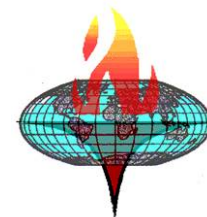


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Congratulations to the Latest Award Holders

Autumn Award: Bob K7PVZ
 Statehood Award: Jim KD4PY
 See the Presidents Report on pg. 4



Happy Halloween!

Welcome
**NEW
 MEMBERS!**

Trick or Treat!

- # 16243 KG4VDU "Bob" Sullenberger FL
- # 16244 KD4EAQ "Little John" Osborn VA
- # 16245 N1TKO "Jerry" Colton MA
- # 16246 KR4RO John Yarbrough NC
- T #16247 KE5FYR Michael Barnhill LA
- T #16248 KE5FYS Christina Barnhill LA
- #16249 W4JMJ Joan Jones FL
- # 16250 KE7EZJ Dallas Schroeder WA

T = Teams

PRESIDENT'S REPORT October 2007

Greetings from Washington...

The leaves are turning to a beautiful, bright color, which tells us that fall is here. Hopefully, the bands will get better with the fall/winter season.

2008 CONVENTION:

Our 2008 Convention will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, sponsored by Jim, VE1JIM. Information about this convention is on the Web site. It promises to be a wonderful convention. Remember, you need a passport to cross into Canada.

2009 CONVENTION:

Our 2009 Convention will be held in the City of Spokane Valley at the Mirabeau Hotel. It is scheduled to be held June 18-22. Host and Hostess are KL7FQR and KL7FQQ. More information will be given later. Congratulations to both!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
 To
 All our members
 born in
 October

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INFORMATION UPDATE

KT4TZ Ed Mitchell
 # 15173 TFO 393

NEW CALL & E-MAIL

A I I N
 EDMP38@BELLSOUTH.NET

*Information provided by Maria
 Thank you, Maria*

In Memoriam

KD2N reports that the following members of the YLISSB were reported to be SK in a recent 10-10 International newsletter:

#6009	K1WQU,	Alfred,	VT
#5533	W8UMR,	John,	WV
#7987	W0HY Y,	Kurt,	MN

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**Passport information
 NPIC
 1-877-487-2778**

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20 Meter System

Daily Schedule

KB5YQ – System Coordinator

Early A.M Warm-up Everyday

1200z – 1500z

1st -3rd Period Mon -Fri

1st Period

1500z -1700z

2nd Period

1700z – 1900z

3rd Period

1900z – 2100z

Sat. & Sun

1200z – 1600+ -

Moonbeam

K3CDQ – Coordinator

2100z – Band closes Mon – Fri

20 Meter Daily Report From Jda, KB5YQ

I have no assigned Controls Tuesday 1st period at all – especially since John, KI4JQB has to do schoolwork.

AA9BB would like to be relieved of Wednesday or Thursday 1st period and we are at the mercy of anyone having Doctors appointments or other necessary things. We need three (3) controls per period.

I will be going to Florida Dec. 20th and will return Dec. 29th. So, someone will have to pick up all those periods. **KB8NSA Mon & Tues 1300z -1400z; K9WFE 1400z-1500z Mon, Tue, Thurs, & Fri.**

We need Wed & Saturday warm-up.

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20 METER MOONBEAM

By

NØTWV – “María”

Until K3CDQ, Dick, approached me at the Convention in Nova Scotia in 1999 and asked if I would be a control, I did not really comprehend that there were three different types of sessions on the YL System—the Early Morning Warm-up, the Formal Portion, and the Moonbeam. So, when I volunteered to help KB5YQ, Jda, I thought I was complying with Dick’s request to be a control. Not too long afterward, Dick either e-mailed me or asked me over the air when I was going to become a control. So, that is how I became not only a control of the Formal Portion but also the Moonbeam portion of the YLISSB.

The Moonbeam portion is FUN! It is when old friends meet and say hello and new people ask, “What is the Moonbeam?” That gives an opportunity to explain what our System is all about. I have been a Control about seven years. I do not know how long Dick, K3CDQ, has been the coordinator of Moonbeam Controls but I do know that he has dedicated himself fully to that task. I have been impressed with his constant efforts to recruit Controls to fill the spots every afternoon. It has been a monumental effort to get people to accept ONE HOUR A MONTH. We need at least three Controls from different parts of the country each day. However, many afternoons there is just one person that could be enlisted. Nevertheless, our faithful coordinator has been there to take up the slack. Time and again Dick has written to as many people as possible and PLEADED with them to be a Control for even ONE HOUR a month. Many times, I know personally, no one even wrote him back. When there is only ONE control, some states and countries never hear the Control and cannot check in. I’ve been there—done that!

It has been a joy to see new people step up to the plate and take their place beside us. Many operators have generously helped out when some of us were working alone. We all have problems. We all have 24 hours a day. We all enjoy being with our families. So, as a Control, I am inviting you for Dick and the whole gang, please “BE A MOONBEAM CONTROL!” E-mail K3CDQ, Dick, and tell him that you are ready to try. His email address is: k3cdq@comcast.net

You might say, “I don’t know how!” Well, friends, I didn’t either but our fearless leader also sends you instructions as to “how”. Below is a copy of the schedule of Controls for the Moonbeam. As you can see, we need Controls on the week-end. I used to be so disappointed when traveling back and forth from Mexico City to the USA that on week-ends, no one was on the System.

The Moonbeam Portion is one of my favorite times to be on the radio! So many of you come in from work and/or traveling, or take time just to get on the System and say hello! VIVA EL RAYO LUNAR! (LONG LIVE THE MOONBEAM!)

Schedule on pg 7

40/80 - Meter News

By Lee, WZ1F

Well it seems like even with very poor conditions the 40 meter portion of the YL System still has 20 plus check-ins each night. We have even had a Maritime Mobile station from Honduras check in and we are still getting nightly check-ins from Canada.

Gary, W3GLH in PA, will be absent for a month or two while undergoing training for Homeland Security. He will be surely missed as he adds an important link as a Controller.

KI4KTA Chris in Florida, WD8LYB Will in Michigan and myself are still using Echo Link as a leaning post with such poor band conditions, it is really helping us out. Even when conditions are so poor that the controls can not hear one another, they can still keep in contact through Echo Link. Boy, what a bonus this is for all of us.

Echo Link is free. All you need is have a ham license; a sound card in the computer and headphones/microphone. You don't even need the headphones as long as you do not mind typing. It is a very valuable tool for keeping the system going.

The 10 meter portion of the YL System has been placed on hold for the time being due to really poor conditions now. We have however, reactivated the 75/80 meter portion of the YL System and are working nightly on 3.870 MHz @ 00:00z 8pm (EST) with good band conditions at this time.

John, KI4JQB is working the 80 system most nights. I am looking for a couple of Controls to help on the 80 portion that is only active for less than an hour nightly. If you can help for even 15 or 30 minutes, a couple of nights a week, that would really help.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for all the help from the Controls. We have many members and non members coming on every night. The membership is growing and if we all work at it, it will continue to grow.

Thank you.

Lee WZ1F ssb# 15988 tfo# 446



Have you
cast your
TFO vote
this
month?

W7KFI UPDATE

From Susan, W7KFI

I have returned to the USA (Honolulu) to wait out the hurricane season...then it is back to the south seas islands. I listen on YLSSB fREQ, but never hear anyone. Please tell members that I am usually on "036"..., 7,036, 10,136, 14,036, 18136, 21, 036. Etc.

Via sep. email (this email is via winlink...) I have sent you a photograph of the boat and me. The boat was sitting in the crocodile infested Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico...Paradise Village Marina.

Not bad for a 73 year old great grandmother single handing her sailboat...however, I now have a first mate (Elmer my parrot). I needed someone to blame for things...I swear, Elmer sneaks out of her cage and sabotages things in the middle of the night.

Fair winds and following seas...I should be putting back to sea around 1 Nov.

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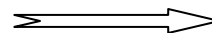
Susan Meckley, W7KFI/KH6

Editorial

It's Harvest time! ...and what a beautiful time of the year it is with the autumn colors peaking throughout the northern hemisphere.

It's a perfect time for warming up next to the woodstove or AC (depending on where we are) with a big ol' piece of pie and the New issue of the VOICE. What is that you say? You don't have the New issue yet. Ahhh, you will... very soon. *All things come to those who wait*, my mother would say...or my favorite, *patience is a virtue* (she knew I was lacking in this ☺) However, the one little antidote I really hear echoing in my head is...*where there is a will there is a way*. Sometimes I think I am really loosing it when I step away from the binding machine with crafty ideas of making a piñata stuffed with the "chads" (paper holes). What to do with all those holes ☺...

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Special Days on the System Oct 16

Canadian Awards Day

Nov 19

Devotional Awards Day

Pg.77 in Voice #56

& www.ylssystem.org

In Memoriam ... from pg.1

The following YLISSB members were reported as Silent Keys today by Earl, W7KOL.

5936 WB2SJK, Marv, FL

15672 N4WAB, Wallace, GA
(Ex-KE4CRU)

The following YLISSB members were reported as SK in the November 2007 issue of QST.

15200 KG1S Ronald Joubert, MA

15780 KB8LYA Fred Briggs, MI

Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

73,

Gene Delaney K9WFE
YLISSB Information Officer

WANTED

**System Controllers and Assistants for 20 Meters
Daytime slots available**

Contact Jda, KB5YQ via on air @14.332, 1200z -2100z daily Or via Email to

Paula cqak1x@gmail.com or

Judy nurentj@wildblue.net

subject line attention: "SC Help"

THE VOICE IN DIGITAL

We are offering a CD/DVD edition as an option to the printed VOICE for those members who want a digital copy.

The cost will be \$10 for either the PRINTED copy or CD/DVD copy with a special combo offer of **both for \$16.00.**

If you are paid up, are all ready receiving the Voice, and wish to get the CD/DVD you can send \$6.00 and receive both. Payment to be made to the treasurer,

**AB0EG - Jodie Law, 1400
Zillock Rd WF-316, San
Benito, TX 78586**

YLISSB System Name Tag

For anyone who is interested in a name tag with the new YL logo and your call on it and a magnetic back, let me know. the actual size is 1 1/2 high X 3 wide.

The cost will be \$10.00.



The President Report cont from pg1...

AWARDS

The following Awards were issued in September. K7PVZ, Bob, #16019 earned the Autumn Award. KD4PY, Jim, #6836 earned the Statehood Award. Congratulations to both!

DVD READY

The DVD and/or VHS of the 2007 Convention is ready, and everyone is in awe of the wonderful production. Mike, KOMEY, and Mary, KCOMEZ, have done an outstanding job of putting this together. If you have not ordered yours, the cost is \$10.00. You may contact Mike at mikecox3@comcast.net, or Mary at mbox@comcast.net. You really don't want to miss this.

VOICE

Publication of the 2007-2008 Voice will soon be completed. This promises to be a wonderful publication. Our hats are off to our new Editor, Paula, AK1X. If anyone has information for the Communicator or the Voice, send them to Paula.

73, Rose

Visit

WWW.YLSYSTEM>ORG

For an enlarged image of this Name Tag designed by our member and webmaster VE1JIM.

This Month's Feature Article

RESCUE RADIO: NM AMATEUR RADIO CRUCIAL IN RESCUING ELDERLY WOMAN

By Judy KC7KPG

This is an article I sent as an After Action Report as DEC for Cibola County ARES. The New Mexico ARES/RACES PIO officer Charlie K5CEC submitted it to ham publications throughout the country. The three ARES members mentioned are part of my local ARES team. They did an excellent job.

Amateur Radio was crucial in summoning help for an elderly New Mexico woman after repeated attempts to contact 911 services by landline and cellular telephone failed.

On August 12th, a thunderstorm knocked out parts of Cibola County's telephone service. About 5:50 in the afternoon, Jonathan Pickens', KD5PHG, received a phone call for his wife, Pam. She told him that a resident of the El Morro Ranches had discovered an elderly neighbor lying semi-conscious on the floor of her home.

The couple rushed to the home of the woman. It turns out that the woman was eighty-six years-old. She had been on the floor for at least two days and was suffering from an apparent stroke and broken hip. She had been unable to yell for help or move to reach a phone. Pam, having medical training as a first responder, began providing assistance while neighbors tried to summon help.

Another El Morro resident was finally able to reach the Cibola County Sheriff and notify them of the situation. But the Sheriff's office was unable to contact area ambulance services because their local phone service had also failed.

KD5PHG realized the situation required an ambulance or possible life flight. With local landline and cell phones useless, Jonathan used his mobile radio to contact the Cibola County Amateur Radio Emergency Service on the Zuni 2 meter repeater.

Dana and Kathy Farmer, WA5SOX and KB5QGH, responded to the call for help from Vanderwagen, New Mexico. They were able to contact the Gallup Metro dispatch who sent the Vanderwagon Fire Department and the Pine Hill Clinic ambulance. The elderly woman was eventually taken to the Gallup medical center for further evaluation. Shes likely alive thanks to the quick response of her ham radio neighbors and their ability to communicate with all phone service knocked out. (K5CEC)

she is ok and happy to have a ham operator neighbor whose wife is a nurse.

NEW NEW NEW YLISSB NAME TAG

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Contact VE1JIM

Cost = \$10.00 and helps fund
the YLISSB Scholarship

CONVENTION 07 DVD

**DURANGO & SILVERTON
RAILROAD
MESA VERDE NATIONAL
PARK
BAR D RANCH (OUR
OUTING THERE)
BANQUET SCENES
SUNDAY BREAKFAST
SCENES**

The accompanying music for every section was just great! If you have not yet ordered one of these DVDs, I would highly recommend that you spend the \$10.00 and do so. It is WORTH the \$10.00. And they have it arranged where if you want to click on a particular group, that you can just view that one. Again, Mike and Mary, our hats are off for the great work you did. Thanks from our hearts!

Order information:

Send \$10.00 money order or check to

**Mike and Mary Cox
16718 E. Floyd Ave.
Aurora, CO 80013**

Or contact for more
information at

mcsega@yahoo.com.

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**CONVENTION 2008 Hosted by VE1JIM
Halifax, Nova Scotia**

Please visit our website www.ylissb.org
More details and registration form is located there and will be
available in the New VOICE coming soon.

Get your Passport

20 meter report from pg2...

Saturday mornings have been great for propagation. Denny, W1VCU and Jda, KB5YQ kick off the day on .332 until it is time to move a KHz down to .331

Newcomers, and those members not familiar with Saturday System operation may not realize that we QSY to .331 because of the GE NET. The GE Net operates for one (1) hour each Saturday on 14.332 MHz. This has been a friendly agreement between the YLISSB and GE Net for a very long time, and works well. After they are finished, usually a Controller from their group informs us that we may QSY back to our regular frequency of .332 MHz.

As with the weekday "Early Morning Warm-up, Saturday is run informal until 1500z, when formal First period begins. However, first period is shorten and often actively controlled for about an hour or so. IDEALLY, and MORE IMPORTANTLY, we really do need more Controls to afford us the type or similar operation on the weekends as we have on the weekdays. On the weekends, many of those /mm, dx, mobiles would stay tuned with us if we were there. Those of us that are active with the System throughout the week, usually also work it around the main lives we all lead. So Saturdays are what they are, and many a time, the role count falls during first period to the point where it may be run informal at the discretion of the SC. Members are always invited to pick up the System when the main controllers need to leave for the day, so please feel free to take the control some Saturday when offered.

The Saturday First Period Control Quartet is John, KI4JQB, primary in VA; Assisted by Jda, KB5YQ in TX, Chris, KI4KTA, in FL, and Paula, AK1X in NH. This team fluctuates around personal schedules. Sometimes we are lucky to have a few of our longstanding members pass by and help out as they can, and this is always special.

Often we are joined by members and visitors from Italy, Belgium, Eastern Canada, as well as United States Coast to Coast, who have enjoyed connecting.

Sunday is similar, except that we need to schedule Controls to carry the System a bit longer. We'll C U there!

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Jda, KB5YQ
& AK1X

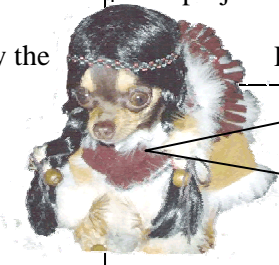
Editorial from pg 4...

It has come to my attention that there is an interest with adding a "Classifieds" section to the Monthly Newsletter. This would be for members to share their outside YLISSB interests and do a little horse-trading, post wants and offers & services. This will be a Free posting to YLISSB members only. I am in discussion with the board on this addition and I'll keep you posted.

Webmaster, VE1JIM and I have come to the conclusion that we need more time and strategy to work out the kinks with posting the complete VOICE #57 online. We will continue to work towards this option, and expect to in the future. As for now, we have come up with a super (We think so anyway ☺ ☺) idea, that really makes more sense, and may be easier than downloading anything from the internet for many. We are offering members an electronic version of the VOICE #57 on CD/DVD. Check this issue and the website for details and cost. WZ1F and I are just about ready for final editing...making sure the lists are in order and catching the little things. We'll be binding this week for sure, and aiming for NOV 1 for shipments to be well under way. I am sure that all will know when shipment day commences; my eehaaa will be heard on some distant planet beyond our solar system. ☺

We would like to express our deep appreciation to those members who have been helping WZ1F and I with this project.

33/73
Paula AK1X



They are giving me lots of treats to dress up like Hiawatha! I'll do anything for a ham

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**MOONBEAM CONTROL SCHEDULE
FIRST HOUR – 5 PM EASTERN TIME**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OPEN	KA4NWS K7PVZ KI4JQB	KA4NWS K7PVZ KI4JQB	KA4NWS K7PVZ KI4JQB	KA4NWS K7PVZ KI4JQB	KA4NWS K7PVZ KI4JQB	OPEN

CONTINUATION – 6 PM EASTERN TIME

ALL 1ST SUNDAYS	ALL 1ST MONDAYS	ALL 1ST TUESDAYS	ALL 1ST WEDNESDAYS	ALL 1ST THURSDAYS	ALL 1ST FRIDAYS	ALL 1ST SATURDAYS
X	K3CDQ	VE9GU	K3CDQ	VE9MSD	KC7KPG	X
X	WN5DX	NK8T	KC0NVL	K0UB	X	X
X	N4ZGH	X	K6ZNL	X	X	X

ALL 2ND SUNDAYS	ALL 2ND MONDAYS	ALL 2ND TUESDAYS	ALL 2ND WEDNESDAYS	ALL 2ND THURSDAYS	ALL 2ND FRIDAYS	ALL 2ND SATURDAYS
X	K3CDQ	WA5PBR	K3CDQ	K3UMV	N0TWV	X
X	WN5DX	VE9GU	KC0NVL	KJ5Q	KA4NWS	X
X	N4ZGH	X	K6ZNL	X	X	X

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X	N4ZGH	VE9GU	K6ZNL	X	X	X

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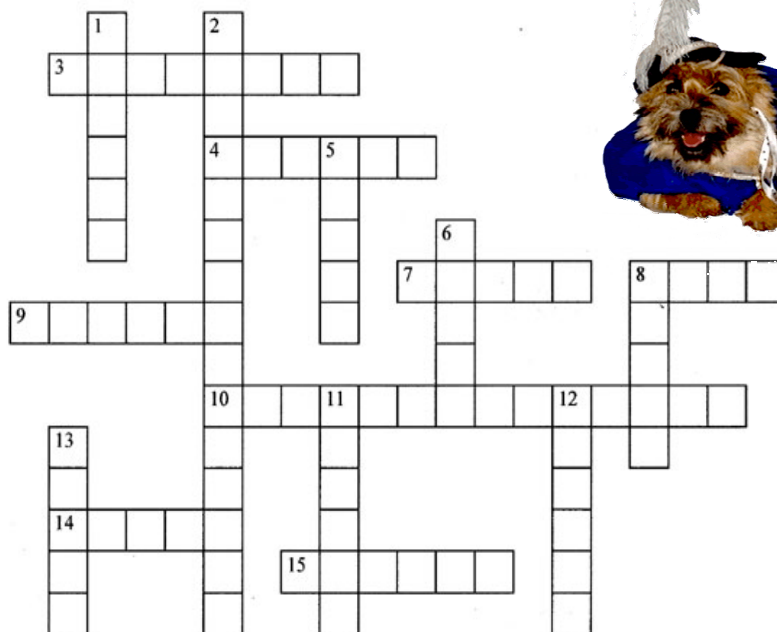
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KC7KPG	JUDY	NM	KG4NWS	SALLY	NC	KB4EJ	LARRY	TN	K3UMV	BILL	MD	K6ZNL	SCOTTY	CA
K0UB	BILL	ND	K0MSR	VERN	MN	N4EPG	FRANK	FL	N5WQ	JOHN	NM	KC0NVL	GREG	NB
K3CDQ	DICK	MD	KL7FQQ	ROSE	WA/AK	K7PVZ	BOB	WA	W1VCU	DENNY	MD	KE0J	JOE	IA
KJ5Q	SANDY	NM	WN5DX	SCOTT	NM	N4ZGH	ROGER	FL	WA5PBR	DOUG	TX	NK8T	GEORGE	OH

The call at the top of each listing is Primary Control

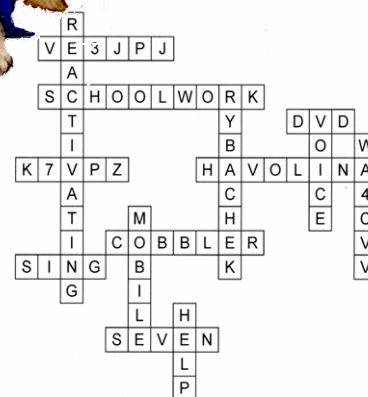
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COMMUNICATOR Challenge # 4



Trick or Treat!
We heard there's HAM here!!

Communicator Challenge #3



ACROSS

- 3** The shape that 10 meters is in right now
- 4** The system member who is the DEC of the county who just used Amateur Radio to save a life
- 7** A system member that controls five or six times a month
- 8** A 2nd moonbeam primary control who is now an assistant control
- 9** An award for working 50 members during 2nd and 3rd period
- 10** Two United Radio Amateurs Club members that are YL system controls
- 14** The most recent recipient of the TFO certificate
- 15** The band we're back to doing

DOWN

- 1** A common check-in on 20 and sometimes on 40 meters
- 2** Two 40 meter assistant controls and Echolink users
- 5** Our newest 2nd moonbeam primary control
- 6** Son of V. Mayree
- 8** The Voice and Communicator editor before AK1X
- 11** The most common thing heard on 28.573
- 12** Another John in Virginia
- 13** A member who could truthfully say, "I hear nothing, NOTHING!" on the system

Solution to this month's Crossword Challenge will be published next month. It is also available by sending a request by email, mail or on the air. Many of the Answers are within this September issue!

Send your latest images, time-sensitive announcements, stories and information to Our Website webmaster Jim, VE1JIM

www.ylssystem.org

Visit us often for latest YL system News.

created KI4JQB & AK1X with free online tools at <http://www.puzzle-maker.com/CW/>

YLSSB System was founded by K4ICA, V. Mayree Tallman as a worldwide emergency communications system and advocates the promotion of International good will through Amateur Radio. V. Mayree, Sidebander #1 (ISSB#1) became a Silent Key on June 19, 2001, but "Her System" lives on!

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