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President's Report...

**"HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY
TO LOUISE KE7LSF 3/22/09"**

VOTE

Don't forget to vote! The ballots are in your 2009-2010 VOICE. They are to be mailed to Barbara, KE5ZI, 4527 SW 7th Ave. Rd. Ocala, FL 34471. The ballots must be received prior to March 31, 2009.

AWARDS

No awards were reported in February.

CONDOLENCE CHAIRMAN

Joan, W4JMJ, has graciously volunteered to serve as our Condolence Chairman. Welcome aboard, Joan.

DUES

A reminder that dues are due on January 1, and delinquent on March 31 of each year. Please don't be delinquent.

TFO

There has been a lot of interest lately about the TFO Award. The interest is good! But, I'd like to remind everyone just what the TFO is. It stands for Top Flight Operator. It is not a reward for time spent helping the System in any way, shape or form. It is designed to honor those of our members that have excellent operating practices. So, when you vote, please vote for those that you believe to be qualified Top Flight Operators.

CONVENTION 2009

The registration information is available on the website, or if you prefer, you can send a SASE to me, KL7FQQ at PO Box 954, Newman Lake, WA 99025. The information is also in the VOICE. We look forward to seeing everyone in the Spokane Valley in June.

25 YEAR CERTIFICATE

If you have been a member of the YLISSB for 25 years or more, you are eligible for a beautiful certificate. Just send your information to Sandy, KJ5Q. There is no charge for this award.

CONVENTION 2011

We are currently looking for bids to host the 2011 Convention. We like to schedule at least two years in advance to insure that the hotels we select have space available. June seems to be a hectic time for conventions, so if you are interested in hosting the Convention in 2011, please review the information in your Policy & Procedures Manual, or send me an email asking for information. (kl7fqq@yahoo.com) It is fun to host a convention, and you get to meet the most interesting people! So, please get a bid prior to our 2009 Convention in June.



**System President Rose KL7FQQ & Stan KL7FQR (seated)
with Maria NØTWV and her OM Mack KCØCRS**

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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FROM THE SYSTEM HISTORIAN: Hello Everyone: Well, Spring is just about sprung, yet the band conditions on 20M still need much improvement. The 40 M System frequency is still going well and kudos to the many controls who stick it out night after night down there.

This year's System QSO Parties are now history, and although there was activity, it still wasn't up to peak like it was in past years. To give you an example, in '66, there were 16 trophies and over 150 certificates presented to QSO Party participants. Now, that is a bunch! Those were the real heydays of the System.

To quote our System Founder, V. Mayree, "I am amazed and gratified that in three and a half years, we have gone from one member, myself, SSB #1 to well over 6,000 members." That was written in 1966! Incidentally, that was the last year which saw her as the sole publisher of our publication, the VOICE. She had to relinquish due to medical problems.

That's about all for this time around, but once again, I am always welcome to accept anything of historical significance concerning the YL System.

73, Kevin KA4NWS

HELP WANTED: The System needs an editor/publisher for the VOICE, the annual publication containing award information, membership list, policies, procedures, photos and much more. This can be a fun and rewarding experience and the System will supply the printer, collator, binder, and other supplies.

If interested, contact Rose KL7FQQ - k17fqq@yahoo.com

Daytime Report by Jda KB5YQ

Jda did not send us a report this month but said, "it is the same as always, I need help!" And that she does! For years, Jda has done and is doing more to keep the System alive and well than any other member. Turn your rig on

during daylight hours and you are going to hear Jda. With DST now here you might not hear her in the evening but she is there all day, every day keeping the System active. Her thanks go out to the few who are also there every day and she asks, "aren't

there just a few more of our 16,000+ members who would come aboard and help out on a daily basis?" She is not asking one person to help ten hours but sure could use ten people to help out one hour each....

40 Meter Report by Jay KI4TXP

Well, all is well on 7.273. There has been a change as a result of an inquiry from one of our members. For some time we were neglectful in asking if anyone had a call to make. This has changed for the better. I now ask the early checkins if any of them want to make a call before we start asking for checkins for the regular portion of the 40M portion. This seems to be working

nicely. We also make it a point to ask members if they would like to put out a call which has had several takers. This is done throughout the evening. This is helping to get more people involved and more contacts being made. Thanks to the member that questioned our procedures.

Again, this month we have had quite a few new checkins and hopefully they will join this great System. We are now up to the mid 20s for checkins

after some very dismal nights early on in the month. Let's hope that with Daylight Savings Time conditions will improve not just for 40M but 20M as well. Thanks to all who have checked in and we hope to hear many more. A great big thank you to all those that jump in and help out. Without this great help this would not be a very exciting System. Jay KI4TXP

Moonbeam Report by Dick K3CDQ

With Daylight Savings Time now upon us, much has improved on the Moonbeam. As the days continue to get longer and as Cycle 24 becomes active more activity is expected. We are already getting checkins from Germany, Switzerland, Italy, the Caribbean Islands and South America and let us not forget our

newest DX member in Alaska who has been a regular. That is, Ron KL7YK #16399. Welcome Ron!

I would like to again offer my thanks and thanks from the System to our many Moonbeam Controls. Thank you for always being there. However, we are always in need of more Controls. We especially need help on the 1st

Tuesday, 3rd Thursday and Friday, and the 5th Thursday and Friday. Jane will soon have to leave to tend to the farm, so we could use help on the 1st and 4th Friday. Give it a try, you just might enjoy it. Just come aboard some evening and offer to help on a trial basis. We would love to have you.

Saturday Report by John KI4JQB

Between Nov. 15th of last year and March 14th of this year (not counting the first three Saturdays, when I was out of town), by my count, we have had as few as four and as many as thirty-six check-ins. We normally have between ten and twenty check-ins each Saturday. I have kept the system open as short as twenty minutes and as long as two hours and five minutes. On the three Saturdays

I was gone, Amy, KC8VRT, & Judy, KC7KPG, came in to give Jda a hand. Saturday is normally Amy's day off. Jda, Amy, Judy, thanks a lot for covering for me. I really appreciate it, and know that the system was in good hands while I was away. And, for those of you that I asked whether you could help but could not, thanks anyway.

Speaking of assistant controls, I normally have Jda and one to three others. On three occasions, however, I have been lucky enough to have five assistant controls (including Jda). That's the best

that it's ever been, I think.

As for DX on the system since my last report, I recall VE9HC, Hugh in New Brunswick; DL5MC, Hal in Germany; HB9MX, Kurt in Switzerland; VE9GU, Ron in New Brunswick; and VE3JPJ, Steven in Ontario. By the way, I'd be interested in knowing how you all did in the quiz from last month's Communicator. You can catch me on the air or email me at ki4jqb [at] arrl [dot] net.

Shown below are my search results from last month's Communicator. Please let me know what you were able to find in your search and if you were able to contact any of the "missing" Old Timers. Thanks, Dick K3CDQ

AG2K	SILENT KEY
KD3FM	SILENT KEY
WA3HFL	PAUL IN NEWARK DE - NOW W4LQF WITH NO EMAIL ADDRESS
NC3X	NORMA IN GREAT CACAPON WV WITH NO EMAIL ADDRESS
W4BKP	SILENT KEY
WD4CJQ	JEAN IN GILBERT SC WITH NO EMAIL ADDRES
KK4EJ	CORRECT IS KJ4EJ CLARENCE IN GROVELAND FL – SENT EMAIL
N2AWI	BARBARA IN WALLKILL NY WITH NO EMAIL ADDRESS
N3AHA	ACE IN LEESBURG VA – SENT EMAIL
KO2Q	FRANK IN HORSEHEADS NY – SENT EMAIL
KJ4FM	IS NOW KQ4V LINDA IN KINGSPORT TN – SENT EMAIL
AB4GA	MARTHA IN LAGRANGE GA – SENT EMAIL
WB4HIN	JIM IN BRUCETON TN – SENT EMAIL-RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE
AA4LB	SILENT KEY
N4ODI	RONI IN FRANKLIN GA – SENT EMAIL
KB6HM	PETE IN GLENDALE CA - LICENSE HAS EXPIRED
AB5J	SILENT KEY
WD8ELH	JARED IN GREENBUSH MI – NO EMAIL ADDRESS
KM8O	JIM IN SANDUSKY OH – SENT EMAIL
K8MZA	RICARDO IN RUSKIN FL – SENT EMAIL
W0FF	JIM IN UNION MO – SENT EMAIL
WD0GAH	JUDY IN SMOLAN KS – SENT EMAIL –RETURNED UNDELIVERABLE
KE0PI	NOT IN QRZ.COM AND NOT IN K9WFEs DATA BASE (?)
WA4GSP	GEORGE IN WINSTON SALEM NC – SENT EMAIL
W9RMP	LICENSE EXPIRED
K5IUO	MAYNARD IN PHOENIX AZ – SENT EMAIL
NE3B	PAT IN BRACKNEY PA – SENT EMAIL
NJ3V	JOHN – TEAM WITH PAT ABOVE.
KV3O	MARGARETHA IN TOMS RIVER, NJ – NO EMAIL ADDRESS
KB3GN	GEORGE IN WV – SENT EMAIL-HE RESPONDED AND SAID NOT ACTIVE
WB2KPE	RICHARD IN CORDOVA TN – SENT EMAIL
WA2YZM	BOB IN ENTERPRISE FL – SENT EMAIL



Mountains near Lompoc in Southern California.
Submitted by Marilyn N6LFJ

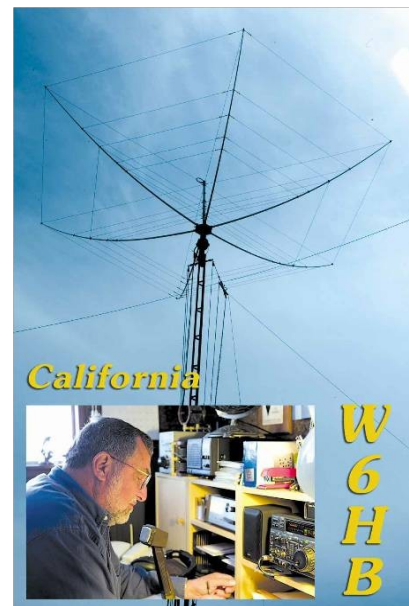
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We invite you to send us photos from your neck of the woods. Send via email as an attachment. We will include as many as we can. Let's share the magnificent views with everyone. We want to hear from you.



DOUG W6HB ISSB 8099

Pepperoni Cookies

(from John KC2ATK)

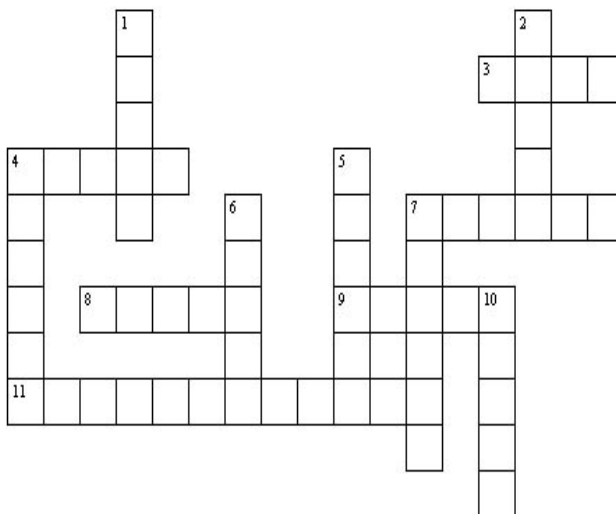
- 4 ozs Mozzarella or Cheddar Cheese
- 1 Egg
- 2 Pkgs of Crescent rolls

- 3 1/2 ozs Pepperoni
- 1 tsp Oregano

Chop cheese and pepperoni up real fine. Add egg and oregano, Combine ingredients. place in refrigerator for 1 Hr. Open 1 pkg of crescent rolls.

Fill each crescent w/ ingredients roll up like Hotdog and Slice into 6 slices. Place on lightly greased cookie sheet and bake for 15 min at 350 degrees. Open 2nd pkg of crescent rolls and do the same.

 Keep in mind, if you download the Communicator from the System website
 It will save the cost of envelopes, postage, printer ink and paper.



ACROSS

- 3 This month's other photo provider
- 4 This member with a birthday in March holds two callsigns from two different countries with the same suffix simultaneously
- 7 The system that this member is often heard controlling set two second-place records recently, as far as he knows
- 8 A private with a birthday in March
- 9 Our newest DX member
- 11 One of three members of this often-heard family has a TFO, but two are still waiting

DOWN

- 1 This system went roughly double its normal time recently
- 2 This month's main photo provider
- 4 This frequently-heard member has been having RF trouble with her radio recently
- 5 Lives about 50 or 60 miles from the Kennedy Space Center and can watch shuttle launches
- 6 Spotlight
- 7 Recent new member that turned 100 years old recently
- 10 This member's system report could be summarized as, "Same as always"

Ham Radio Cruise 2010



This could be a very enjoyable cruise for many of our members. This is open to the public so please understand, arrangements must be handled individually. This is NOT a YL System scheduled event.

**Please Join us for our 3rd
Amateur Radio Cruise aboard the
Carnival Freedom Feb 27, 2010 for
8 wonderful days.**

**Sailing from Fort Lauderdale, FL to the Eastern Caribbean, San Juan, St. Thomas, Antigua, Tortola, Nassau and return.
With 4 days at sea to work that DX.**

For additional information or to book your cruise vacation, please call Ashley King in Chesapeake, Virginia

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TARHEEL ANTENNAS

We plan on using TarheelScrew-Driver type antennas again on this cruise. They worked out like a house afire on the last Ham Radio Cruise. To the left is a picture of a Model 100 Tarheel mounted over the Lido deck pool aft.

HONOR

From the Editor...K3CDQ



DEDICATION FRIENDSHIP

PROPER "DATE" LOGGING

QSO WITH	DATE	UTC	MHZ	RST	MODE
K1ABC	10-1-99	23:15	14.332	59	SSB

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On what day and month do you think the QSO above took place? Was it October 1 or the 10th of January? As I continue to log thirty years of contacts in a data base, I find I cannot determine the actual date on a large number of contacts because the dates on the QSL card are as shown above. I was able to properly log many of the oldest cards since I have logs from back then. I also found that it is close to 50/50 as to whether hams log the day or the year first. On a high number of more recent contacts which I had not logged, I had to guess what the correct date was.

Regardless of what may or may not be proper procedure, we will never get every ham in the world to log dates the same way, but there would be no guessing if the words: DAY-MONTH-YEAR were on all cards. Also in logging all these contacts I am surprised at the high amount of people that do not put their county, or ISSB number, 10X number, OMISS number or other info on their cards. When re-logging, this requires a significant increase in work and time looking such information up. I suggest, when you make a contact, log everything. Be sure to get the person's name, city, county, and club number for your log. Later you will be glad you did. You cannot depend on the other person to put it on the card, so log it and you will have it when needed! Often, I did not and now I am sorry.



If you cannot find us some weekend morning when a contest is covering up 14.332 MHz, scan up and down and look for us. Our first choice would be to move down to 14.331 MHz but we could be slightly up or down, wherever we can find a clear frequency. *Jda*

Spotlight on: Brian Livingston NØTJO – DAØTJO

Brian and Holly are finding their new home in Germany quite exciting. Brian is with the USAF medical squadron stationed at Landstuhl Air Base. They left sunny Florida around the end of February '09 to begin a three year tour overseas. They were fortunate to find a home in Kraehenberg, and Brian hopes to get his antenna up soon. Their home overlooks a beautiful valley with magnificent sunsets and is just 15 minutes from the base. Weather in Germany is very similar to the NE US this time of year with temps in the 40s and then going up into the 60s. Holly relates that the biggest adjustment to their home has been the total lack of closets! This is proving to be a real challenge for this homemaker. She is setting out to hit some yard sales to find some means of storing linens and, of course clothes. The houses are made mostly of brick and can prove to be rather chilly. Holly is volunteering for the Red Cross and will be involved in USO work as well, Go Holly!

The hospital where Brian works in radiology treats wounded from many countries near there including Africa, Afghanistan, Iraq, Bahrain, etc. There are about 2.300 military personnel on staff. It is a huge facility and service men and women arrive by the bus load to be treated and either sent back to the theater or to the States for further treatment. Brian is entering his 24th year in the Air Force. This is his second tour in Germany and he served two years in the Azores. More recently he was stationed in Nebraska and Florida and was with his mom (Rhonda N4KNF-SK) while she battled her illness. Brian's love for ham radio sprang from his parents' and grandfather's hobby. His dad is Roger N4ZGH. Granddad was K4WW.

Brian NØTJO & Holly



In their free time, Brian and Holly hope to do "Volksmarches" German hikes through small towns. This will be a great opportunity to see the area and meet some of the local townspeople and learn about the German culture. Good luck, Brian and Holly in your new home. Thank you for serving your country and keeping us safe! May God Bless you and your family.

Brian does not yet know that on 3-17-2009, he was awarded ARRL A1OP Status....