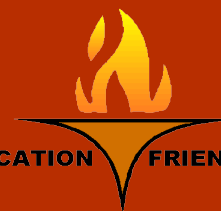


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President's Report... by Rose KL7FQQ

Greetings from Texas

AWARDS

Amy KC8VRT was issued a 700 hour certificate as System Control. Congratulations Amy!

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. Have you an item of interest for the Voice? Please contact me if you do. We are starting work on this issue.

ASSISTANT NEEDED

Rex, WA0AVW, has been our Scholarship Chairman for many years. And, he would like an Assistant. Someone that he could work with for a while, and eventually turn the entire project over to. This is a fun and rewarding position...so hopefully, we'll have many that would consider taking it on. If you are at all interested, you may contact Rex at rexwhite@marshalnet.com or me, kl7fqq@yahoo.com.

40 METER. FREQUENCY

Due to band conditions, the 40 M system is trying a new frequency. The new frequency is 7.181. Controls will be looking for early check ins at 2350 Monday through Friday, with the official System starting at 0000Z. Plan on checking in with them.

WEBSITE

Have you been on the Website lately? VE1JIM has done a magnificent job of making it easy to use. Check in at yl-system.org for a truly gratifying experience.

There seems to be a glimmer of hope that the poor band conditions we've experienced over the past several years is getting better. Keep your fingers crossed.

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



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS			
16448	W4EXG	JIM	TN
16449	W4UZQ	JACK	GA
16450	W7COZ	BILL	UT
16451	KD8EFM	DELL	OH
16452	KD8KDM	MIKE	OH
16453	AC7MV	DAVE	WA
16454	KC7QGV	MARY	WA
16455	N4YYV	STEVE	FL
16456	KC9MDY	JOE	WI
16457	AE5OV	DAVID	NM
16458	KA7AHM	ELLEN	NM
16459	W9DLK	DANNY	IN
16460	K7HRT	PAT	WA
16461	WA5KSC	GEORGE	SC
16462	KJ4DLP	SUSAN	SC
16463	K9UK	DAVID	IL
16464	KB7CSV	EARL	WY

TFOs NOT IN THE VOICE	
465 KR4KP	478 KB4EJ
466 W4KRN	479 W7QEB
467 W6VY	480 K6EDJ
468 W1SQM	481 NF2J
469 W7GMF	482 NØDFP
470 KC2ATK	483 KA7TXR
471 KI4P	484 KCØUOC
472 KL7OU	485 KI4TXP
473 KC8VRT	486 KC9ICP
474 KI4JQB	487 ABØEG
475 KH6CB	488 N9ZDD *
476 AC8W	489 W3GLH *
477 KC9EAG	* NEW TFOs

SILENT KEYS			
5196	K1WLX	ANDREA	VT
8768	W9CNE	GRAHAM	IN
15034	KA2NBK	ROBERT	NY
15410	WW8HB	HENRY	OH

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
03	WA2AFV
06	WX1D
08	W5VTM
08	K8FUN
09	NV4Z
09	KQ4IQ
10	N5WQ
11	WDØFNZ
12	W5HNI
15	KV4DT
20	KCØECK
21	KE2ZG
22	NØQAU
23	WA9UNN
23	N3MQO
24	VE3JPJ
25	AC4NC
25	K6AMC
31	ACØKV

DECEMBER CONTESTS	
DEC 5/6	ARRL EME COMPETITION
DEC 19	RAC WINTER CONTEST
12/19-01/3	LIGHTHOUSE CMAS LIGHTS
DEC 26	DARC CHRISTMAS CONTEST
DEC 31	SOUTH DAKOTA QSO PARTY

DEC. ANNIVERSARIES	
06	KØMSR / BARBARA
07	KD4ZBP/KE4VRW
30	NØQAU / NØQAV

KE7ZGG #16427 is now KY7Q
His email is: ky7q@wyomail.com

Just a reminder. I do not list all contests for the month. I only list the ones that have the potential of interfering with our operation on 14.332 Mhz.

If you have a tower and a Yagi, you might want to check out this website.

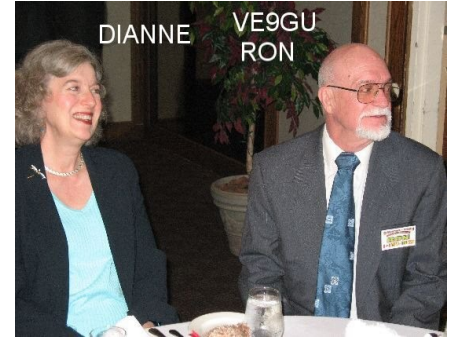
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KURT HB9MX SIDEBANDER 13832



LEON SIDEBANDER 9478



VE9GU SIDEBANDER 11884



JOYCE K3UMW & BILL K3UMV



KD4PY JIM #6836



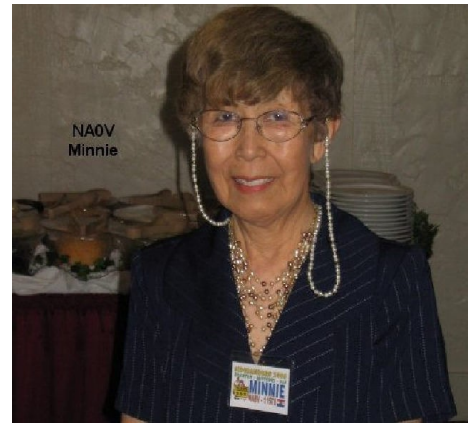
CHUCK K2MGL EX-PJ4CR 9607



SIDEBANDERS 16129 & 16227



Congratulations to Jda on receiving the System Founder's Award at the Spokane Valley Convention.



MINNIE NAOV - SK



GINGER NØUD SIDEBANDER 15391



LUANNE & KEN N8COQ SIDEBANDER 16164



EUNICE WA7MOK - SK SIDEBANDER 11947

YL SYSTEM DEVOTIONAL AWARD

The list at the right indicates “Devotional” members who are currently active on the System. If you are aware of members who should be added (or deleted) from this list, please let us know. Many thanks to Jda KB5YQ and Gene K9WFE for their assistance in putting this list together.

The Devotional Award requires contacts with fifty (50) devotional members so it is important that you help us update this list with any and all devotional members not shown. Years ago, before cell phones and other modern means of communicating, we had an awful lot of members in the religious community. I am confident they are still out there but amateur radio is no longer their main contact with their home countries. If we are to salvage this award, we need input from any of you involved in religious activities as part of your career.

If you are aware of any priests, rabbis, ministers, brothers, sisters, missionaries, etc., etc. past or present who are active but not on this list, please have them contact any of us on the System to get them updated and on the list.

If you would like a challenge, look up devotional members in the VOICE, search for their email address and see how many you can get to come back on the System with us.

CALLSIGN	ISSB #	NAME	ST
ADØBC	15589	JERRY	MO
K1HKI	89	BOB	VT
K2GAT	5433	Rev Jake	MI
K4HJL	12525	JIM	TX
KBØMYP	15359	RON	IA
KCØCRS	14429	MACK	CO
KCØUOC	16Ø79	LEONARD	IA
KD5LWU	16140	JOHN	CO
KD8CH	13487	BOB	FL
KF9GS	16199	Dick	IN
KT9B	16324	RICK	IN
N4ACS	12107	JIM	FL
N5WC	11336	WENDELL	TX
N9OV	11955	DAVID	NC
NØTWV	12317	MARIA	CO
NØYPA	15551	TIM	IA
W3OB	15355	JACK	CA
W8SWT	15528	STEVE	OH
WA3EOP	14767	PAGE	MD
WAØPFV	6818	JIM	MN
WAØRRJ	6968	SR. LAUREN	MN
WAØSGJ	9419	SR. ALVERNA	MN
WB4ZNH	9467	CARL	VA
WB5NNE	15880	JOHN	TX
WD1Z	12186	BUD	KY

Hello everyone - Convention News

Everything is still on track for the 2010 YL Convention, with a few early bird registrations already coming in. This time around, we want to address the location of the local RV Campground that we have lined up for those of you who will be arriving by motor home or camper. The name of the campground is The Barnyard, and it is located about 15 minutes from the Convention Center. Take Exit 58 off of Interstate 20 which is route 1, and turn left on Oak Drive. Travel 2 miles, and you are there.

The campground offers full hookups and is suitable for Big Rigs, with pull throughs included. It is also a member of Good Sam's Parks. We are currently negotiating a group rate with them to accommodate our members. The staff is most cordial, and are very willing to support our needs. Please take a look at their website at www.barnyardrvpark.com for more information.

73, Kevin and Sally



This fine and neat looking station belongs to Marilyn N6LFJ in Lompoc, California. Back sometime in the late 80s Judy and I had the pleasure of visiting Marilyn and George and I got to call for Moonbeam check-ins from her home.

Letter from W2GU sent to Jda and then forwarded to be posted in the Communicator.

I am a former ISSB member who had a stroke in 2007. My Sideband number is 9154. I've not been on the air since 3-25-07, and am now recovering from an extreme surgical makeover. I am currently wheelchair bound trying to get use to using a walker. I am writing to you and ISSBers as I'm looking to borrow a 5 watt dual or tri-bander HT with a dual band readout and a rapid charger. If anyone can help me out please let me know. My address is as follows: Will Wiehe W2GU c/o Pine Valley Rehab Center, Room 203W Spring Valley, NY 10977-2319 Phone 1-845-426-5600 X 228. Many thanks and God Bless. Please mention this on the air. 73s and 76s Will Wiehe W2GU

ANOTHER WINTER IS ON IT'S WAY TO DULUTH MINNESOTA

Received from Duluth's most Friendliest Person - NØDFP



SOME DX YOU MIGHT LISTEN FOR

TUNISIA, 3V. Alex, GM0DHZ will be here beginning November 16 for five weeks. He plans to operate using CW from the 3V8SS club station during the weekends. QSL via operator's instructions.

ANTARCTICA. Bill, K7MT will be QRV as KC4USV from McMurdo Base, IOTA AN-011, from November 15 to February 20. Activity is mainly on 20 meters using CW, SSB and PSK31. QSL via K1IED.

VIET NAM, XV. Retu, OH4MDY and Henry, OH3JR are QRV as XV2RZ and XV2JR, respectively, until December 7. Activity is on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL both calls direct via OH4MDY.

MADAGASCAR, 5R. Eric, F6ICX will be QRV as 5R8IC from St. Marie Island, IOTA AF-090, from November 17 to December 15. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters. QSL to home call.

I have a book, given to me by Barbara KE5ZI which covers fifty or so years of the life of V. Maryree, the lady that founded the YL System. It does not cover much about radio, mostly her life. If you knew V. Maryree you will probably find it interesting. It is being circulated throughout the System via USPS. Right now it should be in Idaho at the QTH of WA7ID. When Burl finishes with it, he will be sending it to Joe WA7JT. If you would like to get on the mailing list after Joe, please contact me - Dick K3CDQ. k3cdq@comcast.net

40 METER REPORT BY JAY KI4TXP

Well it has been a very interesting month, so far. By the time you receive this we will be located at 7.181 and hoping all is well there. Please stop by and say 'HI' As most of you know our old frequency was basically interfered with by foreign broadcasts. As I write this my anticipation is very high for success on 7.181. I do want to thank Roger W1MRE for taking over 7.181 as an alternant frequency for the YL System. He was there every evening taking calls and as the days progressed more and more of the regulars showed up down there to help him out. That is about it from 40M this month. All have a great Thanksgiving Holiday. Jay KI4TXP

MOONBEAM REPORT BY K3CDQ

The loss of Daylight Savings Time has not done us any favors on the Moonbeam. The first hour at 2200Z is doing well but when the next Controls take over at 2300Z, Controls on the East are often losing the band within the first half hour. West Coast Controls are doing fairly well and are usually getting check-ins when others are hearing nothing. It was quite a surprise to turn on the rig on the morning of 11/13 and hear S9 signals from all over the states and Canada. Let us hope those conditions continue and spill over into the afternoon and evening hours. We are still hearing KHØAC, KL7YK, KH6CB and recently VY1WR during the evening and some DX from Europe and the Caribbean during the day so things do seem to be improving. Many, many thanks to all our Controls, morning, noon and evening
73, Dick K3CDQ

K1WLX - SK
1937-2009

SSBer#5196



Our YL ISSB has recently lost one of our own. Andrea Parker, K1WLX was a long time System member, and a very successful past President of the System.

Andrea was born in 1937 in Waterbury, Connecticut, and was a very adventuresome young lady for sure! She obtained both a BA and an MA degree from the University of Connecticut, and worked for many years at the Naval Submarine Medical Research Labs in Groton, CT.

Not only did she hold an Amateur Radio Extra Class License, but she was also licensed as a Private Pilot. In 1999, Andrea ran for ARRL Vice Director of the New England Section, but lost out to another. She was also a member of the ARRL A1OP Club in the New England Call Area, as was her OM K1VII, SSBer# 5192. Prior to her achieving Presidency of the YL System, she held the post of Vice Chairman of the Executive Council for our Organization.

In 1976, she was elected the sixth President of the YL System, succeeding her mentor, Phyllis, W2GLB. In her acceptance address, Andrea stated in part: "This beautiful organization has vested in me its most revered honor. I have never felt prouder, nor more humble." She continued by saying, "...we will carry the Torch of Friendship with pride – ever mindful of our dedication to the building of world-wide friendship through Amateur Radio – ever available to be of service to our fellow man – and always, believing in his dignity. This we pledge. K4ICA THIS IS K1WLX."

Andrea was succeeded in Presidency a few years later by Ellie, K4RHL. It's very easy to lose track of our loyal members and officers as years dim their memory and new members take their place, but we will never forget Andrea and her contributions to OUR System.

(Compiled by KA4NWS, YL System Historian)

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From the Editor... K3CDQ

As you know, the Communicator is usually posted near the end of the month and the posted issue is for the upcoming month. During 2009 I got in the habit of posting photos, clip art etc. that related to the month I posted the Communicator and not the upcoming month. For instance this issue is coming out the day before Thanksgiving and I have posted Thanksgiving clip art, etc. in it even though it is the December issue. No big deal, no harm done, but starting with issue #152 In January, which will be posted in late De-

ember, I will try to get it in my head to post items related to January and not the month of December which is on its way out. Likewise for the rest of the year.

On a different subject, on a recent Friday afternoon I heard W7DMV check in and I knew he needed Maryland so I quickly checked in and when it was my turn, gave Billy a call. We exchanged 56 reports each way but the first time around, I did not hear my report. I told Billy I did not hear it and then someone, meaning well, jumped in and said 56. Friends, keep in

mind, you cannot do that! Signal reports MUST BE HEARD BY BOTH PARTIES and both parties must repeat the reports so control will know it was a good contact. If someone on the side relays the report, the contact is then invalid.

The reason we repeat the reports for control to confirm is that we do not require QSL cards for System awards. Control hearing the reports repeated adds credibility to the contact. Finally, Control operators should give absolutely no assistance with signal reports. Zero help- Zero!!!

Spotlight on: Sus KB9OC

Born in 1917, in Guadalupe, CA, Sus has been a member of the System since 1970. First licensed in the 30s, when war broke out, he joined the Army and became a member of the most decorated unit of all of US Military History, the all Nisei, 100/442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Sus continues to have a hearing problem from an artillery blast while serving in France. He spent months in the hospital and was awarded a Purple Heart and Sus also has a Silver Star.

Back in the USA, Sus went to school in Milwaukee and became an expert watchmaker. He met his lovely Grace in Milwaukee and

later in 1958 they were married in California. They have one son, Dennis.

Sus had the call WB9BGJ and then became KB9OC in 1961. Around July, 1970, he came across the YL System, joined and was issued #7901.

As a member Sus contacted K7UGA Senator Barry Goldwater, and JY1 King Hussein of Jordon, both members of the YL System.

We have had forty one conventions plus a number of mini-conventions and Sus believes he and Grace have been to at least 42.

Grace and Sus are avid campers and very active in their Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee. They are long time members of the Japa-

nese American Citizens League, WI Chapter, founded in 1929.

For many years, Grace has overseen the boutique at the System Conventions.

We do not hear Sus too often because of his hearing problem but you are sure to enjoy meeting him and Grace at one of our YL System conventions.

