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**YLISSB CONVENTION**  
*June 18-21*  
*Spokane Valley,*  
*Washington*



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## President's Report...

### VOICE

After an unexpected delay, the Voice is in the mail. If you did not get yours, please contact me at: [kl7fqq@yahoo.com](mailto:kl7fqq@yahoo.com).

### COMMUNICATOR

We are happy to announce that Judy and Dick, K3CDQ, have volunteered to take over publishing the Communicator. We soon hope to have the envelopes on file to Dick, but at the present time, it will be available on the Web site, or you can send an SASE to Judy and Dick. Thanks to the MacWilliams for taking on this job!

### CONVENTION 2009

The registration information is available on the web site, or if you prefer, you can send a SASE to me, KL7FQQ, at Box 3159, La Feria, Tx. 78559. The information is also in the Voice. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Spokane Valley in June.

### CONVENTION 2010

The 2010 Convention has tentatively been scheduled for Charleston, South Carolina for June 18-20. More details as they develop.

### AWARDS

No awards were reported issued in January.

### CONDOLENCE CHAIRMAN

Due to travel plans, Judy, KC7KPG, has resigned as Condolence Chairman. So, we need a volunteer! We have some cards and stamps that we can send you, and the System pays for the supplies. What we need is someone to send out the cards to the families of our SKs. Anyone interested? Please e-mail me at: [kl7fqq@yahoo.com](mailto:kl7fqq@yahoo.com).

### DUES

Remember that the 2009 Dues are \$20.00, due on January 1 and delinquent on March 31. Please help the Treasurer by using the renewal form in the Voice, or copy it from the Website.

### 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.

Hope you had a wonderful Valentine's Day.  
73's Rose



Most of you are aware I have been entering thirty years of ham radio contacts into a data base. As I was entering Century Club contacts I came across quite a few ISSB members who we have not been hearing from. I have listed them to the right and I ask you, if you see some in your area, please try to contact them and then report your findings back to me and I will print your findings in the next issue. We would very much like to get them back on. Note: I did not check these for SKs.

**K3CDQ**



## Finding our "Old Timers"

NY AG2K	12145	GA N4ODI	14397
PA KD3FM	14482	CA KB6HM	13062
DE WA3HFL	10560	OK AB5J	11815
PA NC3X	14307	MI WD8ELH	12250
VA W4BKP	13521	OH KM8O	13057
SC WD4CJQ	14725	FL K8MZA	11525
SC KK4EJ	14280	MO W0FF	4033
NY N2AWI	11681	KS WD0GAH	11513
VA N3AHA	11263	SD KE0PI	14476
NY KO2Q	12348	TN WA4GSP	11435
TN KJ4FM	14215	IL W9RMP	14594
GA AB4GA	14550	TX K5IUO	14364
TN WB4HIN	4643	VA NE3B	14305
SC AA4LB	12237	VA NJ3V	14306

## YN—Nicaragua PR

A YL-System member is headed south! Stan, AC8W, (YLISSB #10322, TFO 476) and Hank, K8DD, are off to another DX spot...this time Nicaragua in Central America. Filling out the team are Jim, KB8TXZ from Gingelville, and Lee, N8LJ, from Metamora. Hank and Stan will be in Florida before and after the trip to YN. Trish and Kathie will stay in Cocoa Beach while they are gone.

They have rented a house owned by Octavio, YN2B starting Feb. 17 through Feb. 24. The main purpose of the trip is to operate in the ARRL DX CW Contest, but they will be on the air outside of the contest looking for SSB contacts with folks from home.

Nicaragua, officially the Republic of Nicaragua, is the largest state in Central America, about the size of New York. It is the least densely populated country in Central America. It is bordered by Honduras to the north and Costa Rica to the south. The Pacific Ocean lies to the west and the Caribbean Sea to the east. Nicaragua sits 11 degrees north of the Equator. Its capital is Managua.

Granada, near where we will be staying, is located about fifty miles SE of Managua, in grid square EK71au, at the north end of Lake Nicaragua. Founded in 1524 it is the oldest colonial city in the Americas.



AC8W & K8DD in Suriname

Their primary goal is to operate in the ARRL DX CW contest February 21 and 22. Outside the contest, they will be on both CW and SSB so look for them.

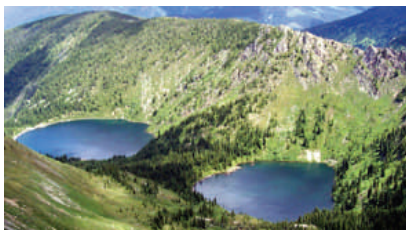
Stan's call will be YN2WW.

# Come to Spokane Valley, Washington...Site of this year's YL Convention.



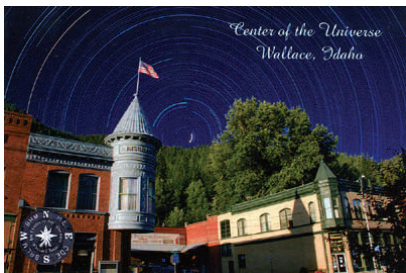
The YLISSB Convention is set for June 18 through 21 in beautiful and historic Spokane Valley, Washington.

Experienced hosts (previously hosted the Alaska Convention in 2002) KL7FQQ Rose and KL7FQR Stan Rybachek tell us that plans for this year's convention are well underway. Spokane Valley is the site for the Convention and the scenic area will have something for everyone. From mountain views to quaint Western towns filled with the history of the Old West, the surrounding areas will enchant all. With names like Hiawatha Trail, Silver Valley, and Coeur d'Alenes, there will be plenty to see and do.



For those early birds who arrive on Wednesday, Rose and Stan invite all to their QTH for a luncheon on June 17.

Tours to Silver Valley, Idaho will include a ride on the Silver Mountain Gondola to the top for magnificent views of the Rocky Mountains. From there, the tour continues to Wallace, Idaho for a visit to a Bordello Museum. Don't worry, it is tastefully presented and shows life in the Wild Wild West during the mining days and the lifestyles of these "working" girls.



During the day on Friday, convention goers will be able to tour the Spokane Valley area on their own. There are parks, shopping areas, and museums nearby. On Friday evening, a dinner theater at the Rockin' B Ranch will feature a western show and famously good BBQ.

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The Convention is being held at the beautiful Mirabeau Park Hotel. Nestled in the scenic Spokane Valley, this hotel is located near lakes, ski areas, and golf courses. Just minutes from downtown Spokane, shopping areas, sports complexes, water parks, and more, the Mirabeau is a three diamond AAA hotel.

There are lots of amenities including indoor pool, fitness center, internet connection, hot tubs, beauty salon, restaurant, and much more. To check it out, go to the website: [www.mirabeauparkhotel.com](http://www.mirabeauparkhotel.com)  
We hope to see all of you there!

Convention City	Year	Host
Miami, FL	1966	K4RHL
New Orleans, LA	1968	K4ICA
Chicago, IA	1971	K9MAS
Treasure Island, FL	1972	W4CZS
Minneapolis, MN	1973	W0UUE
Oklahoma City, OK	1974	K5LIL
Orcas Island, WA	1975	K7UXN
Long Island, NY	1976	W2GLB/K2AMN
Salt Lake City, UT	1977	WA7COG
Los Angeles, CA	1978	W6CBA
Hot Springs, AR	1979	WD5FQX
Ft. Lauderdale, FL	1980	K4RHL
Denver, CO	1981	K4ICA
Milwaukee, WI	1982	KB9OC
Dallas, TX	1983	KC5UO/W5UJO
Las Vegas, NV	1984	N7YL
Sugar Loaf Mtn, ME	1985	KA1JC
Seattle, WA	1986	KU7F
Des Moines, IA	1987	WA0AVW
Orlando, FL	1988	KP4AOD
Honolulu, HI	1989	KU7F/K1IIF
Racine, WI	1990	WA0PFV
Richmond, VA	1991	WA4CUU
Colorado Springs, CO	1992	KB0QI
Des Moines, IA	1993	WA0AVW
Strasburg, PA	1994	KC3XL/WA3JBJ
Portland, OR	1995	W7GUR/KU7F
Lafayette, IN	1996	WB9USL/VP5RW
Annapolis, MD	1997	K3CDQ
Barbados	1998	8P6OP
Halifax, NS, Canada	1999	VE1JIM
El Paso, TX	2000	WA5IPS
Ft. Dodge, IA	2001	KF0NU
Fairbanks Alaska	2002	KL7FQQ/ KL7FQR
Caribbean Cruise	2003	KU7F
Nashville, TN	2004	WB4ILS
Bismarck, ND	2005	N0DK
Branson, MO	2006	AD0BC
Durango, CO	2007	N0TWW/KC0CRS
Halifax, NS, Canada	2008	VE1JIM
Spokane Valley, WA	2009	KL7FQQ/ KL7FQR

# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

## NEW MEMBERS

16389 NT8P RON-OH  
16390 W0QMK DON-MO  
16391 KC5RWW BETH-OK  
16392 WD4ROG BOB-FL  
16393 W5HIR JUNIUS-TX  
16394 W8IQO RON-MI

BIRTHDAYS      BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY      20 KF0NU  
                  21 N0TWV

1 VE9MRD      21 W8OPA  
1 N0GEB        29 AA9FC

2 N5PRU  
3 AA3DX                  MARCH

11 K1IIF  
13 W1TYG      11 WA0PFV  
14 AB9DR      15 VE9MSD  
16 G0RHL      21 KG4NWS  
17 WA1S        29 RUTH  
                  XYL OF AI4N

## TFOs NOT IN VOICE #58

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

## SILENT KEYS

7399 W8CHT ALBERT -MI  
9438 KL7FH FRANK -AK  
12068 WB9SZC RUTH -WI  
14376 N9DAJ CURTIS -MI  
16207 W2OTH BERNIE -NJ

## ANNIVERSARIES

### FEBRUARY

28th -WA0AVW REX & MARILYN

### MARCH

10th-KG4CNA ALLEN & PAM

## CALLSIGN CHANGES

NK8T    IS NOW    W8CFI  
KE6TV   IS NOW    W6TNP  
KD5DYJ   IS NOW    NE5J  
WN2R    IS NOW    N2FJ  
K3HKS   IS NOW    W2TL

## ARRL Executive Committee Issues Mobile Amateur Radio Operation Policy Statement

On January 30, at the instruction of the Board of Directors at its January 2009 meeting, the ARRL Executive Committee adopted a policy statement on mobile Amateur Radio operations. The statement addresses the growing number of proposed state and local laws and ordinances regulating the use of cellular telephone and text messaging, inadvertently affecting Amateur Radio mobile communications.

In its statement, the Executive Committee urges state and municipal legislators to limit the scope of their proposals, limiting them to devices such as full duplex wireless telephones and related hand-held or portable equipment. Alternately, it suggests that licensed Amateur Radio operation be listed specifically as an exclusion to the proposed regulations.

"At the start of each new session, you see a flurry of this type of proposal in state legislatures across the country," said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. As of February 1, 2009, Henderson said that the ARRL is aware of proposals in 11 states: Georgia, Hawaii Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Montana, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming, as well as several local city or town proposals.

"These proposals are usually intended to regulate cellular telephone and text messaging by drivers as a matter of safety but, when they are written in very broad terms, can include Amateur Radio mobile operations in the 'net' they cast," Henderson continued. "The Executive Committee's policy statement gives a good, concise background of the role the Amateur Service plays in public safety and service communications. It also highlights the differences between communications conducted by cellular telephone and those using Amateur Radio. Finally, the statement offers some suggested statutory language for state motor vehicle codes which would protect Amateur Radio mobile operation."

The ARRL recognizes that driver inattention is a leading cause of automobile accidents. The policy statement raises the fact that cell phones utilize full duplex communications -- where the user is talking and listening simultaneously. The Executive Committee statement says "Two-way radio use is dissimilar from full-duplex cellular telephone communications because the operator spends little time actually transmitting; the time spent listening is more similar to, and arguably less distracting than listening to a broadcast radio, CD or MP3 player. There are no distinctions to be made between or among Amateur Radio, public safety land mobile, private land mobile or citizen's radio in terms of driver distraction. All are distinguishable from mobile cellular telephone communications in this respect."

The ARRL Policy Statement also recognizes the responsibility of the amateur community to conduct its activities in a manner that does not create unsafe operation of their motor vehicle. "Safety has to be a top concern at all times," Henderson concluded.

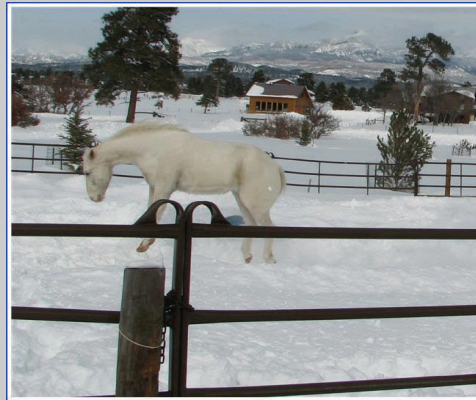


**We invite you to send us photos from your neck of the woods. Send via email as an attachment. We will include as many as we can. Let's share the magnificent views with everyone. We want to hear from you.**

## Winter in Pagosa Springs, Colorado



**NOTWV Maria provided these beautiful photos. Behind the sleigh are the San Juan Mountain range. Snow covered Pagosa Peak (below) was captured by Maria while standing on her porch.**



## Daytime Report by KB5YQ

Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> was an awful day during 2<sup>nd</sup> Period. Bob K7PVZ was away, Joan NF2J had bad weather and was not on and N0DFP was on a family outing with his wife and others. Two hours is a long time to control alone!

We very much need more controls during the three periods following the Early Morning Warm Up. With over 16,000 members we certainly should be able to get some of you to come forward and assist. This is your club and we need your help. Understand, we are not asking you to assist three periods a day, five days a week. If a handful of you would come aboard **and help for only one two hour period a week** it would be wonderful. The ideal situation is to have three controls per period, spread out across North America. DX controls from other continents would also be most welcomed.

Thanks to KC8VRT who assists two hours during 3<sup>rd</sup> period, five days a week. A few more volunteers like this would be most appreciated but remember, one two hour period a week would be sufficient.

Bob K7PVZ will be away the week of 2/16 so I would appreciate some of you coming aboard to help out.

## Moonbeam Report by K3CDQ

There are not enough ways to thank all our Moonbeam Controls for their continued support of the Moonbeam and each other. Poor conditions during the bottom of Cycle 23 have continued to plague all portions of the System but with early darkness upon us the Moonbeam and its Controls have suffered the most. Yet, they continue to show up evening after evening, often when they cannot hear each other and need relays or Echolink and in some cases, email to pass control back and forth.

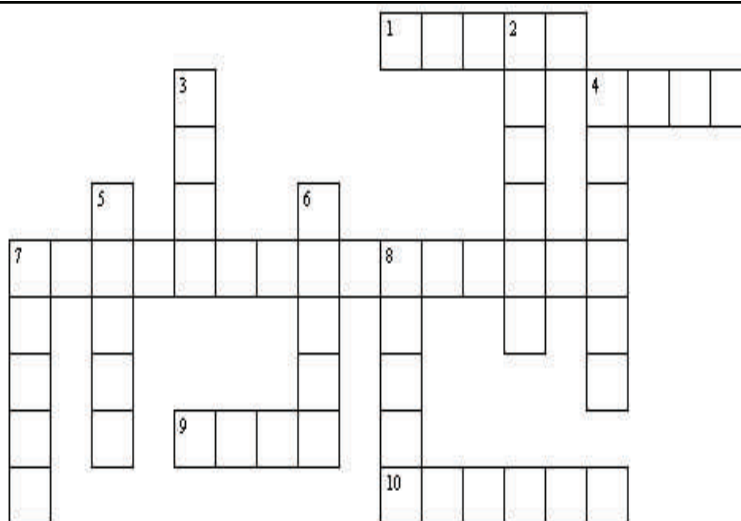
When a Control cannot be there due to illness, a family event, or other reason, one or two of you always come aboard and keep the ship afloat and the key word here is “always.” I thank you, your System thanks you and I so much appreciate knowing I do not have to worry about the Moonbeam being covered. I can be sure one of our team will be there making sure to “get it done.”

For those of you reading this who are not Controls and would like to give it a try, Cycle 24 will be upon us shortly and when things start happening, you will be glad you volunteered, so let me hear from you, sign up and be part of the team. You won't regret it.

## Forty Meter Report by Jay KI4TXP

It sure has been a fun couple of months. Our check-ins are staying around the 20 mark each night. As you know the conditions are not very good at all. I sure hope that in the coming months the conditions will improve. There are so many people that make the 40M section run. I wish that I could name all of you but with my luck I would forget someone. So I want to THANK all that help nightly and every so often. Without your help we would have never survived the horrible conditions. Let's all hope for better conditions as we approach summer. Only time will tell!

I know that there are some of you to help. The foreign broadcasts really take over at 01:00Z so it is impossible to continue. If there is anyone out there that wants to help please send me an email. That also goes for 80M. I just need volunteers and we can get it going. Once again I want to thank all those great people that have helped me out. Without you we would never be where we are. THANKS AGAIN!



**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

- 1 Picture provider for the month
- 4 AC8W and \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Host and hostess of this year's convention
- 9 Headed to Nicaragua
- 10 Dick and Judy are looking for \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 A funny Viking with a birthday in March
- 3 Keeper of the information for the 25-year award
- 4 A new YL who has been waiting a while for her sideband number
- 5 Lives in a city that has a season in its name
- 6 "This is \_\_\_\_\_, with AC8W at the mic"
- 7 Our newest Full House member
- 8 The TFO not in Voice 58 with the lowest sideband number

- 1. Which one of these four does not belong with the other three?
  - a. K4ICA
  - b. KE5ZI
  - c. AK1X
  - d. WZ1F
  
- 2. What frequency do we move to on Saturday mornings to avoid QRming the GE net?
  - a. 14.331
  - b. 14.333
  - c. 14.330.5

We do not move
  
- 3. Which one of these three does not belong with the other two?
  - a. KB8NSA
  - b. K6ZNL
  - c. KC0NVL
  
- 4. Which one of these callsigns did Paula hold when she joined the system?
  - a. AB1EU
  - b. NL7KQ
  - c. AK1X

- 5. Which of these three does not belong with the other two?
  - A. NK7KQ
  - B. KL7FQQ
  - C. KL7OU
  
- 6. After the GE net is finished on Saturday mornings, who comes to tell us that we can move back up?
  - a. AA3GZ
  - b. W4NKI
  - c. W3TOM
  
- 7. Who was the system historian before KA4NWS?
  - a. K9WFE
  - b. K3CDQ
  - c. KC7KPG
  
- 8. What DX member of the system fell off of his/her roof and cracked his/her skull one winter while trying to get some snow off of his/her roof?
  - a. VE9MSD
  - b. VE3JPJ
  - c. VE9GU
  - d. KL7OU

None of the above. Hams don't fall off of roofs.

Answers in next issue.



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*From the Editor... K3CDQ*

*This is my first attempt at a newsletter with such wide circulation and I am sure happy to have my bride of 46 years to steer me straight. Judy has a great amount of experience with newsletters and other similar documents. We are blessed that she agreed to be my co-editor. Having seen her work in the past, I know we will all be proud of the newsletter.*

*I offer thanks to all who have sent me emails, letters, photos and other information for this issue. In fact, we have a couple items that we are going to have to hold until the next issue. Please feel free to send us information each month. When possible, send it in a finished format so we can simply copy it and insert it on a page. Photos too! Send us photos of your shack, antennas, Field Day or your family.*

*We would also like to receive articles from Board members, officers, and our various managers and coordinators.*

*Thanks again and you can be sure we will do our best to provide you with a quality document.*

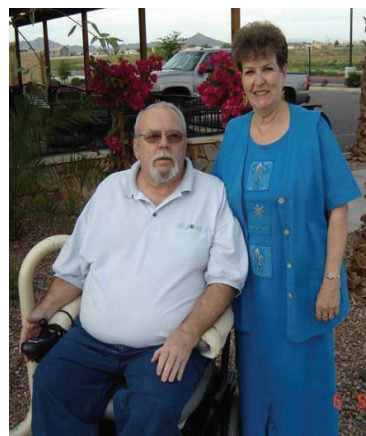
*Judy & Dick*



## Spotlight on: Gene Snyder W7RMC

Gene and wife Joan Snyder live in Summerset SD. Married in 1956, they have six children. Gene says, "We have lots and lots of grandchildren and great grandchildren." A member of the YL System since 1998, Gene enjoys using his Kenwood 940. He loves the 150 watts it transmits.

When not talking on the radio, Gene and Joan travel. They spent 25 months in Africa. Since retirement they motored through the USA in a Monoco Motor home and loved every moment. Joan still wants to do more traveling, and Gene hopes to do so. They moved from Arizona to South Dakota to be near family. Gene is experiencing some health concerns, and is following doctor's orders to stay put for a while. We wish our friends, the Snyders all the best!



April Spotlight? You tell us. Send us your comments and details on the deserving member you would like to see in the "Spotlight."