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Happy Birthday to all members born in August & September

## Congratulations to Newest TFO holders

#470 KC2ATK and #471 KI4P

New Members

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## The YL system mourns the loss of

- 16336 – K9DIG – Nancy - ND
- 16335 - KB1OPV - Bill Mass
- 16334 – KF4IZP – Bryan Kentucky
- 16333 - W3EFE - Lee New York
- 16332 - W8JJS - Jeff Michigan
- 16331 - KE7LSF - Louise Oregon
- 16330 - N9VZ - Charles Wisconsin
- 16329 - NE0JD - James Nebraska
- 16328 - KB3RHW - Robert Maryland
- 16327 - W0JRS - Jamie Iowa
- 16326 - KI4WPL - Rachael Alabama
- 16325 - KV2QZR - Joe New York
- 16324 - KC9NIY - Rick Indiana
- 16323 - KI4YII - Art North Carolina
- 16322 - KU4MT - Dave Georgia



Submitted by Francine Ferry & Rose

Earl P. Shobe passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family in the early morning hours of Friday, August 15, 2008. Earl was born in Richmond, Indiana, to the union of Charles and Eva [Miller] Shobe on July 5, 1909.

Earl joined the United States Navy at the age of 16 on July 10, 1927, and was honorably discharged on November 16, 1937. His first civilian job after the Navy was in Buffalo Valley, Nevada. He often came to Elko and that is where he met the love of his life, Augustine Sabala. Earl married "Augie" on April 10, 1943, in Elko, Nevada. He worked as a bookkeeper for the Elko-Lamoille Power Company and, simultaneously, as a flight controller for the Federal Aviation Administration at the Elko Airport. He retired from both jobs due to vision problems.

Earl worked as a radioman with the Navy and furthered that occupation becoming an amateur radio operator for the remainder of his life.

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As of August first 1<sup>st</sup>, The YL QSL Bureau is closed.

## Earl Shope con't...

He spoke with his "ham" buddies as recently as a week prior to his death. He was a forty-year member of the YLISSB [Young Ladies International Single Side Banders] amateur radio organization. Earl also belonged to the 10-10 International Amateur Radio organization since 1978. He loved to travel and was able to visit Europe twice as well as Cuba before travel restrictions. He was able to travel to Nova Scotia, Barbados, Orcas Island, and numerous states for ham radio conventions with daughter and son-in-law, Francine & Cliff Ferry. In addition, he attended the 10-10 Conventions in Reno, Nevada, with daughter and son-in-law, Earlene & Jesse Larsen.

Earl was a long-standing member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church after being baptized on May 18, 1957. He earned 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus. He was a 67 year member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks as well as the Nevada Civic Club.

Earl was preceded in death by his loving wife, Augustine Sabala Shobe, his parents, his brothers Leo, Bill and Phillip Shobe, and son-in-law, Kenneth Dory. He is survived by daughters, Earlene [Jesse] Larsen of Wells, Nevada; Charlene Dory of Elko, Nevada; and Francine [Cliff] Ferry of Elko, Nevada; brother Cecil [Mary] Shobe of Brazil, Indiana; his seven grandchildren, Traci [Jeff Callahan] Dory of Carson City, Nevada; Earl Larsen of Twin Falls, Idaho; Mark [Jody] Dory of Elko, Nevada; Toni Hughes of Twin Falls, Idaho; Daniel [Kim] Larsen of Reno, Nevada; Willie Ames of Elko, Nevada; and Jon Ames of Elko, Nevada; his great grandchildren Kellie Adams, Shelby Ames, Jaime Dory, Andrew Ames, Arianna Ames, Matthew Larsen, and Kobe Ames; his great-great grandchildren, Aleric, Errolyn, Sean, Markus and Micke; and numerous other family and friends who loved and cherished him dearly.

Earl's life was celebrated on Monday, August 18, 2008, at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Elko, Nevada, and he was laid to rest at the Burns Memorial Garden. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the YLISSB scholarship fund or the charity of your choice. Donations for the YLISSB scholarship can be sent to his daughter Francine Ferry at 288 West Cedar Street, Elko, NV 89801.

For latest YL News and information go to

[www.ylssystem.org](http://www.ylssystem.org)

Webmaster: VE1JIM

## Hurricanes Keep System members Busy all season !

Date: Monday, August 4, 2008, 7:06 AM

Would like to take a minute of your time to let you know about our past days since hurricane Dolly.

We were very fortunate in that we had minimal damages to our home.

I have one radio antenna badly bent but actually still works.

We made the decision to stay here at our home.

We had winds over 100 miles per hour in gusts. Our electricity went off at the beginning of the storm on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, and was not restored until seven days later.

We survived with a small generator that helped with keeping our refrigerator one light and one fan.

As you know we have almost 100 degree days and it was truly miserable especially getting sleep.

There were families in our area much worse off, and still are without electric. We live 30 miles from Padre Island and it was badly damaged with water inside all of the big hotels.

We are thankful that no one in the Rio Grande Valley was badly hurt or no lives were lost.

73s Jodie & Pat

Now the Gulf & Texas brace for Gustav ! editor comment

## .20 Meter System

News of the new operation Plus stories from the Moonbeam will return in September issue.

## 40 Meter Report

August 19.2008

It has been a great pleasure working the 40M portion of the YLSYSTEM .

The one big reason is all the help I get. Almost every night someone will be there to help with check ins either as an Assistant System Control or as a relay .This is what makes a good working unit. We usually get 20 to 30 check ins nightly. When the bands improve, if they ever will, we should do a lot better We are getting many guests checking in and I'm hoping that they will join our great group.

I am still looking for some help to establish a Mid West, West coast portion for the 40 meters. If any one is interested PLEASE contact me. It really is a lot of fun and you can meet so many great people.

It is a tough job following WZ1F Lee. He has been a wonderful help for me. His knowledge and expertise has been what I really needed. Fortunately, I was able to learn from him even if for a short period. Some day I will be as good as Lee . Let's hope so.

Thanks to all for all your help

73  
KI4TXP Jay

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT\ August, 2008**

Greetings from Washington:

### **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. The Convention Brochure is available on the Web site, or may be mailed to you if you send a SASE to KL7FQQ, P.O. Box 954, Newman Lake, WA 99025.

### **2010 CONVENTION**

We have not been successful in firming up the location for our 2010 Convention yet. However, an interest in holding it in North Carolina was expressed. Hopefully, Kevin KA4NWS and Sally, KG4NWS will be able to host the Convention.

### **AWARDS**

No awards were reported this month.

### **MOONBEAM COORDINATOR AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

K3CDQ, who resigned as Chairman of the above positions, has retired from his day job. Thus he has reconsidered, and agreed to continue as Moonbeam Coordinator and as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. Welcome back, Dick.

### **EDITOR**

Paula, AK1X, has been reinstated as Editor of the Communicator and the Voice. She and Rose, KL7FQQ will work closely on the upcoming edition of the Voice. If you have any information for either the Voice or the Communicator, you may send them to Paula at: [pmdunn59@metrocast.net](mailto:pmdunn59@metrocast.net).

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# 40 METER SYSTEM

The 40 Meter System is doing well under the coordination of Jay, KI4TXP. He is very interested in expanding further West, and would really like to see some more controls from the Western U.S. Jay writes, "It is great being a System control. I'm having a ball. One thing that is nice, when I do go away or have another obligation, someone always steps in and takes over." Among those that help are: KI4KTA, Chris from Florida; W1SQM, George, from Rhode Island; KC9ICP, Bruce, from Indiana; N0DFP, Bob, from Minnesota, and W3GLH, Gary, from Pennsylvania. There are others that step forward and help, and we all appreciate your assistance. You can contact Jay at: [jayson648@yahoo.com](mailto:jayson648@yahoo.com)

# NEW OPERATING PROCEDURES

Early reports are that the new operating procedures are working out well. It may take a while to get used to them, but I believe that once we all do so, they will make a marked improvement for the daytime System.

Thanks to everyone. 73's and 88's Rose

Send your information and stories to the Communicator by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to [pmdunn59@metrocast.net](mailto:pmdunn59@metrocast.net) or AK1X – 62 white MTN HWY, Milton, NH 03851

Stay tuned for information on Material submission for upcoming VOICE 2009!

Thanks Everyone!



# What's YOUR earliest QSL from W7KQI?

Share your earliest log or QSL card with the members of the YL System. Submit a jpg image electronically or by way of mail with sase for return.

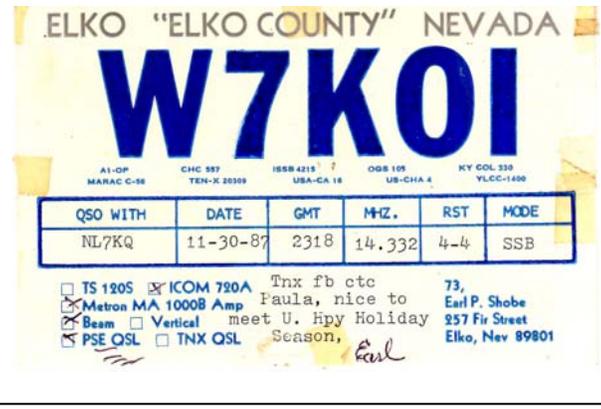
[Pmdunn59@metrocast.net](mailto:Pmdunn59@metrocast.net)

Or mail to AK1X: 62 White MTN Hwy, Milton, NH 03851

Here's mine :

Earl invited me to join the YL System back in 1987.

I was NL7KQ and operating from Alaska .Earl would always be there to help with getting me checked in no matter what!



# Editorial

It feels great to be back at the editor's desk! Rose and members have been bringing me up to speed on the news and recent changes on the 20 meter operations.

Like in the past issues of the communicator, It will reflect your interests and stories.

Just like in the past, the editor is running a little late with getting the publication out by mid- month, But we will strive to have the monthly issue out by around the middle of each month. Members will be able to view their copy online at [ylsystem.org](http://ylsystem.org), and subscribed members with SASE on file with me, can expect their copy mailed on the next business day starting in September.

Keep your stories coming!

73, AK1X