Kitchen tenders, Joan, Norma, and Vivian



Phil GFQ brought root beer floats!!"



Jack ROG and Margaret, Rose and Bill WX



THE February celebrants – Cherie' HVT, Dick VPV, and Dorothy FYK



Bill and Vivian's Anniversary Celebration

Our annual March anniversary party for Bill and Vivian was again at the Golden Crown Chinese Restaurant in Beaverton. It was even a larger turnout than last year with 54 in attendance. They celebrated their 65th anniversary and Bill's 87th birthday. In the center of the room was the Grand Table with Bill Watters, WA7ABT and Vivian. There to help celebrate with them were, son Mike, daughter Judy and husband Dick, granddaughter Becky and husband Josh with their baby daughter Jaxyn, grandson Dave with baby Jillian. Those two little girls were the sweetest and without a doubt the best behaved and Bill and Viv can certainly be proud of those great granddaughters. Also in attendance to celebrate this grand affair were, NA7C Carl Olin with son Gary and his wife Shirley, daughter Jan and her husband Monte, AE7CJ John Payne and KF7JUW Pattie, N7DRI, Dick McGraw and Marilyn, N7DTI George Raney and Gretchen, KD7ERI Howard Howe, AF7FR Fred Ruedy and Helen, WA7GFE Ron Magnus and Nancy, N7GFQ Phil Hathaway, KF7HMS Paul Bogart and KF7HMT Vicky, W7HUY Dick Pooley and WB7VBK Carolyn, KD7HVS Lauri Locke, KD7HVT Cherie' Conway, KD7IEE Walt Auffermann and Norma, KE7IEE Dick Honey, KF7JFU Rick Hicks and Jackie, WA7KAI Dave Jubb and KD7FYK Dorothy, KA7KHX Aloha Mike Kinslow, KB7LCA Walt Brooks and Joan, W7MNS Dave Packard and N7OIJ Louise, W7PNS Joe Borsch and Lucille, N7ROG Jack O'Rourke.

Dave Packard and N7OIJ Louise, W7PNS Joe Borsch and Lucille, N7ROG Jack O'Rourke, W7VPV Dick Booth and Joyce, AE7WX Bill Holmes and Rose, and WA7ZAJ Jim Pardey and KD7HSV Arlene.

We had 43 Chinese dinners and 9 steaks served with lots of leftovers for those who wanted take home. Everyone got a piece of Bill and Vivian's anniversary cake, which was scrumptious.

Thanks goes out to Dick, Joyce, and Cherie' for coordinating the event and also Lauri and Nancy for the extra help.



Cherie' KD7HVT

Thank you everyone for making the evening so special for Bill and Vivian.

(Submitted by Cherie' KD7HVT)



Vivian and Bill and the cake, complete with radio!



Daughter Judy, granddaughter Becky and husband Josh with baby Jaxyn



Little Carl and his family



Grandson Dave and baby Jillian







Good food's acomin'!



Calendar editor, Pattie JUW



The organizers – Cherie' HVT and JOYce

Dinner out at the Pizza Caboose

Here is an example of how much people from the Dipsea Net like to get together! Cherie' KD7HVT said "How about us getting together and eating at the Pizza Caboose." And... they did - 20 people on an April Wednesday night.



Phill GFQ, Lauri HVS, Dottie FYK & Dave KAI, Wally KD7IEE



Norma, Jackie & Rick JFU, Gretchen & George DTI



Pattie JUW & John CJ, Jim ZAJ & Arline HSV



How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, 'I think I'll squeeze these dangle things and drink whatever comes out?'

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?

Why does your OB-GYN leave the room when you get undressed if they are going to look up there anyway?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

I know it all, I just can't remember it all at once.

Max and Nila's 50th Anniversary Party

On April 30, Max N7YDG and Nila N7ZYN celebrated 50 years of marriage. They invited family and friends, as well as the Dipsea Net members who numbered 22 in attendance. There were over 100 people at their church to celebrate with them!



"Max and Nila", sweethearts still.



"So good to see these two!! Creagh KA7QAV and Jim WA7TYD "T Y and a D", all the way from LaPine.





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