

Silent Keys

The primary purpose of the British Columbia Public Service Net is to provide emergency coordinators with a trained group of radio operators capable of assisting with communications during an emergency. The net meets daily, 365 days per year, and provides amateurs with an opportunity to pass formal and informal traffic through a net control coordinating station.

The net started in the late 1940s when the Fraser River overflowed and Chilliwack was cut off from the world. Amateur Radio communication was vital in maintaining second tier communications. The then Section Manager Ernie Savage, **VE7FB**, and Wilf Moorhouse, **VE7US**, called together hams who were willing to help and the British Columbia Public Service Net began!

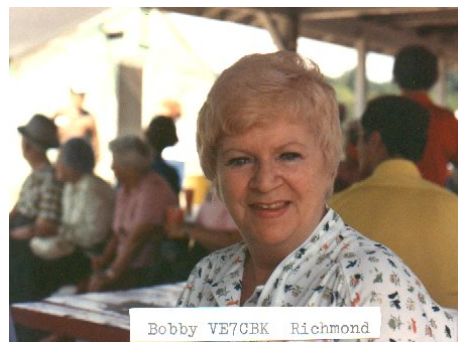


Wilf VE7US and his wife Rae VE7UR

As the years have passed many of the net mangers, net control stations and participants of the net have left us and these pages remember some past and more current members who have become **silent keys**. Page 1 of this document remembers some early members of the net and pages 2 & 3 list more recent losses.



Sil Shaw (above), **VE7QC**, of Creston was an early BC Public Service Net Assistant Net Manager.



Bobbi (Roberta) Kelly, **VE7CBK**, was the first YL net control station on the BC Public Service Net. She made sure we all remembered Robbie Burns Day!



Kirby Garner (left), **VE7WT**, was without a doubt one of the most colourful BC Net Control operators. With Kirby at the mic Friday evenings were never dull.

(Thanks to Bill Stewart, **VE7JY**, for allowing us to use the above photos.)

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The British Columbia Public Service Net honours those amateur radio operators who have recently become *silent keys* with one minute's silence on the evening they are reported. The following is list of recent silent keys reported to the British Columbia Public Service Net net manager. We will attempt to update this list monthly and maintain the last 12 months.

Month / Year Reported	Callsign	Name	Reported by:
January 2007	VE7LR	Larry Reid	VA7DP
	VE7BBC	Richard Bradford	VE7JEC
	VE7LES	Les Mennie	VE7ALI/
December 2006	VE7AOW	Art Strandquist	VE7AVJ
	VE7UUU	Rolly Savoie	VE7EKC
	VE7DDF	Ford Warner	VE7AZE
November 2006	VE7FI	Bud Smith	VE7IO
	VE3RGM	Debbie Norman (RAC G.M.)	VE7EF
October 2006	VE7AJR	Al Clark	VE7BOD
	VE7DCI	Robert "Whit" Whittle	VE7HVR
	VA7DT	Dave Tague	VE7JH
	VE7DZD	Rodger Henly	VE7TK
September 2006	VE7IDL	Richard Lightall	VE7BG
	VE7GEM	Richard Brooke George	VA7FV
	VE7ZK	Hugh Martin	VE7AMF
	VE7KZ	Steve Chisholm	VE7JEC
	VE7EYM	Margaret Hand	VA7FV
August 2006	VE7KFN	Norm Kirk	VE7IO
July 2006	VE7XN	John Andersonn	VE7OBD
June 2006	VE7HES	Harry Stainsby	VE7ISB
	VE7WJD	Bill Davidson	VE7ALI
	VE7FE	George Martinsen	VE7TVT
	VE7QX	Fred Biggs	VE7GBO
	VE7RC	Roger (A.C.) Buck	VE7TVT
May 2006	VE7DE	Laurence Devitte	VE6ANL
	VE7IIS	Bob Satti	VE7TE

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Month / Year Reported	Callsign	Name	Reported by:
April 2006	VE7ZEA	Ed Zimmer	VA7BEB
	VE7QF	Larry Rossiter	VE7AMF
	VA7GER	Gerry Ryan	VE7ODI
	VE7NPN	Gord McCrady	VE7TE
March 2006	VA7WGG	Bill Green	VA7BEB
	VE7BFK	Bert King	VE7AMF
	VE7KA	Don Brumwell	VE7MUM
	VE7TB	Gordon (Fin) Finlay	VE7FXT
	VE7EIP	Ray Taylor	VE7BTP
February 2006	VE7IEB	John Braun	VE7BFM
	VE7DOV	Donald Donahue	VE7TVT
	VE7BLU	Ken Orton	VA7HL