

### **Net Controller Profiles: Karen, K7UGS**

Karen, K7UGS our Monday night Net Controller has been an artist since age 14 when she sold her first painting. She grew up in the little artist community, Ojai, Ca., which may explain her passion for art. Karen's father introduced her to Ham Radio at age 15 but, like many of us was Morse Code challenged. Vern, K6UGS her YM mentored her into becoming a Technician KI7BKU. The next winter at Quartzfest she became a General and changed her call to K7UGS Ugly Greasy Slob. Those that have seen her know this to be grossly untrue. She loves her children and grandchildren who often visit her at her Shady Cove, Or. Retreat. She has been an active member for many years and when here in Az. Volunteers to help at all club activities including being a Net Controller and always willing to fill in when necessary.



Karen and Vern love to travel in their RV. Their last big adventure was North to Alaska, seeing most of the fantastic sites there. Vern came to the US at age 12. He discovered Ham Radio from a friend in 1953 at age 15. He learned English and passed the Novice Test. At age 17 became a citizen At-A-Boy Vern. He later upgraded and changed his novice call from KN6UGS to K6UGS