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Summer Award Results

Congratulations

KD4PY - Jim #6836 KJ5Q - Sandy #15841

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To
All our members born in
August

# 16230	K5ADA	(Arnold) A Knoche	TX
# 16231	KE7LSJ	(Hal) E. Hamman Jr.	AZ
# 16232	N8RLS	(Bob) L. Smithson	WV
# 16233	N5RN	Glenn E Wolf Jr	AR
# 16234	KI4IEO	(Chuck) R Graham,	VA
T# 16235*	KC8TDC	(Gerry) L. Smith	MI

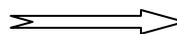
T = TEAM * OM of kc8vrt Amy

In Memoriam...Silent Keys

Note the following YLISSB members in the Silent Keys section of the August 2007 issue of QST.

15362	K1UQX	DICK TRUE, NH
13355	WB2AWE	BILL BENNISON, GA
5041	K2MGE	DOROTHY STRAUBER, NJ
13936	KC4GZ	CARL LISTER, SC
4347	K4KIC	ERNIE TISCHER, CO

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INFORMATION UPDATE

New E-mail address & Zip Code
for

KE5ZI – Barbara
barb42@embarqmail.com

Zip 34471-7497

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

August, 2007

Greetings from Alaska. Unfortunately, we don't have access to a rig, so can't try to get on the YLISSB from Alaska. Wish we could!

2008 CONVENTION: Our 2008 Convention will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, sponsored by Jim, VE1JIM. Information about this convention is on the Web site. It promises to be a wonderful convention. Remember, you will need a passport to cross into Canada.

2009 CONVENTION: Our 2009 Convention will be held in the City of Spokane Valley at the Mirabeau Hotel. It is scheduled to be held June 18-22. Host and Hostess are KL7FQR and KL7FQQ. More information will be given later.

AWARDS

The following awards were earned in July:8>

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.20 Meter System

Daily Schedule

KB5YQ – System Coordinator

Early A.M Warm-up Everyday

1200z – 1500z

1st -3rd Period Mon -Fri

1st Period

1500z -1700z

2nd Period

1700z – 1900z

3rd Period

1900z – 2100z

Moonbeam

K3CDQ – Coordinator

2100z – Band closes Mon – Fri

This column is in need of a Field Reporter!

Help Jda spread the word 8>

The 20 meter system is a vital hub for the YLISSB. With that said, there should be plenty of news and info to share. This is where our DX friends come regularly, as well many 18wheelers or weary travelers looking for a familiar voice or call.

Propagation has been typically sporadic, with opening well into the night on the east coast.

A huge thanks to all those who help during the daytime operation!!

73/33

SUMMER AWARD

JUN, JULY AUG 20m 1500Z-1900Z M-F

Award Mgr KJ5Q

20 METER MOONBEAM

De

Dick K3CDQ

The following memo is an email and reprint with Dick's permission

MEMO TO: ALL MOONBEAM CONTROLS

FROM: DICK K3CDQ

SUBJECT: CONTROL DUTIES

DATE: JULY 23, 2007

I am guessing that the heading above makes this look a bit formal and just want you to know that I am only trying to get your attention.

Guys and Gals, we are very much in need of more Control help. Yep, I know, that is not a new statement and one Jda and I make very often. I guess now is as good a time as any to again thank all of you for your participation and I hope each and every one of you will hang in there and continue to Control on your assigned evening. I very much appreciate what you do and I know many of the members do as well.

My reason for this email is two fold.
1) To ask each and every one of you if you will give some thought to it, and then email me the name and/or callsign of someone you think you or I might be able to recruit.

Whether you or I recruit them makes no difference as long as we can get some new Controls and I will continue with the capital C because I think all of our Controls deserve that...

2) And here is the other reason for this email and that is, I am going to also send this to a number of new members and a number of past Controls in hopes of getting a little more help. I trust everyone knows the bands are actually improving and as Fall approaches, I am looking forward to a lot more check-ins. On the Moonbeam this evening, I heard NC, WV, PA, OH, VA and MI...these are close in states that I do not usually hear, so something is changing. In the mornings, I am hearing stations from Europe 59 and Ireland, Scotland and Italy have recently checked in on the Moonbeam.

So, in closing I ask you to not lose focus on what I am asking you and that is for you to provide me with one name, only one person who you think you and/or I might be successful in recruiting.....

I would also like to mention a couple other things while I have your attention. One is that I will be happy to again start listing items on the Daily Activities page, including any net reports or any other items you want to send me. I am also looking for some more smiling faces from you to put on my web page. Take a look at the photos of your friends on my web page and then send me one of you to post.

73
Dick

The compiling and publishing of The Voice #57 2008 is progressing. Tentative Press/Publish Time is scheduled for September 2007. Members wishing to submit JPG, images, articles, and material for publication, have until Aug. 31. All Material will be considered. Thank you for contributing!

Progress on the 10-meter system

By John, KI4JQB

As most of you know, we have activated the 10-meter portion of the YL system again. I volunteered to control the first night we reactivated it, and then Lee, WZ1F, asked me if I wanted to control on a regular basis. Right now, we are aiming at doing the system Monday night through Friday night at 8:00 pm Eastern on 28.573 MHz. When conditions are good, I keep things going for about half an hour; otherwise, I shut the system down after about ten or fifteen minutes.

I have created a control schedule sheet for the 10-meter system (thanks to Dick, K3CDQ, for letting me copy his Moonbeam Control Sheet). Right now, we have no scheduled assistant control coverage, so I would really welcome some help. (If I don't get some help, I may draft somebody. Hi hi.) When conditions are poor, it gets rather lonely when I'm putting out calls on 10 meters and getting no response. If anyone wants a copy of the schedule, email me at ki4jqb@arrl.net, and I will send it to you.

I accepted the job for the summer. Right now, I am normally controlling all but one or two nights a week. Once my schoolwork starts up in the fall, I do not know how my schedule will work in the evenings, so I will need regular fills. I want to thank Chris, KI4KTA, for

for coming up to 10 meters almost every night and Will, WD8LYB, for being there a lot, also.

73, John
KI4JQB
"Little John" to many of you

40 Meter Portion of YLISSB

The 40 meter system is still going very well to date. Despite the poor band conditions, we are still checking in around 17 to 22 each night.

We are looking for a few more Controls in the West, North West and South West to help out. We don't expect anyone to commit themselves to every night but a day a week would really be appreciated.

Any time that you would like to help would really be appreciated by the controls that are on every night now. The 40 meter system only last for a total of one hour, 2300z to 0000z. 7pm to 8pm EST. So if you would like to help please send an email to me. WZ1F@VERIZON.NET

Another feature that we are using to insure reasonable good control of the system is EchoLink. We have several members on the system that stay in contact with EchoLink and the radio at all times, we even have Steven VE3JPJ in Ontario Canada on EchoLink now and he can relay to us stations trying to check in that we don't hear that well.

Join us on the 40 Meter system nightly 23:00z freq is 7.273 MHz. Also, check into EchoLink with one of the controls, KI4KTA, WD8LYB, AK1X, VE3JPJ, WZ1F and on occasions VE1JIM Jim from Halifax NS. If you need any help getting EchoLink set up you can contact one of us as well.

Until next month 73, keep cool and hope to cul. Good DX.

Lee WZ1F

The President Report cont from pg1...

AWARDS

The following awards were earned in July:

Summer Award to KD4PY, Jim #6836

Summer Award to KJ5Q, Sandy #15841

Congratulations to both.

HELP REQUESTED.

I had an e-mail from Jennifer, WA4CVV (#15644), saying that she was not on the air, and wondering if the Organization could help? I wrote back, asking what type of help she needed. She responded by saying that a small solid state rig would be nice. Jennifer lives in St. Petersburg, FL. I replied to her, telling her that I'd put her plight out in my President's Report, and we'd see if any of our members might be able to help her. Her e-mail address is: wa4cvv@yahoo.com.

We trust your summer is going well.

73's Rose

**CONVENTION 2008
HALIFAX NOVA SCOTIA**
Ummm...That is in Canada 8>

Do not forget to have Your Passport in order!
If you are traveling via the Road, you may want to plan to stop at any one of these exciting places dotting your route to Canada.
~ editor 8>
The following information comes to us via KC2ATK

Philadelphia Pennsylvania
The liberty Bell and independence hall
www.visitpa.com
www.nps.gov/inde
1-800-847-4872

New Jersey Jersey City
Statue of Liberty Park
www.visitnj.org
www.statuereservations.com
1866-782-8834

New York, New York
www.iloveny.com
800-225-5697

Connecticut
www.ctbound.org

Mystic seaport
888-.973-2767
Groton
Sub Base
800-343-0079
Foxwood Casino
800-366-9663

Massachusetts
www.massvacation.com
800-227-6277

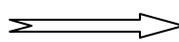
Boston
Boston Historic tour by trolley
Info@goboston.com
800-887-9103

New Hampshire
www.visitnh.com
Mt Washington

Maine
www.visitmaine.com
Acadia National park
1-877-444-6777

These places are great in my opinion and well worth the visit.
Mt Washington is the only one away from I- 95
My suggestion for route of travel is 1 -Route 9 out of Bangor to St Stevens and Canadian hwy #1
From St Steven north to St John and Reversing falls
While in St John, you can take the St John to Digby Ferry
Also from St John you can travel north on hwy #1 go to Exit 114 Bay of Fundy Park Hope well Rocks and on to Moncton.

Getting back to Bangor You can continue on I-95 North to Holton Maine
And into Canada to HWY # 2 to Fredericton and Moncton
While in Moncton follow signs to magnetic hill.

The St John river is not tidal but the Bay of Fundy is and when the bay pushes the St John river back up the river the water flows over the rocks and you have reversing falls.
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DX CORNER AUGUST 2007

I HAVE A NEW PAGE ON MY WEB SIGHT THAT MAY HELP EVERYONE WHO IS A DX CHASER. PLEASE CHECK IT OUT. I WILL TRY TO UPDATE THIS PORTION OF MY WEB SIGHT WHENEVER POSSIBLE. IF THERE IS ANY OTHER FUNCTION YOU WISH FOR ME TO PUT ONTO MY WEB PAGE PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING A TRIP OR KNOW OF ANY YLISSB MEMBER GOING TO OPERATE FROM A REMOTE LOCATION PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

[HTTP://WWW.WZ1F.ORG](http://WWW.WZ1F.ORG)

TNXS, GOOD DX ES 73, FROM LEE WZ1F SSB# 15988 TFO # 446

EDITORIAL

Ahhhh August, what a wonderful month...unless of course the thunderstorms and crazy propagation are bringing down the antenna, or bringing in the foreign broadcast better than our YL friends...8>hihi. We have to be like chameleons and change modes or colors with the elements, that's all. Summer is prime VHF and late night's openings with 10 and 20m.

The Priort Printer is still seeking a companion. I have listed it locally, and will continue to pursue the challenge of getting it adopted by someone ASAP.

The Voice is in progress and compiling is going well. Everyone is working on his or her material and getting it to me. THANK YOU!! 8>
~AK1X

Special Days on the System

AUGUST 22 Belt of Orion Day



Check Page 77 of VOICE #56 for info. And pg 5 of this July issue.

Magnetic Hill is an optical illusion by having to accelerate down hill but at the bottom you take your foot off of the brake and your car appears to travel up hill.

The Bay of Fundy park is very pretty with flowers and well kept park. There is camping, hiking trails and when the tide is going out you can walk out into the bay (WEAR OLD SHOES AS IT IS MUDDY)

The Hope Well rocks are a formation of rocks that have been carved out by the Fundy tide.

A Side trip to Shediac (lobster capital of the world) is a scenic ride
The Confederation Bridge between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island is a modern world feat (make sure to see the museum has a film on how the bridge was built.
A NOTE HERE THE BRIDGE CHARGES ONE WAY BUT YOU MUST HAVE A RECIEPT TO RETURN BECAUSE IF YOU TAKE THE PICTOU FERRY TO NOVA SCOTIA THE RECIEPT WILL BE HONORED AND YOU WILL NOT NEED TO PAY FERRY COST.
FROM MONCTON, TAKE HWY 104 TO AMHERST. Go east to Truro then on to Halifax.

Several other places of interest are
MINAS BASIN
PEGGYS COVE (A MUST SEE)
Ludanburg maritime museum
The canuso canal
Cabot trail
Marconi museum
Ann Murray centre

I would suggest next January or February call for DOERS AND DREAMERS PACKAGE WITH ROAD MAP.
I would get this years so you have an idea of what where and when info on NOVA SCOTIA

Call today 1-800-565-000 an ask for Doers and Dreamers. Package w/ road map.

I will up date later on
Any one with questions can e-mail me at kc2atk@snip.net

John

SK continued from pg 1...

9857 N4LA
JOHN FOSTER, TN
11411 NK4X
ARNOLD GAUTHIER, KY
15490 W9TND
TOM DUEMLING, WI

Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Gene Delaney, K9WFE
YLISSB Information Officer

All YLISSB PRESSMEN

THANK YOU!

We love the stories, news, images and articles.
It is your contribution that makes this publication so fun and informative!

~ Editing Staff

Send your latest images, time-sensitive announcements, stories and information to Our Website webmaster Jim, VE1JIM

www.ylssystem.org
Visit us often for latest YL system News.

Hot off the wire from The White House...

Rex, WAOAVW has forwarded News from one of our two Scholarship recipients Stephanie Fleetwood will begin her classes August 27th, and sends a warm thank you letter for her deep appreciation.

June 23, 2007

Rex White
3023 Fairman Avenue
Rhodes, IA 50234

Dear Mr. White,

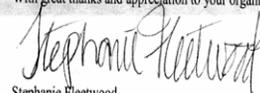
I would like to express my thanks to the YL-ISSB Scholarship Fund for awarding me a ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR scholarship.

Words can not sum up my appreciation. I am humbled and truly grateful to be a recipient of this scholarship.

I do apologize for the delay in sending this out, but registration of classes just opened for me, and I did want to include a copy of my class schedule. I have enrolled for a total of 16 credit hours; Introductory Biology, Biology Lab, Chemistry, Written Communications, Survival Skills for College Students (that one should come in handy ☺) and Western Civilization.

School starts on August 27th, and I am a bit apprehensive, but also extremely excited to be starting on this next chapter of my life.

With great thanks and appreciation to your organization!


Stephanie Fleetwood
PO Box 2501
Seward, AK 99664

Enc: Fall Semester 2007 schedule

August: Featured Award

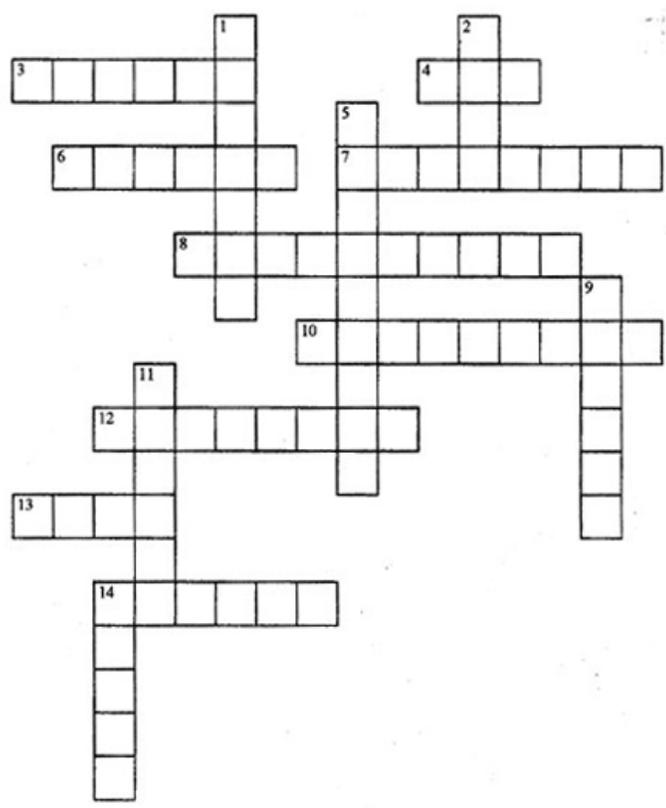
BELT OF ORION (10) \$5.00 US Start date – Annually as of August 1st.

Three new call signs will be added each year and three will be removed each year to insure currency and provide new operating challenge.

Contact 10 of the following 12 members.
K3CDQ – KA4NWS - KB5YQ KE5ZI –
N5BYF – W5VTM
KL7FQQ - W7K0I – K8NQC - KB8NSA –
K9WFE - VE1JIM

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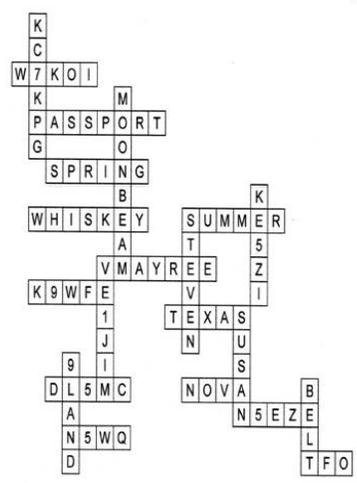
The Communicator Challenge #2



Solution to this month's Crossword Challenge will be published next month. It is also available by sending a request by email, mail or on the air. Many of the Answers are within this August issue!

Solution to last month

The Communicator Crossword Challenge # 1



ACROSS

- 3 Where's Rose and Stan?
- 4 This YL member is living in The White House
- 6 Host of Convention 2008
- 7 Recent check-ins to the Moonbeam include Ireland, _____, & Italy
- 8 The state location of our 2009 Convention
- 10 2007 YL-ISSB Scholarship recipient
- 12 A useful tool during poor propagation
- 13 40 meter quest for YL members way out _____
- 14 Well versed in travel outside NJ

DOWN

- 1 The location of convention 2008
- 2 Take this Way in Baltimore, and look to the Stars on August 22
- 5 The YL system always needs more _____ controls
- 9 Better known to some as Little John
- 11 New member and OM of Amy KC8VRT
- 14 New Summer Award Winner

YLISB System was founded by K4ICA, V. Mayree Tallman as a worldwide emergency communications system and advocates the promotion of International good will through Amateur Radio. V. Mayree, Sidebander #1 (ISSB#1) became a Silent Key on June 19, 2001, but "Her System" lives on!
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