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Profile of Fred Ruedy AF7FR



Fred was born in Chicago, IL on July 25, 1929. His family moved to Omaha, NE during his childhood

years, and he graduated from Omaha Central High School in June 1947. He enlisted in the Air Force for a 3 year tour of duty, and spent 1 year in Trinidad, BWI, and 2 years at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico.

While at Ramey, he attended a base radio school, and upon graduation was assigned to an Air/Sea Rescue squadron as a radio operator on C-47 aircraft, and converted 85 foot PT boat rescue craft. He was discharged from that tour on June 15, 1950, and promptly joined the Air Force Reserves. He started school at the University of Omaha, but because of the "Korean Conflict" his reserve squadron was activated in February 1951. Fred was sent to a Strategic Air Command B-29 squadron, and assigned to an instructor crew as a Radio/ECM operator (Electronic Countermeasures). After a short tour at Forbes AFB at Topeka, KS, Fred was discharged in August 1952.

At this time he decided to move to Seattle, WA, and attend the University of Washington. During the years he was in school, he met and later married Helen (Andlar) on September 1, 1956. He graduated in the spring of 1957 with a BA degree in Business Administration. He went to work for the National Biscuit Co. (Nabisco) as a salesman. Fred and

Helen's first son Steve was born in January, 1958, and their second son Craig was born in June 1960.

In I962 Fred went to work for the MJB Coffee Co. as a salesman (much to the disappointment of his and the neighbor's children – no more free samples of Oreo Crème Sandwich cookies). He later was given the job of District Sales Manager for Washington, Alaska, and Western British Columbia.

Shortly after Fred retired from MJB in August 1992, he was introduced to Ham radio by his nephew, KB7NKP. Fred's first call was KB7VZT (novice and general, 6/93, 10/93) followed by KI7UI (advanced 12/93), then AB7BM (extra, 3/94). The "BM" didn't look too good on a license plate, thus the Vanity call AF7FR (11/96). Fred joined the Dipsea Net as the result of a CW contact with a member (SK) Ken Brummett KB7SXJ. Fred and Helen have attended several Dipsea Net gatherings since 1994; and to quote

him, "I can't recall ever meeting a nicer group of people". They also follow the UW Huskies football team at home and on the road. They enjoy traveling, cruising, and Fred's main hobby is fishing, even though he does not get out as often as he



did in previous years. Both of their sons live in Seattle. Again, to quote him, "We look forward to the coming Dipsea Net events in 2012." Submitted by Fred Ruedy

Dipsea Net Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 17, 2012, 4:00pm - Bill & Viv's anniversary celebration, Golden Crown Chinese Restaurant, 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 17-21 at Haystack Reservoir near Madras, OR. Wagon Masters - Dan and Darlene

June 7-11 at Ryderwood, WA. Want to volunteer to be Wagon Master?

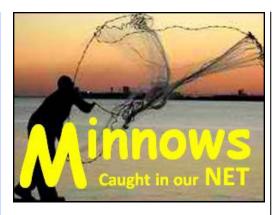
July 5-9 at Wapiti Elks RV Park near Lincoln City, OR. Wagon Masters - Dick & Joyce

September 27-Oct 1, at Barton County Park near Carver, OR. Wagon Masters – George & Gretchen



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We really enjoy getting to know you people newer to the net. **Jim W7BBA and**

Myra KF7MRG Yourdon have attended the last two events. Jim



is a Bi-Mart driver. Here is a picture of his truck!

In December, both **Melba (Kato) and Bob Russell KB7MPC** passed away, just 8 days apart. We offer our condolences to their family. We hope to have an obituary for our next issue of the newsletter.



Did you know that Noel VE7TIS McClelland from Salmon Arm BC is really Santa Claus? Here's proof. He's pictured here in his workshop doing "his job".



Congratulations go out to Jim (another Jim) W7ZHQ and Alberta Russell who were married

on 11/2/11. Here is a picture of them at the February Birthdays party. They came all the way from Union, OR.!



Lori KF7LGC and Jeff AE7LI Kocol are new to the net this past year. They live in Wauconda, WA. They had a house fire in December, and are living away from home. Here is a link that will show

you the fire and the progress of the rebuilding: www.torodacreek.com. Very difficult times for them; and what a wonderful addition they are on the net, always cheerful!





Another winter still going on at John CJ and Pattie's KF7JUW place in the Oregon coast

range. Here is a picture of the barn/ham shack in January.

SICK CALL:

In late January, **Dave W7MNS** from west Milwaukie had arthroscopic surgery on his spine. (What medical miracles there are these days!) He's recovering very well with restrictions still in place: no bending, lifting, or twisting. The very good news is that the pain in his leg is gone!

Dick KE7IEE had a difficult situation come up in December. He had a serious infection in his foot which led to the removal of the 5th bone, including his little toe. He has been recovering with the help of home health care. He hopes to finally be able to walk again in March.

We give <u>very grateful thanks</u> to **BILL W7WQ** for filling in on Tuesday mornings as net control until Dick recovers.

To write with a broken pencil is ~ pointless.

When fish are in schools they sometimes ~ take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar ~ got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles ~ U.C.L.A.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes ~ was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out ~ free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married ~ they fought tooth and nail.

A will is a ~ dead giveaway.

If you don't pay your exorcist ~ you can get repossessed.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you ~ A-flat miner.

MEET YOUR NET CONTROLLS



Sunday AM

Dick McGraw N7DRI



Sunday PMDavid Jubb WA7KAI



Monday AM
Ron Magnus WA7GFE



Monday PM

Dick Booth W7VPV



Tuesday AMDick Honey KE7IEE



Tuesday PMCherie Conway KD7HVT



Wednesday AM

Jack O'Rourke N7ROG



Wednesday PM
Pete Henniger KB7OVJ



Thursday AMWalter Brooks KB7LCA



Thursday PMPhil Hathaway N7GFQ



Friday AM
Ralph Griffin W7DJX



Friday PM
Bill Holmes AE7WX



Saturday AM

John Payne AE7CJ



Saturday PM
George Raney N7DTI



When you've seen one shopping center ~ you've seen a mall.

MARRIAGE

After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came for counseling.

When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a passionate, painful tirade about Ham Radio and how it caused every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured while he locked himself in the "shack".

Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time,

the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, embraced and kissed her passionately as her husband watched with a raised eyebrow. The woman shut up and quietly sat down as though in a daze.

The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?"

"Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I have Western WA Noon Time Net Control."

Recapping Some DipSea Net Get-Togethers The Christmas Party

The Christmas Party at The Eldorado was well attended. Happy participants were: Walt KB7LCA and Joan Brooks, Walt KD7IEE and Norma Auffermann, Rick KF7JFU and Jackie Hicks, Bill AE7WX and Rose Holmes, Cherie KD7HVT and Lauri KD7HVS Conway, Bill WA7ABT and Vivian Watters, Jim WA7ZAJ and Arline KD7HSV Pardey, Gretchen Raney, Max N7YDG and Nila N7ZYN Peel, Ralph W7DJX and Beth Griffin, Jim W7BBA and Myra KF7MRG Yourdon, Carl NA7C Olin, Jack N7ROG and Margaret KB7FSN O'Rourke, Beverly Illl and Linda Fast, Dave W7MNS and Louise W7FJY Packard, John AE7CJ and Pattie KF7JUW Payne, John K7ACN and Liz Percival, Howard KD7ERI Howe, Phil N7GFQ Hathaway, Dick W7VPV and JOYce Booth, Dick N7DRI and Marilyn McGraw, Don WA7DZB Ficken, Stan WB7OKN Hansen, Bill W2FEZ Hood, Eric W7EVB Booth and Jadon, Erica, and LilyAnn, Bill K7ADO Wolfsen and Dick and Judy Wolfsen.



Potluck Time



Jack ROG, age 92, Bill ABT age 87, Little Carl C age 94



Jim BBA and Myra MRG



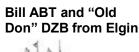
Our root beer float guy, Phil GFQ



Jack and Margaret, and daughters Linda and Beverly



Jackie Hicks on the dulcimer









Jackie with EVB's children Erica, Lily-Ann and Jadon

The Mid Winter Lunch

Twenty-two gathered at Hometown Buffett in Tigard – all you can eat! The 2012 calendars were also distributed, hot off the press.



Nila ZYN, Pattie JUW Phil GFQ



Bill FEZ, JOYce and Dick VPV, George DTI and Gretchen, Jim ZAJ and Arline HSV



Our calendar girl Pattie JUW



Louise FJY and Dave MNS, Cherie' HVT, Max YDG



Bill WX and Rose, all the way from Waldport



and Jack ROG



Bill FEZ, Eric EVB and LilyAnn

February Birthdays

Back to The Eldorado for the February birthdays party! Thirty-four happy and hungry Dipsea Netters attended.



A big group!



Only 2 birthday celebrants – Cherie' HVT and Dick VPV



Jim ZAJ and Bill WX



It was so good to see Dick IEE Honey!



Arline HVS

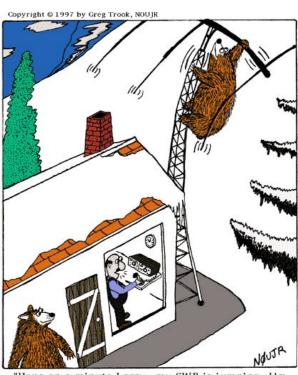


What's with these two?? George DTI and John CJ



David W7MNS and Louise Packard

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"Hang on a minute Larry...my SWR is jumping...I'm going outside and see what the problem is..."