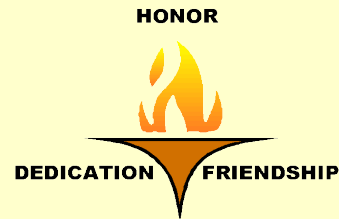


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President's Report... by KL7FQQ

Greetings from Washington

2009 CONVENTION:

Remember that your room reservations must be made prior to May 19th in order to qualify for the room rate. And, your reservations for the Convention itself must be in prior to June 1 in order to receive the reduced rate for registration. Also, reservations for the tour to Silver Valley and the Rockin'B must be in by June 1. The Convention Brochure is available on the Web site, or may be mailed to you if you send a SASE to KL7FQQ, P.O. Box 954, Newman Lake, WA 99025.



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AGENDA

The agenda for the Convention, along with the schedule of events, will soon be posted on the web site. IF you have any agenda items for the business meeting, please get them to me, kl7fqq@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

2010 CONVENTION

Plans are being made for the 2010 Convention to be held in Columbia, SC. More information will be forthcoming as soon as it is received.

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

A Spring Award Certificate was sent to Jerry, N9ZDD, #16304. Congratulations Jerry.

NOMINATION REQUESTS

Our nominating committee has done an excellent job of getting nominations for the upcoming election, which will consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and one Board member. They have one nominee for each position. We will be accepting any further nominations from the floor at the Convention, and, if you know someone that you'd like to see hold any of the above positions, and you are not able to attend the Convention, you may nominate them by sending an e-mail to Ron, VE9GU at smithrp@sympatico.ca, or you may drop me a line either via e-mail, or snail mail. Due to term limits, I will not be eligible to run for the office of President. If you do wish to nominate someone, please insure that they would be willing to run. Thanks.

Hope to see you at the Convention.



MIRABEAU PARK HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER - SPOKANE, WA



YL SYSTEM 2009 CONVENTION JUNE 18—21

The Mirabeau Park hotel features free high-speed internet access, year round outdoor pool and Jacuzzi. It has an award winning restaurant at MAX, with 24 hour front desk service and an adjacent always-open gift shop. It also has the following: 27" or 32" color televisions with 60 On-Command movies; Brick exterior and lots of sound proofing for a quiet night's sleep; private balconies or patios for most rooms; designated smoking and non-smoking rooms; direct dial telephones, with data ports and free local calls; exceptionally quiet oversized rooms all with blackout curtains; hair dryers with oversized hair dryers in executive rooms; in-room coffee and coffee makers; dual vanities in all bathrooms in all rooms; irons and full-size ironing boards; Satellite televisions with 26 channels, including complimentary HBO.

RESERVATIONS:

Reservations may be made by calling 1-866-584-4674. You must identify that you are with the YLISSB Convention in order to receive the room rates for the Convention. You may also make reservations online at www.mirabeauparkhotel.com. Remember to indicate that you are with the YLISSB. Reservations should have been made prior to May 19, 2009 to be guaranteed the special room rate. Reservations made after that date may be charged at a higher fee. Call immediately to see if you can still get the special rate.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

16408	ACØMG	MARK	CO
16409	KCØMSI	DEBORAH	CO
16410	WA5JTO	TOM	TX
16411	N8RBC	DAVE	WV

MAY AND JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5/25 KI4P	6/13 N5THT
5/26 KC2ATK	6/13 KC8WPJ
5/26 AA9BB	6/17 KA5ZVS
5/31 AB7HB	6/18 VE9RC
6/01 N6LFJ	6/18 KL7FQQ
6/03 KF9XX	6/20 KE4VRW
6/05 AC5PW	6/21 KC4VBS
6/05 KB3ITJ	6/21 KF4CUJ
6/08 NF2J	6/24 KL7FQR
6/08 WDØFNZ	6/29 KA9W
6/08 AI1N	6/30 KH6OE

TFOs NOT IN VOICE #58

465 KR4KP	476 AC8W
466 W4KRN	477 KC9EAG
467 W6VY	478 KB4EJ
468 W1SQM	479 W7QEB
469 W7GMF	480 K6EDJ
470 KC2ATK	481 NF2J
471 KI4P	482 NØDFP
472 KL7OU	483 KA7TXR
473 KC8VRT	484 KCØUOC
474 KI4JQB	485 KI4TXP
475 KH6CB	

ANNIVERSARIES

5/11 VE1JIM JIM & JOANNE (I missed this in May)
6/06 WAØPFV REV JIM & MEG
6/12 W1VCU DENNY & AUDREY
6/15 NØTWV MARIA & KCØCRS MACK
6/19 N5THT KEN & LIZ
6/28 VE9GU RON & DIANE

CALLSIGN CHANGES

N4BXU	12125 IS NOW K4HJL
KC9NIY	16324 IS NOW KT9B
KE6YPX	16403 IS NOW AF6PK
WA2MQI	16365 IS NOW KØKER

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

10862	K9CIV RICHARD	drlockner@gmail.com
15632	VE9MSD MONA	monadouc@xplonet.com
16022	KB3KNQ SCOTT	kb3knq@arrl.net

SILENT KEYS

5378 K2ZJV CHARLES - NY
9341 VE3HIR TESS - ONTARIO
9561 WAØQMV FLOYD - SD
11033 AAØNG KURT - CO
11050 W7FEO GORDON - WA
12802 KO8K SHIRLEY - MI
12846 VK9AS JUSTIN - AUSTRALIA
14296 NUØE JAY - SD
14584 K5JMD CLINTON - MS

Just a reminder that even though postage has gone up, you do not need to send me additional stamps. I have plenty of 1, 2 & 3 cent stamps. If you are sending new envelopes, please apply the proper postage and if possible, send the envelopes with adhesive that does not need to be moistened. Thank you!

DAYTIME REPORT FOR KB5YQ

Jda has asked me to remind all members that she really needs some help on the Early Morning Warm Up. In particular, Jda is alone most Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. Even if you can only offer an hour to help, that would be great and I know she would appreciate it. When it comes to the YL System, all of us owe a great deal of thanks to Jda. Many "Old Timer" hams will tell you we are now coming out of the worst five years of radio conditions they have experienced and let me assure you, if we had not had Jda there day after day after day, keeping the System up and running, we could have lost the frequency to others. Many of us do much for the System but none of us give more in time and attention to things on 14.332 MHz than Jda. Let's show her our appreciation by offering some help and remember, no one is asking you to help for hours and hours. Just help her when you can. It is the right thing to do!!!

K3CDQ for KB5YQ

WEEKEND REPORT BY JOHN KI4JQB

Since my last report, first period has been going all right. On April 25th, we stayed for fifty-five minutes, we had ten check-ins, and I had four assistant controls. On May 2nd, we stayed for about thirty minutes, we had nine check-ins, and I had two assistant controls. On May 9th, things were very bad. We stayed for only fifteen minutes, we had four check-ins (including Jda and me), and Jda and I were the only controls. During the period of time that this report covers, there has been no DX on the system.

73, John KI4JQB

40 METER REPORT BY JAY KI4TXP

Well we made the change. We are now located at 7.201 Monday through Friday at 2300Z. As of this report the conditions are a lot better. Oh yes, we still get the static crashes and yes they will get worse before they get better. You know it's that time of year. For those that are wondering why we went to 7.201 rather than below 7.200. I was unable to find a location between 7.175 and 7.200 that would have been a clear channel nightly. It was suggested that if we stay close to 7.200 the Foreign Broadcasts would not be too bad. The reason being that the broadcasts stations would not want to bleed over below 7.201 and have problems with the powers to be. So far so good. Yes, this past Friday May 8th there was some interference but not that bad. As always, I want to THANK all those that help out on a nightly basis. It is really great to have at least 3 Asst. on a given night. And a big THANK YOU to all that check in.. Since we moved, one evening we had 30 check ins and at least 20 rechecks. This is a good sign. One other thing, don't forget the ARRL Field Day the last full weekend in June. I'll be working 40M and 75M on a regular basis. I'll be listening for you.


Jay KI4TXP

MOONBEAM REPORT BY DICK


Nothing earth shattering to report on the Moonbeam. Most evenings still produce a half dozen or less check-ins but West Coast Controls seem to do a little better. Very pleased to hear that Roger AB8RX in Michigan is thinking about coming back aboard as a Control. Hope you do Roger, we can sure use you. More good news is that Dave KCØSZU in South Dakota has signed up to work with Ron VE9GU on 1st Tuesdays. Thanks for the help Dave and welcome aboard. Controls, be sure to listen for Roger N4ZGH's son Brian. He is in Germany now with the USAF and has his antenna up and equipment on line. His home call, as you may know, is NØTJO. From Germany he will be using DA1TJO. Sorry to report that Larry KB4EJ has elected to bow out as a Control. Hope you return Larry.

Dick K3CDQ


Remembering Friends From Our Past



Pedro WB9RVN IN
#11879



John K9AHX IN
#14788



Virginia N9CSG WI
#13732



Father Leo WØJCO
#2976 OK



V. Mayree K4ICA #1
FL



Rolf from Glasgow
Scotland
GMØBCI #14336




Flo KU7F WA #12257




Ellie K4RHL FL #3
Yep, that's right # Three!




Mary Ann WA4NNT FL
#14704
(Note: Mary Ann is not a SK)



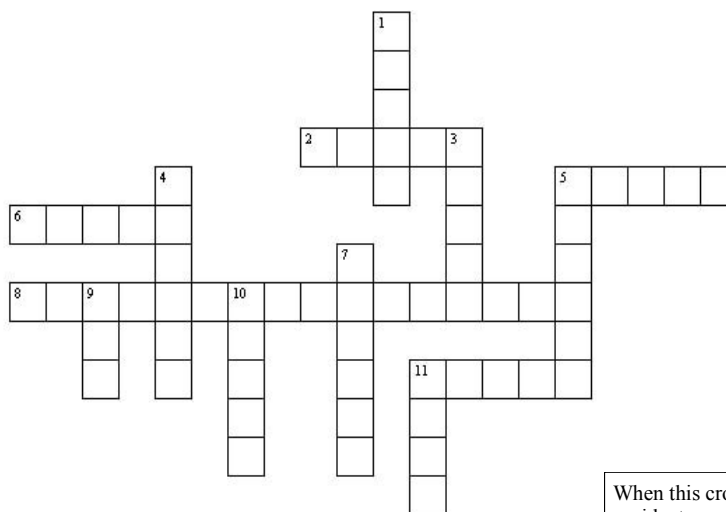
Chuck K4FZG NC
#8892



Victor W7JXP WA
#13178



Bill K2QXS NY
#10841



When this crossword was emailed to me, by accident, number 11 down was cut off. The question is: A YL Control in Alabama.

ACROSS

- 2 A remarkable woman
- 5 From proofreader to Editor
- 6 This URAC control is a Star Trek fan
- 8 This contest kept a Saturday first period from doing well at all in March
- 11 His city's friendliest person

DOWN

- 1 Four often-heard controls have birthdays in this month
- 3 Lives a quiet life, most of the time
- 4 Preceded the YLISSB
- 5 Our newest system control with a TFO
- 7 Just volunteered for the moonbeam
- 9 This number is the record number of Saturday first period assistant controls, as far as I remember
- 10 This often-heard control is often heard talking to KL7OU at the beginning of her moonbeam control period

From the Historian

Hello everyone. Sorry I missed last month's Communicator input, but wow, how that tummy virus hurts! Much better now though and thanks to all who were concerned about me! It was much appreciated.

I was recently going through one of our old editions of the Voice, number 9 to be exact. It was written and published in 1966, and is the oldest one I have here in the historical record. One area jumped out at me almost immediately. Much of the content in the early Voices centered on reflections, anecdotes, and sometimes just updates on what was happening in the members' lives. This has recently been reinforced by Dick, K3CDQ, publisher of the Communicator...i.e. , let's send in that kind of information on ourselves so that other YL System Members can be made more aware of who they talk to frequently on the System. Perhaps we could also provide a bit more of this type of information about ourselves to the publisher of the Voice to attain the same end result.

The second tidbit that jumped out at me is the large number of Clergy who were members of our System back in the "Good ole Days". As Maria and Mack out in Colorado, who are retired missionaries to various South and Central American countries will attest, Amateur Radio was often the backbone of their communications to the outside world, and it stood in good stead when it came to handling emergency communications. After all, our primary purpose as reiterated by V. Mayree, K4ICA, our Founder, was Handling National and International Emergency Traffic, and to effectively deliver urgently needed life-saving medication to individuals, world-wide. So, who would have been in any better position to request for and need that valuable service than our world-wide missionaries, and in those days, how best to proffer those requests for humanitarian and medical assistance than by amateur radio!

We honored our members of the Clergy when we instituted an award on the System for those who worked (QSO) a certain number of the Clergy, as we do so even today. Take a peek at the YL System website under awards. It's a great award to shoot for, and the members of the Clergy who are System members are also listed in the Voice. Well, that's it for this time.

73

Kevin KA4NWS

SPOTLIGHT ON: GEORGE KA3HUA/N3ISH/AA4GT

Records indicate George joined the System June 6, 1984 with the call KA3HUA and was issued #14085. As I recall, I first met George and Mary Lou at the Richmond Convention in 1991. That convention was hosted by Harry WA4CUU and had many of our very active hams in attendance. Some of these were WA5ZDZ, W2GBX, K4FZG, N4ZGH/N4KNF, KU7F, N5BYF, N3ISH, GMØBCI and of course K4ICA. Many memories exist from those callsigns. Opps, George says we first met in Racine, WI in 1990. Okay!!

George lived in Morrisville, PA and from his activities, received a “good citizen” award from Governor Shaffer in 1966. His political activities had him performing duties as a member, a chairman, a vice-chairman, a treasurer and he and Mary Lou dining with the Governor. In 1997, they sold their PA home and lived for a period in Virginia on the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula which is on the Eastern side of the Chesapeake Bay. While living there, George lost Mary Lou when she had a massive heart attack. Shortly after that, George moved to Naples Florida where he now resides.

In Florida, George has not slowed down in his activities, he has been to the Sheriff’s School three times, Neighborhood Watch twice and Citizen’s Emergency Response Team training. Shown at the left is a



group having been through CERT training. George is kneeling, second from the right. George’s involvement does not stop here. He is co-owner of the Holiday Manor Co-op where he lives and received an award from NWS Warning Coordinating Meteorologist Jim Lushine for creating and building a siren that warns his mobile home park of incoming storms. Way to go George!!!

George is also the past Master of the Masonic Lodge in Naples. He is still very much involved with the lodge and often performs as one of their clowns as you can see on the next page. George is also their treasurer. Below he is

shown with Mary NV4Z when he was “The Master.” Mary, NV4Z has been a member since around 1980 and she and George were friends for many years. George and Mary married in Naples on September 2, 2000 and when Judy and I visited them during February 2009, I was amazed at their setups. Each has their own computer, their own rigs and can operate at the same time... Both of them belong to County Hunters and Mary has Worked All Counties six times. George is chasing her on that one and has only worked all counties three times and is three quarters of the way there on his fourth attempt. He has also worked 2,072 counties on CW. This county hunting must be contagious since like them, Ron VE9GU has WAC several times.



Over the years, George has been very involved with the YL System, helping with set up and operation at a number of conventions from his first one in Maine with Phyllis KA1JC in 1985 to his last one at El Paso in 2000. George says he has great memories of working at conventions in Racine, WI, Strasburg, PA and others. He recalls being System Control with N6LFJ, WA5ZDZ, WA5INV and K9WFE. In April of 1996 George was awarded TFO #363. George also remembers emergencies on the System and the day K4RHL had George get his doctor on frequency to help with an emergency in Kenya.



George, and close friend!



George and Mary dining at Tin City, Naples, Florida



AA4GT George and NV4Z Mary's wedding. Roni N4ODI on left, Roger N4ZGH and Rhonda N4KNF (SK) in front, Peggy KY8Y (SK) and OM on right.

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From the Editor...K3CDQ

First, I want to make sure each of you are aware that there is a Special Edition of the Communicator on the System website that you can download. It is rather expensive to print twenty copies of eight pages each so I did not mail this issue as I do the regular issues. It covers much of V. Mayree's life as well as the founding of the System "in her words"

Also, I have a copy of a bio written by V. Mayree covering her life up to 1980. That is currently being circulated via the USPS to anyone who would like to read it. Along with it, I am circulating a copy of the Special Edition of the Communicator in hopes we can make our new members aware of the history and traditions of the System. If you would like to get on the list for this mailing, contact KB5YQ or K3CDQ and we will add your name to the bottom of the list. You will be responsible for the postage to mail it to the next person on the list. It is a book, so send it media mail and it will cost less.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the many kind words regarding the special Communicator I put together. It was fun! 73 Dick

WHISKEY SOUR SLURPPIE

This Makes 25 oz's

- 8 oz's whiskey
 - 8 oz's water
 - 6 oz's lemon concentrate
 - 3 oz's orange concentrate
- Place in freezer until mix slushes up
Stir and put back in until it slushes up again
and serve

Enjoy
John KC2ATK



**Hal
DL5MC
HELMUT
KRAUSE**



**W2GLB PHYLLIS #150, KL7FQQ ROSE #6098,
W7AJP BILL #16190, KL7FJW BETTY #6155,
W7WTQ RALPH #16189**



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