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HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

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**K4ICA**

**Memorial Call**

**YL System**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### CONVENTION 2016

THERE HAVE BEEN SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE SCHEDULE. OUR WORKSHOP, WHERE WE DISCUSS ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE SYSTEM, HAS BEEN MOVED TO TUESDAY AFTERNOON FROM 3-6 PM. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING SUCH ISSUES AS: SHOULD THE YLISSB START A CW PORTION; HAVE AN ON-AIR SWAP AND SELL; DEVELOP OUR FACEBOOK PAGE; HAVE A DIGITAL PORTION: DISCONTINUE THE QSO PARTY; SHOULD YOU HOST A CONVENTION? DON'T MISS IT! DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION 15 AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS MAY 23. NANCY, K9DIG, OUR HOSTESS, IS WORKING HARD TO HOST A VERY FINE CONVENTION. LOOK FOR THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IN THIS ISSUE. HOPE TO SEE YOU IN GRAND FORKS NEXT MONTH.

### BOUTIQUE

DON'T FORGET TO MAIL OR BRING YOUR ITEMS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP BOUTIQUE. YOU CAN MAIL YOUR ITEMS TO NANCY, K9DIG (SEE INFORMATION IN THIS ISSUE). JOAN, (XYL OF BILL, W7AJP), AND BOBBIE K4ZGH, WILL BE OPERATING THE BOUTIQUE. THE BOUTIQUE IS OUR BIG FUNDRAISER FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS. SO, GET INVOLVED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN CONTACT ME, OR ONE OF THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

### CONTROLS

JUST A GENTLE REMINDER TO OUR WONDERFUL CONTROLS. PLEASE, IF THERE ARE OTHER CONTROLS FOR YOUR SEGMENT OF THE SYSTEM, DO NOT KEEP CONTROL MORE THAN 5 MINUTES, OR

OR MORE THAN 5 CALLS, IF YOU ARE GETTING NO RESPONSE. REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE OFTEN STATIONS THAT ARE TOO CLOSE TO COPY YOU, AND IT GETS VERY FRUSTRATING WHEN THEY DON'T HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHECK IN. OUR CONTROLS ARE THE FRIENDLIEST AND MOST UNDERSTANDING OPERATORS ON THE AIRWAVES, AND SOMETIMES IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE GETTING A LOT OF FOLKS CHECKING IN, IT IS HARD TO BREAK AWAY, BUT REMEMBER THERE ARE THOSE THAT CANNOT COPY YOU, AND PASS CONTROL AROUND OFTEN. THIS ALSO HELPS TO KEEP THE QRM IN CHECK, AND WITH THE POOR CONDITIONS WE HAVE BEEN HAVING LATELY ON 20 METERS, IT IS HEALTHY TO PASS CONTROL OFTEN.

### **OLD TIMERS**

THE MONTH OF MAY IS WHEN WE HONOR OUR OLD TIMER MEMBERS, THOSE WITH NUMBERS OF 15,000 OR BELOW. THE RULES FOR THESE CONTESTS ARE PRINTED ELSEWHERE IN THE COMMUNICATOR. I JUST WANT TO URGE ALL OLD-TIME MEMBERS TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO CHECK INTO THE SYSTEM DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, AND ESPECIALLY ON MAY 6, WHICH IS OUR MAY DAY AWARD DAY. I KNOW THE BANDS HAVE NOT BEEN FRIENDLY LATELY, BUT LET'S HANG IN THERE, AND DON'T GIVE UP.

### **SYSTEM**

THIS IS JUST A GENTLE REMINDER THAT THE YL SYSTEM, WHICH IS NOW CELEBRATING ITS FIFTY-THIRD YEAR OF EXISTENCE, IS A SYSTEM. IT IS NOT A NET. OUR FOUNDER CALLED IT A SYSTEM, AND FOR THE PAST 53 YEARS, THAT IS WHAT IT HAS BEEN...SO PLEASE, DO NOT REFER TO IT AS A NET.

### **AWARDS**

THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL CHANGES TO THE AWARDS PROGRAM, ESPECIALLY AS IT PERTAINS TO THE CANADIAN AWARDS. CHECK OUT THE AWARDS ON THE WEB PAGE FOR THE CHANGES.

### **INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE**

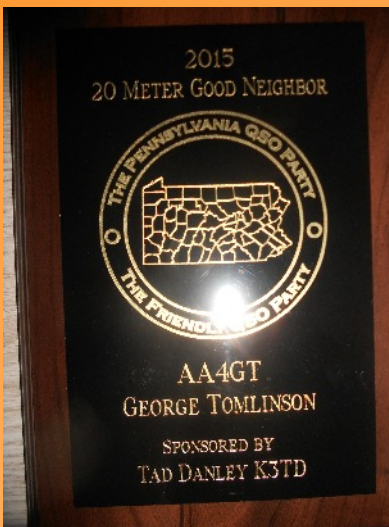
SEVERAL TIMES RECENTLY, THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN BOMBARDED WITH INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE. PLEASE, IF THIS HAPPENS ON YOUR WATCH, IGNORE IT TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY. WHEN THEY GET A RESPONSE, THIS ENCOURAGES THEM TO CONTINUE. AND, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, GET A CALL SIGN. ALTHOUGH, USUALLY THE CALL SIGN IS BOGUS, IT AT LEAST LETS THE AUTHORITIES KNOW THAT IT IS THE SAME STATION. IF YOU WOULD, PLEASE REPORT ANY INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE TO THE PRESIDENT. THANKS.



**NEVER FORGET FREEDOM HAS A  
COST**

**HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY**

**THANK YOU VETERANS FOR  
YOUR SERVICE**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO GEORGE AA4GT  
14085 WHO WON THE 20M PORTION  
OF THE 2015 PA QSO PARTY.**

### **SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM**

**MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> IS OUR MAY DAY AWARD, 2015. CONTACT TEN (10) MEMBERS WHOSE SSB NUMBERS ARE BELOW 15,000. K4ICA COUNTS AS 6 CONTACTS. ONLY ONE CONTACT WITH K4ICA IS ALLOWED FOR THIS AWARD.**

**MAY 1 THROUGH 31 IS OUR OLD TIMERS AWARD 2015. CONTACT 30 MEMBERS WITH A MEMBERSHIP NUMBER BELOW 15,000..**

**ALL LOGS ARE TO BE SENT TO: BARBARA NEIMAN, KE5ZI, 4257 SW 7<sup>TH</sup> AVE. RD., OCALA, FL 34471-7497, WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$5.00 PER AWARD, MADE PAYABLE TO BARBARA NEIMAN.**

THOUGHTS ON GENE K9WFE 11813 TFO 256 SK

THE SYSTEM LOST A GOOD FRIEND WHEN GENE DELANEY, K9WFE, BECAME A SK. I FIRST MET GENE ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO ON THE YL SYSTEM. HE HAD THIS WAY OF TALKING THAT MADE ME STOP AND TAKE NOTICE...AND USUALLY THERE WAS A PUNCH LINE SOMEWHERE IN WHAT HE WAS SAYING THAT WOULD MAKE ME LAUGH, ONCE I FIGURED IT OUT. HE SPENT MANY YEARS AS CONTROL ON THE EARLY MORNING WARM UP WITH TOM, WA1GAG, AND THE TWO OF THEM WOULD HAVE US ROLLING ON THE FLOOR FROM LAUGHTER. BOTH HAD A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR.

TOM WAS OUR INFORMATION OFFICER, AND WHEN TOM BECAME UNABLE TO CONTINUE IN THAT POSITION, GENE TOOK IT OVER. TOM SHIPPED HIM BOXES OF 3X5 CARDS WITH HAND WRITTEN NOTES OF ALL THE MEMBERS. GENE, BEING A COMPUTER GUY, DECIDED TO PUT ALL THAT INFORMATION INTO A DATABASE. THIS WAS A DAUNTING TASK, BUT OVER THE YEARS, HE SLOWLY BUT SURELY ACCOMPLISHED THAT GOAL.

I WAS TREASURER IN THE EARLY 2000'S, AND GUESS WHAT! ALL THE INFORMATION I HAD FROM THE PREVIOUS TREASURER WAS ALSO HAND WRITTEN ON 3X5 CARDS...SO I STARTED A DATABASE FOR THE TREASURER. ONCE I HAD THAT GOING, WHAT TO DO WITH THE CARDS? SO, I HAULED THEM TO GENE AT ONE OF OUR CONVENTIONS, AND HE ADDED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THOSE CARDS TO HIS GROWING DATABASE. THUS ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE DATABASES IN THE WORLD OF HAM RADIO WAS CREATED.

GENE CONTINUED TO UPDATE THE DATABASE, AND SHARED IT WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS EVERY TIME HE UPDATED. HE DID NOT WANT THE INFORMATION TO BE LOST. WE HAVE HIM TO THANK FOR BEING ABLE TO ACCESS INFORMATION WITH THE CLICK OF A MOUSE. GENE CONTINUED TO OPERATE THE INFORMATION SESSION ON MONDAY MORNINGS UNTIL HE BECAME UNABLE TO DO SO, DUE TO HIS HEALTH. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED.

WRITTEN BY KL7FQQ

**NEW MEMBERS**

17216 - KC9KZ - BILL AZ  
17215 - W4DRB - DON AL  
17214 - KK6TXN - LARRY CA  
17213 - NC4B - WAYNE NC  
17212 - KK6QMS - CIFFORD CA  
17211 - K2LAX - JOHN NJ  
17210 - KB5WIO - JIMMY TX  
17209 - KG5KNA - DAN NM  
17208 - NV5D - MARTY TX  
17207 - KD8UJG - TROY OH  
17206 - KC2TCP - SEBASTIAN FL  
17205 - VE1FQ - CLUB STATION  
NOVA SCOTIA  
17204 - KB9BSK - BARBARA IN  
17203 - W9DLP - DAVE IN  
17202 - K3QID - THOMAS DE  
17201 - KE0FDR - EARLENE KS  
17200 - KE0ELU - LAREN KS  
17199 - K7HJE - HUGO FL  
17198 - AA1XD - GENE ME



**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

5/03 KC9VFR CHRIS AND RUTH  
5/05 KJ6YFY TONY AND GINA  
5/11 VE1JIM JIM AND JOANNE  
5/13 N5OKU MICHAEL AND JULIE  
5/14 N5YHM BRIAN AND KF5EQH BONNIE  
5/15 KBOJIT PAUL AND LINDA  
5/22 AC0KV GLORIA AND AARON  
5/22 N7EG MATT AND FRAN  
5/26 N2WHV GARY AND XYL  
5/28 NJ5G PAT AND NANCY  
5/30 KD8VOX JON AND PAM  
5/30 KT4LS LEE AND KATRINA  
5/31 KX9KX TOM AND NATALIE

**WELCOME TO  
ALL NEW  
MEMBERS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

5/01 K1RAA	5/10 KE6GTR	5/19 WOTDL
5/01 KI4NSP	5/11 WAOPFV	5/20 KDOVBK
5/01 KC8TDC	5/11 WA4KSO	5/20 W4ZEE
5/01 WOGUS	5/11 AE5FK	5/21 NOJSP
5/02 W4YL	5/11 KB1RVU	5/22 W1ELM
5/02 W5CAP	5/12 WA5JDV	5/22 KR5LYS
5/02 W2JV	5/12 KB4RDH	5/23 N2RXX
5/03 KF7KIN	5/12 KK4EGZ	5/24 KB8ESY
5/04 KD8KBX	5/12 KD8EVN	5/24 K4NSX
5/04 2M0DDS	5/12 W8SWT	5/26 KI4P
5/05 N6JUA	5/13 KJ6VVG	5/26 KC2ATK
5/05 KL3IH	5/13 K7OUO	5/26 AA9BB
5/05 VE9ZZ	5/14 WB7VNL	5/26 PJ7BK
5/05 AB3TY	5/14 KDOVEP	5/26 WA2CG
5/06 N3MAV	5/15 N4UOG	5/26 N6RXV
5/06 WY3T	5/16 VE1GFG	5/26 KD7ATL
5/06 W5GQW	5/16 KB6NOX	5/28 KV7N
5/06 SHEILA XYL OF KDOME0	5/17 WAOAAM	5/28 KC4UBE
5/07 K5PCS	5/17 N3BPM	5/30 VY2DS
5/07 K4JZQ	5/17 W9FML	5/30 VE3MXJ
5/09 KC2ZWP	5/17 W6BQZ	5/31 KF5DBN
5/09 ACOYX	5/18 W3RIP	5/31 AB7HB
5/09 K9IGJ	5/19 KD8HDK	
5/10 K4DHT	5/19 K3UMW	
	5/19 N7EG	

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**ALL**



## BOUTIQUE AND AUCTION



CONVENTION TIME IS APPROACHING QUICKLY. WE HOPE TO SEE A LARGE TURNOUT THIS YEAR IN GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA. OUR CONVENTION IS BEING HOSTED BY NANCY YOSHIDA, K9DIG. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. RESERVATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>. PLEASE GET YOUR RESERVATIONS SENT IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

EACH YEAR AT THE CONVENTION WE HOLD AN AUCTION AND BOUTIQUE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND WHICH IS USED FOR MEMBERS OR FAMILY OF MEMBERS TO HELP FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION. WE RELY ON THE GENEROSITY OF OUR MEMBERS TO DONATE ITEMS FOR THIS EVENT. IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION, AND WOULD LIKE TO HELP, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AND ALL DONATIONS WITH THIS PROJECT. IF YOU WILL NOT BE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION AND WISH TO HELP, YOU MAY SEND YOUR DONATIONS TO:

NANCY YOSHIDA, 1079 HARVEST LN NE, THOMPSON, ND 58278

OUR DONATIONS CAN BE ANYTHING YOU MAY HAVE IN GOOD CONDITION, SOMETHING YOU HAVE MADE, SOMETHING YOU NO LONGER LOVE THAT SOMEONE ELSE CAN'T DO WITHOUT. ANYTHING YOU WISH TO DONATE. WE HAVE GREAT FUN WITH THE BOUTIQUE AND AUCTION. PLEASE JOIN US.

ON BEHALF OF JOAN (XYL OF BILL W7AJP) AND I K4ZGH, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. THE RECIPIENTS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS ALSO THANK YOU.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP WITH ANYTHING, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT [BOBBIEX2000@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:BOBBIEX2000@HOTMAIL.COM) OR JOAN AT [JWPIR@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:JWPIR@HOTMAIL.COM). WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU.

**DIANE K4DMW AND I K4DXM**

STARTED A NEW CHAPTER FOR AMPS,

**ARMOR MODELING AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY, IN FLORIDA.**

OUR CHAPTER ATTENDED THE AMPS NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SUMTER SOUTH CAROLINA APRIL 7TH THRU THE 9TH. WE COMPETED IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES BUT THE MAIN THEME WAS WW I ARMOR. OUR CHAPTER ENTERED 9 MODELS AND WE CAME AWAY WITH 7 SILVER MEDALS AND 2 BRONZE MEDALS.

THE PICTURES ARE 4 OF OUR SILVER MODEL WINNERS. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, WW I FT-17 FRENCH TANK BUILT BY ME, NEXT IS A BRITISH WW I MEDIUM TANK CALLED A WHIPPET BUILT BY DIANE, NEXT IS A WW I BRITISH TANK CALLED A TAD POLE BUILT BY JOHN LYONS AND ON THE RIGHT IS A GERMAN WW II TANK CALLED A STUG III BUILT BY KEVIN SELESNIK.

WHILE THERE DIANE AND I TOOK SEVERAL CLASSES ON JUDGING AND THEN SAT IN AND JUDGED TO COMPLETE OUR TRAINING. WE RECEIVED OUR PINS AND ARE NOW QUALIFIED JUDGES.



**CONGRATULATION LADIES**



## **MOONBEAM WORKED ALL CANADA AWARD CHANGES**

A CHANGE WAS MADE IN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MOONBEAM WORKED ALL CANADA AWARD TO MAKE THE AWARD MORE ATTAINABLE. THE CHANGE IS NOT REFLECTED IN THE 2016 "VOICE".

THE CORRECT REQUIREMENTS ARE LISTED IN THE AWARDS SECTION OF THE YLISSB WEBSITE. THE REVISED REQUIREMENT:

**MOONBEAM WORKED ALL CANADA - ( 25 ) FEE \$5.00 US**

**START DATE AUGUST 1, 2015**

THIS AWARD IS ATTAINED BY WORKING ANY CHECKED IN STATION DURING THE MOONBEAM PORTION OF THE SYSTEM.

CONTACTS TO BE ONE FROM EACH OF THE 10 CANADIAN PROVINCES AND 3 CONTACTS FROM THE THREE \*TERRITORIES

SINGULARLY OR MIXED.

ALBERTA

NOVA SCOTIA

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MANITOBA

QUEBEC

NEW BRUNSWICK

SASKATCHEWAN

NEWFOUNDLAND/LABRADOR

ONTARIO

\*NORTHWEST TERRITORY

\*NUNAVUT TERRITORY

\*YUKON TERRITORY

RANDY K4KRK

COORDINATOR, MOONBEAM WORKED ALL CANADA AWARD



**THIS IS SHARED BY W5PDW FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

**THIS 1967 TRUE STORY IS OF AN EXPERIENCE BY A YOUNG 12 YEAR OLD LAD IN KINGSTON, ONTARIO, CANADA. IT IS ABOUT THE VIVID MEMORY OF A PRIVATELY REBUILT P-51 FROM WWII AND ITS FAMOUS OWNER/PILOT.**

**IN THE MORNING SUN, I COULD NOT BELIEVE MY EYES. THERE, IN OUR LITTLE AIRPORT, SAT A MAJESTIC P-51. THEY SAID IT HAD FLOWN IN DURING THE NIGHT FROM SOME U.S. AIRPORT, ON ITS WAY TO AN AIR SHOW. THE PILOT HAD BEEN TIRED, SO HE JUST HAPPENED TO CHOOSE KINGSTON FOR HIS STOP OVER. IT WAS TO TAKE OFF TO THE AIR VERY SOON. I MARVELED AT THE SIZE OF THE PLANE, DWARFING THE PIPERS AND CANUCKS TIED DOWN BY HER. IT WAS MUCH LARGER THAN IN THE MOVIES. SHE GLISTENED IN THE SUN LIKE A BULWARK OF SECURITY FROM DAYS GONE BY.**

**THE PILOT ARRIVED BY CAB, PAID THE DRIVER, AND THEN STEPPED INTO THE PILOT'S LOUNGE. HE WAS AN OLDER MAN; HIS WAVY HAIR WAS GRAY AND TOSSED. IT LOOKED LIKE IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN COMBED, SAY, AROUND THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. HIS FLIGHT JACKET WAS CHECKED, CREASED AND WORN - IT SMELLED OLD AND GENUINE. OLD GLORY WAS PROMINENTLY SEWN TO ITS SHOULDERS. HE PROJECTED A QUIET AIR OF PROFICIENCY AND PRIDE DEVOID OF ARROGANCE. HE FILED A QUICK FLIGHT PLAN TO MONTREAL ("EXPO-67 AIR SHOW") THEN WALKED ACROSS THE TARMAC.**

**AFTER TAKING SEVERAL MINUTES TO PERFORM HIS WALK-AROUND CHECK, THE TALL, LANKY MAN RETURNED TO THE FLIGHT LOUNGE TO ASK IF ANYONE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO STAND BY WITH FIRE EXTINGUISHERS WHILE HE "FLASHED THE OLD BIRD UP, JUST TO BE SAFE." THOUGH ONLY 12 AT THE TIME I WAS ALLOWED TO STAND BY WITH AN EXTINGUISHER AFTER BRIEF INSTRUCTION ON ITS USE -- "IF YOU SEE A FIRE, POINT, THEN PULL THIS LEVER!", HE SAID. (I LATER BECAME A FIREFIGHTER, BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY.) THE AIR AROUND THE EXHAUST MANIFOLDS SHIMMERED LIKE A MIRROR FROM FUEL FUMES AS THE HUGE PROP STARTED TO ROTATE. ONE MANIFOLD, THEN ANOTHER, AND YET ANOTHER BARKED -- I STEPPED BACK WITH THE OTHERS. IN MOMENTS THE PACKARD -BUILT MERLIN ENGINE CAME TO LIFE WITH A THUNDEROUS ROAR. BLUE FLAMES KNIFED FROM HER MANIFOLDS WITH AN ARROGANT SNARL. I LOOKED AT THE OTHERS' FACES; THERE WAS NO CONCERN. I LOWERED THE BELL OF MY EXTINGUISHER. ONE OF THE GUYS SIGNALLED TO WALK BACK TO THE LOUNGE. WE DID.**

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER WE COULD HEAR THE PILOT DOING HIS PRE-FLIGHT RUN-UP. HE'D TAXIED TO THE END OF RUNWAY 19, OUT OF SIGHT. ALL WENT QUIET FOR SEVERAL SECONDS. WE RAN TO THE SECOND STORY DECK TO SEE IF WE COULD CATCH A GLIMPSE OF THE P-51 AS SHE STARTED DOWN THE RUNWAY. WE COULD NOT. THERE WE STOOD, EYES FIXED TO A SPOT HALF WAY DOWN 19. THEN A ROAR RIPPED ACROSS THE FIELD, MUCH LOUDER THAN BEFORE. LIKE A FURIOUS HELL SPAWN SET LOOSE -- SOMETHING MIGHTY THIS WAY WAS COMING. "LISTEN TO THAT THING!" SAID THE CONTROLLER.

IN SECONDS THE MUSTANG BURST INTO OUR LINE OF SIGHT. IT'S TAIL WAS ALREADY OFF THE RUNWAY AND IT WAS MOVING FASTER THAN ANYTHING I'D EVER SEEN BY THAT POINT ON 19. TWO-THIRDS THE WAY DOWN 19 THE MUSTANG WAS AIRBORNE WITH HER GEAR GOING UP. THE PROP TIPS WERE SUPERSONIC. WE CLASPED OUR EARS AS THE MUSTANG CLIMBED HELLISHLY FAST INTO THE CIRCUIT TO BE EATEN UP BY THE DOG-DAY HAZE. WE STOOD FOR A FEW MOMENTS, IN STUNNED SILENCE, TRYING TO DIGEST WHAT WE'D JUST SEEN.

THE RADIO CONTROLLER RUSHED BY ME TO THE RADIO. "KINGSTON TOWER CALLING MUSTANG?" HE LOOKED BACK TO US AS HE WAITED FOR AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT. THE RADIO CRACKLED, "GO AHEAD, KINGSTON." "ROGER, MUSTANG. KINGSTON TOWER WOULD LIKE TO ADVISE THE CIRCUIT IS CLEAR FOR A LOW LEVEL PASS." I STOOD IN SHOCK BECAUSE THE CONTROLLER HAD JUST, MORE OR LESS, ASKED THE PILOT TO RETURN FOR AN IMPROMPTU AIR SHOW!

THE CONTROLLER LOOKED AT US. "WELL, WHAT?" HE ASKED. "I CAN'T LET THAT GUY GO WITHOUT ASKING. I COULDN'T FORGIVE MYSELF!"

THE RADIO CRACKLED ONCE AGAIN, "KINGSTON, DO I HAVE PERMISSION FOR A LOW LEVEL PASS, EAST TO WEST, ACROSS THE FIELD?" "ROGER, MUSTANG, THE CIRCUIT IS CLEAR FOR AN EAST TO WEST PASS." "ROGER, KINGSTON, I'M COMING OUT OF 3,000 FEET, STAND BY."

WE RUSHED BACK ONTO THE SECOND-STORY DECK, EYES FIXED TOWARD THE EASTERN HAZE. THE SOUND WAS SUBTLE AT FIRST, A HIGH-PITCHED WHINE, A MUFFLED SCREECH, A DISTANT SCREAM. MOMENTS LATER THE P-51 BURST THROUGH THE HAZE. HER AIRFRAME STRAINING AGAINST POSITIVE G'S AND GRAVITY. HER WING TIPS SPILLING CONTRAILS OF CONDENSED AIR, PROP-TIPS AGAIN SUPERSONIC. THE BURNISHED BIRD BLASTED ACROSS THE EASTERN MARGIN OF THE FIELD SHREDDING AND

AND TEARING THE AIR. AT ABOUT 500 MPH AND 150 YARDS FROM WHERE WE STOOD SHE PASSED WITH THE OLD AMERICAN PILOT SALUTING. IMAGINE. A SALUTE! I FELT LIKE LAUGHING; I FELT LIKE CRYING; SHE GLISTENED; SHE SCREAMED; THE BUILDING SHOOK; MY HEART POUNDED. THEN THE OLD PILOT PULLED HER UP AND ROLLED, AND ROLLED, AND ROLLED OUT OF SIGHT INTO THE BROKEN CLOUDS AND INDELIBLE SIGHT INTO MY MEMORY.

I'VE NEVER WANTED TO BE AN AMERICAN MORE THAN ON THAT DAY! IT WAS A TIME WHEN MANY NATIONS IN THE WORLD LOOKED TO AMERICA AS THEIR BIG BROTHER. A STEADY AND EVEN-HANDED BEACON OF SECURITY WHO NAVIGATED DIFFICULT POLITICAL WATER WITH GRACE AND STYLE; NOT UNLIKE THE OLD AMERICAN PILOT WHO'D JUST FLOWN INTO MY MEMORY. HE WAS PROUD, NOT ARROGANT, HUMBLE, NOT A BRAGGART, OLD AND HONEST, PROJECTING AN AURA OF AMERICA AT ITS BEST.

THAT AMERICA WILL RETURN ONE DAY! I KNOW IT WILL! UNTIL THAT TIME, I'LL JUST SEND OFF THIS STORY. CALL IT A LOVING RECIPROCAL SALUTE TO A COUNTRY, AND ESPECIALLY TO THAT OLD AMERICAN PILOT: THE LATE-JIMMY STEWART (1908-1997), ACTOR, REAL WWII HERO (COMMANDER OF A US ARMY AIR FORCE BOMBER WING STATIONED IN ENGLAND), AND A USAF RESERVES BRIGADIER GENERAL, WHO WOVE A WONDERFULLY FANTASTIC MEMORY FOR A YOUNG CANADIAN BOY THAT'S LASTED A LIFETIME.



**HAPPY  
MEMORIAL  
DAY**

EDITOR K9DIG.

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE PLEASE  
SEND TO [NANCYYOSHIDA@LIVE.COM](mailto:NANCYYOSHIDA@LIVE.COM)

## FOR CONVENTION ATTENDEES

REMEMBER TO BRING A COAT AS IS IS STILL **COOL** HERE IN THE MORNINGS AND MAY BE COOL FOR YOU FROM THE SOUTH.

**REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO MAY 15**

## YL SYSTEM OPERATING SCHEDULE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRY YOUR HAND AT ACTING AS A CONTROL STATION PLEASE NOTIFY THE COORDINATOR IN CHARGE OF THE TIME AND FX YOU ARE INTERESTED IN.

THESE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBPAGE AT

[YLSYSTEM.ORG](http://YLSYSTEM.ORG)

80 METER YL SYSTEM 3.836MHz +/-, MONDAYS 0100 UTC AND AT 0000 UTC DURING DST.

40 METER YL SYSTEM 7.267.5MHz, MON THRU FRI COMMENCING AT 0000 UTC AND AT 2300 UTC DURING DST.

20 METER YL SYSTEM 14.332MHz, COMMENCING DAILY AT 1300 UTC AND 1200 UTC DURING DST.

15 METER YL SYSTEM 21.373MHz, COMMENCING MONDAYS AT 1500 UTC AND AT 1400 UTC DURING DST.



A G E N D A  
YLISSB ANNUAL MEETING  
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA  
JUNE 8, 2016

CALL TO ORDER 9:00 AM

INVOCATION  
INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND BOARD MEMBERS  
2015 MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT  
BUDGET

OFFICER'S REPORTS  
PRESIDENT  
OTHER

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE	AWARDS	CHAPLAIN
CONVENTION CHAIRMAN	CONDOLENCE COMMITTEE	EDITORS
HISTORIAN	INFORMATION OFFICER	NET LOGGER
MEMBER CERTIFICATES	PUBLIC RELATIONS	QSO PARTY
SCHOLARSHIP	SYSTEM COORDINATORS	TFO REPORT
VETERANS	WEB PAGE	OTHER

OLD BUSINESS  
REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR  
SCHOLARSHIP NUMBER AND AMOUNT FOR 2017

OTHER

NEW BUSINESS  
ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
BIDS FOR 2018 CONVENTION  
OTHER

ADJOURN

- DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO PARTICIPATE IN MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PASSPORT IF YOU ARE  
JOINING  
THE WINNIPEG TRIP AT  
CONVENTION**

YLISSB CONVENTION  
JUNE 6-9, 2016  
RED ROOF INN TOWN HOUSE  
710 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE. NORTH  
GRAND FORKS, ND 58203

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**MONDAY, JUNE 6**

5:30 PM-7:00 PM MEET AND GREET – BY POOL -WALK IN FREQUENCY 146.94.

5:30 PM-7:00 PM REGISTRATION – BY POOL

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7**

7 AM-10 PM HOSPITALITY SUITE – ROOM 161 - (RADIO AVAILABLE)

9:00 AM TOUR UND FLIGHT SCHOOL/SPACE STUDIES. MEET IN LOBBY BY FRONT DOOR. DRIVERS NEEDED.

1:00 PM TOUR UND RALPH ENGELSTAD ARENA - MEET IN LOBBY - DRIVERS NEEDED.

3:00-6:00PM **YLISSB WORKSHOP**, SUCH ISSUES AS: SHOULD THE YLISSB START A CW PORTION; HAVE A ON-AIR SWAP AND SELL; DEVELOP OUR FACEBOOK PAGE; HAVE A DIGITAL PORTION: DISCONTINUE THE QSO PARTY; HOSTING A CONVENTION; OTHER ISSUES - **MEETING ROOM**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8**

7AM-10 PM HOSPITALITY SUITE –ROOM 161 - RADIO AVAILABLE

8:30 AM WINNIPEG LUNCH AND TOUR. MEET IN THE LOBBY TO GET ASSIGNED A VEHICLE.

OPTIONAL ON YOUR OWN TOUR OF GRAND FORKS

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9**

7 AM–10 PM HOSPITALITY SUITE – ROOM 161 - (RADIO AVAILABLE)

9:00-NOON **MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING – MEETING ROOM**

NOON-1:00 PM TACO BAR - MEETING ROOM

1:00-2:00 PM **BOARD MEETING - MEETING ROOM**

2:00-4:00 PM **CONTROL MEETING** – CHAIRED BY AB3TY - MEETING ROOM

6:00 PM-7:30 PM BANQUET - MEETING ROOM

7:30 PM - ??? AUCTION – MEETING ROOM

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10**

9AM FAREWELL BREAKFAST - ON YOUR OWN IN RESTAURANT AT HOTEL

**NOTE: THE BOUTIQUE TABLE WILL BE IN THE HOSPITALITY SUITE AND OPEN AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE CONVENTION. PLEASE CHECK IT OUT.**

## AB3TY'S FLORIDA TRIP



**LEFT SIDE OF THE TABLE FROM FRONT TO REAR KEN / KK4GVM, CATHY, DAVE / K3ILA, DIANE / K4DMW AND GLORIA / K4DXM.**

**RIGHT SIDE OF THE TABLE FROM FRONT TO REAR GALE / KK4DYI, HOWARD / KK4AED. LARRY / AB3TY AND ANNE / KC3EYB**

**BEING ON THE SYSTEM IS A JOY. MEETING SYSTEM MEMBERS IS A TRULY A GIFT THAT CEMENTS RELATIONSHIPS. ANNE / KC3EYB AND MYSELF REALIZED THIS AT THE LAST CONVENTION HELD IN TENNESSEE WHERE FACES WERE PLACED TO VOICES.**

**WHEN MY 91 YEAR OLD MOM ASKED THAT ANNE AND I COME VISIT HER IN COCONUT CREEK, FL WHICH IS 17 MILES NORTH OF FORT LAUDERDALE, AN OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED WHICH AT FIRST SEEMED A BIT CRAZY-- ANNE AND I WOULD DRIVE FROM OUR QTH IN PENNSYLVANIA TAKING A DETOUR AT JACKSONVILLE, FL TO GO SOUTHWEST AND STOP AT THE VILLAGES WHERE HOWARD / KK4AED LIVES ALL YEAR ROUND, AND DAVE / K3ILA STAYS THE WINTER.**



THE WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY WAS OPEN FOR JUST A WEEK, AS DAVE WOULD BE RETURNING TO HIS QTH OUTSIDE OF PITTSBURGH. IN ADDITION, WITH THE VILLAGES BEING AN HOUR DRIVE FROM THE GULF, JUST MAYBE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SEE GLORIA / K4DXM AND DIANE / K4DMW FOR THE FIRST TIME AND HAVE A RE-UNION WITH GALE / KK4DYI AND HER OM KEN / KK4GVM WHOM ANNE AND I MET IN TENNESSEE.

I ASKED DAVE TO SET THINGS UP, AND ANNE AND I WERE NOT DISAPPOINTED. LEAVING PA ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 20, WE ARRIVED AT THE VILLAGES THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON AFTER A LEISURELY DRIVE OF 1100 MILES. DAVE WAS WAITING AT OUR HOTEL WITH HIS XYL CATHY TO CHAUFFEUR ANNE AND I TO HOWARD'S QTH, WHERE HOWARD AND HIS XYL CINDY PROVIDED A GREAT DINNER AND GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY. FRIDAY MORNING, DAVE'S TOTAL PLAN CAME TO FRUITION--A BREAKFAST WHERE THE GULF DENIZENS (GALE, KEN, GLORIA, AND DIANE) MET HOWARD, DAVE, CATHY, ANNE AND MYSELF. IT WAS 90 MINUTES OF LAUGHS AND A FURTHER CEMENTING OF OUR SYSTEM BONDS.

ANNE AND I HOPE THAT ALL OUR MEMBERS MAKE THE EFFORT TO MEET WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES. OUR TRIP OF 2800 MILES WAS WORTH EVERY MINUTE. THE MEMORIES OF OUR MINI-CONVENTION WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

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**HAPPY MAY EVERYONE**