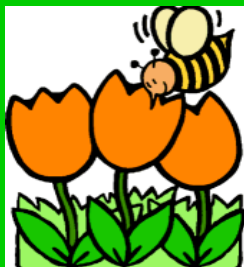


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President's Report by Rose KL7FQQ Greetings From Texas

AWARDS

The Birthday Award was earned by: W4JMJ, KK4AED, K4KRK, N1PVT, K5ZMX, KI4TXP, KK4YL, KN4AA, K9DIG, KL7FQQ, W9OO, VE1JIM and VE7AAV. The Old Timer Award was earned by K9DIG and KB7CSX; The Veteran's Award was earned by K4KRK, K54ZMX and VE7AAV; the Stars of the Southern Cross was earned by KC7KPG; Apollo by K5ZMX; Belt of Orion by K5ZMX and One in a Million by VE7AAV. Congratulations to all.

NEW TFO'S

The Top Flight Operator award is one of the highest awards that a member can be given. It shows that the member displays high standards as a Radio Amateur, and at least 10 member of the YLISSB have noticed his or her above average operating practices. This month we are happy to announce 3 new TFO holders: KB9GFX Doc, was awarded #508; KK4AED Howard, was awarded #509 and KB3ITJ Jerry was awarded #510. Congratulations to all.

CONVENTION 2014

Still looking for someone to host the 2014 Convention. Want to try? Send an e-mail to any Board member.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following have been elected to serve on the 2013-2015 Board of Directors: W7AJP Bill has been elected as Treasurer; W7WTQ Ralph has been elected as Assistant Treasurer; W4ZGH Brian has been elected as Secretary; and VE1JIM has been elected as Director. Also, KB5YQ was elected to serve on the Emeritus Council, and the proposed Bylaws changes were approved. Thanks to all who voted, and congratulations to our Elected members.

PLEASE USE PHONETICS

When checking into the YLISSB, please give your call phonetically. This is especially important when rechecking into the System. Let's help our Controls, and make their job easier. Thanks.

33's, 73's and 88's Rose

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR
BEFORE YOU TURN IN ON SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 9.
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY MARCH 10.**

SYSTEM INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

16783	AF5DI	CLARK	OK
16784	K8EEE	ERNIE	OH
16785	KD8EVN	DAVE	OH
16786	KJ4EIE	MIKE	GA
16787	J73CAJ	CONRAD	DOM
16788	KK4FYV	EDWARD	VA
16789	VE5RH	RICHARD	SK
16790	VE7MJD	MICHAEL	BC
16791	W7JAM	JOHN	WA
16792	VA6HLL	HARVEY	AB
16793	VE1QT	LINDA	NS
16794	KB3SEL	GLORIA	MD
16795	AK3R	JOHN	MD
16796	AD7SN	MEL	AZ
16797	K7PKG	MATT	AZ

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02 WN3W	15 VE9MSD
02 WA5YNE	15 KI4WPL
05 N4ZGH	16 N5BYF
06 BARBARA - XYL OF KØMSR	17 N1PVT
06 W2EO	18 KL7H
06 W6UNT	19 WV9B
06 NØDFP	21 KG4NWS
10 KB5YQ	22 KE7LSF (104)
10 W7DZX	23 WN3Z
10 KE4CAX	24 KA9LYH
11 VA7CTW	25 N4HMP/C6ACV
11 W5VBD	30 KAØAK
12 W8XC	31 KD4AIS
	31 AC5XB

March 17



*Happy St. Patrick's
Day to all our Irish
members.*

SILENT KEYS

6446	WA1GIL	LEONARD	CT
6962	K3AFU	JAMES	PA
8753	NØXN	MERLE	MN
13998	AA9DX	ROBERT	IL
14147	KA2NRR	MARTIN	NY
15800	AAØKN	MARY	WI
16019	K7PVZ	BOB	WA
16570	W4CTH	NEEDHAM	TX

ANNIVERSARIES & YEARS MARRIED

3/01 ZL1AMN DAVE & ZL1ALE AOLA
 3/16 KG4CNA ALLEN & NITA - 17
 3/27 GRACE & SUS KB9OC
 3/29 KC8TDC GERALD & KC8VRT AMY-55

TRY TO REMEMBER!

V. Mayree, Sidebander #1 who founded the YL System asked that out of respect for our many OM members, that we call our membership number a Sideband Number and not a YL Number. If you call it a YL number, you are not wrong and no one is going to chastise you. However, it is suggested that we all “honor her request” and refer to our membership number as a Sideband Number.

BITS & PIECES

From Rose, KL7FQQ we have the YL System election results:

- W7AJP re-elected as Treasurer
- W7WTQ re-elected as Assistant Treasurer
- W4ZGH re-elected as Secretary
- VE1JIM re-elected as Director

The changes to the System by-laws were approved.

KB5YQ named to the Emeritus Council

Congratulations to all involved.
73, Gene Delaney K9WFE
YLIS SB Information Officer

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K5MAF is now K6MAF
KL7JEF is now ALØAL
KL7HNE/WB4TDB/.W4TDB is now NA4C

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In a recent conversation with K4ZDH, Riley Hollingsworth, I was told that we should cease using the email address we were given to report interference to FCC. It is my understanding that this address is no longer valid. I do not know at this point if we will be given a new address or new method to report such activities.

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Lots of important dates this month:

Daylight Savings Time begins, then St. Patrick's Day followed by 1st day of Spring. Then we have Palm Sunday, Passover, Good Friday & Easter Sunday.

The licenses of the following members of the YLIS SB expired and have not been renewed. The reason for non-renewal is not known but it is assumed that they are not available for contact and as a consequence I will not be including them in the membership lists in the next edition of the Voice.

2936 W8RBL	<->	13258 ND7J
8194 KI7EN	<->	13725 KA7BDH
11613 N4ATU	<->	15103 KA6MGB
12954 W9RKY	<->	15605 K2RXX

Please let me know if you know of the actual status of any of the above.

73, Gene Delaney, K9WFE
YLIS SB Information Officer

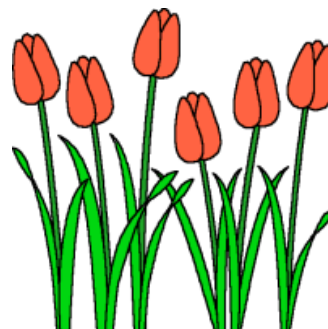
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A continued listing of our Veteran's is on pages 6, 7 & 8 of this issue. A complete list of all our veterans who have provided us with info may be seen at:

<http://www.qsl.net/kk4yl/veterans.html>

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In an email with AD5D, Steve, I have determined that Ray WB5BRD is doing well but still on oxygen and visiting with VA for checkups. He says he misses all his friends on the YL System.



SPECIAL DAY ON THE SYSTEM
MARCH 8, 2013
APOLLO DAYS

Our Birthday Celebration continues. Apollo days honor our TFO holders, as well as those that have been awarded the Rigel Trophy and the TFO of the Year Award. If you accumulate 20 points on March 8, 2013, on any of the YLISSB frequencies, you will be eligible to receive a Special Birthday Apollo Award. We have issued 510 TFO numbers through our 50 years of existence. We have issued at least 106 Rigel trophy's or plaques to our wonderful System Controls. Many of them are SK's, but many are still going strong. And, we have issued at least 45 TFO of the Year Awards. This means that we have a lot of members that will qualify as a contact, and K4ICA, YLISSB #1 (our Memorial Call) will be active.

So, the rules are: you receive one point for contacting a TFO member, and you can only use that member once, even if they also hold a different award. EXCEPT that the following 16 members will count as 2 points, since they hold the Rigel, The TFO of the Year, and are TFO's, or are our Club Call: K3CDQ; K9WFE; K9DIG; KB5YQ; KE5ZI; KN4AA; N4ZGH; N5BYF; N6LFJ; N7YL; N0TWV; W1VCU; W5VTM; VE1JIM; VE3DZR and K4ICA.

All logs are to be sent to: Barbara Neiman, KE5ZI, 4257 SW 7th Ave. Rd., Ocala, FL 34471-7497, with your check for \$5.00. Remember that any member that qualifies for all 12 of our special days will receive a surprise at the following convention.

Hi Folks, As you may have heard, I have taken over the compiling of the Biographies from our Armed Forces Veteran members of the YL System. To date we have well over 100 veterans listed. Please pass the word to your YL System friends that if they are veterans, or are currently on active duty, either State Side or DX, to send their branch of service, years of active duty and any biographical information they wish to share, to me at kk4yl@yahoo.com

We have a nice award for working our YL System Veterans listed on our www.ylssystem.org page under Awards, with a link there to the list of known vets to work. The List and the Veteran's Bios page continues to grow so check back often to see any updates. Both the List and the Bios Page can be seen on my web page at <http://www.qsl.net.kk4yl/veterans.html>.

73, Sally, KK4YL

We regret learning of the loss of a long time friend and Old Timer on the System. Alice WA4RRR was a very active member in years past. Many will remember her as WA4-Red Red Robin. ISSB #11410



Alice Ford Berkley Blair, 90, of Bowling Green, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013, at 10:50 a.m. at her residence. She was born Sept. 24, 1922 in Grand Rapids, Mich., to the late Elmer Leroy Ford Sr. and Myrtle Presley Ford. She also was preceded in death by her first husband, Arthur Irwin Berkley; two brothers, Elmer Leroy Ford Jr. and Harold Leroy Ford; a son, Lloyd Arthur Berkley and daughter, Judy Garnet Berkley Barton; and a grandson, J. Herbert Blair Vance.

She worked at Cutler Hammer and the Kentucky Colonel Restaurant. She was an amateur radio net operator, with numerous awards. Also a former member of the Bowling Green-Warren County Rescue Squad. She was a longtime member of Glendale Baptist Church, where she taught The Compassion Sunday School Class. She had a love for the outdoors and was an avid bird watcher.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, William Leroy Blair; a daughter, Pamela Blair Wolfe and Duane of Bowling Green; four sons, William N. "Bill" Berkley of Bowling Green, John David Berkley and his wife, Jo Ann, of Irving, Texas, Charles "Mickey" Berkley and his wife, Dianna, of Bowling Green, and Harold Leroy "Hal" Blair and his wife, Donna, of Bowling Green; 30 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Funeral was at 1 p.m. today at J.C. Kirby and Son Broadway Chapel, with burial in the Mount Lebanon [Presbyterian Church](#) Cemetery.

SIGNING OFF WA4RRR

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K2MGL, CHARLES "CHUCK" K ROSWELL, GA, #9607 Veteran: US ARMY 1960 - 1963 (Cold War Europe)

K3CDQ, RICHARD MACWILLIAMS, MD #12934, TFO 327 U.S AIR FORCE Security Service. Basic training at Lackland, AFB, TX, fall of 1956. Radio Intercept Training (CW) at Keesler AFB, MS. 6921 Radio Group, Misawa AFB, Japan 1957 – 1960. Monitored Chinese, Korean and Russian CW for nearly three years. Such job description is no longer classified. Honorable Discharge at Travis AFB, CA 1960.

K3MG, MICHAEL R GEORGE, PA #16698 U.S. NAVY, 1963 thru 1968. USS Hugh Purvis DD709 (Destroyer) out of Newport, RI. Radioman Second Class.

K3UMV, BILL DRAGER, MD, #15833 U.S. Air Force Veteran

K4KRK, JAMES R. UPCHURCH, KY #16721 U.S. ARMY, 1960-1966, SERVICE IN JAPAN, VIET NAM, ENGLAND, AND GERMANY

K4TAG, HAYDEN "TAGG" BOWERS, SR, NC, #2512 U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS, U.S. AIR FORCE, 1946-1949

K9WFE, GENE L. DELANEY, WI, #11813 U. S. AIR FORCE from 1962 thru 1966. Basic Training and tech school (Communications Center Specialist) in Texas, and then a year in Korea where I was an operator at HL9KH, a club station at Osan Air Base. I then spent the last two and a half years at Ent AFB, Colorado Springs (now an Olympic training center) and spent the last 6 months participating in the opening of Cheyenne Mountain testing teletype and telephone systems prior to its activation.

KA7ICF, JESSE R LARSEN, NV #16154

KA7UOR, ZANE E DARNER, ID #16663 I served in the U.S. COAST GUARD from 1985-1993; 5 years active duty and 3 reserve as a Telecommunications Specialist (or Radioman.) I had a high speed code certificate and could send and receive at 30 wpm. There's another Winter project... I miss that speed; well, maybe not that fast, but I'd love to have a solid command of 25 wpm. 12 is tough for me these days.

In those years the USCG was under the Department of Transportation. Today it falls under the Department of Homeland Security. My first ship out of boot camp was a 180' buoy tender stationed out of San Francisco. We managed Aids to Navigation from the Oregon/California border down to San Diego and up to 700 miles out. Then came Telecommunications School (which I loved; I'd had my Novice ticket for about 10 years by that time,) then off to a 270' ship out of Kodiak, AK. We were involved in Search & Rescue and Fisheries Patrols covering the Bering Sea, the island chain, and the Gulf of AK. I ended out my time in the CG at the Group/Air Station in Port Angeles, WA.

KB1CSI, JOHN H. MOORE, NH #16665. U.S. Army, 1978-1987, NG. I went in as a cannon crew and then into food service which is what I like. Developed RA and was given an honorable discharge.

KB3ITJ, JEROLD (JERRY) L. GRAVES, PA #16206 Served in Vietnam approximately 18 months.

KB7CSW, JUSTIN HOLDER, OK, #16628 U.S. Army, 1994 – Present. I am still on active duty. Couple more years and I retire!!

KB9OC, SUS MUSASHI, WI, #7901 I served with the famed unit of all Japanese Americans. I served in France and Germany. Got the Purple Heart and some other medals and was commissioned as a Second Lt. before I got sent home.

KC2ATK, JOHN E. CALHOUN, NJ #16043 U. S. MARINE CORPS 1954 -1958

KC2UZT, JOHN SAKOWICH, TX #16632 U.S. MILITARY

KC7KPF, THOMAS (TOM) N NURENBERG, NM #16144 USAF - 24 Months.

KC8TDC, GERALD L SMITH, U.S. NAVY, 1950-1954 aboard the USS Lake Champlain CVA39 in the Sea of Japan. Discharged as P/O 3rd Class.

KDØKPM, RONALD E BURNOR, KS #16653 U. S. AIR FORCE from 24 Apr 67 to 13 Aug 71 and was in Vietnam for 20 months.

KD5LWU, (Fr) JOHNNY L SHEPHERD, CO #16180 U. S. NAVY starting in 1963 as a Photographers Mate.

KD7ADH, JERRY SPALDING, WA #16753 U. S. ARMY 1982 – 1984. Current EMT/ Firefighter.

KE7BAB, RICHARD (Dick) L GOODRICH, OR #16551 U.S. MARINE from the Korea war.

KE7VSC, JOHN B. DOUGHTON, OR, #16371 U. S. NAVY SEEBEES In August 1956, at the young age of 19, I left our family farm near Lebanon Oregon to join the navy. I Chose the Seabees as I had land clearing, logging and other heavy equipment operating experience as I grew up. After a year I was off to Midway Island. Midway is famous for the Goony birds (Laysan Albatross) of which we had over half a million!

After Midway, I served in the Mobile Construction Battalion in Futema and Okinawa, returning to Midway so I could get married. Alice arrived a few months later, and our daughter was born on Midway. She has her Goony Bird Birth certificate, plus her real one from Hawaii.

KE7VSC, JOHN B. DOUGHTON - continued: I saw service in Adak, Alaska, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., Scotland, Hawaii and Skaggs Island, California, during my 21 year Career with the Seabees. After retirement from the Navy, it was back to where I started from.

KF9GS, RICHARD L HARBEN, IN #16199

U.S. AIR FORCE from 1956-1960 as a Jet Engine Mechanic. Took a 15 year break. Joined the Ohio & Indiana Air National Guard from 1975-1993 when I retired. I served as a Site Developer in Civil Engineering. I did Drafting and Surveying.

KK4AED, HOWARD HORWITZ, FL #16623 U.S. Air Force 1958-1964.

KK4DWC, DON CORNELIUS, FL #16693. U. S. AIR FORCE, 3 Aug 1953 31 Aug 1973. I was only an enlisted man, when I finished I was a Tech Sgt. I was in electronics for all of my career. I taught electronics for most of my time. But like many of us, I did go to Vietnam. I finished up at Beale AFB, CA, and came back to Panama City, FL in 1973 and have been here ever since. I am originally from Slippery Rock, PA.

KK6CS, KENNETH "KEN" G. TEUNIS, CO #16656 U. S. ARMY 1948-1951 Korean war - 2nd Engr. Special Brigade (Ssgt)

KK7ZB, CHARLES "CHUCK" D PARKER, SR, NV #13314 U.S. NAVY 1965-1971, USCG 1971-1991, VIETNAM AND GULF WAR

KL7FQR, STANLEY (STAN) C RYBACHEK, WA #6194 U.S. AIR FORCE—Korean War Veteran Serving in Iceland. Also worked on Teletype Machines.

KM5FF, EDDIE L BRYANT, #15197 U.S. NAVY and U.S. ARMY

KN4AA, KEVIN R NEWBERRY, PA #15808 Joined U. S. Navy in 1964, attended Basic Training at San Diego Naval Training facility.

First duty station was Skaggs Island, California (Sonoma County)

Transferred to Keflavik Iceland

Transferred to Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico

Transferred to Home for 4 months

Reenlisted and transferred to Edzell, Scotland

Transferred to Commander in Chief, Atlantic Fleet Headquarters, Norfolk, Virginia

Transferred to Misawa, Japan

Transferred to USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62)

Transferred to Naval Security Group Activity, Chesapeake, VA

Transferred to Naval Security Group Activity, Charleston, South Carolina

Transferred to Naval Support Activity, Naples Italy (Served as Command Master Chief) E-9

Transferred to Naval Security Group Activity, Chesapeake, Virginia (Retired there in 1991)

Total Active Service: 28 years, and retired as a Master Chief Crypto logic Technician.

Well I must apologize for not having a report for several months I changed my email to ki4txp@gmail.com and as a result I didn't get reminders ,which I really need.

As you know, I have been portable in Delaware for quite some time, now I'm back at my home QTH .While in DE it was very enjoyable to make contacts with lots of Amateurs most needing DE for some type of an Award.

10M on 28.573 has not been very active with check ins. Amy, KC8VRT, is Control. Amy puts out calls for about 10 minutes and if there is no activity she will close the System and then join us on 40M. Please listen up and if at all possible stop by and say" HI" to Amy. That would really be nice.

15M with Ron,W9VSA and Gary W9VS, has had some action. They are on at 1500z Tuesday and Thursday on 21.373. Give them a call and say" HI". There has been some activity but not as much as they would like. Just break away from 20M for a minute or so and give them a call. I know they would really appreciate it. Last but not least 40M has had its ups and downs. Most of the problem is with the Foreign Broadcasts. Because of this we operate any ware between 7.265 and 7.273. This is not good but we must do this in order to run the System on any given evening. Try 7.273 first and then try 7.265. If you don't hear anything on these two frequencies try searching between them. The 40M session starts at 0000z and

runs for approximately 45 minutes. It would be nice to have it go longer. If we get the check ins and conditions are ok we will go for a longer period. If you have time stop by and say" HI". There have been between 6 and 20 check ins on a given evening. I'm still looking for 80M. It has been tried several times with no success. I would like to try again if someone would be willing to help out. To start we could meet once a week at a given time and day. Think about it and send me an email at ki4txp@gmail.com. You are the people that make the YL System the great system it is. Thanks for being there Be Safe Be Happy
73,
Jay KI4TXP



KB5YQ & W7DZX



BRIAN W4ZGH & BARBARA



DENNY W1VCU

HONOR



DEDICATION FRIENDSHIP

Received from Mike VE7MID:

I have been a ham for many years but have been pretty inactive lately particularly on the HF bands. As you know, we in the Pacific NW are subject to earthquakes and the after effects such as tsunamis, etc. So as part of our preparedness kit, I knocked off the dust from my good old Kenwood TS130, threw a piece of wire over a couple of trees and had a look around.

I found the YLISSB System. I sent an application to Bill W7AJP and was made an official member of the group today (2/11). Bill suggested I let you know (Dick) and advise you to put me on the list for the Communicator newsletter. An email copy will be fine.

It is a privilege to be acquainted with your group and I hope I can be a regular check-in and help with any traffic. I will be playing around with my antennas to improve my signal.

All the best from BC and 73,

Mike VE7MID YLISSB #16790

Above and below:
No photos available

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SPOTLIGHT ON: RICHARD BRECKINRIDGE WA9BXB #8791

Hi: I am 65 years old and my birthday is August 31. I just recently returned to the System after being absent for many years. I live in Brookfield, IL which is a Chicago suburb. I just got my first copy of the VOICE and am very impressed with it. A very professional job.

I was first licensed in 1962 as a Novice. I upgraded to General and then to Advanced which I am now. I served with the USAF from 1966 through 1969 as a Security Police Sentry Dog Handler. I was stationed in Texas for initial training, followed by 13 months in Korea. From there I went to SD for a year followed by a one year tour of duty in Viet Nam at Tuy Hoa Air Base. My last six months were spent in ND.

After the service, I was on the local fire department in Palos Hills, IL for one year and then joined a Chicago suburban Police Department where I spent the next 34 years. I retired as the Deputy Chief of Police.

Ham radio interests have always been chasing DX. I have 352 Mixed DXCC entities confirmed all time. I only need North Korea to have them all. I have also enjoyed a little traffic handling in the past. My current station consists of an Icom 756 Pro II and an ALS-600 amp to an old Hy-Gain Tri-band beam up 56 feet.

I have been helping Jda with the Sunrise portion of the System, looking for check-ins. She is a great person and I enjoy helping her out when I can. I really like meeting all the wonderful people that check-in.

For awards, I am good for the Veteran's, Solitude and Old Timers Awards and I like reading the Communicator on the System webpage