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President's Report... by Rose KL7FQQ

Greetings from Washington

2009 CONVENTION:

It has almost arrived! The 2009 YLISSB Convention will start with a free lunch at the QTH of Stan and Rose, KL7FQR and KL7FQQ. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

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 are accepting bids to host the 2011 Convention. It is good to have a 2-year lead time in making arrangements for Conventions. So, if you would be interested in hosting the 2011 Convention, please put together a bid prior to the Spokane Valley Convention. If you would like some assistance in what

would be required, check in your Policy and Procedures Manual, or contact me, kl7fqq@yahoo.com

AWARDS

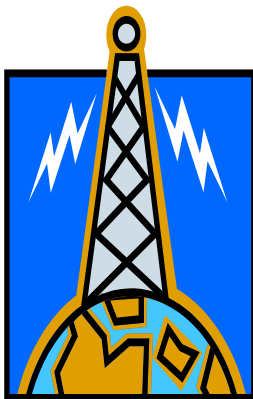
Awards issued in May were the 25 year Membership Certificates issued to Norm, AI2C, #4374 and Bill, WB8JBU, #11963. Congratulations to you both.

VOICE EDITOR

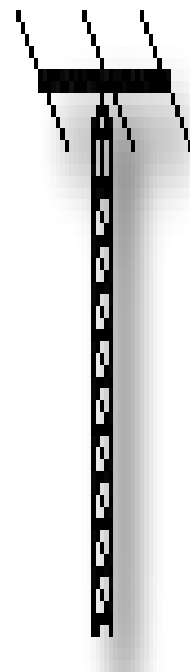
We are still searching for someone to edit the Voice. If you are interested, please contact me at kl7fqq@yahoo.com. Soon it will be time to begin putting the Voice together for the 2009-2010 year, and any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you at the Convention

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



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



NEW MEMBERS			
16412	N7PGI	BRYANT	ID
16413	KE4CEC	JOHN	FL
16414	KE5SOF	TONY	AR
16415	WA5JUM	KEN	TX
16416	KBØSVY	ED	MO
16417	W1MZA	ROGER	ME
16418	NØEHQ	ED	IA

JULY BIRTHDAYS	
7/04 KI4TXP	7/24 K9WFE
7/16 KØUB	7/29 KC9XL
7/19 VK2FDW	7/29 KEØJ
7/22 WD5FQX	7/30 N4EPG
7/23 KJ5Q	

ANNIVERSARIES
7/04 KI4TXP
7/10 W8OPA
7/14 VE9MSD & VE9RMD

THESE STATIONS WERE INADVERTANTLY LEFT OUT OF THE LISTINGS IN VOICE #58			
W7ACB	15647	UT	CARLTON
W7AJP	16190	OR	JAMES
W7CAR	15204	OR	DAVID
W7CB	6543	CA	LARRY
W7CDH	10288	UT	MILDRED
W7CNA	11647	OR	ROBERT
W7CNL	8202	ID	JOHN
W7CTW	12978	OR	SIEBERT
W7CUJ	8635	TN	JOHN
W7CUS	13526	OR	ANTHONY
W7DPV	11447	OR	DONALD
W7DQM	4277	WA	JAMES
W7DRJ	16161	WY	JAY
W7DZX	12700	ID	DARLENE

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES
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or
ve9gu@rac.ca

CONVENTION ATTENDEES
K6ZNL-SCOTTY & TOM
K7PVZ-BOB & PHYLLIS
VE3OWS-KENN & MARILYN
VE1JIM-JIM & JOANNE
KB90C- SUS & GRACIE
WAØAVW-REX & MARILYN
VE7AAV-MIKE & DONNA
W2GLB-PHYLLIS & JEANNIE
W7KOI FAMILY - FRANCINE, CHARLENE, & TRACI
KA7ICF-JESSE & EARLENE
ACØKV-GLORIA & AARON & MEGHAN
AB7HB-BERNARD & MACK & ABIGAIL

CONVENTION ATTENDEES
KL7FQQ-ROSE
KL7FQR-STAN
NØTWV- MARIA
KØUB -BILL
WDØDAW-IRENE
KA4NWS-KEVIN
KG4NWS-SALLY
WD1Z-BUD
ABØEG-JODIE
KBØTFK-PAT
8P6OP-KARL
AB7PS-SARA
AA7YD-BOB
KE7AKN-KRISTI
KE7MP-FRANK
WAØPFV-REV.JIM
NØDK-EMIL
KB7ITR- MARGARET

CALLSIGN CHANGES
MITCH VE4VP IS NOW VA3VPP
STELLA VE4AJ IS NOW VA3AJU

SILENT KEYS
KA1ISY 14778 GEORGE - WA

From the Historian

Hi again all...Welcome to summer of 2009. This will be a fairly short piece this time since we are on the road in the Motor home heading for Spokane, WA and the 2009 YL System Convention.

As we were driving through Iowa, I looked over at Sally in the co-pilots seat, and she was busy on the cell phone, and in her other hand, she was trying to get Julie, our name for our GPS unit to do stuff. Well I thought to myself...I wonder how you good folks managed to make it to YL Conventions back in the early 1960s without such modern conveniences.

Here is what I figured out: If you wanted to contact family and friends back home, you either turned on the HF rig and tried for a phone patch (they were prevalent back then), or you stopped at a gas station and plunked a dime or a quarter into the pay phone. They were quite prevalent then also. As far as knowing where the heck you were at any given moment, you had to rely on your own personal experience in driving that particular route, or you stopped at that friendly gas station again and plunked down some more money for a road map.

If you think things have changed on the YL System since those days, you are right, but not just in the realm of communications; it is indeed a different world we live in, but we all seem to adapt. What in the world will be in store for us in another 25 years one wonders!

73 for now and hope to see you at Convention.

Kevin (KA4NWS)



Always Remember...

If you check in that visitor, that new station, that rare DX, you are our ambassador.

It is up to you to make that visiting person really feel welcome. It is up to you to practice "Instant Friendship."

Make them feel welcomed and tell them about "Your System." But... do NOT overload them with information. Give them our website: <http://www.ylssystem.org> and let them know we are on every day and that they are always welcome.

However, do not overwhelm them with 1st period, 2nd period, VK, ZL, Moonbeam, moving to .331 on Saturdays, etc., etc. Just keep it simple and let them know you are glad they checked in and hope they will return.

OUR MOTTO

Dedicated to the building of friendship among all people via Amateur Radio.

OUR CREEDO

We believe in the Dignity of man.



WA5PBR Doug #15639 - Says this is his new "TOY"

DAY TIME REPORT

Propagation has seemed to be a little better and there has been an increase in check-ins during the Early Morning Warm-up and First, Second, and Third periods. There has been quite a lot of interest in the Spring and Summer awards, and this has increased participation during the appropriate periods. Many members have volunteered to put out calls, but it is nice to have controls who sign up to permanently work a specific time on a specific day, so that they can be counted upon to be there. While band conditions are improving, it has been bourn out in recent weeks that three controls are better than two and four is better than three! Please consider signing up for a specific time to help out the System.

During the hospitalization and recuperation of Denny, W1VCU, many members stepped in to help during his Wednesday and Saturday EMW slots. Thanks to them all, and it is great to have Denny back on the air with us. Texas to Maryland always seems to work during the early morning hours!

It is also great to hear so many of our newer members checking in and helping out on the System during the daytime. It bodes well for the future of the YL System that we have so many enthusiastic new members. Keep up the good work!

Hear you on the System..

Remember, the Early Morning Warm Up starts at 1200Z!

KB5YQ...Jda Rodgers

40 METER REPORT

June Report

Well June has been quite uneventful. We continue on 7.201 with very little Foreign Broadcast interference. Yes, we do get static and other means of interference. That we can put up with.

Once again, I would like to THANK all those great people that have helped out. Also I want to thank all that have checked in. I will not name names because this OM would leave somebody out. I have enough trouble trying to remember the grand kids. Things are really picking up. We now average 20+check ins and just about the same number of rechecks. This is great.

I am still seeking someone to continue the 40 M section after the East Coast closes down. It would be nice to have someone in the West or Mid West take over at around 0015z or when ever we close, and keep it going for a bit longer. If anyone would be interested send me an email jayson648@yahoo.com

I had the privilege of presenting AI2C Norm sideband number 4374 TFO 151 his Old Timer Certificate. As any one who knows Norm, he just didn't say Thanks. Norm gave our group a very interesting history of his involvement with the YL System. Jay KI4TXP

MOONBEAM REPORT

Not much has changed in the past month except some improvement in short skip. It is great to be hearing some of these close in stations that have not been heard in months, maybe even years. This short skip should help some of you working on the Moonbeam WAS.

The System continues to issue numbers to new members and it is great that so many of the new members are taking an active interest and not just being "check-ins." If you would like to become more active, there are still a number of open Control spots on the Moonbeam. If you've never been a control before, do not let that worry you. It is quite simple, just call for check-ins, right down there calls in the order you hear them and then let them make their calls in that same order.

If you think you would enjoy being a Control and would like to join the ranks of our greatly appreciated Controls, let me know. The letter C being shown in CAPS in the spelling of Controls should indicate to you the high regard I have for our Controls. My Controls are Always shown in Caps!

If you do not have open time in the evening to assist as a Control on the Moonbeam, perhaps you can spare some time during the day to assist Jda. She very much needs additional Control help. As many of you new members know, if you had not stumbled across Jda calling for check-ins, you might have never learned about the System.

So sign up and get your Control spot now before the bands improve and everyone wants to be a Control.

73, Dick K3CDQ

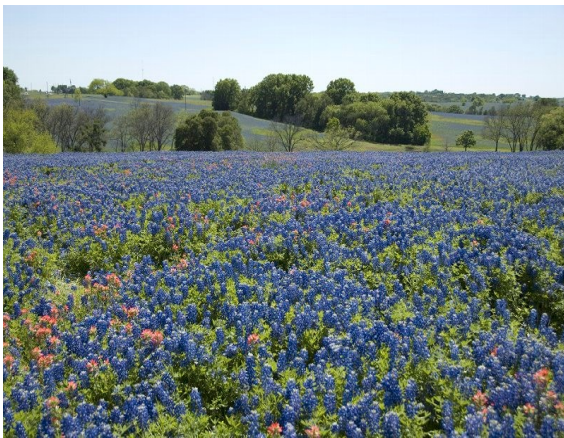
NO REPORT FOR THE WEEKENDS THIS MONTH AND NO PUZZLE, JOHN HAS BEEN AWAY



W8JBV-BILL'S BOATS ON LAKE PONEMAA, MI



ALMOST SUNDOWN—PAGOSA SPRINGS -NØTWV



TEXAS WILDFLOWERS FROM NØTWV



SWEET PEA FROM MARILYN N6LFJ

Submitted by: WA3EOP
Page Pyne Sidebander 14767

The requirements for earning this award were listed in the previous Communicator #145.

Page has kindly provided us a copy of the certificate so we would know what it looks like.

When I think about all the historic sites in nearby Virginia, Washington and Maryland, I think I could probably go mobile and provide enough sites to make this a doable thing for members and myself I will have to give that some thought!



Antietam Battlefield-MD



Cape Disappointment- WA



New Harmony- IN



Gathland Park- MD

U. S. Historic Parks

The Cheese Hollow Amateur Radio Society, home to W3HAM is proud to recognize amateur radio operator

of station
as having provided satisfactory proof of working at least 25 other amateur radio stations operating from the nation's Historic Parks.

In proclamation of this historic achievement, we have issued this certificate # _____ Dated _____

Secretary



Independence Mine-Alaska



Poverty Point- Louisiana



Shot Tower - VA



Lincoln Memorial - Washington DC



Stage Coach- CO

Spotlight on: Gene KØICA - Tennessee Fiddler

Gene Christian KØICA, son of K4ICA, was born on a farm in Little Rock, Arkansas on February 22, 1926. Gene was an early member of Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys Band. Gene also played the fiddle with Lester Flatt & Earl Scruggs, Benny Martin, Vassar Clements, Mac Wiseman and Chubby Wise, some of the greatest Bluegrass musicians of all time. In his youth, his family moved to Oklahoma in 1929 and Rocky Top, Tennessee in 1935. In 1941, Gene visited Miami where he met Ervin Rouse, the composer of the *Orange Blossom Special*, a favorite of the late Roy Acuff.



Gene says many country music stars got their start at WLAC in Nashville where he was playing the *Friday Night Frolic* with the Ferguson Brothers. The future also held a spot for Gene at the Grand Ole Opry and a lifetime dream came true when he toured as the fiddle player in Bill Monroe's Band. In 1954, another dream came true and another link in the music chain was connected when he became a member of the Flatt & Scruggs Band and toured with them.

In 1955, Gene formed his own band, *The Hillbilly Pals*. This same year, Gene's close friend, Ervin Rouse drove up from Miami to ask Gene to accompany him to Nashville to record the well known and beautiful, *Sweeter Than the Flowers*.

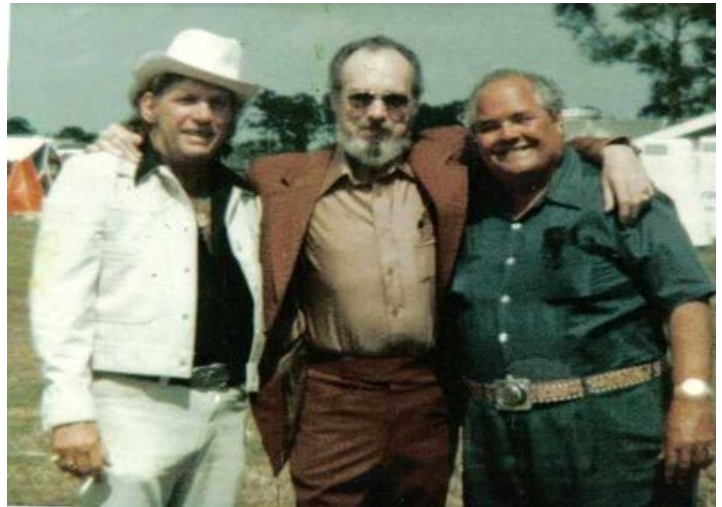
Gene returned to Miami with Ervin where they attended a show at the *Dade County Auditorium* where Johnny Cash was scheduled to perform. There, Mother Maybelle Carter introduced Ervin and Gene to Johnny. They played the *Orange Blossom Special* for Cash backstage, and he was so impressed that he persuaded them to play that and *Sweeter Than the Flowers* for the audience. They did, and they brought the house down. Cash then asked them to write down the words for the OBS so that he could record it. Ervin granted permission and a few months later it was on a Cash album.

At this time, the first Bluegrass band in Florida was formed - *The Country Pals* and, of course, Gene was a member. In 1956 they won the *Arthur Godfrey Talent Show* program with their version of *Salty Dog Blues*. After winning, the Country Pals had over 100 telegrams with offers to go to different states to perform. Instead they did TV shows on KTHS and toured the southeast. The *Gene Christian and the Nashville Gents & Gals* band was formed in 1962 and included Vera, one of Gene's daughters at the age of 14.

In 1965, Gene and his band began to play for the *Black Angus* chain and did so for twenty years until he retired in 1985. All I wish is he could play us a tune or two on 14.332. Gene you must attend a System convention with us and entertain us all. We're counting on that!



Ervin Rouse on the left, Gene on the right.



Gene, Mac Wiseman and Chubby Wise



Gene, Benny Martin & the Martha White Bus



Gene looking his best!



Gene in younger days.



Earl Snead, (young) Ricky Scaggs, Vassar Clements & Gene



Gene's daughter Vera on left, then Gene and others.





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From the Editor...K3CDQ

I was asked why I do not say “From the Editors, Judy and Richard.” The main reason is Judy asked me not to. After the first couple of issues, Judy turned the entire publishing job over to me. I still list her as one of the editors and will continue to do so since she helps me immensely. Each issue is done with her assistance in one way or another and I appreciate her help and support and thank her. Often I call her and say, “how do I do this? So, she is still involved while I am doing most of it.

Having been a Country Music fan for at least sixty of my seventy-two years, I must tell you Judy and I were very much impressed when we learned of Gene’s involvement in Country Music and in particular, Bluegrass. These groups that Gene was a part of are the best of the best, and legends in their time. Many of them are already in the Country Music Hall of Fame and a number of them are still performing. For those of you not familiar with Country Music, Gene performed with the “Cream of the Crop” and is certainly a Living Legend himself.

Gene, Judy and I tip our hats to you and hope that someday we will meet you and hear you play in person. Last summer Judy and I spent a few days in southwest Virginia near the home of Ralph Stanley, a name I know needs no introduction to you. That part of Virginia is certainly one of the homes of Bluegrass Music!



**In days of old
 When ops were bold
 And sideband not invented
 The words were passed
 By pounding brass
 And all were quite contented**



JUNE PUZZLE ANSWERS

