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*Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?*

*Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?*

*If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?*



**The Elsinore**



October 28, 2009, Bill WX, and Rose made all the arrangements for the annual Dinner and a Movie event at the Elsinore Theater in Salem, OR. Thirteen of us gathered at the Margarita Restaurant for some great Mexican food, and the drinks weren't bad either!! On hand besides Bill and Rose was Jim ZAJ and Arline HSV, George DTI and Gretchen, Dick VPV and Joyce, Ken HRY and JO, Dave KAI and Dottie FYK, and Phil GFQ.

After dinner we went around the corner to the theater to watch Charlie Chaplin in City Lights. The little tramp made us laugh and we enjoyed the music with the film which Chaplin had written. In his will he stated that no other music could be played with this film, so we did not have the opportunity to listen to Rick on the wonderful theater organ.

This is a fun event we have each year; and if you haven't had a chance to join in all the fun, remember next year when Bill makes his announcement about this event say, "yeah, I can't miss this fun time".



Submitted by  
Jo Smith

**DIPSEA NET CHRISTMAS**

Another Dipsea Net Christmas celebration has come and the year 2009 is on its way out. Another year we Dipseas enjoyed ham radio QSOs, dinners and lunches out to celebrate various special events, campouts and potluck dinners together, and other ham radio fun visiting with old and new friends.

On December 5<sup>th</sup> we met again at the Eldorado Clubhouse off Fisher Road in Tigard. The room was filled with old friends and some new ones, with only a few empty chairs to represent those we missed who weren't able to join us. Forty two names made it on the Dipsea Christmas Party guest list. Among those pre-



sent for the fun, food (feeding frenzy), and good company were George(N7DTI) and Gretchen Raney; David(WA7KAI)

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## Net Controls 2/2010

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 - Frank Howerter K9SCH  
PM – George Raney N7DTI

### Pictures of Board of Directors



N7DTI-N7DRI-W7VPV-WA7ABT



KD7HVT

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and Dorothy(KD7FYK) Jubb; Frank(K9SCH) and Patrice Howerter; Bill (AE7WX) and Rose Holmes; guest Bev Petry; Carl Olin(NA7C) and his guest, Pat; Walt(KB7LCA) and Joan Brooks; Wally (KD7IEE) and Norma; Bill (WA7ABT) and Vivian Watters; David(W7MNS) and Louise(N7OIJ) Packard; John(K7ACN) and Liz Percival; Dick(W7VPV) and Joyce Booth; Jim(WA7ZAJ) and Arline(KD7HSV) Pardee; Max(N7YDG) and Nila(N7ZYN) Peel; Ken (W7HRY) and Jo Smith; Bob(K7EPE) and Miriam Roland; Dick(W7HUY) and Carolyn(WB7VBK) Pooley; John(AE7CJ) and Pattie Payne; Dick(N7DRI) and Marilyn McGraw; Phil (N7GFQ) Hathaway; Jack (N7ROG) and Margaret (KB7SFN) O'Rourke and her daughter and granddaughter; and several more who didn't get their names on the list. We were so glad to get to visit with Margaret with her quick smile and the twinkle in her eye. We missed Ralph(W7DJX) and Beth Griffin and wish to offer our deepest sympathy to them for the passing of her brother. We missed Leo(W7TMI) and Cherie (KD7HVT) Conway and hope that he will soon be strong enough to join us again for a Dipsea outing.

We also missed Mark(KC7VJY) Greig, the BI MART truck driver, on the road this time, and several others who usually join us for Dipsea events, and those of you who would like to but cannot because too many miles prevent attending, or for other reasons.

As usual, we dined well. There was almost as much dessert on that table as the main tables held of the other food. (Maybe hams like to eat almost as much as they like to talk?). We enjoyed Frank's



famous and fabulous fudge, as well as several sweet cakes and pies (even a huckleberry pie made possible with Joyce's berry picking helping hands up at Huckleberry Hill last Fall). Most of us didn't start with dessert, but first enjoyed such mainstays as meatballs, spaghetti, lasagna, and salads, among other goodies.

Jo Smith outdid herself again with her production of the 2010 Dipsea calendar, featuring the "remember when" theme, full of pictorial memories of Dipsea historical events. What a beautiful calendar Ken and Jo brought down to us. Thank you so much to them for their good work, service, and dedication to our Dipsea netters. It was great to have them here to celebrate with us.

Carl tuned up his violin for us so we could enjoy some Christmas music, but we were all so busy talking as hams often do, that we didn't get one Christmas carol sung. Maybe next year! Sorry about that, Carl, and thank you, though.

Special thanks go out to Jack and Margaret again for this nice location, and to George and Gretchen, Wally and Norma, Walt and Joan, and Frank and Patrice for their setup and restorative work, and to Dick and Joyce for their leadership.

What a great group of ham friends we have! Hope to see you all at Dipsea net activities in 2010. Thanks for all the fun this year. Happy New Year and God bless you all!



**Submitted by  
Arline & Jim Pardee**

## Silent Key Warren K7LKG



Warren Kenneth Follett, 84, of Elgin, died Nov. 15th at his home. He was born April 16, 1925, to Jesse King "Jay" and Florence Naomi (Hug) Follett in Elgin. He was educated at the Pine Grove School and served with the U.S. Navy. On June 18, 1945, he married Annie Lois Sanderson in Lake Providence, La.

He worked for Boise Cascade until his retirement. He was a member of the Elgin LDS Church. He was a ham radio operator and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved traveling and trips to Mississippi, Louisiana and Alaska.

Survivors include his wife, Annie of Elgin; daughters, Ronna Witherspoon and Jaylene Witherspoon, both of Elgin; brothers, George Follett of College Place, Wash., and Roger Follett of Elgin; sister, Betty Thompson of Elgin; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by children, Craig Follett and Wendy Warren Follett; brothers, Claude Follett and Roland Follett; and sisters, Naomi Follett and Rita Hindman.

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## Silent Key Leo Conway W7TMI

Leo Arnold Conway was born in Vancouver, British Columbia on February 25, 1930, the son of Daniel and Hazel Van-Buskirk Conway. During his teen years he lived with his Grandma Lily and at the age of 19 he moved to Oregon and helped his parents build a farmhouse in Buxton. The house was built using plans that Leo had designed while in high school.



After moving to Oregon and settling in the Portland area Leo worked for Eastman Kodak and Sawyers View Master. He owned Two-Way Radio Service and was a reserve sheriff deputy for Clackamas County. For 36 years Leo was a Redi-mix concrete driver, Teamster shop steward and driver instructor with Stanton Cement, Western Willamette and retiring from Ross Island Sand & Gravel in 1992. Leo was always there for his fellow teamsters; offering friendship and financial support as needed. While out on the job Leo was even known to share his lunch with anyone he saw down and out on the street.

Leo was very much an outdoorsman and had many life long hobbies including photography, reading, poetry, flying, hunting, fishing, camping, snowmobiling, radio control model aircraft, scuba diving, archery, music and amateur radio.

He played and taught the guitar, steel guitar and accordion. In the 50's there were times where he played the steel guitar live with his brother Wilfred and the band on the radio.

For over 40 years Leo was an instrument rated private Pilot, flying his own aircraft before his health grounded him.

As a Ham Radio operator for 58 years, W7TMI, Leo taught many amateur classes and was a Volunteer Examiner.

In 1950 Leo married Beverly Ann Pugh and together they raised 7 children; Judi, Jacqueline, Janette, Joyce, Leo Jr. Daniel & William. They enjoyed camping in the summer, adventures to the coast and road trips to Canada to see family. Leo and the boys enjoyed time each year on hunting trips.

This large family produced 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren

In 1986 Leo married Sharon Stober and his family grew to include his stepchildren



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Lauri and Karl with an additional 4 grandchildren.

Leo was an active member of the Ham Radio DipSea Net Club, where he and Sharon enjoyed many outings with the group including campouts, snowmobile excursions in Eastern Oregon, and cycle riding in the Steens Mountains and Snake River Canyon.

Leo, together with Sharon enjoyed hunting, camping and fishing. For ten years he and Sharon spent all their free time in Garibaldi fishing the ocean, clamming and crabbing. After retiring, Leo and Sharon traveled through Alaska, camping in some of the most beautiful places they had ever seen. While there, they enjoyed clamming, fishing and sight seeing.



From 1997-2007 Leo and Sharon wintered in Portland and lived on the river in Nehalem May-October, where they fished the river and bay for Salmon.

In May 2007 Leo gave his life to the Lord while attending West Hills Christian Church with his wife Sharon.

Scriptures that spoke to Leo's heart were John 10:10 and John 3:16.

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## Silent Key – Ken W7HRY

It is with a great deal of sadness that we learned of the death of Ken, W7HRY. He died January 28th from kidney failure. He was born June 5, 1925 in Seattle, WA.

Ken retired from the Washington State Patrol in 1978, was the Director of the Thurston County Communications Dept., put the 911 system in Thurston County, and finished his career with the State of Washington General Administrator as a buyer/manager, retiring for good in 1993 to devote his time to the fun things he liked to do.

He enjoyed hamming, having had his license for 70 years of which he was so proud. While he was working he enjoyed cruising the waters of Puget Sound, and his last 16 years motor homing with the Dipsea Net. He also loved music and was a very accomplished violinist, which few people knew, playing the piano and the organ and, of course, when spring came, he loved his flowers.



During the 54 years he lived in Olympia he was very active in the community serving as President of the Jr. Chamber of Commerce, President of the Navy League, Commodore of the Olympia Yacht Club, Commodore of the International Power Boat Association, and a very active member in the Westside Rotary Club with the exchange student program. He hosted students from Sweden, Finland and Australia.

One of the happiest times for him was only a few days before his death when Jim, NPS, patched him through to the Dipsea Net. There was no way he was going to let go of that telephone until he had talked to all of you. He did say he was sorry that he was unable to give you a history lesson!

By his side in all his endeavors was his wife of 57 years, Jo. He is also survived by three children, Karen, Doug and Christopher, KD7PKO. Chris, by the way, is working on getting Ken's call letters, so one day you may hear, "W7HRY".



## Dipsea Net Board of Directors 2/2010

**Dick Booth W7VPV – Chairman:** Calls board meeting when decisions on Net business are needed, or situations occur that need board approval.

**Dick McGraw N7DRI – Net Manager:** Directs net control stations, recruits replacement net controls, both permanent and temporary, determines changes to net starting times, and gives general direction to net operations.

**George Raney N7DTI- Treasurer:** Handles and accounts for all monies in the cookie jar, and pays bills that occur during normal Dipsea Net operations.

**Bill Watters WA7ABT – Member At Large:** Feels the pulse of the Net and brings to the board meeting any suggestions for improving Net operations. Helps carry through with the Net goals and objectives.

**Cherie' Conway KD7HVT - Member At Large:** Brings any suggestions for improving the Net to a board meeting. Sees that the goals and objectives of the net are followed.

***Any Net member can talk with any Board member to convey suggestions on improving the Net or its operations.***

# Mid Winter Lunch



This event was suggested and planned by Jo, Ken's XYL, with the help of Jack N7ROG. Unfortunately Ken and Jo were not able to attend because of Ken's health. Jo got part way to Portland, but had to turn back as Ken was having a hard time. We want to thank her for spearheading this event. It was a big success! There was lots of eat and lots of conversation. It was held at the Country Buffet in Tigard on January 13, 2010. The following hams and spouses, plus a few guests, were in attendance at the get together: Max YDG & Nila ZYN, Phil GFQ, Arline HSV & Jim ZAJ, Wally IEE & Norma, Bob NFJ, Dave KAI & Dorothy FYK, Jack ROG & Margaret SFN, George DTI, Dave MNS & Louise OIJ, Ron GFE, Walter LCA & Joan, Launore Warner, Dick VPV & Joyce, & Doris Marra.



**Submitted by  
Dick W7VPV**

Dear Dipsea Netters,

I want to take this time to thank all the Dipsea Netters for their wonderful support during Ken's short illness and death. Flowers, cards, e-mails and phone calls have really been appreciated. I look forward to seeing many of you in March to collect on all the hugs you sent.

I want to give Jim, NPS, a special thanks. Ken was so excited to have a phone patch to talk on the radio. As it turned out, it was his last transmission. I also want to thank Jim for the eulogy he did upon Ken's death, and the recording done by Rod, DKC.

Son, Chris, KD7PKO, is applying for Ken's call letters, and promises that one day you will once again hear "W7HRY". Again, thank you so much for being there for me. -JO



## Dipsea Net Upcoming Events

March 13, 2010, 4:00 PM - Bill & Viv's and Bill & Sandy's anniversary celebrations, held at the Golden Crown Chinese Restaurant in Beaverton, OR. 10655 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy. Beaverton, OR 97005 503-626-7959

Cost will be given on Net as well as reservations taken. You will have your choice of Chinese or steak.

**CAMPOUTS** (Info. on these campouts will be given as the dates grow near.)

**May 13-17** at Haystack Reservoir near Madras, OR. Wagon Masters - Dan and Darlene

**June 10-14** at Stan Hedwall RV Park in Chehalis, WA. Wagon Master-- Jo + helpers Dick & Joyce

**July 8-12** at Wapiti Elks RV Park near Lincoln City, OR. Wagon Masters - Dick & Joyce

**August Campout** - details to be announced.- Wagon Masters - Dave & Louise

**Sept 30-Oct 4** at Barton County Park near Carver, OR. Wagon Masters – George & Gretchen

**If you can't be a camper at a campout, please join us for potluck on Saturday at 1:00 PM – great food and fellowship!**

*If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?*

*Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?*

*Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?*



*This was written by Jo Smith in December 2008. Since there was no February 2009 issue of this publication, we present this special sharing with you now. (Ed)*

## A CHRISTMAS FAITH

On the Friday before Christmas, Ken (W7HRY) and I sat before a wonderful fire, watching it snow outside. The news on the TV was saying that the weather will be below freezing and lots of snow. I thought to myself that this is a preview of our Christmas Day. I made a decision right then and there that I was going to take the 22 pound plus turkey out of the freezer on Monday and begin its thaw, and somehow I would have dinner with all the trimmings on Christmas Day. If the power went off I would use the top burners in the motor home to cook the turkey; and between the camp stove and the burner on the barbecue, I would be able to cook all the rest.

I called our son, Doug, and told him I was cooking Christmas dinner and hoped he would be able to make it. He said that with chains he would do his best. My friend Patty, of 53 years, called to see how we were doing with all the snow. She was home, having cancelled her flight to Maryland after all the problems at the airport. She couldn't even get off the Point. I invited her to join us, rather than sitting home alone on Christmas Day.

I cooked most of the day on Wednesday and got up early Christmas morning, stuffed the turkey and placed it in the oven. Thanks be to the Lord, the power was still on. Since our plans were not to be home for Christmas, there were no



decorations in the house. I set about setting the table with the Christmas dishes, all the crystal, a couple of candles, and a few old Christmas napkins I found in the drawer. The table was beautiful and I felt so warm inside. The house had the wonderful smell of turkey cooking in the oven.

Doug finally arrived, after over 2 hours of negotiating the 20 mile trip here, and Patty came carefully down the snow covered driveway. A hot buttered-rum to warm our insides, and dinner was ready for the table.

There was just the 4 of us; but as we clinched hands for grace, I thought to myself, what a wonderful Christmas. Ken said grace, thanking the Lord for His special day and for keeping the power on for me. He asked a blessing on our family members who were not with us on this day, and the family members of all our friends, many who had to postpone their family gatherings because of all the snow and ice. And then Ken surprised us with the finish to his prayer, "Happy birthday to You. Amen."

There is nothing greater than your own faith. Hope you all have a Happy New Year.

### NEXT NEWSLETTER INCLUDES:

Write-up of the February potluck event by Maxwell N7YDG and Nila N7ZYN  
Personal Profile of Dave WA7KAI by Dorothy KD7FYK  
Colorado Travelogue by Dave W7MNS and Louise N7OIJ