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## THE PRESIDENTS REPORT

### GREETINGS FROM WASHINGTON

### CONVENTION 2015

PUT JUNE 17-21 ON YOUR CALENDAR. THOSE ARE THE DATES WHEN THE YLISSB WILL BE HOLDING THEIR 2015 CONVENTION IN ERWIN, TENNESSEE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

### HELP WANTED

AFTER SERVING IN THE POSITION OF TFO CHAIRMAN FOR MANY YEARS, KAREN (KB8NSA) HAS ASKED THAT WE FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR HER. SO, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING THE YL SYSTEM WITH THIS TASK, PLEASE CONTACT ROSE AT [KL7FQQ@YAHOO.COM](mailto:KL7FQQ@YAHOO.COM), OR SKIPPER AT [W4VTH@COMCAST.NET](mailto:W4VTH@COMCAST.NET).

### BOARD ACTION

ONE OF OUR MEMBERS, K1MAN, HAS RECENTLY NOT HAD HIS LICENSE RENEWED BY THE FCC. THEREFORE, THE YLISSB BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS VOTED TO ELIMINATE HIS NUMBER FROM OUR DATABASE. IF YOU SHOULD HEAR K1MAN TRYING TO CHECK INTO THE SYSTEM, PLEASE JUST GO ON ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS, AND DO NOT RECOGNIZE HIM.

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**INFORMATION SESSION**

DON'T FORGET THAT ON MONDAY MORNINGS, WE HAVE THE INFORMATION SYSTEM ON 14.332. THIS IS WHERE NEW MEMBERS ARE ANNOUNCED, AND THEIR NUMBERS OFFICIALLY ENTERED INTO THE RECORDS. THIS IS WHERE ANY NEW ITEM OF INFORMATION IS ANNOUNCED. SO, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE LATEST WITH THE SYSTEM, LISTEN TO OUR INFORMATION OFFICER, K9WFE, AT 1400 UTC DURING THE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS MONTHS, AND 1300 DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.

**SYSTEM, NOT A NET** (SEE PAGE 7)

AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS THE YL SYSTEM....OFTEN I HEAR SOME OF OUR MEMBERS REFERRING TO OUR GROUP AS A "NET". I RECEIVED A NOTE FROM KEN, N8SWC YL# 16897 THE OTHER DAY. HE SAID HE KNEW WHY WE CALLED IT THE YL SYSTEM. A "NET" IS USED TO CATCH THINGS, CALLS AND ETC...A "SYSTEM" WORKS AS ONE TO WORK PROPERLY. SO, WHEN REFERRING TO OUR ORGANIZATION, KEEP THAT IN MIND. WE ARE THE YL SYSTEM.

**NETLOGGER**

I KNOW THAT MOST OF YOU ARE AWARE OF WHAT A WONDERFUL TOOL NETLOGGER IS. AS WAS POINTED OUT TO ME RECENTLY, SOME OF OUR CONTROLS ARE NOT ABLE TO USE NETLOGGER, FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER. HOWEVER, THERE IS NOTHING TO STOP ANY MEMBER FROM SETTING UP AND RUNNING NETLOGGER WHEN THE SYSTEM IS IN OPERATION. IF YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO SPARE, AND WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO OPERATE NETLOGGER, I'M SURE ANY OF THE CONTROLS WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU STEP UP, AND OPERATE IT FOR THEM. THINK ABOUT IT!

**POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

THE NEW UPDATED VERSION OF THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE. EVERY MEMBER IS URGED TO DOWNLOAD IT...IT HAS SOME REALLY GOOD INFORMATION IN IT ABOUT THE SYSTEM.

HOPE YOU HAVE AS AMAZING AUGUST.  
33's, 73's AND 88's ROSE

**NEW MEMBERS SINCE JUNE ISSUE**



16959 K0PZN - PAUL IN FL

16958 - KK4BGU - ROD IN FL

16957 - N4UP - PETER IN VA

16956 - KD9APR - MICHAEL IN IL

16955 - K6HP - ED IN CALIFORNIA

16954 - KE5AHE - CHARLIE IN OK

16953 - KC1AU - BOB IN ME

16952 - KG7HFI - MAC IN ID

16951 - KD8VOX - JON IN MI

16950 - K4HLE - HARVEY IN FL

16949 - KJ4DCK - SHAREN IN FL

16948 - K4SAF - CAROL IN KY

16947 - WY3T - TIM IN FL

16946 - AG6WN - TOM IN CA

16945 - KN0JI - NOJI IN UT

**SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM**

THE MONTH OF AUGUST IS OUR SUMMER HEAT AWARD, FROM AUGUST 1 THROUGH THE 31<sup>ST</sup>. CONTACT 30 MEMBERS WHO HAVE A TFO NUMBER, TFO OF THE YEAR AWARD, OR RIGEL TROPHY OR PLAQUE FOR THIS LOVELY AWARD.

AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> IS OUR SPECIAL DAY ON THE SYSTEM, TFO DAY AWARD. MAKE TEN (10) CONTACTS WITH STATIONS WHO HAVE TFO NUMBERS FOR THIS SPECIAL AWARD. K4ICA COUNTS AS 2 CONTACTS.

SEND YOUR LOGS, ALONG WITH \$5.00, TO BARBARA NEIMAN, KE5ZI, 4257 SW 7<sup>TH</sup> AVE. RD., OCALA, FL 34471. MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO BARBARA.

**BETH, KC5RWW, SAYS**

**THE HIGHLIGHT OF JUNE WAS FIELD DAY. MY OM (NON-ACTIVE HAM) DROVE ME 100 MILES TO A FIELD DAY NORTH OF OKLAHOMA CITY. WE WERE THERE ABOUT 5 HOURS. I LEARNED A LOT ABOUT PSK31 AND SPENT PROBABLY AN 1 1/2 HOURS ON THE AIR ON SSB. TALKED TO AN AUSTRALIAN STATION! I WORK A LOT OF CONTESTS AND IT WAS HARD TO SAY THE CLUB CALL SIGN INSTEAD OF MY OWN. ALSO I'M USED TO LOGGING WITH PENCIL AND PAPER. SOMEONE WAS BESIDE ME TO LOG THE CONTACTS INTO A COMPUTER. I STILL HAD TO WRITE THE CALL SIGNS DOWN IN FRONT OF ME FOR MY OWN SANITY. AND EVEN WORSE WAS THE MICROPHONE ON THE HEADSET WAS KEYED BY A DEVICE HELD IN MY HAND. IT WAS HARD NOT TO TALK INTO MY HAND AS I WAS TALKING INTO THE MICROPHONE BY MY MOUTH. SOMETHING ELSE THAT WAS NEW TO ME WAS EVEN THOUGH I WAS WEARING HEADPHONES EVERYONE IN THE ROOM COULD HEAR THE QSO'S. AND THERE WERE 2 MORE SETS OF HEADPHONES ATTACHED FOR ANYONE THAT WANTED TO LISTEN IN MORE CLOSELY. IT WAS HARD ENOUGH TO USE A STRANGE CALL SIGN AND EQUIPMENT, BUT THEN TO HAVE EVERYONE ABLE TO LISTEN IN WAS NERVE WRACKING. BUT IT WAS WORTH IT. I THINK I MADE ABOUT 50 CONTACTS ON 40M AND 20M. IT WAS HARD TO GO BACK AND COUNT MY PENCIL SCRIBBLES SINCE I'D MARKED OUT EACH ONE AS THE COMPUTER LOGGER LOGGED THEM.**

**TRIED PSK31 WHEN I GOT HOME. HAD A FEW PROBLEMS. ONE WAS EVERY TIME I ENTERED A CALL SIGN I'D GET A MESSAGE SAYING "UNITED STATES NOT ALLOWED." FINALLY GOT THAT FIXED AND I'VE MADE 5 PSK31 CONTACTS.**

**BETH, KC5RWW**

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**STAN AC8W #10322 WILL BE IN TONGA AND FIJI IN AUGUST. HE SHOULD ARRIVE SOMETIME BETWEEN THE 13-15<sup>TH</sup>. HIS CALLS WILL BE 3D2AC ON TONGA AND A35AC IN FIJI. HE WILL TRY TO CHECK INTO THE SYSTEM IF THE BANDS ALLOW.**

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**RAY WB7VNL # 16641 WAS BITTEN BY A BROWN RECLUSE AND HAS BEEN HAVING A HARD TIME. I WOULD ASK THAT WE ALL REMEMBER RAY IN OUR PRAYERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND HIM A CARD HIS ADDRESS IS**

**RAY CAHOON**

**PO Box 1884**

**CHEYENNE, WY 82001**





## GUESS WHO



AA4GT GEORGE #14085 IN 1952



NV4Z #12657 MARY AT 17

FROM MARY, K1MTD

ARRL 100 YEAR CONVENTION



I ATTENDED THE ARRL CENTENNIAL CONVENTION ON SATURDAY, JULY 19. WHAT A FUN DAY! I WALKED MILES AROUND THE EXHIBIT HALL, TAKING IN EVERYTHING. SPOKE TO HAMS I HAD MET ON THE AIR, AND FELLOW HAMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. MANY OF THEIR QSL CARDS WERE DISPLAYED ON A QSL WALL IN THE CONVENTION CENTER LOBBY. (I ADDED MY OWN EYEBALL CARD.) IT IS ALWAYS A TREAT TO MEET BETSEY DOANE, OUR ARRL CT SECTION MANAGER. SHE WAS HAVING A BUSY DAY. THE FORUMS WERE OUTSTANDING. MY ONLY DISMAY WAS THAT I COULDN'T CLONE EXTRA "ME'S" TO ATTEND ALL THE ONES HELD AT 2 P.M.! I CHOSE GORDON WEST'S PRESENTATION ON TROPO DUCTING. THE ICONIC MR. WEST DID NOT DISAPPOINT; HE WAS EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE, FUN, AND FUNNY. IT WAS YET ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY TO MEET HIM.

**RECENTLY, WE WERE HONORED WITH 2 YL SYSTEM MEMBERS VISITING OUR ISOLATED ZUNI MOUNTAIN HOME. JUNE 25TH, BILL W7AJP AND XYL JOAN SPENT THE DAY AND SHARED A MEAL WITH US. BILL'S CAR MIGHT NEVER BE THE SAME GOING OVER OUR DIRT ROAD.**



**JULY 19TH, JOHN KF6JG VISITED FOR THE WEEKEND IN ROUTE FROM CA TO HIS NEW HOME IN GA. OUR TWO DASHSHUNDS FOUND HIS DOG MONKEY A STRANGE ONE WORTHY OF THEIR CONSTANT BARKING. JOHN MADE IT UP OUR ROAD TOWING A SMALL TRAILER.**



**EVERYONE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN FOLLOWING OUR DIRECTIONS ON SIMPLEX RIGHT TO OUR DOOR. WE REALLY ENJOY HAVING COMPANY. TOM SAYS IT IS THE ONLY TIME HE GETS A MEAL OTHER THAN A HEALTHY DIET OF FRUIT AND VEGGIES. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

**73,**

**TOM KC7KPF AND JUDY KC7KPG**

**SYSTEM NOT A NET**

HELLO NANCY,

HOPE YOUR WELL..

WORKED WITH BILL, W7AJP THIS EVENING ON THE 3RD HOUR OF THE YL SYSTEM.

TOLD BILL I KNOW WHY IT'S CALLED A SYSTEM RATHER THAN A NET...

A "NET" IS USED TO CATCH THINGS.. CALLS AND ETC..

A "SYSTEM" WORKS TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A GOAL.

BILL THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE MY VIEW..

PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE YL SYSTEM, AND WILL CONTINUE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

HOPE YOU ARE DOING WELL, AND ALWAYS ENJOY TALKING WITH YOU.

BAND WAS NOT GOOD EARLIER THIS EVENING, BUT WE HAD SOME CHECK INS.

GOD BLESS AND TAKE CARE.

KEN AND BILL, BILL.. N8SWC

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**ANNIVERSARIES:**

8/03 KL7FQQ ROSE & KL7FQR STAN

8/17 KK4DYI NORMA & KK4GVM KEN

8/19 N1PVT JANE & CHRIS

8/24 KD0NEZ BARBARA & KC0YHU CRAIG

8/24 AC4NC NATALIE & KD4AKT, BILL

8/28 KC1ANA ANNE & JIM



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

8/01 AA4GT	8/16 K5ZMX
8/02 W1EKZ	8/20 WB0MDP
8/02 KB1VQF	8/20 AE0J
8/02 WB6HPF	8/20 W8LMG
8/02 K5BOO	8/20 WW0LF
8/02 WD4HVA	8/21 WB9OKC
8/02 KD7MMU	8/21 N7GBX
8/03 WV7V	8/22 W9DTR
8/05 KK4PI	8/23 WB5OHN
8/05 N8DBC	8/24 NJ5G
8/06 N9GWP	8/24 WD8PAJ
8/06 K9JMB	8/24 KB1ZIQ
8/08 W4OKT	8/24 K7EII
8/10 JUDY (XYL OF K3CDQ)	8/24 AF5CK
8/10 KP3B	8/25 N0QAV
8/10 K5LLR	8/25 AB0EG
8/10 N0END	8/27 KJ4WNW
8/10 KD5NOE	8/27 K3MG
8/10 KJ4DCK	8/27 N4UP
8/11 AG6WN	8/28 KB8NSA
8/12 WA0AVW	8/29 W3GFM
8/14 KC1MR	8/30 KD2ARU
8/14 N8KCJ	8/31 WA9BXB
8/15 WN9MFC	
8/15 K9DIG	
8/16 KC5HIW	

*Happy Birthday*





## FROM THE HISTORIAN

HELLO EVERYONE,

I AM NOT SURE IF OUR FOUNDER, V. MAYREE HAD AN INKLING IN THE EARLY DAYS THAT THE YL SYSTEM WOULD TAKE OFF LIKE IT DID. BY THE END OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR, THE FLEDGLING YL SYSTEM HAD ALMOST 1500 MEMBERS, AND BY THE END OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR, OVER 5,000. QUITE AMAZING, AND A TRIBUTE TO THE GOALS AND ATTRIBUTES LAID DOWN BY K4ICA AND HER CADRE OF WONDERFUL LADIES. AS YOU ALL KNOW, BACK IN THOSE EARLY DAYS OF AMATEUR RADIO, PROOF OF CONTACT WAS ALWAYS HANDLED BY QSL CARDS SENT VIA REGULAR SNAIL MAIL. ALTHOUGH THE YEAR IS UNKNOWN, IT WAS DECIDED THAT FOR THE YL SYSTEM, CARDS WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR PROOF OF CONTACT SINCE THOUSANDS OF CARDS WERE BEING SENT BY MEMBERS TO OTHER MEMBERS, AND IT WAS BECOMING QUITE THE BURDEN.

THAT BRINGS US UP TO TODAY. THE YL SYSTEM STILL USES THE HONOR SYSTEM FOR PROOF OF CONTACT EXCEPT THAT FOR WORKING FOR OUR VARIOUS AWARDS, YOU DO NEED TO SEND A LOG OF YOUR CONTACTS TO WHICHEVER AWARDS MANAGER CONTROLS AND DISSEMINATES THE AWARD IN QUESTION. SO, IF YOU WISH TO SEND A QSL CARD TO ANY OF YOUR CONTACTS ON THE YL SYSTEM, THAT IS ENTIRELY UP TO YOU, BUT IT IS NOT NECESSARY. IF YOU ARE WORKING FOR ONE OF THE ARRL AWARDS, THEN, OF COURSE, CARDS ARE REQUIRED. JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW.

73,  
KEVIN, KN4AA  
YL SYSTEM HISTORIAN

MONTHLY AWARDS REPORT



GREETINGS YL SYSTEM MEMBERS. THIS IS THE FIRST OF THE MONTHLY AWARDS TEAM REPORT OF THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE WORK FOR THE LISTED AWARDS THROUGH THE 15TH OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH. THE AWARDS MANAGERS ARE THE ONES WHO RECEIVE, PROCESS AND ISSUE THE AWARDS EARNED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY, AND THEIR WORK IS WHAT MAKES THIS REPORT POSSIBLE. THEY ARE: BARB-KE5ZI (20 ISSUED); JIM-VE 1 JIM (0); NANCY-K9DIG (0); & KAREN-KB8NSA (0). I AM EXTREMELY LUCKY TO HAVE INHERITED THIS TEAM.

AWARDS & RECIPIENTS MONTH ENDING JULY 15TH, 2014

CONVENTION.....KC8VRT-AMY ; KL7FQQ-ROSE  
FREEDOM.....KK4AED-HOWARD ; K4DXM-GLORIA ; K4DMW-DIANE  
K9DIG-NANCY ; KC7KPG-JUDY ; K4KRK-RANDY  
AA4GT-GEORGE ; WK8Y-BOB ; K5ZMX-DOUG  
KL7FQQ-ROSE ; KC8VRT-AMY ; KJ5Q-SANDY  
N5WQ-JOHN  
INDEPENDENCE.....K9DIG-NANCY ; VE 1 JIM-JIM  
MAYDAY.....K5ZMX-DOUG  
SUMMER.....WK8Y-BOB  
VETERANS.....WK8Y-BOB

TOP FLIGHT OPERATOR...NONE REPORTED

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS MONTH'S 14 RECIPIENTS OF 6 DIFFERENT AWARDS , AND A TOTAL OF 20 AWARDS ISSUED. YOU, TOO, CAN SEE YOUR NAME AND CALL SIGN IN OUR MONTHLY COLUMN. GO TO THE HOME PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE AND IN THE LEFT SIDEBBOARD, SELECT "AWARD PROGRAMS" AND THEN CLICK ON "AWARDS" TO SEE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AWARD OF YOUR CHOICE. REPEAT BUT CLICK ON "AWARD MANAGERS" TO FIND THE ONE TO WHOM YOU WILL SUBMIT YOUR WORK. NOTE THE FEE FOR A DESIRED CERTIFICATE.

IF YOU EARNED AN AWARD THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN LISTED IN THIS REPORT, CONTACT YOUR AWARDS MANAGER FOR INCLUSION IN OUR NEXT ISSUE.

HOPE TO SEE YOUR NAME HERE SOON. 73 AND ALL THEM OTHER NUMBERS, SKIPPER-W4VTH, AWARDS PROGRAM COORDINATOR (W4VTH@COMCAST.NET)



**BOB, WK8Y, AND HIS WIFE ROSE STOPPED AT OUR EXIT TO HAVE LUNCH WITH US ON THEIR WAY THROUGH TO VISIT RELATIVES IN OHIO.**

**THEY ARE BOTH REALLY NEAT PEOPLE AND FUN TO CHAT WITH. ROSE IS A TECH BUT SOON (HOPEFULLY) WILL MOVE UP TO GENERAL AND THEN BE ON THE YL SYSTEM WITH US.**

**FROM KEVIN, KN4AA AND SALLY, KK4YL**

