

# DIPSEA NET

## The Bait Box

Summer 2011

3.940 Mh • 8 AM & 5 PM Every Day

### Dipsea Net Upcoming Events

**CAMPOUT - September 29-Oct 3**, at Barton County Park near Carver, OR. Wagon Masters – George & Gretchen. If you are able to camp, please let them know. The potluck will be Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm.

**TBA** - Hopefully an Elsinore movie will be scheduled in November.

**Saturday, December 3, 1:00pm** – Christmas Party potluck at the Eldorado Villa, Tigard.

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?



Rod and his Siamese Cat

### Profile of Rod Wight, N7DKC

I got my first ham license, WV6FPJ, in 1959 at the age of 17, a senior in high school. In those days a novice license was good only for a year and limited to CW and 50 watts. I got quite good at CW. I wish I still had my vibroplex bug. I upgraded to general, A6FPJ, in early 1960. I was active on AM and CW until I went in the army in November of 1960. When I got out of the Army in 1962 I tried mobile operating and loved it. The trunk of my car was full of dyna-

motors. When I keyed the mike, it growled like a space ship ready to leave earth. I didn't have a lot of time for hamming since I was driving log trucks during the summer and plowing snow for the state of California in the winter. In 1965, the year my license was due to be renewed, I bought a logging truck and spent all my time either driving it or repairing it so I could haul logs the next day. My ham license was forgotten and I didn't get it renewed. I kicked myself in the butt almost daily for letting it expire. In the early 1980's I had a job with Crown Zellerbach, hauling hazardous chemicals back and forth between Wauna, OR and Camas, WA. It was a half hour wait at each place while it unloaded and loaded so I took advantage of this time to study and get my license back in 1982.

I discovered the Dipsea net that year. Uncle Don, WA7CSU, was net control at that time with only a few members. He would usually go through the list twice. I was active on the Dipsea Net until my antenna went down in an ice storm. Also my work had changed to where I was either working or sleeping during net time (I was working for United Grocers by that time) and just dropped out. Dorothy and I were married in 1992 and I retired in 2000 due to an on the job injury in 1999. Dorothy and I went full time RVing in 2002. I had been to Huckleberry Hill once and we went looking for it and found it. As luck would have it, it was the weekend of the Huckleberry Hill outing and I got reacquainted with Don, WA7CSU and Bill, WA7ABT. I have been active ever since. For two years I was able to spend an extended amount of time at Huckleberry Hill getting it cleaned up and ready for the outing. Now that we are in Fallon NV due to Dorothy's health, I haven't been able to check in very often in the springtime due to horrible band conditions during the spring and early summer. Hopefully that will change soon.



Rod Wight N7DKC

1. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water and is still fat.
3. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years.
4. A tortoise doesn't run, does nothing ...yet lives for 450 years.
5. AND YOU TELL ME TO EXERCISE?

Two long-time friends, John and Fred, were golfing one day when Fred said, "I'm going to get a divorce. My wife hasn't spoken to me in six months." John thought for a moment, then said, "Are you sure you want to do that? Wives like that are hard to find!"

"I am too blessed to be stressed!" The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything. Amen.



On May 23, Bill Watters WA7ABT had a heart attack. He had a blocked artery, had a stent put in, and came home on the 26th. As of this writing, Vivian says, "He's getting along fine - 'picking up sticks' every day that the sun shines. (As you know, we always have branches and twigs dropping around here.)" He has recuperated very well, and this has given all of us a thankful, big sigh.

Person number two on "sick call", also another Bill. Bill Hood W2FEZ was hospitalized recently. It's a small world. Bill's nurse was this editor couple's (VPV and JOYce) daughter in law, Amanda. She said that he spoke very highly of the Dipsea Net and has enjoyed his ham radio experiences. She was happy for him when he was released to go back home. Bill is still continuing to build his strength back up.

Anita Ragan BJR slipped and twisted her foot in late July. As it turns out, she has a broken ankle. She will have to wear a brace until early September. She is thankful to God for less pain and the ability to do things.

We pray for continued healing for these three.

### "THE SIGN"



Well I have a story to tell, so hold on. I started my life some 20+ years ago, when a very talented lady took her paint brush in hand and penned me. Marilyn is her name, XYL of Dick DRI. I'm



kind of a copy you see. Actually Slugger KA7GHR invented me for the heading of that crazy newsletter, "The Bait-Box". So far I've had a wonderful life,

lots of ups and downs for sure. I've seen a lot of people come and go. The latest to leave was Bob W7EPE who was a long time Dipsea Netter; and man, did we have good times with Don WA7CSU and Juannie! I can remember rainy campouts and then those that were beautiful all weekend. I sure remember the guys putting up antennas. That gun was really **loud**. Now they have a softer touch, with a new style antenna.

For years I was in the care of a nice couple, Bill WA7ABT and Vivian. I could always tell when there was a campout about to happen because I would get pulled out from between snowmobiles and put in their trailer. There was always a hustle and bustle getting ready to leave, and it seemed like either Bill or Vivian would forget something. One time we drove several miles back to pick up the forgotten beer! I really enjoyed going to new places, and I remember most of them. It sometimes got pretty dusty and I had to get a bath when the weekend was over, before retuning to my spot between the snowmobiles.

It's hard to remember all the places we've been to and all the people we've seen. I guess I must be getting old and my memory is failing. I do remember some things like Hells Canyon and that beautiful river they call the Snake, and who could forget Champoeg or Wapiti?

A few years ago I was adopted by a new couple, George N7DTI and Gretchen. It's nice not having to smell gasoline from all the snowmobiles at Bill's place. Well as they say on the Net, I'm just rambling on, so I'll just say I'm looking forward to many new adventures and new faces; and as Dick always says "Be good!"

*(Ghost writer, Dick W7VPV)*

## The BaitBox Staff

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Bill K7ADO, Joyce & Dick W7VPV



Louise W7FJY & Dave W7MNS

Why do banks charge a fee due to insufficient funds when they already know you're broke?

Why is it that when someone tells you that there are one billion stars in the universe, you believe them but, if they tell you there is wet paint, you have to touch it to check?

Why do they use sterilized needles for lethal injections?



## Silent Key Bob Roland K7EPE

Robert Roland was born October 8, 1931, and died on July 7, 2011. He served in the Air Force in the 1950's. He became a licensed amateur radio operator in 1952. He and his wife Miriam have enjoyed camp-outs, picnics and dinners with the Dipsea Net Ham Radio Club.



**Bob Roland K7EPE**

Bob's service was held at Gateway Baptist church on July 12. There was a full military ceremony with taps played outside of the church. Miriam was presented with the American flag. Bob missed his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday by three months. Bob and his wife Miriam have two sons. Their oldest son, David, USN, came from Japan where he is stationed. David saw Bob the day before he died. Wayne, their younger son, his wife and two young children were also at the service.

Those who attended from the Dipsea Net were Virginia Donahue, Bill Maggs, Bill and Vivian Watters, and Dave and Dot Jubb. Pictures were shown on a screen

of Bob's life. They even had a picture of Dave and Dot at their 1997 wedding. Bob was Dave's best man and Miriam was Dot's matron of honor. Bob was laid to rest in Willamette National Cemetery.

Submitted by KD7FYK Dot Jubb

## Recapping Some Dipsea Net Get-Togethers

### Haystack

Our first campout of the year, beautiful Haystack Reservoir near Madras!



By the Lake



Banana splits and cookies!



A bit of firewood?!

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## Dogs of the Dipsea Net



Shasta Cockle VSM  
Siberian Husky



Bonnie Conway HVT  
Sheltie



Cooper Ficken DZB  
Australian Shepherd



Cinder Lund DAL  
Cocker Spaniel



Rocky McCool HCQ  
Pomeranian



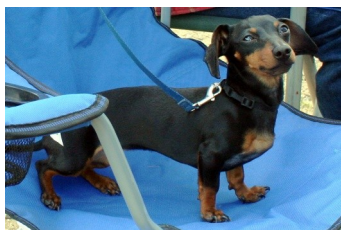
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Cavalier King Charles puppy



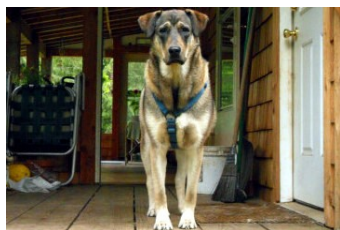
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Keyes Hound mix



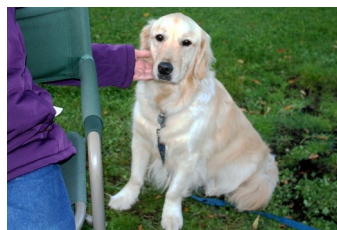
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Shih Tzu



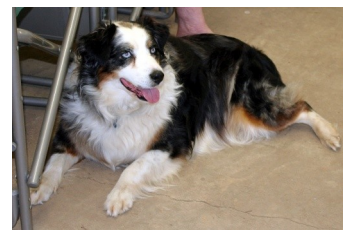
Dawley Pardey ZAJ  
Miniature Dachshund



Jake the wonder dog  
Payne CJ - Shepherd mix



Emma Peel YDG  
Golden Retriever



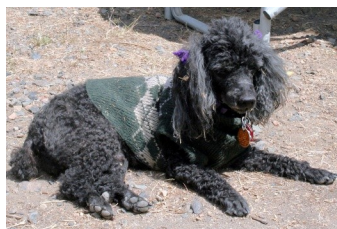
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Australian Shepherd



Ella Skeels FOJ  
Chihuahua



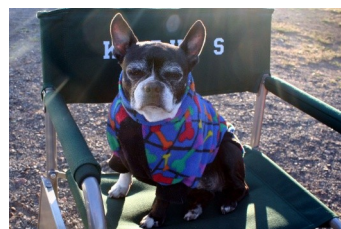
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Toy Chihuahua



Toby Skeels FHB  
Miniature Poodle



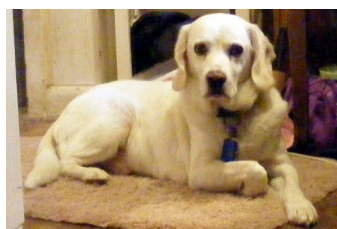
Jazzy Salter SOA  
Miniature Poodle



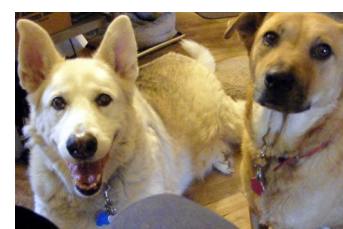
Sophie Raney DTI  
Boston Terrier



Dakota Wolfsen ADO  
Maltese



Buster Buddy Ragan BJR  
Lab Mix



Little Darlin' Ragan BJR  
Shepherd Mix, &

Elliott Ragan  
Alaskan Malamute mix



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Potluck Saturday



Restful, peaceful



Darlene's biscuits and gravy breakfast  
Arline HSV & Jim ZAJ, Marilyn SUG, Gretchen, Dave KAI, & Dottie FYK,



Net Control,  
Dave KAI, and Dick VPV  
on a quiet Sunday night

**Ryderwood Happily back to Ryderwood this year**



A 'vintage' photo of KAI at the scene of a rumor



June, Dave MNS & Louise FJY



John ACN & Liz, Beth, Ken IOK & Marge



A typical Ryderwood scene



## Ryderwood continued



Steam Train ride at Chehalis  
June & Dick SOA



George DTI & Gretchen



Ken IOK, Dallas DAL, & daughter Heidi



A typical Ryderwood scene

## Wapiti

### Wapiti Travelogue by George Raney



Hi from George and Gretchen, from Wapiti Rv. Park, Lincoln City. Gretchen and I arrived yesterday 7/6 about 4pm after a not so good trip down to Wapiti. As we were accelerating onto I-5 at Aurora, there was a not so good noise coming from my truck engine and the engine temp. started to rise. What to do? It's either try to make it to Woodburn or stop on the shoulder and wait for a tow. I decided to try to make it to Woodburn. Boy was that engine hot when we got there. Pulled into the Ford dealer right there at the Woodburn exit. Three hours, a new serpentine belt and a bunch of money, deteriorated disposition, later no a/c the rest of the way to Wapiti, and we arrived about 4pm instead of 1:30pm as we planned.

But as it turned out, we weren't the only ones that had trouble. Dave Jubb and Dottie, wa7kai, had a flat on his truck just east of Newberg and had to buy a new tire. When we got to Wapiti, Dave w7mns and Louise's trailer was there but they were gone. Turns out they got all the way down here and discovered they didn't bring their meds. Had to go all the way home, get their meds, drove all the way back for a total of 300 or so miles.

After the coming to Wapiti park, the week settled down to a normal week. Good visiting, eating etc. After setting our trailer up, we got busy on the antenna so we could do the Dipsea Net all week. Friday morning we got breakfast served to us in the gazebo, which was great. Most of the group went out for dinner that evening for steak or fish and chips. Sat., a fun silent auction, another fine potluck at 1pm and a wiener roast in the evening. Sunday morning, we went up town for a store-bought breakfast. The clams were hummy. Ummm! Then a lot of visiting and some departures.

Monday, time to go. That's when it all started again. First, I needed a battery jump and then Dave wa7kai needed a jump to get out of the dump station. I followed Dave and Dot to town; he stopped at a gas station. He said his alternator wasn't charging. We found him a mechanic. Only cost him \$19.00 and they were on their way home.

Well that's pretty much it, so more fun in October at Barton Park.

George Raney n7dti.

**Wapiti Continued**



**Wapiti continued**



Strawberry shortcake, Welcome to Wapiti  
Cherie' HVY, Louise FJY, JOYce



Friday breakfast crew  
Dick VPV, Lauri HVS, Louise FJY

Marilyn SUG, Harold HSJ,  
Jim ZAJ, Dave MNS



**The Mexican Train Gang**  
Beth, Lauri HVS, Louise FJY,  
Gretchen, JOYce, Cherie'  
HVT, Marilyn SUG, Arline HSV

**Wapiti Continued**



**Wapiti continued**

**Guests came to call  
Virginia & Al SYQ, also Vivian,  
and Jack ROG**



**Bill ABT, George DTI, Cherie' HVT, Beth & Ralph DJX**



**Dinner at the Hilltop Inn**





## Wapiti Continued



**Silent auction**  
Phil GFQ, Jim ZAJ

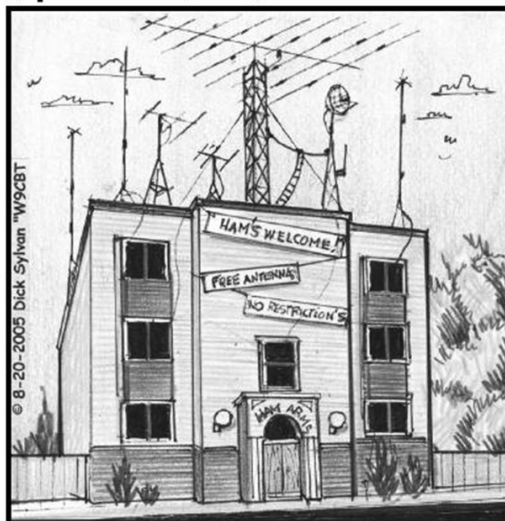


**Potluck time**



**The Ladies Table**

## Apartments For Rent



"Looking For an Apartment Where You  
Can Put Up an Antenna? — Dream On!"



**David WMNS and Louise Packard**  
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