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MANY PHOTOS
FROM OUR
MEMBERS

CONVENTION
MINUTES



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President's Report

by Rose KL7FQQ

2009 CONVENTION:

The 2009 Convention is now history. We had 46 registrants this year. It was a wonderful time for me, visiting with our members. We enjoyed the visit, and good food served by our daughter and granddaughter at our home on Wednesday. The tour on Thursday was outstanding, even if we didn't strike it rich when panning for gold in Idaho. The workshop on Friday was informative, and, while the trip to the Rockin'B was dampened somewhat by a traffic jam due to an accident on I-90, the food was good and the show excellent. The Membership Meeting went well on Saturday...and more information on that will be forthcoming as soon as the minutes are received. The banquet on Saturday evening was excellent. Bill, K0UB, did an excellent job as auctioneer...and the scholarship fund is healthier than it was before the Convention! It was rather sad to say farewell to one and all at the Farewell Breakfast, but it sure was great to see everyone who attended.

2010 CONVENTION

Plans are progressing for the 2010 Convention to be held in Columbia, SC, on June 17-20, 2010. More information will be forthcoming very soon.

2011 CONVENTION

We will no doubt be going to Los Angeles for the 2011 Convention! Scotty, K6ZNL, has graciously volunteered to be the host. More information will be forthcoming.

AWARDS

No awards were reported this month

VOICE EDITOR

We are still searching for someone to edit the Voice. If you are interested, please contact me at kl7fqq@yahoo.com. Soon it will be time to begin putting the Voice together for the 2009-2010 year, and any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

VOICE #58

We have several extra copies of the most recent Voice. And, would be willing to sell them for \$8 apiece, extra copy, let me know, and I'll ship it out. Make checks payable to YLISSB.

Hope you had a happy and safe 4th of July.

33's, 73's and 88's Rose



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS			
14619 team	ABØRG	BILL	KS
14620 team	KCØMRJ	CAROL	KS
14621	KA1RWD	JOE	RI
14622	W4WJA	BILL	SC
14623	K5CKE	DUANE	AR
14624	AB2ZH	BILL	NJ
14625 team	N6JWH	JOHN	CA
14626 team	KI6IJL	JULIE	CA
14627	KE7ZGG	RICHARD	WY
14628	W3CAH	CAROL	PA
14629 team	W6LGS	LLOYD	CA
14630 team	KM6D	GENNIE	CA
14631	KI4VCT	BOB	VA
14632	KC2ULD	TOM	NY
14633	K9SMC	STEVEN	SC

SILENT KEYS			
8548	WB4DHU	DAN	NC
8475	W8DUW	ED	FL
11977	W3YE	ROBERT	PA
12260	KA3CEO	JEANNE	MD
15910	WA5FB	FRANK	MS
15349	K5MBE	DON	CO

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JUNE 2009**

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AUGUST CONTEST SCHEDULE	
AUG 1	TARA GRID DIP CONTEST
AUG 1/9	LIGHTHOUSE-LIGHTSHIP WEEK
AUG 1/2	10-10 SUMMER QSO PARTY
AUG 1	EUROPEAN HF CHAMPIONSHIP
AUG 2/3	SOUTH AFRICA HF DX CONTEST
AUG 8/9	WORKED ALL EUROPE
AUG 15/16	MARYLAND-DC QSO PARTY
AUG 15/16	RUSSIAN DISTRICT AWARD CONTEST
AUG 15/16	KEYMEN'S CLUB OF JAPAN CONTEST
AUG 15	SILENT KEY MEMORIAL SPRINT
AUG 15/16	NORTH AMERICA QSO PARTY
AUG 15/17	NEW JERSEY QSO PARTY
AUG 22/23	HAWAII QSO PARTY
AUG 22/23	OHIO QSO PARTY
AUG 29/30	ALARA CONTEST
AUG 29/30	YO DX CONTEST

David Stokes #15362 is listed in the current VOICE as KA3RA. His correct callsign is KA3YRA.

The URL shown below will take you to a PowerPoint presentation of the Embassy Suite Hotel, site of the 2010 Convention in Columbia, South Carolina.

<http://kg4nws.tripod.com/index.htm>



Want to see some great shacks? Check this out: <http://www.w4lgh.com/hamshack.htm>

DAYTIME REPORT BY JDA KB5YQ

Not having a computer makes it difficult for Jda to get her comments to me. It goes without saying that Jda keeps the System alive. I cannot imagine the number of new members that have come aboard over the years simply because Jda was there to welcome them and provide them information. I know if I start thanking folks for her, I am going to miss some, so forgive me if I overlook you. On Jda's behalf, a big pat on the back and many thanks to: W1VCU, N1PVT, N9ZZD, KC8VRT, KØCE, ACØKV, KØUB, K7PVZ, KA4NWS, KCØUOC, KC7KPG, KI4KTA, KI4IRH, KI4JQB, NØTWV. There is no doubt in my mind that I have missed some and I do apologize. Don't blame Jda, blame me, Sorry!!

Even with all that great help, Jda still needs more members to come aboard for an hour or two. Jda is aboard as a control for nine hour five days a week not counting Saturday and Sunday. Nine hour times two controls per hour equals eighteen controls and as you can see above, even with those of you I have missed, Jda has no where near eighteen members assisting her. Being part of a club, a system or any type group means chipping in and helping. We very much need additional controls on all periods of the System but in particular, during the day with Jda.
Dick K3CDQ for Jda KB5YQ

FORTY METER REPORT BY JAY KI4TXP

Not much has been happening this month. I have been gone several times and I would like to thank all those that stepped in and ran the System. It has been suggested that we should look for check ins below 7.201 on a regular basis. DX stations can not check in above 7.201. My plan is to find a clear channel around 7.198 and ask for DX stations to check in.

It has also been suggested that System controls limit there QSO with a station checking in. With guest check ins this is sometimes hard to do. We have to work on that.

All in all things are great here. I'm still looking for someone to take over at around 00:15z in order to continue the session further to the West. Anyone interested please email me at jayson648@yahoo.com. It is loads of fun.

73, Jay KI4TXP

WEEKEND REPORT BY JOHN KI4JQB

Since my last report, first period has gone relatively well. On May 16th, we had eleven check-ins, I had four assistant controls, and we stayed for forty-three minutes. On Field Day Saturday, June 27th, we had sixteen check-ins, I had three assistant controls, and we stayed for thirty-eight minutes. I did not have first period on Independence Day. On July 11th, after a very slow start and almost quitting after about fifteen minutes, I ended up with fifteen check-ins, including one Canadian station; five assistant controls, and a system that lasted an hour and eight minutes. We also had Ken, N8COQ, back with us.

I was out of town for four Saturdays in late May and early June, but first period continued. Jda was there, as always, and Amy, KC8VRT, and Judy, KC7KPG, came in to help her. Amy, Judy, thanks a lot for what you did. I really appreciate your help.

As for the stats on the weeks that I was gone, on the first week, Jda, Amy, and Judy stayed for two hours and fifteen minutes. On the second week, they stayed for an hour and forty-five minutes. I don't remember how long they were there on the third week. On the fourth week, there were only six check-ins, and Jda didn't stay too long. I don't remember how many check-ins there were on any of the first three weeks.
73, John KI4JQB

MOONBEAM REPORT BY DICK K3CDQ

Short comments this month! Not much going on and not much has changed. We did have a period there for a week or so where we were getting an awful lot of short skip check-ins. This was great since it helped many people, both members and non-members to work close-in states they needed for various awards. ARRL bulletins indicate we have had some Cycle 24 Sunspots but nothing to write home to mom about. Looks to me like nothing is going to improve much until fall when we get the normal change in propagation directions. Summers always seem to be bad, worse then winters, at the low point in the Cycle. So, with some sunspots occurring and fall approaching, things should get better in the next month or two.

Again, a tip of the hat and "Big Thanks" to all our Controls for ALWAYS being there and when they cannot be, another Control always seems to be there to pick things up. Is it any wonder the System has survived for so many years with such members? No surprise to me! Thanks Guys and Gals, many, many thanks!
73, DICK K3CDQ



Stealth Can be seen at:
<http://www.angelfire.com/biz/AntVentures/>



Our Officers: Jodie, Rex, Rose, Maria, Bill, Gloria

2009 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

44 Members were registered for the Convention in Spokane Valley, Washington, June 17-22, 2009.

The Scholarship fund balance was helped by generous donations at both the Boutique and the Auction during the banquet. The Scholarship Recipient this year was Jennifer Stuvek, who will be traveling from Alaska to St. Paul, MN to attend chiropractic school. She is the granddaughter of Stan KL7FQR and Rose KL7FQQ. The check was given to her during the lunch at her grandparent's house on Wednesday, June 17th.

Jim, VE1JIM reported that we had more participants this year than last, but still need more participation to make the QSO Party a big success.

The 2010 Convention will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia, SC on June 17, 18 and 19th. The 2011 Convention will probably be held in San Pedro, CA.

It was decided to drop the idea of a Lifetime Membership in the YLISSB. And, also to drop the effort to obtain a 501(c)3 IRS designation.

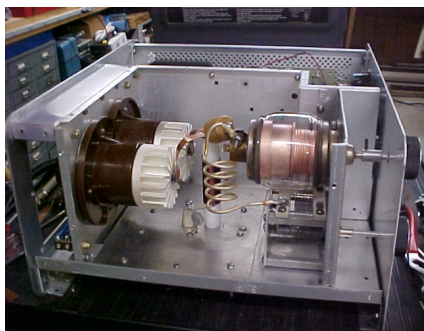
The Nominating committee reported the following slate of officers for the 2010 election: President, N1PVT Jane, and KB7IRT Margaret; vice president, NF2J Joan and KL7FQQ Rose; secretary, KI4SHY Peggy and AC0KV Gloria; Director, K0UB Bill and KA4NWS Kevin. VE1JIM was nominated from the floor for the director position.

A new award for Controls was discussed and approved. Any control logging over 1000 hours as control after August 1, 2009, will be granted a 2-year Honorary Membership that is dues free for the 2 years, provided they apply for it.

There will also be a USA 18-wheeler award to be earned by working 18-wheelers in all 48 states. Endorsements may be obtained by working an 18-wheeler in Alaska and Hawaii. Award to start August 1, 2009.

A new design for the Statehood award will be developed.

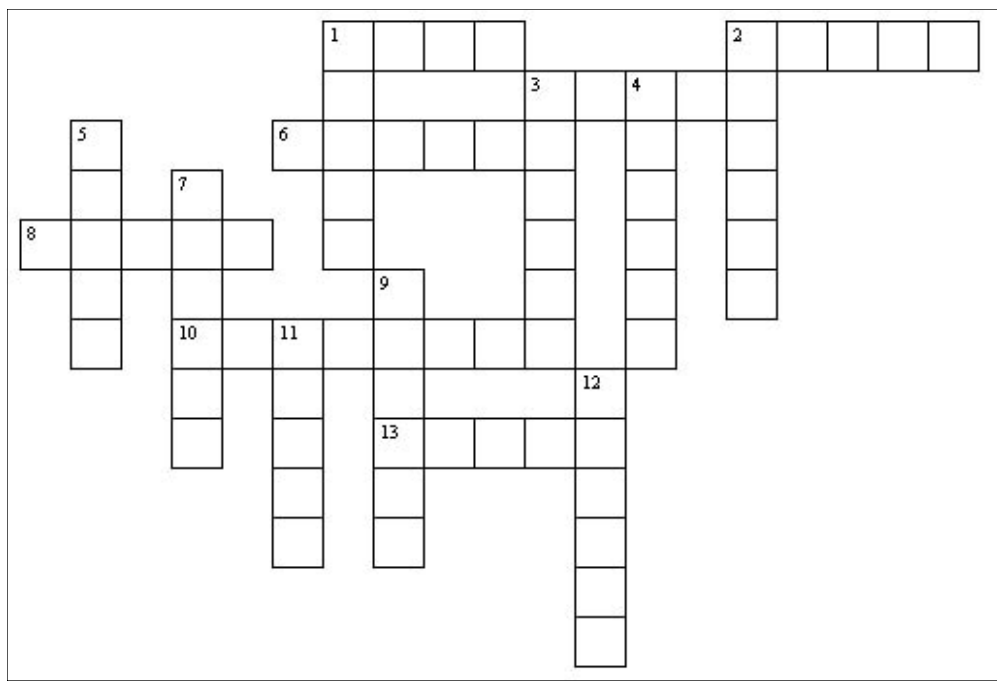
We are looking for an assistant to help Rex, WA0AVW with the Scholarship Program. Anyone interested in helping Rex, please contact Rose, KL7FQQ. Everyone is reminded that Memorials to aid the scholarship fund are greatly appreciated.



Harry's XYL W7DZX does not need an amp for her catch. 21" and 4.5 lbs. Nice going Darlene!



Here is a photo of my 6 meter home brew Amp project. It uses a pair of "Ruski" 6I-7b triodes. Built around a SB-220 chassis. Harry K7HK



ACROSS
 1 Convention auctioneer
 2 Trek your way out to California in 2011 and see this convention host
 3 The family of this system member was lacking one person at the convention this year
 6 Newest holder of the Rigel Trophy
 8 KA4NWS, KG4NWS, and _____
 10 Recipient of this year's System scholarship
 13 A new member from a state that we badly need more members from

DOWN
 1 We wish we could hear him play
 2 Our newest control with a TFO
 3 Has a new toy
 4 Probably could not guess her age by listening to her put out calls
 5 Previously, our only active member from the state that the answer to 13 Across lives in
 7 Takes occasional trips to a city whose first letter is the same as that of the state that it is in
 9 This relation of a TFO is now eligible for his/her own
 11 This Colorado member sent in a picture of a Texas flower
 12 Convention Cowboy



Safety first -ALWAYS!!



REV. JOHNNY AND DONNA

Tips for Controls

There is no reason to tell a non-member that "dues just went up." That is really negative advertising.

We no longer run "Formal" and have not for over a year. No need to say "running informally." NOW the System is always informal.

While it is not incorrect to say "YL Number" V. Mayree, who founded our System, asked that we say "Sideband Number."

Although we would most definitely assist in any way possible in the event an emergency were to come on frequency, we no longer bill ourselves as an Emergency System and therefore our President suggests our controls refrain from calling for emergencies at the beginning of periods.

It has been suggested that since the majority of our 16,000 plus members are not active and in many cases, SKs, we should go a "little lighter" on the comment that we are 16,000 strong. Perhaps a comment that we have had over 16,000 members over the years or something similar would be more realistic. Just something to think about since we really do not have anything close to 16,000 active members.

*All items above approved by:
KL7FQQ*



Stella VA3AJU, Carl 8P6OP, Sydney, Mitch VA3VPP

WA0AVW

July 20, 2009

Dear Dick & Judy,

You have been mentioning material for the Communicator.

Marilyn & I wish to join with all the members of the YL-System

In Thanking all of the convention members for the generous help

In buying the donations from the boutique table, along with outright

Cash donations for the future scholarship awards. We do not wish

To forget thanking Bill, K0UB, in making the Saturday night boutique

Auction a roaring success!!!! He is really professional.

Our members and guests will not forget a fun night in Spokane, Washington.

A big Thanks, also goes to Stan and Rose, for organizing a First Class convention, at five star Hotel. The treasurer is well fixed for The Scholarship \$\$\$ for 2010.

73's & 88's,

Marilyn & Rex

HELP WANTED

Shortly after I became the YLISSB Information Officer I received the membership list index cards from Tom, WA1GAG. These cards date back to around 1968, when the officers first started the index card file system. Most of these cards were made out and used by the Information Officer, but there were some cards from the early Treasurers, also. Later I received several thousand cards from Rose, KL7FQQ which I subsequently merged with the Info Officer cards I already had.



I have approximately 20,000 index cards containing historical membership information that I would like to convert to electronic form, both to save space and to ensure their preservation in multiple locations

I have begun to scan these cards into my computer in PDF format, but this promises to be a long and tedious process for one person to do. Therefore, I am asking for members of the YLISSB to help me in this endeavor

Here is what you need:

A computer - any PC or Mac will do.

A scanner - preferably capable of scanning into multiple-page PDF format at 300 dpi grayscale.

In some instances there is more than one card for a given call sign - hence the need for multiple-page scanner software. If your software doesn't provide for saving in pdf format, a photo format such as jpg is still usable. Most photo software, such as Photoshop will allow you to save multiple images in a single file, or if not I can do it here.

Time - While there are no deadlines to meet, the process is rather repetitive and somewhat tedious. If I can get 20 volunteers willing to put in one hour a week to scan 1,000 cards, we should be able to finish this project in time for next year's convention. It takes only a minute or so to scan a card, check it and rename the resulting file. That's less than 17 hours to do 1,000 cards, or about 1 hour a week for 4 months.

I will ship the cards to your QTH at and you will simply e-mail me the resulting files. Once scanned the original cards may be destroyed (unless someone wishes to preserve them in their original cellulose-based glory). If you feel a thousand cards are too many (or too few) and would like to volunteer for a different amount, well, that's OK too. Any help would be appreciated.

Thanks in advance,

73,

Gene Delaney, K9WFE
YLISSB Information Officer

On the subject of "HELP WANTED" we again ask a member to consider stepping up to the plate and taking over the position of Editor of the VOICE. The System owns and will provide for you a printer, collator, binder and all the necessary paper and other supplies. Please give thought to volunteering!

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Photos from Maria

From the Editor...K3CDQ

The short skip of recent weeks has been a pleasure. We have had many check-ins from both members and non-members in states we have not heard in months. I know in my case, working NC, VA, DE, PA, WV and NJ has been great and many of them have been 5X9. We have also had DX on the Moonbeam from Germany, Italy and from Northern England. Of course, we always have our Canadian friends.

Having a little problem filling up the Communicator and that is the reason for so many photos. Sure could use some stories from the members. We welcome stories about your ham activities, local clubs, your vacation or trips you might have taken. Maybe even some photos of your shack, antennas, mobile set up, etc. Let us hear from you. Have a nice summer!

Spotlight On: Dick & Judy - K3CDQ

It was not our intention to focus the “Spotlight” on ourselves but since we have not received information on other members, here we are! Please send us info on yourselves so we will have a member to spotlight each month. We were married in 1963 and have three children, Amy, Scott and Mike and seven grandchildren. I worked nearly thirty years in Corporate America and after getting tired of beepers, beltways and three piece suits, retired at age 55. Then worked for sixteen years at an Ace Home Center. Have been a Ham since 1978 and worked mostly CW until discovering the YL System. Judy is also retired and devotes a lot of time to her political woman’s club, but our children and grandchildren are foremost in her mind and activities. During the Fall of 2008, Amy, Scott and Mike surprised us with a 45th anniversary party. Surprised we were and especially at having our former neighbors from Buffalo and Atlanta, GA. attend. We capped the event off with a cruise to Bermuda. My other interests include our yard, flowers and garden and building Adirondack chairs. Of course, spend as much time as possible on our Beautiful Chesapeake Bay with our son Scott.



73 all from Judy and Dick.

