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Presidents Message

GREETINGS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DAYTIME ASSISTANT COORDINATORS

THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS, WE HAVE FILLED THE SLOTS FOR ASSISTANT COORDINATORS FOR EACH OF THE DAYTIME PERIODS. THE SUNRISE PORTION WILL BE COORDINATED BY DUNCAN, KC8UPU; THE 1ST PERIOD BY GLORIA, AC0KV; THE 2ND PERIOD BY RANDY, K4KRK, AND THE 3RD PERIOD BY BOBBIE, K4ZGH. THESE MEMBERS WILL DO THEIR BEST TO KEEP THE SYSTEM ACTIVE DURING THE DAYTIME. IT IS OUR GOAL TO HAVE 3 DIFFERENT CONTROLLERS, LOCATED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT ANYONE TRYING TO CHECK IN IS HEARD. THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS.

AWARDS

THE SUMMER AWARD WENT TO JOAN, W4JMJ...CONGRATULATIONS, JOAN.

OUR SPECIAL DAY ON THE SYSTEM ON AUGUST 22 EXPERIENCED SOME OF THE WORST BAND CONDITIONS IMAGINABLE, BUT OUR WONDERFUL CONTROLS HUNG IN THERE, AND CONTACTS WERE MADE. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW MANY ACTUALLY WERE ABLE TO QUALIFY...SHOULD HAVE THAT INFORMATION NEXT MONTH. THANKS TO ALL OUR BELT OF ORION FOLKS THAT MADE THEIR APPEARANCE. WE EVEN HAD TWO THAT HAVE BEEN IN POOR HEALTH CHECK IN...NOTWV MARIA, AND KC2ATK JOHN. THANKS AGAIN.



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CONVENTION 2014

PLANS ARE COMING TOGETHER NICELY FOR THE 2014 CONVENTION. IT IS SCHEDULED JUNE 12-15, 2014 AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN IN SARASOTA, FLORIDA. CHECK THE WEB PAGE FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM WITH INFORMATION.

CONVENTION 2015

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HOST THE 2015 CONVENTION, SO IF YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST, PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. CHECK OUT THE WEB PAGE FOR E-MAIL ADDRESSES.

JDA

AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, JDA, KB5YQ, HAS HAD SOME SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS. SHE IS CURRENTLY IN REHAB, HAVING TROUBLE SPEAKING AND SWALLOWING, BUT IS SHOWING PROGRESS. JDA HAS BEEN THE SPARKPLUG THAT HAS FUELED THE SYSTEM FOR SO MANY YEARS, IT IS HARD TO REALIZE THAT WHEN WE TURN ON THE RADIO, SHE IS NOT THERE. SHE IS SORELY MISSED. WE HOPE THAT SHE WILL BE ABLE TO OVERCOME THIS SETBACK, AND BE BACK WITH US AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN THE MEANTIME, IF YOU WANT TO SEND HER A CARD OR LETTER, SEND IT TO HER HOME ADDRESS: JDA ROGERS, 2508 COUNTY ROAD 104, FLORESVILLE, TX 78114.

33's, 73's AND 88's ROSE

NEW MEMBERS

16831 - K8UOU - JIM IN MICHIGAN

16830 - KB0KXL - BOB IN COLORADO

16829 - WA3MGL - JOHN IN FLORIDA

SK's

GITTA, V31VV WAS THE XYL OF KARL GENG, N1DL, #6300.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



9/02 KC2DCU

9/02 VE1JIM

9/04 KV4X

9/04 W4CT

9/05 MARY (XYL OF WA6EBB)

9/05 KB9QL

9/06 KC7AKN

9/06 W9OO

9/07 K5NAA

9/08 KA9OUT

9/09 KØGOR

9/10 KC8VRT

9/10 KJ4YMU

9/11 N5IAC

9/11 K4KRK

9/11 KC5KWI

9/14 DL1DBF

9/14 W9VS

9/16 VE1GFG

9/18 NØTJO

9/19 K1PVT

9/19 KB7RMG

9/19 WL7SO

9/20 MARILYN (XYL OF WAØAVW)

9/23 K4DXM

9/23 K4DXM

9/24 W7GMF

9/24 N4YYV

9/24 WM6V

9/25 WD5COV

9/27 K8ALT

9/28 WD8IIR

9/29 KF9GS

ANNIVERSARIES:

9/02 AA4GT GEORGE & NV4Z MARY

9/05 WA6EBB BARRY & MARY (42)

9/22 KB3SEL GLORIA AND JOHN AK3R

9/28 K3CDQ DICK & JUDY (49)





**THESE ARE PICTURES
FROM VE3OWS**

**THEY ARE OF THE
NEWFOUNDLAND
LIGHTHOUSE**

TELEGRAPH HILL

**THE HAM SHACK OF THE
FAMOUS VO1MRC
MARCONI RADIO CLUB
OF NEWFOUNDLAND**

FULL STORY ON PAGE 5



VE3OWS KENN 15 DAY TOUR FROM ONTARIO TO NEWFOUNDLAND

DAY 1 KENN AND HIS XYL MARILYN BOARDED THE GREAT CANADIAN COACH AND TRAVELED TO MONTREAL WHERE THEY STAYED AND EXPLORED THE CITY, THEN ONTO PORT JOLI SEEING A FAMOUS WOODCARVER WHO CARVES FULL SIZE PEOPLE AND ANIMALS.

THE NEXT MORNING THEY WERE OFF TO MARAMICHI WHERE THEY ENJOYED FRENCH CANADIAN MUSIC WITH FIDDLES, SPOONS SINGING AND MUCH LAUGHTER.

DAY 4 WAS STARTED IN NOVA SCOTIA WHERE THEY OBSERVED THE OLIVIER SOAPERY AND OBSERVED THE ART OF SOAP MAKING. THEN IT WAS ON TO A LOBSTER BOAT WHERE THEY TOOK OUT TO SEA. NEEDLES TO SAY THEY HAD ALL THE LOBSTER TO EAT THEY COULD.

DAY 5 THEY TOURED THE MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY WHICH GAVE THEM A GREAT INSIGHT INTO MINING. NEXT THEY WERE OFF TO THE ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL MUSEUM WHICH THEY FOUND VERY INTERESTING, THEN ON TO BADDECK WHERE THEY STAYED FOR TWO NIGHTS.

DAY SIX WAS A TOUR OF THE FAMOUS CABOT TRAIL WHICH WAS A WONDERFUL PHOTO TAKING OPPORTUNITY.

DAY SEVEN WAS THE MARINE ATLANTIC FERRY FOR A CROSSING TO PORT AUX BASQUES IN NEWFOUNDLAND. THE FIRST NIGHT WAS SPENT IN CORNER BROOK

DAY 8 WAS OFF TO GROS NATIONAL PARK WHERE THE SEASCAPES WERE WONDERFUL. MANY GREAT STOPS FOR PICTURES. THE NIGHT WAS SPENT IN COW HEAD. WHILE THERE THEY SAW A SALMON LADDER WITH MANY SALMON HEADING UP RIVER TO LAY THEIR EGGS. IT WAS THEN OFF TO GANDER STILL IN NEWFOUNDLAND WHERE THEY SPENT TWO NIGHTS.

DAY 9 AND 10 WERE SPENT SIGHTSEEING IN THE AREA

DAY 11 WAS SPENT TOURING AND ENJOYING THE MANY PEOPLE THEY MET IN THE AREA. IN THE EVENING THEY ENJOYED A REAL SCREECH. IN REALITY IT IS NEWFOUNDLAND MUSIC AND SONGS. KENN AND HIS XYL WERE BOTH MADE HONORARY SCREECHERS.

DAY 12 STARTED THE MOVE TO ST JOHNS WHERE THEY WOULD STAY FOR FOR 2 DAYS. THEY VISITED HEARTS CONTINENT CABLE STATION WHICH WAS VERY INTERESTING. NEEDLESS TO SAY THE 2 HOURS WAS NOT ENOUGH TIME TO SPEND THERE. THEY THEN LEFT FOR THE LIGHT HOUSE WHERE THERE WAS A MORSE CODE KEY IN OPERATION. KENN IS A LONG TIME MEMBER OF FIST HAVING BEGUN MORES CODE AT 17 YEARS OLD.

DAY 13 WAS A TOUR OF ST JOHN'S, WHICH PROVED TO BE VERY INTERESTING. IT IS ALSO THE HOME OF THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE THAT MADE THE FIRST TRANSATLANTIC MORSE CODE CONTACT TO THE UK. (ON DEC. 12, 1901, AT A SITE SET UP IN ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, GUGLIELMO MARCONI REVOLUTIONIZED INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS WHEN HE HEARD THREE LITTLE CLICKS—THE "S" IN MORSE CODE—SENT BY HIS COLLEAGUES FROM A TRANSMITTER IN CORNWALL, ENGLAND.)

DAY 14 WAS GOODBYE TO NEWFOUNDLAND WITH A FLIGHT TO TORONTO AND THEN TO KITCHNER AND HOME A BIT WEARY BUT HAVING ENJOYED THE TRIP VERY MUCH. WHILE AWAY KENN AND MARILYN CELEBRATED THEIR 10TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

DEAR YL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR ALL THEY DO TO KEEP OUR SYSTEM OPERATING AS WELL AS IT DOES. THERE IS ALWAYS A NEED FOR HELP AND SOMEONE ALWAYS STEPS UP TO THE CHALLENGE. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT.

THAT BEING SAID, I AM ASKING IF THERE IS ANYONE OUT THERE WHO IS WILLING TO VOLUNTEER FOR CONTROL HELP ON THE 3RD PERIOD AS A FULL TIME PERSON TO JOIN THE GREAT PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY IN PLACE. IT IS OPTIMAL TO HAVE THREE PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT LOCATIONS OF THE COUNTRY SO WE ARE COVERING ALL THE CONTACTS. IF YOU CAN SPARE THE TIME IN YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES FOR ONE OF THE 3RD PERIOD SLOTS PLEASE CONTACT ME AT (BOBBIEX2000@HOTMAIL.COM). IF YOU CAN NOT VOLUNTEER FOR A PERMANENT SPOT, CONSIDER OFFERING YOUR HELP WHEN YOU ARE ON THE AIR. YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

HAVE A BLESSED DAY

BOBBIE K4ZGH

NO SMOKE SIGNALS W5CAP

PAINT JOB ONGOING.....MUDDING WALLS, DRYING WALLS, SANDING WALLS, RE MUDDING WALLS, RE DRYING WALLS, RE SANDING WALLS, PRIMING WALLS, PAINTING WALLS. ALL FURNITURE PULLED TO MIDDLE OF FLOOR AND COVERED WITH PLASTIC. CONTRACTOR NOW SAYS TWO DAYS SHOULD WRAP IT UP. GOING TO CHURCH EVERY SERVICE AVAILABLE, READING BIBLE MUCH, MUCH MORE. ASKING FORGIVENESS DAILY. PRAYING FOR PATIENCE BUT HURRY UP.....CEILINGS NEXT.

HELP US PRAY FOR PATIENCE.....READY TO REKINDLE SMOKE SIGNALS....READY FOR DIFFERENT WIGWAM.....REDHEAD SQUAW NOT REEEL HAPPY AT PRESENT MOON PHASE.....MUST FIND HER MORE BEAR

FROM THE HISTORIAN

HI EVERYONE. A FEW WEEKS AGO, THE HANDIHAM GROUP WAS HAVING THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION AT A RETREAT IN MINNESOTA, AND SINCE WE HAVE MANY OF OUR YL SYSTEM MEMBERS BELONGING TO THAT GROUP, THEY NATURALLY CHECKED IN WITH US ON THE SYSTEM QUITE FREQUENTLY DURING THEIR CONVENTION.

WELL, ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO, I REMEMBER SEEING SOMEWHERE IN OUR HISTORY FILES THAT THE HANDIHAMS WERE ISSUED A YLISSB NUMBER, SO LAST WEEK, I STARTED DIGGING, AND SURE ENOUGH, AS A GROUP ORGANIZATION, THEY WERE GIVEN #6552, UNDER CALLSIGN W0ZSW! AS I DUG DEEPER, I FOUND MANY OTHER GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE YL SYSTEM...REMEMBER NOW, WE ARE MEMBERS FOR LIFE, AND OUR SIDEBAND NUMBERS ENJOY EQUAL LONGEVITY. HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE YL SYSTEM MEMBERS I HAVE COME UP WITH:

#4423 – YLRL (K4LMB)

#6552 - HANDIHAMS (W0ZSW)

#7090 - MULLER HOUSE, HAIFA, ISRAEL, MUNICIPAL CLUB STATION

#7134 - INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (4U1ITU), SWITZERLAND

#9717 - YAESU USA ARC (W0DXC)

#10321- PENTAGON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (K4AF), WASHINGTON, DC

#10444- NAVY MARINE CORPS MARS HEADQUARTERS, (K3NSS)

AND THE LIST GOES ON WITH NUMEROUS COLLEGES, HIGH SCHOOLS, GRADE SCHOOLS, MIDDLE SCHOOLS, ETC BEING REPRESENTED. JUST THOUGHT YOU FOLKS MIGHT ENJOY YET ANOTHER BIT OF YL SYSTEM HISTORY.

**73,KEVIN KN4AA
YL SYSTEM HISTORIAN**

THOUGHTS FROM BETH, KC5RWW

IT SEEMS THAT I SPENT MOST OF MY TIME IN JULY ON 40M WITH 6M MY NEXT CHOICE. I CAN COVER 5 BANDS ANYWAY. MY OM CHANGED POSITIONS AT WORK. HE LIKES HIS NEW POSITION MUCH BETTER BUT WILL SPEND A FEW WEEKS LEARNING HIS NEW DUTIES. IT INCLUDES LEARNING TO USE A LAPTOP COMPUTER. HE FOUGHT COMPUTERS AS LONG AS HE COULD, EXCEPT FOR THE SPREADSHEET PROGRAMS. THE COMPUTER DOES ALL THE CALCULATING IN THE NATURAL GAS PROCESSING BUSINESS. ONCE HE GOT THE COMPUTER HANDLED HE HAD TO TACKLE EMAIL. NOW ALL HE HAS TO DO IS TO LEARN HOW TO SURF THE INTERNET, USE BROWSERS AND USE A DIFFERENT PRINTER. I CAME IN ONE EVENING AND HE HAD SENT 20 PRINT JOBS TO THE PRINTER AND DIDN'T WANT ANY OF THEM. FORTUNATELY THE PRINTER WAS OFF. ONE OF THE PRINT JOBS SHOWED 38/4 UNDER THE NUMBER OF PAGES. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANT. THE OTHERS SHOWED JUST ONE OR TWO PAGES. WE CANCELED THEM ALL AND PRINTED WHAT HE WANTED.

WE HOPE TO POUR MORE CONCRETE NEXT WEEK BUT RAIN THE LAST TWO DAYS MAY HAVE MADE THE GROUND TOO SOFT FOR THE BIG TRUCK TO GET IN WITHOUT DOING A LOT OF DAMAGE. A PATH THROUGH THE TALL GRASS AND WEEDS WAS CUT A FEW DAYS AGO WITH THE BUSH HOG. TREE LIMBS WERE ALSO TRIMMED. TWO SLABS WILL BE Poured THEN A FEW WEEKS THE FINAL TWO. MAYBE WITH LUCK WE WILL HAVE A NICE WALKWAY. IT SEEMS HE'S ALWAYS CHANGING HIS MIND ABOUT THESE THINGS.

THE CHURCH SECRETARY HAS BEEN ON VACATION FOR 7 BUSINESS DAYS. I'VE WORKED PART OF FOUR OF THEM. SOMEONE ELSE HAS WORKED THE OTHER TIMES. THIS SUNDAY WILL BE THE LAST TIME WE'LL HAVE AN 11"X17" BULLETIN FOR THE MORNING SERVICE. THE NEXT SUNDAY THERE MIGHT BE A RIOT. IT'S CRAZY HOW SOME PEOPLE CAN GET SO ATTACHED TO A PIECE OF PAPER.

AT LAST FRIDAY'S LUNCH WITH RADIO AMATEURS I LEARNED MORE ABOUT N1MM LOGGING PROGRAM. MAYBE I'LL HAVE TIME TO LOOK AT IT SATURDAY. THIS FRIDAY I WILL BE HELPING WITH A MEAL AT THE CHURCH AFTER A FUNERAL.

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IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SHARE PLEASE SEND IT TO NANCYOSHIDA@LIVE.COM

BY THE 27 OF THE MONTH.