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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

T16169	KA7JAS	Neil	AZ
16170	K5AQL	Bob	TX
16171	K8ALT	Audrey	OH
16172	KI4TNQ	Arline	TN
16173	WD8LYB	Will	MI
16174	KC0PKA	Michael	MN
16175	W3GLH	Gary	PA
16176	K0DLW	Dan	ND
16177	KI4SCV	Jim	GA
16178	KC0SZU	Dave	SD
16179	KB0STE	David	IA
16180	KD5LWU	Fr. Johnny	CO.

\* T = TEAM

The  
President's  
Monthly Message  
From  
Rose - KL7FQQ

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April 2007

### CONVENTION

The 2007 Convention is rapidly approaching, and we are asking if anyone has any agenda items they would like to have discussed at the Membership Meeting to be held on Saturday, June 2. If you have any items, please get them to me by May 15. As a side note, Stan and I have reserved tickets on the Narrow Gauge Railroad for Thursday, May 31. If any of you are going on that, we should connect and coordinate so we can perhaps sit together.

ADDITIONAL  
COORDINATOR SOUGHT  
We are still looking for a Weekend System Coordinator. It would certainly help our mobiles and some folks that work 5 days a week if we could run the system more hours over the weekend.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

All our members born in APRIL

## WANTED

A  
FEW GOOD  
YL's.

Go to page 2 for details

How many past Presidents did you collect on April 5, 2007? Presidents Day K1WLX,W2GLB KE5ZI, N5BYF, WA6TGR,N7YL

## In Memoriam...Silent Keys

3737	K4BVZ	Dorothy "Dot" Jones	TX
11947	WA7MOK	Eunice Brown	OR
6191	WA8KEF	Edward Gadnis	MI
684	OM3EA	Harry Samorin	Slovak Rep.

The list courtesy of QST & Gene, K9WFE

The full list is at [www.ylssystem.org](http://www.ylssystem.org)

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Vern and Barbara

From

All of your YLISSB friends

The inspiring warm story on page 3

## Special Days on the System

May 14<sup>th</sup> OLD TIMERS DAY

Work members with SSB #'s below 12,000.

See pg 69 in THE VOICE.

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YLISSB Interests & Images  
[www.ylssystem.org](http://www.ylssystem.org)



The Presidents Monthly Message continued from page 1...

So, if anyone is interested in tackling this job, please send me an e-mail.

**SCHOLARSHIP:**

Remember that the YLISSB gives a \$1000 Annual K4RHL Scholarship. Check out page 1 of the latest Voice for information, and don't forget that the application is in the back of the book. Applications must be received by May 8, 2007

**AWARDS:**

No report of awards this month.

**CONVENTION 2009:**

As most of you know, Convention 2008 will be held in Nova Scotia. We are looking for someone to host the 2009 Convention. If you would consider being a host, please contact me at [kl7fqg@yahoo.com](mailto:kl7fqg@yahoo.com). We have had an offer to host the 2010 Convention on the East Coast. Will give you more information on that soon. However, still need a host for the 2009 Convention, hopefully in the Mid to Western part of the country.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE:**

We are looking for a new coordinator for the P&P Manual. Dick, K3CDQ, has found that he is too busy to take on this big job. So, if anyone is interested, please contact me. We probably will not have anything except the operating procedures to report at this year's Convention.

**40 AND 80 METER SYSTEMS:**

Lee, WZ1F, reports that the 40 and 80 meter systems are going great The 40 meter system.

is on 7.273 and the 80 meter is on 3.935. They are looking for a new frequency on the 80 meter system, due to heavy QRM, and if a new frequency is found, we will be notifying you.

**COMMUNICATOR**

If you did not receive a copy of the recent Communicator, you should make sure that you have current envelopes with Paula, AK1Z. It is also available on the Website. Paula did an excellent job with the Communicator, and is asking for any stories, etc. that you may have. You are what makes the YLISSB so much fun. We salute you!

73's

*Rose KL7FQQ*

**WANTED  
A FEW GOOD YLs.**

**2008 Elections**

We seem to be having some difficulty in lining up a few YL's to run for the office of President. If you are a YL, and a paid up member, then please submit your resume to Judy KC7KPG [nurentj@wildblue.net](mailto:nurentj@wildblue.net).

Judy is the Committee Chairperson for the elections. The Office of President is a huge responsibility and requires the help of the board of directors and all the members. The success of the YLISSB depends on the close contact of the officers within the system. We really need a few good YL's who are willing to put all their effort into keeping this system at the success level that it is now. The past and present Officers have certainly been a breath of fresh air for all of us. Certainly, anyone who wishes to run for the Office will have the respect of all the YLISSB members.

Please take a moment and think of the benefits that you can offer to the YLISSB, and submit your informal resume to Judy KC7KPG

**20 Meter System**

By Jda KB5YQ

Early A.M Warm-up Everyday  
1300z – 1600z

1st -3rd Period Mon -Fri

1st Period

1600z -1800z

2nd Period

1800z – 2000z

3rd Period

2000z – 2200z

Moonbeam

2200z – until the band closes

**ATTENTION**

Right now, I need:

- warm-up controls everyday except on Wed and Sat..
- 1st period controls Tue. And Fri. 1600z -1800z
- Any other assistance throughout the day and on Sat/Sun... warm-up is always welcome.

May 27 –June 9, I will be gone to convention. This means we need controls for

- Early morning warm-up everyday.
- Friday 1st period
- Mon, Wed, & Thurs. help for N0TWV and AA9BB for those two weeks.

Bob, K7PVZ, will be gone to the convention as well. This means that we need to have 2nd and 3rd period covered, as well. Kevin, KA4NWS will be gone during the same duration. This means we need help for the 1st hour of the MOONBEAM also.

Contact Jda KB5YQ and Kevin KA4NWS on the air and volunteer. The help is much appreciated.

33,  
Jda KB5YQ

**Special Note (Voice Correction)  
Mack-KC0CRS is # 14429**

### TOP FLIGHT OPERATORS

*Whenever a candidate accumulates 10 votes from 10 different TFO holders, a TFO number is issued [VOICE pg.1]*

*If you have YOUR TFO number, PLEASE do your part by casting your 12 votes (1per month) this year!*

*All TFO's please forward your votes to Karen, KB8NSA, for the next person to be voted a TFO.*

*Karen's e-mail address is:  
[kb8nsa@suddenlink.net](mailto:kb8nsa@suddenlink.net)*

### Bay St. Louis, MS Revisited

By Judith KC7KPG

The devastation of Hurricane Katrina was still fresh when Bill Clingan KCOONR, Alabama; Wade Davis AA8LL, Ohio; John Quinn N9JZX, Illinois; and I (Judith Nurenberg KC7KPG, New Mexico) setup camp to serve the special needs Senior Center Shelter in Bay St. Louis, MS during the week following the hurricane in 2005. When our duty ended eight days later, devastation was still everywhere; however, the spirit to rebuild and continue life there was very strong.

A later visit to Louisiana gave me the opportunity to revisit Bay St. Louis, MS. Streets were passable, destroyed homes were removed and many of the damaged homes were being repaired. A new bridge was under construction to connect the coastal road to the rest of the state. Many businesses were rebuilt and open. The shopping centers, where semi trucks dumped donated items, based military personnel, and gave room for outdoor kitchens, were still closed.

Homes were freshly painted; however, the noted blue tarps still covered the roofs of many buildings. FEMA trailers were still serving as shelter for families rebuilding. People were working in their yards with flowers and trees in bloom. Children were at play wearing smiles. It is evident that the human spirit we witnessed a year and a half ago still exists. (Cont. page 4)

### 40 METERS LOOKING GOOD

by WZ1F ssb# 15988  
Informal 7.273 2300z -0000z M-F

Well things are going just fine on the 40 Meter Portion of the YLSYSTEM.. We have been getting 25 to 30 check-ins each night. We have had almost all the states on so far. One night last month, we had 31 check-ins with 26 states, so not a bad night at all.

I want to thank all the controls and everyone else who comes on and lends a hand with all the check-ins. We have also had several visitors each night and many are looking towards joining the system.

This month I want to send a special Thank You to Vern (K0MSR) and his wife Barbara Oszman for 55 years together.

Here is Vern's story.

#### Vern & Barbara Oszman \*55\* Years.

Barbara and I met in the spring of 1952. A few months before we met, I had just been discharged from the Beaumont Army hospital after front line service in Korea. I was chatting with a small group of old friends gathered at a popular corner gas station near our homes when Barbara and two of her girl friends came walking by. They were good friends of some of my old friends. I was introduced to Barb and her friends. Barbs two friends are still a part of her social life today. I won't say it was love at first sight but we did not go a day without seeing each other prior to our marriage on December 6, 1952 We went on to have four children three girls and a boy. All four of the children work as dental lab technicians near our home. Barb and I both came from divorced families. The odds of us having a successful marriage were really stacked against us.

We fully understand we have an awful lot to be thankful for. We have had good health. Our children were born healthy. We both had reasonably nice reliable jobs. Our parents while divorced were great and supportive. Finally, I thought for sure I was going to die in Korea so all the good things that has happened to me since make me even more profoundly grateful.

- Vern

### CQ CQ CQ YL ISSBer's: Calling all members!!!

The Communicator needs your stories, poems and opinions of your on-air adventures. We need YL stories & info Sketches,illustrations,doodles,etc.

Mail & Email to AK1X  
[pmdunn59@metrocast.net](mailto:pmdunn59@metrocast.net)

### 80 Meter Notes

By Paula AK1X  
Freq. changes -0000z M-F

Listen for details on 20m and 40m or email [wz1f@verizon.net](mailto:wz1f@verizon.net)

We are still in search of a frequency that works well for the YLISSB on the general portion ( 3.800 mhz) of the band.

Some members will remember that at one time,the ylissb did have a place 10m-80m. This was because of amount of regular check-ins, emergency activity was much greater, and of course, good old propagation was more favorable. If you have not taken a look at page 26 of "SSB'ers VOICE" #56 for 2006-2007, by golly, go do so. Barbara, KE5ZI included a very interesting read that is a reprint from an article out of the ARRL Operating Manual of 1985.

In the year 2007, 80 meters is not for the faint of heart. We no longer operate at the 1985 suggested frequency for the reason that it is presently occupied at the time of day that 80m system would run.

Despite the difficulty with re-establishing the 80m YLISSB system, check-ins have been enough to show that the YLISSB has a promising future on 80m once we establish a frequency again.

Contact WZ1F for latest information and if you would like to help as system control on 80m.

### Editorial

A warm thanks to all for the positive feedback and comments with last month's Newsletter. ~ Paula AK1X



UPDATE FROM W7KFI ssb# 16016

Ahoy: HAVE HAD PROBLEMS WITH BOAT AND ENGINE. Had a fire, replaced lots of things...now down to oil pressure gauge, it will not work. Mech coming sun to fix it, hopefully then I can once again leave Hawaii.

Pearl Harbor is the black hole of radio...I hear almost nothing...thus I am unable to check into any nets. However, I am hoping that once I get offshore things will change.....they were ok when I came from Mexico to here, and then last June from Alameda, CA to here (delivered a Hunter 42 for local USCG Cmdr who did not know how to sail. He is afraid of the boat, and now is trying to sell it here in Hawaii...oh well, such is life.)

Susan, W7KFI  
USSV Dharma

Bay St. Louis, MS Revisited continued...

The Senior Center where we served was closed for the afternoon so I was unable to see the friends we made. We drove around town taking pictures to send to Bill, John, and Wade. The sadness I felt leaving Bay St. Louis in September of 2005 changed to hope as we drove away from town in March of 2007

A Heartfelt Thank You goes out, to all the members who have contributed to this month's issue of THE COMMUNICATOR!  
~ AK1X

Rotation Date dependent  
1-0-4-7-3-6-9-2-5-8  
More helpful info on pg.6, THE VOICE

Echolink? We do...  
K0MSR, WZ1F, KI4KTA, KC7KPG, AK1X  
Join Us  
Look for us as a part of 40m relay 2230z M-F

Please feel free to address any issues, suggestions, errors, or anything you may like to see more or less of concerning this newsletter.  
Let's communicate! 8->  
Pmdunn59@metrocst.net

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