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Greetings from Florida!

Convention 2018

Convention time is almost here. If you plan on attending, get your registrations in soon. Our convention has been planned by our host, Larry AB3TY. Larry and his YL, Anne KC3EYB are working very hard to make our time together very enjoyable. The deadline for registration and hotel reservations is May 11th, 2018. Hope to see you in Pennsylvania **June 11th thru June 15th.**

Boutique

If you are planning on contributing to the Scholarship Boutique, please send your item or items to "Larry Kaplan AB3TY, 312 Red Bridge Road, Kintnersville, PA 18930" or bring them with you. The Boutique is our fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund.

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep Scotty K6ZNL, our Public Relations Chair, in your thoughts and prayers. Her daughter passed on last week. And Mary NV4Z suffered a bad fall recently. You are both in our thoughts today.

K4ICA

Memorial Call

YL System

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (cont.)

May Monthly Award

May is the month that we honor our Old Timers with numbers 16000 or less. You need to contact 30 members from May 1st thru 31st, 2018. The fee for this certificate is \$5.00.

Band Propagation

I wish to thank all of our controls and members who volunteer to help. Our propagation has been difficult throughout the year. You are all awesome.

Convention Coverage

Our Coordinators will be asking for help to cover the System while some of our Controls attend the Convention. If you are able to help, please let the System Coordinators know that you are available. Thank you for your talent and your heart.

Blessings,

Bobbie K4ZGH

YL System President, 73, 88, 33

For Sale

I have a Yaesu 450D for sale. I am going to upgrade. It is almost new and I want \$550 for it.

George Tomlinson

AA4GT@concast.net

Convention Registration

NOTE: Convention, tours and banquet registration must be received by May 11, 2018.

Name: _____ Call: _____

YLISSB# _____ Total Number in Party: _____

Additional name: _____ Call: _____

Additional name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Registration: (required)..... \$35 x _____ = \$ _____

Tuesday: Pennsylvania Train Museum.....\$8 x _____ = \$ _____

Pasta Lunch at Hotel included with Registration

Wednesday: Bus Tour of Gettysburg National Park

Refreshments Included..... \$ 40 x _____ = \$ _____

Lunch at Refreshment Saloon at Visitor Center (Not included)

Thursday:

Tour of Amish House and Farm

Sandwich Lunch at Hotel (Included)..... \$9.50 x _____ = \$ _____

Banquet Dinner at Good 'N Plenty Pennsylvania Dutch

Restaurant \$26 x _____ = \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

Make checks payable to "2018 YL Convention" and mail check and form to Larry Kaplan, AB3TY, 312 Red Bridge Road, Kinterville, PA 18930

NOTES ON THE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

2018 YLISSB Convention - Lancaster, PA

June 11-14, 2018

NOTE: Hotel reservations must be made by May 11, 2018 for the preferred rate. Please call the La Quinta Inn and Suites, Ronks, PA at (717) 392-8100 and tell the desk you are with the YL System. The preferred rate is \$99.00 + tax for a room with 2 Queen beds. The hotel is pet-friendly.

When you mail your check and registration form to Larry Kaplan, AB3TY, please note any dietary considerations you need. Email Larry at LKDDS@Ptd.net if you have any questions. See you there!

Bent Wire

During World War II, radiomen serving in Army Air Force bombers stationed in Great Britain used to check out their radio equipment before a raid over Axis territory by sending out the following in Morse code:

Bent bent wire wire

Unfortunately this boogie-woogie beat tipped off the Germans as to how many bombers to expect. It still lives on today at the Navy's Communication Officers School as a prime example... of what NOT to do!

Oh, and speaking of wire... did you hear about the two antennas that got married? The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was great!

AWARDS

Congratulations to our newest TFOs!

Donald Richards NT7J #16940 TFO 578

Bernard Fineberg AB7HB #15795 TFO 579

New Members

We welcome the following new YL members to the System...

- 17420 - WB6ASQ - Harry in California
- 17419 - KD9KAD - Carl in Wisconsin
- 17418 - WD0DAH - Michael in North Dakota
- 17417 - KE0QGN - Bob in Colorado
- 17416 - K5GEB - Gary in Florida
- 17415 - KI4OCV - Charlie in South Carolina
- 17414 - K7OTP - Kieth in Oregon
- 17413 - KA1SPY - Jack in Massachusetts
- 17412 - N0LIZ - Liz in Colorado
- 17411 - W0DOK - Doc in Colorado
- 17410 - KC4NC - James in South Carolina
- 17409 - KE0MND - Scott in Minnesota
- 17408 - K0ZAR - Ed in Colorado
- 17407 - WA2WAP - David in New York
- 17406 - K2WEK - Bill in Florida

A Look to the Future of Ham Radio

Do you have an interest in implementing digital using D-Star, DMR, or Wires-x? I am using the three modes. I know it is not HF, but with the continuing degradation of propagation, it *would* allow us to keep in contact. My email - lkdds@ptd.net. My cell - (908) 377-6067.

Thanks and 73s

Larry - AB3TY YL#16871 TFO 535

Moonbeam Coordinator, System Control Coordinator, Voice Editor

May Birthdays

5/01 K1RAA	5/07 K4JZQ	5/14 KD4EAQ
5/01 KI4NSP	5/08 AC2NG	5/14 KD0VEP
5/01 KC8TDC	5/09 KC2ZWP	5/16 N4UOG
5/01 W0GUS	5/09 AC0YX	5/16 VE1GFG
5/02 W4YL	5/09 K9IGJ	5/16 KB6NOX
5/02 W5CAP	5/10 K4DHT	5/17 WA0AAM
5/02 W2JV	5/10 KE6GTR	5/17 N3BPM
5/02 KK6ABZ	5/11 WA0PFV	5/17 W9FML
5/03 KF7KIN	5/11 WA4KSO	5/17 W6BQZ
5/03 K0ZAR	5/11 AE5FK	5/17 K1MLG
5/04 KD8KBX	5/11 KB1RVU	5/18 W3RIP
5/04 2M0DDS	5/12 WA5JDV	5/19 KD8HDK
5/05 N6JUA	5/12 KB4RDH	5/19 K3UMW
5/05 KL3IH	5/12 KK4EGZ	5/19 N7EG
5/05 VE9ZZ	5/12 KD8EVN	5/19 W0TDL
5/05 AB3TY	5/12 W8SWT	5/20 KD0VBK
5/06 N3MAV	5/12 W1PEF	5/20 W4ZEE
5/06 WY3T	5/13 KJ6VVG	5/20 WQ4W
5/06 VE3XMP	5/13 K7OUO	5/21 N0JSP
5/06 W5GQW	5/13 K5PPK	5/21 L0PIR
5/06 Sheila XYL of KD0MEO	5/13 KB1RSE	5/22 W1ELM
5/07 K5PCS	5/14 WB7VNL	5/22 KR5LYS

May Birthdays (cont.)

5/23 N2RXX	/26 AA9BB	5/28 KC4UBE
5/24 KB8ESY	5/26 PJ7BK	5/30 VY2DS
5/24 K4NSX	5/26 WA2CG	5/30 VE3MXJ
5/25 KG7SNE	5/26 N6RXV	5/31 KF5DBN
5/26 KI4P	5/26 KD7ATL	5/31 AB7HB
5/26 KC2ATK	5/28 KV7N	

May Anniversaries

5/02 KX4BE Peter & Karen	5/16 W9JTC Jamie & Kelly
5/03 KC9VFR Chris & Ruth	5/21 K1QQA Bob & Mary
5/04 KC1BEP John & Beverly	5/22 AC0KV Gloria & Aaron
5/05 KJ6YFY Tony & Gina	5/22 N7EG Matt & Fran
5/05 KC8IKW Joe & Marie	5/22 KX4BE Peter & Karen
5/08 N9YBK Matt & Barbara	5/24 AU1U Anthony & XYL
5/11 VE1JIM Jim & Joanne	5/25 K6LEM Lawrence & Linda
5/12 KB7MXT Paul & Mariellen	5/26 N2WHV Gary & XYL
5/13 N5OKU Michael & Julie	5/28 NJ5G Pat & Nancy
5/14 N5YHM Brian & KF5EQH Bonnie	5/30 KD8VOX Jon & Pam
5/15 K5KDT Carol & OM	5/30 KT4LS Lee & Katrina
5/15 KB0JIT Paul & Linda	5/30 K3UUF Eric & Carmen
	5/31 KX9KX Tom & Natalie

Silent Keys

The following YL members recently became Silent Keys.....

Norman H. McNew - KB9QL YL#9762

Earl G. Heacock, Jr. - K3MGP YL# 15459

Howard M. Hill - N5HMH YL#17094

Norval F. Goehring - WA0PNB YL# 7085

Special Announcement

We will be having a memorial for Kevin Newberry, KN4AA on May 7th. There will be a military service at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Bridgeville, PA at 10 AM. Then we will all meet at the West Finley Fire Hall from noon to 2 PM for the memorial service. Anyone wishing to speak to the group (mostly family and ham friends) is welcome to do so. There will be refreshments, light lunch. GPS coordinates according to Google are: Cemetery - 40.3134 deg N, 80.1546 deg W, and West Finley Fire Hall - 39.993 deg N, 80.467 deg W.

I also want to thank you all for the many cards, letters, ecards, etc. of well wishes, prayers and condolences. I really appreciated and do appreciate the care and friendship!

Sally, KK4YL

YL Member in the Spotlight

John Ellis, W5PDW sent in some fascinating photos from the early days of electronics. For our younger members, this was back when the world was still black and white. Anyway, enjoy John's photos on the following page.....

W5PDW here. Here is a story I like to share. My Dad was building and fixing AM radios in the early '30s.



My Dad at his workbench.

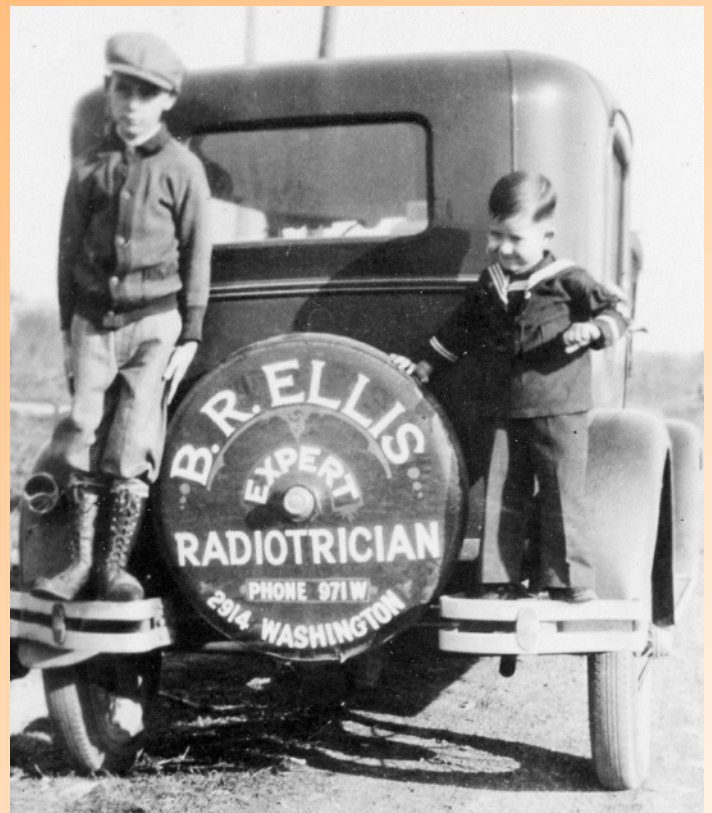
Me with Dad looking over my shoulder (1942).



A future "Expert Radiotrician"



Dad's service vehicle with his title "Expert Radiotrician". This photo is in the late 20's, my uncle on the left and my brother on the right. Dad and I received our Novice tickets in 1957. Our goal was to work all states before they expired. We got all 48!



YLISSB CONVENTION
June 11-15, 2018
LaQuinta Inn & Suites Lancaster
25 Eastbrook Road
Ronks, PA 17571

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, June 11

- 4:00 – 6:00 pm MEET and GREET – Hospitality room – Refreshments
Radio operations (HF)
4:00 – 6:00 pm REGISTRATION – Small conference room on lobby level;
Boutique
6:00 pm Dinner on your own

Tuesday, June 12

- 7:00 – 10:00 am Hospitality Room* - Radio available for use.
7:00 – 9:00 am Breakfast available at lobby buffet dining area included
with hotel stay
9:00 am Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania (We will car pool)
1:00 pm Pasta lunch, salad, and dessert included with Registration
1:30 pm Workshop in breakfast area
2:30 pm General Membership meeting.
Dinner on your own

Wednesday, June 13

- 7:00 – 10:00 am Hospitality Room* - Radio Available for use.
7:00 – 9:00 am Breakfast available at lobby dining area included with hotel
stay
8:00 am Bus trip to Gettysburg National Military Park
(Refreshments on board, lunch at Refreshment Saloon at
the Visitors center, on your own
4:00 pm Bus return to hotel
Dinner on your own

Thursday, June 14

- 7:00 – 10:00 am Hospitality Room* - Radio Available for use.
7:00 – 9:00 am Breakfast available at lobby dining area included with hotel stay
9:00 – 12:00 Guided Amish Farmhouse tour (We will car pool)
12:30 pm Sandwich with dessert lunch included with registration
1:30 – 4:00 pm Board meeting. All members welcome. (Conference room)
5:00 pm Banquet dinner at Good and Plenty Pennsylvania Dutch Restaurant
7:00 - 10:00 pm (Approximate) Auction (Conference room)

Friday, June 15

- 7:00 – 9:00 am Breakfast available at lobby dining area included with hotel stay

(* Hospitality room will have coffee, tea, juice and soft drinks available)

From our Convention host

Our yearly Convention is quickly approaching - June 11-14 in Lancaster, PA.

Over the years we all have made friends on the System. Meeting them face to face thoroughly cements relationships that will last a lifetime.

My XLY, Anne KC3EYB, and I have planned a dynamic four days culmination in our awards dinner and auction. For those never attending a Convention, listen to the members who have and their stories of a rip-roaring, sides-splitting time at the auction. Monies raised at the auction go to facilitate scholarships. This year, \$1000 has been awarded to five worthy applicants.

Among the events planned are local trips to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, a working Amish farm, and the grand excursion to the Gettysburg National Park where a tour guide will board our bus from which we will tour the hallowed grounds.

Interspersed between our trips are our workshops, general and board meetings through which the oil is provided to keep the System's wheels moving forward.

Hope to see you in Pennsylvania,

Larry AB3TY #16871 TFO 535

Moonbeam Coordinator

System Control Coordinator

Voice Editor

And finally...

Last month I worried about the Chinese space lab that was about to return to Earth somewhere. According to the local paper, apparently it did.



This is an artist's idea of what the space lab looked like in space. I'm not sure about the school bus part, but I'll include it anyway. Perhaps the Chinese are *really* into recycling...

Chinese space lab burns in atmosphere

BEIJING—Chinese space authorities say the defunct Tian-gong 1 space station mostly burned up on re-entry into the atmosphere over the central South Pacific.

The China Manned Space Engineering Office said the experimental space laboratory re-entered early this morning.

Scientists monitoring the craft's disintegrating orbit had forecast the craft would mostly burn up and would pose only the slightest of risks to people. Analysis from the Beijing Aerospace Control Center showed it had mostly burned up.

But, it says in the headline that it “burns”, not “burns up” and where it says it “burned up”, they say it “mostly burned up”. I mean is it okay for me to take off my high school football helmet and go outside or not? It's been a month now, and the helmet is starting to itch! See you next month, I hope!



If you have stuff you'd like to see published in The Communicator, please send it to me at jim@pandzik.com and I'll see it gets in. Thanks!