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President's report

Greetings from Washington State.

CONVENTION 2015

PUT JUNE 17-21, 2015 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. CHECK THE WEB PAGE FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM.

HELP WANTED

ALAN AEOAR, HAS BEEN THE EDITOR OF THE VOICE FOR THE PAST 2 YEARS, AND IS BEGINNING TO WORK ON THIS, HIS 3RD ISSUE. HE IS FINDING THAT OTHER COMMITMENTS ARE IMPACTING HIS ENJOYMENT OF BEING THE EDITOR, SO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOMEONE TAKE OVER THE JOB OF EDITING, PUBLISHING, AND MAILING THE VOICE. THIS IS A BIG JOB, BUT A VERY FULFILLING ONE. SO, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT ME...KL7FQQ@YAHOO.COM.

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!

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POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

DON'T FORGET THAT 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.

PREAMBLE AND CLOSING STATEMENT

THE COMMITTEE FORMED AT CONVENTION HAS DELIVERED A NEW AND APPROVED PREAMBLE, FOR USE BY ALL PERIODS OF THE SYSTEM. IF YOU ARE A CONTROL OPENING ANY PERIOD, AND DON'T HAVE A COPY OF THE NEW PREAMBLE, BE SURE TO CHECK THE WEB PAGE FOR YOUR COPY. THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO DELIVERED A NEW AND APPROVED CLOSING STATEMENT TO BE USED WHEN YOU ARE CONTROL, AND HAVE NO OTHER STATION TO TURN CONTROL OF THE SYSTEM OVER TO. BE SURE TO CHECK THEM BOTH OUT ON THE WEB PAGE.

**HOPE YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNE OCTOBER
33's, 73's AND 88's ROSE**

SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS OUR HALLOWEEN AWARD. FROM OCTOBER 1 THROUGH THE 31ST, CONTACT 31 MEMBERS WITH A MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ENDING WITH A 3 (THREE) OR A 0 (ZERO) FOR THIS LOVELY AWARD.

OCTOBER 16TH IS OUR SPECIAL DAY ON THE SYSTEM, OUR MOVIN' ON AWARD. MAKE SIX (6) CONTACTS WITH MEMBERS THAT ARE MOBILE IN AT LEAST THREE (3) DIFFERENT STATES OR PROVINCES. K4ICA/M WILL COUNT AS TWO CONTACTS. K4ICA/M WILL TRY TO BE ON THE SYSTEM AT THE TOP OF EACH HOUR, AND STAY FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 10-15 MINUTES.

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

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A HUGE THANK YOU TO KEVIN KN4AA FOR 14 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A CONTROL ON THE MOONBEAM.

KEVIN IT FEELS LIKE A DIVORCE, I HOPE YOU GET SOME REST. I WOULD HAVE GIVEN UP THE LOG SPLITTING- K9DIG

KEVIN, I FELT LIKE I HAD BEEN A MEMBER FOR YEARS AND NOT JUST A MONTH THANKS TO YOUR HELP, YOU COULD PULL ME OUT WHEN NO ONE ELSE COULD! YOU'LL BE MISSED. CHARLIE KE5AHE

IT IS ALWAYS A JOY WHEN I CAN CONTACT HIM BEING THAT WE ARE "TOO" CLOSE IN THE GREAT STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA ON 20M. LARRY/AB3TY

HI NANCY, THAT MAKES ME SAD. I WILL MISS KEVIN. HE AND YOU WERE MY FIRST CONTACTS WITH THE YL SYSTEM AND NURSED ME THROUGH GETTING STARTED ON HF AND WITH NETLOGGER. I HOPE HE'LL STILL CHECK IN EVERY DAY. AND I HOPE YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE!!!! I HAVEN'T BEEN ON MUCH, TOO MUCH SUMMER WORK TO DO OUTSIDE. WHEN THE WEATHER GETS COLDER, I'LL BE ON MORE. BY THE WAY, THE SEPT COMMUNICATOR WAS GREAT, AS USUAL. TAKE CARE AND GOD BLESS, BOB ADOFH

YOU HAVE TO BE KIDDING. IF IT HE WAS DONE ON APRIL 1ST, I'D KNOW IT IS A JOKE, BUT HALLOWEEN.....IT IS A HORROR.

WE CAN NEVER TELL YOU, KEVIN HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO. NOT JUST ON MOONBEAM, BUT FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE SYSTEM. SALLY TOO. DO YOU WANT TO MOVE TO ANOTHER SPOT? MAYBE LATER AFTER A REST? WHO WILL SEND ME ALL THOSE NEW CHECK INS? JUDY KC7KPG

HAVE A HARD TIME WITH THE IDEA OF KEVIN NOT BEING THERE. THINGS CHANGE SOMETIMES, AND WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THAT. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. I SINCERELY HOPE HE CAN CHECK IN ONCE IN A WHILE. JOE THOMAS WA7JT CAMANO ISLAND, WA

KEVIN

AND ... A BIG HAT TOO ! LOL73/33/88 JOAN W4JMJ

AFTER ALL THE YEARS OF WORKING WITH AND ALONGSIDE KEVIN IN MANY ASPECTS OF THE SYSTEM, I AM QUITE SURE THAT HIS POSITION WILL BE HARD TO FILL TO THE CAPACITY THAT HE HAS ACHIEVED. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME, DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE SYSTEM OVER THE 14 YEARS THAT YOU HAVE SUPPLIED US WITH SUCH ENTHUSIASM. ENJOY THE TIME OFF, YOU DESERVE IT. VE1JIM JIM

KEVIN HAS GONE OVER AND ABOVE THE CALL TO DUTY AND DESERVES A REST. HIS SHOES CAN'T BE FILLED, BUT YOU CAN FILL A PAIR OF YOUR OWN. WE LOVE YOU KEVIN....."DON'T BE A STRANGER."

JUDY KC7KPGWB4VMH73,88,33,

OH MY !! CAN HE DO THAT ??? THE MOONBEAM WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT HIM.

I MISS HIM ALREADY. JOHN W5PDW

FOR KEVIN. YOUR DEDICATION OVER SO MANY YEARS IS OVER THE TOP. I HOPE YOU WILL CHECK IN OFF AND ON SO WE CAN STILL KEEP IN TOUCH. HUGS, GLORIA AC0KY

SORRY TO HEAR THAT KEVIN - KN4AA WILL STOP AS NETCONTROL. THE REASON I MOSTLY CHECK INTO THE MOONBEAM IS THAT I LIKE BOTH YOU AND KEVIN AS NETCONTROLS. FROM GHIS ON5NT

ABOUT KEVIN

THE SECOND OR THIRD TIME I CHECKED INTO THE YLISSB, THE CONTROL WAS A VOICE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, A KEVIN, AND HIS XYL WAS WORKING WITH HIM.

KEVIN MADE ME FEEL SO WELCOME. WHEN, AS I CAME TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE SYTEM WORKED, I WAS ASKED TO JOIN NOTWV AS A CO-CONTROL ON ONE FRIDAY PER MONTH. I AGREED. IT WAS KEVIN WHO ENCOURAGED ME SEVERAL TIMES WITH "YOU CAN DO IT...." AND "DID A GOOD JOB," THOUGH I KNEW HE WAS BITING HIS TONGUE A LITTLE BIT FOR SURE.

I AM MORE ACTIVE TODAY IN THE YLISSB FROM THE EXAMPLE AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF KEVIN AND SALLY. THEY EVEN FOUND TIME ON ONE OF THEIR TRIPS TO VISIT US IN OREGON AND GAVE SOME SOLID ADVICE AND HELP. KEVIN AND SALLY ARE TWO OF MY HEROES ON THE SYSTEM. HE DESERVES TO TAKE SOME TIME OFF...BUT AS HE ALWAYS TELLS OTHERS:

"NOW, KEVIN, DON'T YOU BE A STRANGER. YOU CHECK IN OFTEN!"

73,

W7AJP - JUST BILL





THIS PICTURE WAS ON LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND. THE HAMS ARE RICH KK4IOY, MARK AC4ZM AND GEORGE AA4GT.

WE WERE AT BOCA GRANDE LIGHT HOUSE. THE LIGHTHOUSE SITS 10 FEET HIGH OFF THE BEACH. OUR STATIONS WERE UNDER THE LIGHTHOUSE. WE WERE WITH FT MYERS ARC AND THEY WERE ON THE AIR FROM FRIDAY NIGHT AUGUST 16TH TO AUGUST 17TH. THIS IS NORTH OF FT MYERS. WE HAD 20 MEMBERS INVOLVED. WE WERE ABOUT 100 YARDS FROM THE GULF. THE THREE OF US ALSO BELONG TO THE NAPLES RADIO CLUB.

(I DID FIELD DAY WITH THIS CLUB. I DID VERY WELL ON 40 CW. I HAD 207 CONTACTS IN THE TWELVE HOURS I WAS ON THE AIR.)

73 TO ALL

GEORGE AA4GT #14085

ATTENTION PAPER CHASERS

THIS YEAR IT WAS VOTED THAT ON DECEMBER 31, 2014, THREE OF THE CURRENT AWARDS WILL END. THE 3 AWARDS ARE: THE STARS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (FOR WORKING HOLDERS OF THE DKNA AWARD); SOLITUDE (FOR WORKING HOLDERS OF THE NORTH STAR AWARD); AND THE CORONA BOREALIS (FOR WORKING HOLDERS OF THE USA AWARD).

TO HELP THOSE FINISH UP WHO ARE WORKING ON THESE, NANCY, JUDY, AND I HAVE GONE THROUGH THE LISTS OF THE DKNA AND THE NSA HOLDERS, WHICH ARE NEEDED FOR THE SSC AND THE SOLITUDE AWARDS, ELIMINATING THOSE CALL SIGNS LISTED IN THE VOICE, BUT NO LONGER IN VARIOUS NATIONAL DATA BASES. THOSE REMAINING AS POSSIBLE CONTACTS ARE:

HOLDERS OF D-KNA WITH ALL SEALS (DOUBLE KING NEPTUNE)

- (1) K1TH, KA1KC, N1PVT, W1BFA, W1ETV, WD1Z, WX1D, WZ1F,
- (2) K2UXW, N2HZS, WA2FLA, WB2DND,
- (3) K3CDQ, N3HFO, WA3EBA,
- (4) KQ4NN, N4ODI, W4ELB, WB4FBS, WB4KSQ, WB4TIN,
- (5) K5FBS, K5FKT, KC5UO, KE5ZI, KK5LU, N5PRU, NY5E, NZ5S, W5WEE, WA5IPS,
- (6) K6EDA, KB6V, N6JM, NV6L, W6CBA, W6JYT, W6TKV,
- (7) K7MFG, W7GUR, W7KOI, WB7RQO,
- (8) KB8CR, KB8RT, KG8U, W8WT, W8WUT, WA8TOY, WA8VXE,
- (9) AK9J, K9DIG, K9FFC, K9TXJ, K9WFE, K9ZG, KB9OC, KC9V, W9DOR, WB9STT, WB9USL, WN9MFC,
- (0) K0LU, K0QHF,, NA0V, W0CDC, W0RHZ, WB0GNG,
(DX) G3LHJ, GM0BCI, HB9MX, VE1JIM, Z21JE

CONT.

NORTHSTAR AWARD HOLDERS – STATESIDE

- (1) K1AFC , K1BD , K1FAL , K1HRO , K1JUL , K1QPV , K1RB , KA1FXI , KA1JC , KK1A , N1PVT , W1EKG , W1ETF , W1ETV , W1UOP , WA1EDR , WA1PEL ,
- (2) K2DNO , K2DW , K2PAY , K2UXW , KB2MK , KC2RG , N2AWI , N2BL , N2BZK , N2HZS , NA2A , W2GUD , W2VX , WA2ICE , WA2ZYM , WB2RAJ , WE2W ,
- (3) AA3BO , K3SI , K3UMV , KB3OH , KM3N , W3IDK , WB3EUC
- (4) AI4K , K4HJL , K4ICA , K4LQ , K4REL , K4YY , AB4FW>KV4J , KC4YY , KD4TXM , KK4RL , KM4ZR , KQ4NN , KV4X , N4DX , N4ODI , ND4H , W4ELB , W4KA , W4PTW , W4PWB , WA4KSO , WA4PFD>WB4OSS , WA4VEK , WA4YJJ , WB4PMP , WB4TIN , WD4KWR>KM4ZR , WI4K ,
- (5) K5FKT , K5HT , K5KDG , KC5P , KC5UO , KD5SXH , KE5ZI , KS8W , KU5L , N5COO , NZ5R , W5EGS , W5WEE , WB5BEZ
- (6) AF6B , AH6IP , K6EDA , K6JG , N6JM , NV6L , W6DKQ , W6JYT
- (7) AF7G , K7BR , K7INA , K7MFG , K7QLC , KJ7RF , KK7QF , KL7FQQ , KQ7Y , KU7F , W7GUR , W7KOI , W7NKK , WA7COQ , WB7RJC>KK7QF , WB7RQO ,
- (8) K8CIR , K8WTC , K8YCM , N8BRO , NJ8B , W8HXZ , W8IEO , W8KVF , W8WUT>W8WUU , WA8AJI , WA8NDL , WA8TOY , WB8SNJ
- (9) AA9SI , K9BBL , K9BJM , K9BTU , K9EU , K9FFC , K9WFE , K9ZG (AL0/K9ZG) , K9ZXG , KC9P , KC9V , N9CAP , N9DBA , N9PC , W9HFF , W9HGO , W9MDP , WA9AEA (AL0/WA9AEA) , WA9BXB ,
- (0) K0RTH , K0UVE , K0VFFV , KA0INF > K0AL , KA0LAS , K0AL , NA0V , W0CDC , W0KEW , W0KXZ >WA0JH , WA0AVW , WA0JH , WA0JKT , WA0OTE >N7US , WA0WNV , W0VZW ,

SORRY FOR THOSE WORKING ON THE CORONA BOREALIS, BUT WITH OVER 500 LISTED USA AWARD HOLDERS, WE HAD NEITHER THE WORK FORCE NOR TIME TO COMB THE LIST. INTERESTINGLY, IN THE DKNA AND THE NSA LISTS, ABOUT AS MANY WERE ELIMINATED AS WERE RETAINED.

K9DIG, KC7KPG, W4VTH

NEW MEMBERS

16981 - KD5NWH - CARL OK
 16980 - KN9TVE - ED IL
 16979 - W1ALK - PETE VT
 16978 - N9MUH - TERRY WI
 16977 - WA4DXP - M.D. AL
 16976 - KK4KIN - KIN TN
 16975 - W0NEO - DJ AR
 16974 - N2WHV - GARY NJ
 16973 - KC2DHU - JIM NY
 16972 - K1QQA - BOB CO
 16971 - KG4RWO - AL FL
 16970 - KF5DBN - CHARLIE TX
 16969 - G7AFM - PHILIP
 ENGLAND
 16968 - KD2EZA - JOE NJ
 16967 - K4JZQ - LARRY VA
 16966 - KA0UWK - JEFF MN
 16965 - WX4Q - JOHN NC
 16964 - KD0YSC - DAN MO
 16963 - W9IFW - NORM IN
 16962 - KA5SSL - TERRY AZ
 16961 - WB7VOK - GREG AZ

BIRTHDAYS

10/01 K3UMV
 10/01 K3PAU
 10/01 WK7A
 10/02 ZL1AMN
 10/03 WD7WW
 10/04 K9VFS
 10/06 KB7ITR
 10/06 KC0DAS
 10/07 AC9DK
 10/09 KQ6LU
 10/11 JEANIE (XYL OF W8OPA)
 10/12 VE2KRM
 10/13 WD4ESX
 10/14 N0GNR
 10/14 KE7MP
 10/14 W0KOA
 10/14 K3ILA
 10/15 K7HK
 10/15 KA6VPZ
 10/16 KD8VOX
 10/17 KD5LWU
 10/17 JULIE (XYL OF N5OKU)
 10/17 KD0MEO
 10/18 GRACIE (XYL OF KB9OC)
 10/19 K1IEB
 10/20 N7HRO

BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED

10/20 N7HRO
10/20 N4ODI
10/21 WD4RBX
10/21 KE5GBC
10/21 KD0WYO
10/21 K1TXU
10/21 W7QHZ
10/21 K5WZS
10/21 WD8ELH
10/23 KC0YHU
10/23 W7BBA
10/26 DL5MC
10/26 KF6JG
10/26 KK4KIN
10/27 KT4MA
10/27 W4SFR
10/28 NT7J
10/28 KB5CSQ
10/30 N8CSR
10/30 WM2W
10/31 K5HYD
10/31 PEGGY (XYL OF K7ZNO)



ANNIVERSARIES

10/04 K4JZQ LARRY AND XYL
10/09 KJ4DCK SHAREN AND
K4HLE HARVEY
10/09 KD0PBZ ANDREW &
BETHANY
10/11 N0AAH STEPHEN AND
BARBARA
10/12 W4OKT HENRY AND XYL
10/19 W9VSA RON AND XYL
10/20 K5LLR SKIP AND XYL
10/27 K9VFS DAVE AND XYL
10/31 K0MAF JOHN AND XYL



I HAD A WONDERFUL TIME IN MPLS. AS A GUEST OF MY SON. HE WAS PART OF A TEAM NOMINATED FOR AN EMMY. HERE IS THE RESULT.



SO FAR, 2 OR 3 HAMS

ARE PLANING A DXPEDITION TO CHARLTON ISLAND IN JAMES BAY,
NUNAVUT IN

JULY/AUGUST 2015/ 16. WHICHEVER DATES WORK OUT THE BEST
FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO GET THIS OFF THE GROUND. SOME OF THE
GROUND WORK HAS

ALREADY BEEN DONE. TRANSPORTATION FROM EITHER MONTREAL OR
WINNIPEG TO THE ISLAND, HAS BEEN ALL WORKED OUT. STILL
WAITING FOR THE LICENSE INFORMATION. ANYONE INTERESTED
PLEASE CONTACT ME. WE ARE THINKING 8 TO 10 HAMS, FOR 8 TO 12
DAYS, START TO FINISH. NUNAVUT IS ALL FOR STIRRING UP INTEREST
AND TOURISM. JIM, NOV VV YL# 16711

MONTHLY AWARDS REPORT

GREETINGS YL SYSTEM MEMBERS. WITH ALL THE "SUMMER HEAT", MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY CHASING PAPER. WITH ALL THE ACTIVITY, LAST MONTHS REPORT SLIPPED THROUGH THE CRACKS. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

AWARDS & RECIPIENTS PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2014

TFO DAY..... K5ZMX-DOUG

SUMMER HEAT..... K5ZMX-DOUG, KK4AED-HOWARD

BELT OF ORION DAY... K9DIG-NANCY, ROSE-KL7FQQ

AUTUMN EAGLE..... K9DIG-NANCY, K4KRK-RANDY

OLD TIMERS..... K5ZMX-DOUG

WAS 20M..... WK8Y-BOB

STATE OF FLA..... KE5AHE-CHARLES

AWARDS & RECIPIENTS PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 15TH, 2014

APOLLO..... VE2JKJ-STEVEN

BELT OF ORION.... NC4RP-BOB, VE2JKJ-STEVEN

CANADA..... N1PVT-JANE

FREEDOM..... VE5ADO-MARV

INDEPENDANCE...WK8Y-BOB, NC4RP-BOB, KC8VRT-AMY, KL7FQQROSE, KN4AA-KEVIN

SUMMER..... VE2JKJ-STEVEN

SUMMER HEAT..... VE1JIM-JIM, K4KRK-RANDY, K9DIG-NANCY, WK8Y-BOB, KE5AHE-CHAS, KC8VRT-AMY, VE3JPJ-JEAN, VE2JKJ-STEVEN

TFO DAY..... K9DIG-NANCY, K4KRK-RANDY, KL7FQQ-ROSE,

K1MTD-MARY, WK8Y-BOB, W9DTR-HERB, KC7KPG-JUDY, KC8VRT-AMY,

VE5ADO-MARV, VE7AAV-MIKE, VE3JPJ-STEPHEN

VETERANS..... (25) NC4RP-BOB

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 19 RECIPIENTS OF 14 DIFFERENT AWARDS , AND A TOTAL OF _41_ 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)

TFO REPORT

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO REPORT THAT A NEW TFO WAS ELECTED DURING THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 2014
KE7VSC-JOHN, MEMBER # 16371, IS TFO 519

NOTE THAT ONLY 7 VOTES WERE LOGGED FOR THAT PERIOD. REMEMBER THAT 10 TFOs HAD TO VOTE FOR YOU TO RECEIVE THE HONOR SO TAKE A MOMENT EACH MONTH TO SEND YOUR VOTE TO KAREN-KB8NSA, KB8NSA@SUDDENLINK.NET AND A COPY TO JUDY-KC7JPG, NURENTJ@WILDBLUE.NET.

BEGINNING OCTOBER 1ST, THOSE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS ARE MEMBER NUMBERS THROUGH 16831. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 162 NOMINEES ON THE LIST. TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE NOMINEES, SEND AN EMAIL TO JUDY-KC7JPG.

IMPORTANT:

2014: ONLY DUES PAYING TFOs MAY NOW VOTE OR RECEIVE THE REPORT

HELP NEEDED

THE MOONBEAM IS IN NEED OF A FEW MORE CONTROLS. PLEASE THINK ABOUT THROWING YOUR HAT IN THE RING TO HELP. YOU REALLY GET TO KNOW SYSTEM MEMBERS BEING A CONTROL. IT TRULY IS A LOT OF FUN.

IT IS HELPFUL IF YOU CAN USE NETLOGGER. THERE IS PLENTY OF HELP TO GET YOU COMFORTABLE WITH IT. THE MORE THE MERRIER.

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TUNING UP

OFTEN DURING THE SYSTEM, WHEN YOU'RE IN A HURRY TO GET TUNED UP, YOU DO SO ON THE SYSTEM FREQUENCY. THIS CAN KEEP THE CONTROL FROM HEARING THAT 2X2 STATION TRYING TO CHECK IN. THE BEST OPERATING PROCEDURE IS TO SET YOUR FREQUENCY 3-5 KHZ EITHER ABOVE OR BELOW THE SYSTEM TO TUNE UP. IF YOU DO THE CALCULATIONS, YOU WILL SEE THAT THIS IS ONLY ~0.03% OF YOUR TRANSMITTING FREQUENCY. ALMOST ALL RIGS CAN EASILY HANDLE BEING TUNED WITHIN 1.0%, WHICH IS 30 TIMES THE ABOVE. SO BE A SYSTEM-FRIENDLY OPERATOR, AND GO OFF FREQUENCY TO TUNE, AND YOU WILL REALLY BE A "PROFESSIONAL" AMATEUR. SKIPPER-W4VTH

THE STORY OF A MAGPIE – TRIBUTE TO A “FRIEND”!

END OF APRIL 2001. WE ARE LIVING IN THE COUNTRY SIDE SURROUNDED BY NATURE: FARM LAND, WILDLIFE SUCH AS MANY DIFFERENT SPECIES OF SMALL BIRDS, PHEASANTS, PARTRIDGES, HARES AND WILD RABBITS. APRIL: YOUNG BIRDS ALREADY STARTED LEAVING THEIR NESTS. ONE AFTERNOON, SUDDENLY WE SEE ONE OF OUR CATS IN THE GARDEN PLAYING WITH A YOUNG BUT QUITE BIG BIRD. WHEN GETTING CLOSER WE SEE A YOUNG MAGPIE, EXHAUSTED, RUNNING AND JUMPING AROUND, NOT ABLE TO FLY PROPERLY YET, TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM OUR CAT.

WE PICK HIM UP AND LOOK AROUND TO SEE IF HIS PARENTS ARE NOT AROUND. ADULT MAGPIES CAN BE VERY NOISY, BUT THE ONES LIVING IN THE COUNTRY SIDE ARE VERY MUCH AFRAID OF HUMAN BEINGS. WE DID NOT SEE EITHER OF THE YOUNG GUY'S PARENTS, SO WE DECIDE TO LOCK HIM UP IN A CAGE, A METAL CARRIER WHICH WE USE TO TAKE OUR CATS TO THE VET. WITH THE IDEA IN MIND THE PARENTS WILL LOOK FOR THEIR “KID” AND WILL TRY TO FEED IT, THE CAGE WITH THE YOUNGSTER INSIDE ENDS UP ON TOP OF THE HEDGE SURROUNDING OUR GARDEN, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FROM THE HOUSE, NOT TO FRIGHTEN THE ADULTS. ALTHOUGH THE LITTLE GUY MAKES QUITE SOME NOISE, SO YOU WOULD THINK THE PARENTS WILL HEAR HIM, NO ADULT MAGPIE HAS SHOWN UP EVEN WHEN GETTING CLOSE TO SUNSET.

ALMOST AT DARKNESS WE DECIDE TO TAKE THE CAGE WITH YOUNG BIRD INSIDE THE HOUSE. THE YOUNG FELLOW SEEMS TO BE HUNGRY AND KEEPS OPENING HIS BEAK EACH TIME WE APPROACH HIM. SO WE DECIDE TO FEED THE GUY. AS I WAS RAISED IN THE COUNTRY SIDE, I HAD BEEN TAKEN CARE OF YOUNG BIRDS BEFORE. THE NEXT DAY WE TAKE HIM OUTSIDE AND PUT HIS CAGE AGAIN ON THE HEDGE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FROM THE HOUSE. BUT HIS PARENTS DON'T SHOW UP AGAIN TO FEED HIM. NEXT DAY AGAIN SAME STORY. SO WE CONTINUE FEEDING THE BIRD AND HE SEEMS TO ACCEPT US AS HIS NEW PARENTS. SINCE THAT PERIOD I HAD TO TRAVEL A LOT BY CAR FOR WORK.

EACH MORNING I PREPARED HIS FOOD AND HE TRAVELED WITH ME IN THE CAR. IT WAS REAL FUNNY TO STOP , PARKING ALONG THE HIGHWAYS TO FEED THE BIRD, SOMETIMES WITH PEOPLE WATCHING ME AND ASKING CRAZY QUESTIONS. WHEN IT TOOK TOO LONG BEFORE HE GOT SOME MORE FOOD WHILE DRIVING, HE STARTED MAKING NOISES, TRYING TO TELL ME IT WAS ABOUT TIME FOR HIS LUNCH. OUR MAGPIE WAS BECOMING A NICE BIRD, AND MORE IN PARTICULAR A VERY SMART BIRD, WE THOUGHT HE NEEDED A NAME.

MAGPIE COULD AS WELL BE MACPIE OR MCPIE. IN FRENCH A MAGPIE IS “UNE PIE” (PRONOUNCED “PEE” IN ENGLISH). SINCE HE WAS A VERY SMART BIRD, PI, USED IN MATHEMATICS SEEMED EVEN MORE APPROPRIATE, SO WE ENDED UP NAMING HIM MACPI OR MCPi. “PI” BEING PRONOUNCED AS “PEE”.

SOON HE GOT THE MESSAGE THAT HIS NAME WAS McPi, PARTICULARLY WHEN WE HAD TO YELL AT HIM WHEN ONCE AGAIN HE WAS TRYING TO HIDE OF STEEL SOMETHING SHINY WHEN HE WAS ALLOWED WALKING AND FLYING AROUND IN THE HOUSE TO STRETCH HIS LEGS AND WINGS AS HIS METAL CAT CARRIER HOME WAS BECOMING TOO SMALL. BY DOING THIS AND ALTHOUGH HE WAS A FUNNY CHARACTER, NICE TO HAVE AROUND, WE FOUND OUT THIS WAS A BIRD WE COULD NOT KEEP INSIDE. HE WAS VERY MUCH ATTACHED TO US AND WE TO HIM, BUT WE DECIDED WE HAD TO GIVE HIM HIS FREEDOM. BEING USED TO LIVE INSIDE AND HIS FOOD BEING SERVED, WE KNEW FIRST WE HAD TO TEACH HIM HOW TO SURVIVE IN THE "WILD". SO, EARLY JULY, IN FRONT OF ONE OF THE LARGE WINDOW OF OUR LIVING ROOM LOOKING AT THE GARDEN, WE BUILD HIM A LARGE SPACE WITH NETS, CLOSE TO THE HEDGE. SO HE COULD WALK AND FLY AROUND FREELY, LEARN HOW TO FIND FOOD ON THE GROUND AND IN THE GRASS AND GET ACQUAINTED TO THE GARDEN AND THE TREES.

SOME OTHER MAGPIES HAD ALREADY NOTICED, ONE OF THEIR KIND WAS PLAYING AROUND UNDER A HUGE NET BUT THEY WERE AFRAID TO APPROACH AS THE PLACE WAS TOO CLOSE TO THE HOUSE. ALSO McPi HAD NOTICED SOME OTHER BLACK AND WHITE LOOK-ALIKE BIRDS WERE HANGING AROUND IN THE TREES, SHOUTING AT ONE ANOTHER. BEING AN INTELLIGENT GUY, HE SOON KNEW WHAT TO DO TO GET SOME FOOD DIRECTLY FROM NATURE AND AFTER HAVING STAYED THERE FOR TWO WEEKS DURING DAY TIME, WE FOUND IT WAS ABOUT TIME TO RELEASE HIM. SO THE DAY HAD COME McPi WOULD HAVE TO STAND ON HIS OWN FEET AND FLY HIS OWN WINGS INTO THE WIDE WORLD. ONE MORNING ON A SATURDAY WE TOOK HIM OUT OF HIS SMALL CAGE, WENT OUTSIDE WITH HIM, WITH A HEAVY HEART WE SAID GOODBYE, THROW HIM GENTLY UP IN THE AIR AND HE TOOK OFF, READY FOR A NEW GREAT ADVENTURE. THE FIRST DAY HE DID NOT FLY TOO FAR. HE STAYED AROUND, MOSTLY IN THE HIGHER PART OF THE TREES IN THE GARDEN MAKING A LOT OF NOISE AND GETTING ATTENTION OF THE OTHER MAGPIES. WE WERE SURE HE WAS GOING TO MAKE FRIENDS SOON.

THAT SAME DAY, AN HOUR OR SO BEFORE SUNSET, WHEN IT GETS BEDTIME FOR BIRDS, WE HEARD KIND OF KNOCKING OUTSIDE AT THE DOOR TO THE GARDEN. WE SAW McPi STANDING IN FRONT OF THE DOOR AND KNOCKING WITH HIS BEAK ON THE DOOR. WE OPENED THE DOOR, McPi STEPPED INSIDE AND IMMEDIATELY WALKED TO HIS SMALL CAGE THAT WAS STILL STANDING IN OUR LIVING ROOM, HE JUMPED ON THE BAMBOO STICK IN HIS CAGE WHERE HE USED TO SIT ON. WE STAYED VERY QUIET AND JUST WATCHED. AFTER A COUPLE OF MINUTES WE SEE HIM CLOSE HIS EYES AND FALL ASLEEP.

THE NEXT MORNING WE LET HIM OUT AGAIN AND GETTING CLOSE TO SUNSET HE KNOCKED ON THE DOOR AGAIN TO GO TO SLEEP IN HIS LITTLE CAGE. AS AN ADULT MAGPIE IS QUITE A TALL BIRD ITS LITTLE CAGE WAS REALLY TOO SMALL. WE ALSO HAD A PARROT, AN AFRICAN GRAY, WHO RECENTLY HAD GOT A NEW LARGE CAGE. WE STILL HAD THE OLD CAGE STORED IN THE GARAGE.

SO THE YOUNG MAGPIE ENDED UP IN ITS OWN LARGE CAGE NOW NEXT TO THE OLD PARROT COCO. SOON THEY WOULD BECOME GOOD FRIENDS, AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT WE THOUGHT. MCPi SEEMED TO LIKE HIS LARGE NEW SLEEPING QUARTERS BUT NOT AS MUCH AS WE WANTED. HE LIKED TO STEP INSIDE AND WALK AROUND A BIT OR EVEN SIT ON TOP OF THE PARROT'S CAGE, WHICH WAS NOT MUCH APPRECIATED BY COCO.

SOMETIMES HE FELL ASLEEP ON MY SHOULDER WHILE I WAS WATCHING TV. THEN I HAD TO PUT HIM GENTLY IN HIS CAGE WHERE HE CONTINUED SLEEPING UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING. THIS GAME WENT ON FOR MONTHS BUT HAD SOME CONSEQUENCES. HE DID NOT WANT TO SLEEP OUTSIDE AND HE HATED TO COME INSIDE WHEN IT WAS ALREADY GETTING DARK. SO AS SOON AS IT GOT TOO DARK AND WE WERE NOT HOME YET HE SAT ON THE SIDE OF THE ROOF JUST ABOVE HIS ENTRANCE DOOR MAKING A LOT OF NOISE AS HE WAS WANTING TO TELL US "HEY GUYS, DON'T YOU SEE IT'S GETTING DARK AND I AM STILL OUTSIDE!". SO FOR MONTHS WE HAD TO COME HOME IN TIME.

IF WE KNEW IN ADVANCE WE WOULD NOT BE HOME IN TIME WE CALLED HIM BEFORE WE LEFT HOME, HE ALWAYS CAME FLYING AND WE COULD EASILY TAKE HIM AND LOCK HIM UP IN HIS CAGE INSIDE. ONE EVENING HE ARRIVED HOME AND HAD ONE OF HIS TOES OF HIS LEFT FOOT BLEEDING. WE DISINFECTED THE TOE. BUT IT KEPT GETTING RE INFECTED. SO WE TOOK MCPi TO THE VET. HIS PAW WAS COVERED WITH DISINFECTING OINTMENT AND ENDED UP IN A BANDAGE. ALTHOUGH HE GOT THE BEST CARE, HIS PAW DID NOT HEAL WELL AND FINALLY HE LOST THE TOE. ON THE PICTURE YOU CAN SEE A TOE IS MISSING AT HIS LEFT PAW.

THE VET TRIED OUT SEVERAL OINTMENTS AND WE ENDED UP VISITING THE VET TWICE A WEEK FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH. FINALLY THE RIGHT OINTMENT WAS FOUND AND HIS PAW HEALED COMPLETELY. WE ARE SURE WE DID NOT PAY ALL HOURS THE VET SPENT TAKING CARE OF THE PAW. MCPi AND WE WERE GRATEFUL TO THE VET. A BIT LATER IN THE SUMMER, AT A BEAUTIFUL SUNNY DAY WE HAD PUT THE PARROT'S CAGE OUTSIDE IN THE GARDEN SO COCO COULD GET SOME SOLAR VITAMINS.

OF COURSE MCPi HAD NOTICED HIS GRAY FEATHERED COMPANION WAS OUTSIDE SO HE CAME FLYING IN AND LANDED ON TOP OF THE PARROT'S CAGE AND STARTED TEASING COCO. SUDDENLY WE HEARD A LOUD SCREAMING. WE RUSHED OUTSIDE. SITTING ON TOP OF THE PARROT'S CAGE, MCPi HAD PUT HIS BEAK THROUGH THE BARS OF COCO'S CAGE, TRYING TO PICK COCO. ALTHOUGH COCO HAD A VERY FAST REACTION AND WHILE MCPi HAD PASSED HIS BEAK THROUGH THE BARS, COCO HAD IMMEDIATELY REACTED AND HAD PLANTED HIS EXTREME SHARP AND DANGEROUS BEAK IN THE BOTTOM SKIN OF MCPi'S BEAK. POOR MCPi'S TONGUE WAS HANGING THROUGH THE BOTTOM PART OF HIS BEAK. A VERY SCARY LOOK. SO AGAIN WE HAD TO RUSH TO THE VET. IT TOOK ONE HOUR TO SEW AND REPAIR THE DAMAGE AND ANOTHER INVOICE.

THE NEXT DAY OUR BLACK AND WHITE FEATHERED FRIEND WAS AGAIN HAVING FUN WITH HIS FRIENDS OUTSIDE. A YEAR WENT BY, INCLUDING COLD FREEZING AND SNOWY WINTER MONTHS. DURING THAT PERIOD, HE HAD BECOME VERY GOOD FRIENDS WITH THREE OTHER COUPLES MAGPIES. ALTHOUGH HE NEVER FOUND ANOTHER MAGPIE TO STAY WITH HIM. WE NEVER FOUND OUT EITHER IF MCPi WAS A MALE OR A FEMALE. BUT FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, HIS FRIENDS OR POSSIBLE FRIEND FOR LIFE, DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THEIR FELLOW MAGPIE DID NOT WANT TO STAY WITH THEM OVERNIGHT, BUT PREFERRED TO PASS THE NIGHT AT THE HOME OF THOSE HUMAN BEINGS. IT HAD BECOME AUTUMN AND DURING THE DAY YOU COULD SEE THEM ALL SEVEN SITTING ON THE ELECTRICAL POWER LINES HIGH ABOVE THE GROUND, "CHATTING" TO ONE ANOTHER FOR HOURS. THEN ON NOVEMBER 16, 2002, WE WENT SHOPPING IN THE AFTERNOON.

SOMETIMES HE MOVED OVER WITH HIS FRIENDS TO A FARM ABOUT 200M AWAY FROM OUR HOUSE. EVEN WHEN COMING HOME DURING THE DAY WHEN WE CALLED MCPi, HE IMMEDIATELY SHOWED UP TO ANNOUNCE HIS PRESENCE AND TOOK OFF AGAIN AFTER A COUPLE OF MINUTES TO JOIN HIS FRIENDS. IT WAS FUNNY TO SEE HIM FLYING IN FROM THE FARM AND THEN RETURN AGAIN TO THE FARM. THE FARMER KNEW HIM AND MCPi WAS USED TO AND NOT AT ALL AFRAID OF THE FARMER. ACTUALLY HE WAS NOT AFRAID OF HUMAN BEINGS IN GENERAL AND ENJOYED MAKING CRIES OUT TO PEOPLE PASSING BY WITH ITS CHARACTERISTIC STREAK OF 'MAG-MAG-MAG-MAG' CALLS. SO THAT AFTERNOON, WE CAME HOME FROM SHOPPING AND THERE WAS NO MCPi AROUND.

WE CALLED AND CALLED BUT NO MCPi. WE DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ANY OF HIS FRIENDS NEITHER. SINCE HE DID NOT SHOW UP AT ALL, AFTER ONE HOUR WE WENT TO SEE OUR NEIGHBOR, THE FARMER. WHEN WE ASKED IF HE HAD SEEN MCPi, WE GOT A STRANGE REPLY. HE SAID THAT HUNTERS PASSED BY AND THAT HE HAD TOLD THEM TO WATCH OUT FOR THE MAGPIE AS HE WAS TAME. MAGPIES ARE PROTECTED BIRDS IN BELGIUM BUT NOT LIKED BY HUNTERS. WE REALLY GOT A BAD FEELING THE WAY HE SAID HE WARNED THE HUNTERS TO MIND THE MAGPIE. HUNTERS DO NOT LIKE MAGPIES AND THEY PRETEND THEY MAKE A LOT OF DAMAGE TO THE WILDLIFE. IT'S TRUE MAGPIES STEAL OR DAMAGE EGGS OUT OF NESTS BUT I WOULD NOT GO THAT FAR TO SAY THEY HARM WILDLIFE, CERTAINLY NOT OUR MCPi.

WHAT TO SAY ABOUT THE HUNTERS? WHERE WE LIVED THOSE GUYS PUT FEEDING BOXES ALONG DITCHES BORDERING THE FIELDS. PHEASANTS BECAME THAT TAME THAT THEY WALKED UP OUR DRIVE WAY TO OUR FRONT DOOR OR WALKED AROUND IN THE GARDEN. WHEN THE HUNTING SEASON STARTS, A GROUP OF ABOUT 12 GUYS WALK IN THE FIELDS, 4 OF THEM WITH A RIFLE AND THE OTHERS MAKING NOISE WITH STICKS TO CHASE THE PHEASANTS, RABBITS OR HARES. PARTICULARLY THE PHEASANTS ARE LIKE "SITTING DUCKS", NOT BEING VERY MUCH AFRAID OF HUMAN BEINGS, THEY FLY AWAY AT THE VERY LAST MOMENT AND ARE BEING SHOT.

IN 2008 WE BOUGHT OUR NEW PLACE WHERE WE LIVE NOW. WE WENT OVER TO OUR NEIGHBOR THE FARMER TO SAY GOODBYE. WE ENDED UP TALKING ABOUT MCPi AND THE HUNTERS. HE THEN TOLD US THAT HE HAD SEEN THAT THE HUNTERS HAD SHOT OUR MCPi. WHEN THE HUNTERS HAD ARRIVED MCPi WITH HIS FRIENDS WAS SITTING ON THE WIRES OF THE POWER LINES. WHEN SPOTTING THE GROUP, MCPi'S FRIENDS HAD ALL FLEWN AWAY BUT MCPi HAD STAYED MAKING HIS TYPICAL "MAG MAG" CRIES. THEN THEY HAD SHOT HIM.

THIS WAS SUBMITTED BY GHIS ON5NT #9508. IT SHOWS THE RELATIONSHIPS WE CAN HAVE WITH ANIMALS IF WE ARE WILLING TO LEND A HAND AND CARE FOR THEM AS THE BEAUTIFUL CREATION THAT THEY ARE.



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