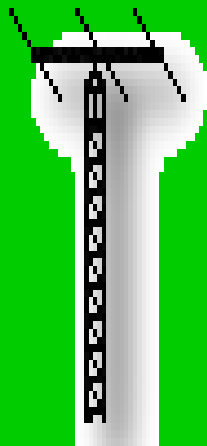


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SPOKANE VALLEY, WA

JUNE 18-21

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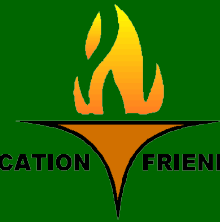
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President's Report... BY ROSE KL7FQQ

Greetings from Washington

2009 CONVENTION

Registrations are beginning to come in for the 2009 Convention in Spokane Valley, Washington. Remember that your room reservations must be made prior to May 19 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 and the Rockin'B must be in by June 1. The convention brochure is available on the Website, or may be mailed to you if you send an SASE to KL7FQQ, P.O. Box 954, Newman Lake, WA 99025

2010 CONVENTION

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

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 at all 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

2 - States awards have been sent to Jane, N1PVT.
1 - 400-hour Service Award has been sent to Amy, KC8VRT. Several 25 -Year Member Certificates have been sent to: Ray W1EKZ, Frank KE7MP, Dave W6HB, Stephen VE3JPJ, John KR4KP and Leonard KH0AC. Congratulations to all.

ELECTION RESULTS

The votes were tallied in the election for Treasurer and one Board position. Those elected will assume their new duties at the close of the 2009 Convention. Jodie ABØEG was reelected to continue as treasurer, and we will have a new Board member. Judy KC7KPG was elected to fill the seat previously held by Rex, WAØAVW. We welcome Judy, and thank Rex for his service over the past three years.

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. There is one nominee for each position. We will be accepting 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 email to Ron VE9GU at smithrp@sympatico.ca, or you may drop me a line either via email or snail mail. Due to term limits, I will not be eligible to run for the office of President. If you wish to nominate someone, please ensure that they would be willing to run. Thanks, Rose



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

16401	KBØKBO	TOOKIE	FL
16402	AA4GW	ANIDA	AL
16403	KE6YPX	JIM	CA
16404	N9YMA	RON	IL
16405	KI4IRH	TOM	VA
16406	KDØFPD	WHIT	CO
16407	VA7AJK	ART	BC

ANNIVERSARIES

5/09 JOHN KC2ATK AND XYL
5/19 BILL K3UMV / JOYCE K3UMW

SILENT KEYS

NUØE 14296 JAY GORHAM SD
VK9NS 12846 JAMES SMITH AU
AAØNG 11033 KURT DIEDRING CO
W7FEO 11050 GORDON RYAN WA

One award issued this month:

SPRING AWARD
N9ZDD JERRY 16304

DX ON THE MOONBEAM LATELY

KH0AC LEN 2903 MARIANA ISLES
JA1CG HARUO 4174 JAPAN
2IØTRM STEVE N. IRELAND
KH6CB SONNY 16115 HAWAII
V44KJ KEN NEVIS ISLAND

APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS

4/01 K4HCB	5/05 N6JUA
4/03 KB9IFD	5/06 W5GQW
4/04 WR5K	5/10 KE6GTR
4/06 AA9FC	5/10 KA0HPK
4/09 WD1Z	5/11 WA0PFV
4/10 WA9JMU	5/08 KC8TDC
4/10 KI4JQB	5/12 KB4RDH
4/13 W1ABM	5/13 N8OUO
4/13 K3CDQ	5/15 N4UOG
4/17 VA3BEX	5/17 WAØAAM
4/22 KA4NWS	5/17 K2MGLs-XYL
4/25 UA1ZO	5/19 K3UMV
4/27 VE2XMP	5/23 N2RXX
4/28 KØMSR	5/24 KB8ESY
4/30 KAØSHC	5/25 KI4P
5/01 KC8TDC	5/26 KC2ATK
5/05 N1JRX	5/26 AA9BB

POSTAL INFORMATION

The United States Postal Service has announced that effective May 11 the price of a first class, one ounce envelope will increase from 43 cents to 44 cents. Post cards will go to 28 cents. Airmail to all countries (except Canada and Mexico) will be raised to 98 cents. Mail to Canada will be 75 cents, while mail to Mexico will be 79 cents.

No word has been received as to whether there will be an increase to International Reply Coupons (IRCs), although they to will probably be going up.

If we have any serious DXers amongst us, don't forget that the "Beijing model No 2" IRCs must be exchanged for postage by 12/31/09. Be sure to use them up now so the DX stations and QSL Managers will have ample time to turn them in before the end of the year.

NUMBERS - From: Barbara KE5ZI

At 12:34 and 56 seconds on July 8, it will be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 AM or PM

Another month of poor conditions has passed but we hung in there thanks to your help. I so much want to thank each of you individually but am afraid to post names for fear of forgetting someone but rest assured, I do not forget you each day when you assist. Again, I have to ask if others would please come aboard and give us a hand. There are many times throughout the day when I am controlling alone or with just one person assisting. As you know, you cannot hear and check in everyone from one location on twenty-meters. To operate efficiently and not overlook anyone we must have at least two controls in different locations, far apart from each other. Thanks to all who assisted on President's Day. Past and present presidents checking in that day included: KL7FQQ, N5BYF, and KE5ZI. Finally, I would very much appreciate control assistance on the EMWU. With help only on Wednesday, it is very difficult to keep things going. Others do come in and help from time to time, but I really need some regular assistance in the morning. So, as you read this, I am asking YOU to please give some thought to coming in and helping on the Early Morning Warm Up. If just three or four of you would come aboard only one morning a week each, it would be a great help. I am looking forward to having you check in with me and offer to take checkins Thanks, Jda KB5YQ

40 METER REPORT BY JAY KI4TXP

Need I say anything about conditions? Since the Foreign Broadcasts have moved up above 7.200, things have really gone down hill. If we are lucky we might get ten check-ins, with most of them coming as relays. I feel fortunate to be able to hear one or two check-ins and then those checked in relaying for me. We have been trying several possible frequencies for the 40 Meter System. One is above 7.200 which I prefer not to use and the other is around 7.190. We are limited to where we can go. I want to keep it open so that Generals can check in. This means that I have to find a frequency between 7.175 and 7.200. If anyone has any thoughts, please feel free to contact me.

I do want to thank all the good folks that have been here to help in these trying times. Without you we would not have a 40 Meter Portion. Everyone keep your chins up and a smile on your face. We will beat the Broadcasts! Once again, THANKS to all those that help and those that check in. Jay KI4TXP

WEEKEND REPORT BY JOHN KI4JQB

There is not too much to report this time. Due to the Virginia QSO Party, I did not try to have a system on March 21. Then, I tried a first period for a few minutes on March 28, but due to the Russian DX Contest, I think it was, we couldn't stay very long. After that, I understood why contests are liked by those in them and disliked by those not in them, but that's an aside. Finally, on April 4, we had a "real" first period again. We stayed for almost an hour and a half, we had twenty check-ins, and I had four assistant controls. On the 11th, Jda got eighteen check-ins and I got sixteen, we had six assistant controls (a Saturday morning first period record, as far as I remember), and we stayed for about an hour and a quarter. On the 18th, we had twenty-three check-ins, there were five assistant controls, and we stayed for about fifty minutes.

Thanks to all who have been helping me on first period. KI4JQB

MOONBEAM REPORT BY DICK K3CDQ

Not much has changed on the Moonbeam since last month. We did have a bright spot back on March 25 when Len, KHØAC on Saipan, Mariana Islands in the Pacific checked in. A number of stations worked him and he is an Old Time member with a number of 2093. Then on April 15 Debbie checked in JA1CG # 4174. However, conditions continue to be poor and while I do understand it can be a bit frustrating at times, I find it disappointing to have some Controls not show up and not bother to inform me or anyone they will not be controlling. I hope that all Controls are planning on continuing in their roles, but if anyone wishes to give up their Control position, you need to inform me so that I can attempt to replace you. As far as I am concerned, none of our valuable and appreciated Controls are "replaceable" but if it must be, so be it! I would like to remind all Controls, Moonbeam and day time, to keep track of your control hours. "Certificates of Service" are available for all Control stations and are issued in 100 hour increments. On the Moonbeam, I am not asking for "exact to the minute" records but would like a reasonable log of your service submitted to me for each 100 hours of controlling. With that information, I will have Service Certificates issued to you. Once certificates totaling 1,000 hours have been issued to a Control, a title of "Honorary System Control Director" will be issued with an assigned sequence number. K3CDQ

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Photo E— One of the reasons Joan, W4JMJ, enjoys HFing under limited circumstances is her gear: a new Yaesu FT-2000 with a deluxe speaker console and other special extras. Joan recently joined Skywarn, received ARRL VE accreditation, became District Four spokesperson for YLRL, and began practicing CW and investigating digital modes. Truly a little HFing encouragement goes a long way. (Photo courtesy of W4JMJ)

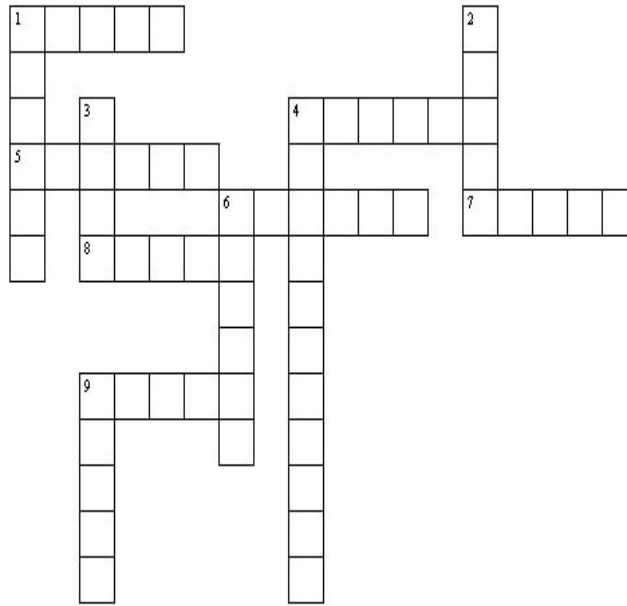
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Received from Joe WA7JT, Sidebander #15954, TFO 451

During the weekend of October 17, 2008, a special event was held here on Camano Island, WA. The event was to celebrate the opening of Cama Beach State Park, here on Camano Island. This is the first new State Park in Washington to open in more than ten years. A special event callsign K7P was authorized for the event. We had numerous operators from the local ham club, the Stanwood-Camano Amateur Radio Club, who set up a station at one of the highest points on the island. A second station was set up at Dwayne's W7GD, also on Camano Island. Dwayne is the president of the local Boeing Ham Club, W7FLY.

We had over 1,200 contacts during the K7P event, almost evenly divided between CW and SSB and most contacts were on 20 meters.

Concurrent with the K7P event was the Annual US Islands Contest, the W/VE Islands. We turned in our log for this event to the Contest Manager, and recently learned that K7P was awarded First Place in the Class A Category. K7PVZ and K3CDQ were among the many Sidebanders who answered a call to drop down to 14.254 MHz and call K7P. Our club QSL manager was kind enough to let me have Bob's confirming QSL card. Thanks Bob.



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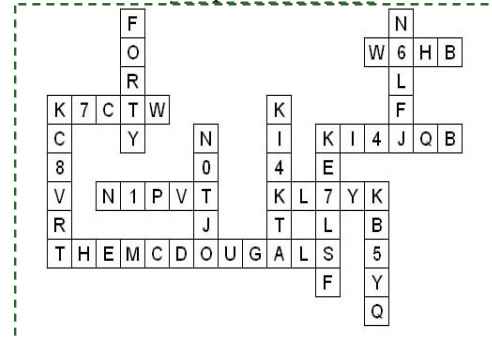
- 1 This moonbeam control is the only one not in the 48 contiguous states
- 4 Recipient of the 400-hour Service Award
- 5 Our newest board member
- 6 This relation of an often-heard control and TFO will be eligible for her own TFO sometime this summer
- 7 Can receive nominations for system offices
- 8 Numbers only, or at least mostly
- 9 This person sometimes helps K7PVZ on the moonbeam when Kevin is not there

DOWN

- 1 If 0 becomes O, this person's callsign prefix and number, and his/her suffix, are the same
- 2 Kevin's usual Friday afternoon moonbeam assistant control
- 3 What are you doing?
- 4 These two people are in a Statehood race
- 6 This new member has a suffix that if one letter is changed would be the initials of a very much disliked government bureau
- 9 Last month's recipient of the Spring Award



April Answers



Spotlight on: K6AA

Los Angeles Maritime Museum

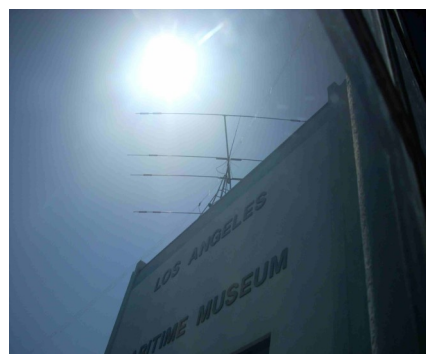


K6AA from the trenches

The YLISSB System has at least three members of the United Radio Amateur Club who operate Station K6AA from its location inside the Los



Angeles Maritime Museum. The “Voice” for 2007-2008, on page 85, featured the club and a photo of the outside of the museum. We thought you might like to see what it looks like from the inside. Above left is the station window from inside the museum. In the center is our main HF set up: an ICOM 746 Pro III, at 100 watts, which runs barefoot into a Mosley 5 band yagi. (seen in the photo to the left.) You can also see the Heil boom mike and the antenna rotator. What you don’t see is our ‘ocean’ of ground.



The museum is the old Ferry Building, and sits on the main channel of Los Angeles harbor.

The next two photos are what we see when we look out to the public part of the museum. Our area has numerous ship models, including the model used in the filming of “The Poseidon Adventure.”



The tugboat Angels Gate, which is what we are as a station for ‘Museum Ship’s Weekend’ can be seen from the water side windows.



“Many Thanks” to Scotty K6ZNL for her assistance in providing information and photos and helping to layout this page. We very much appreciate her help and the many hours she and John put in as they help as System Controls on The YL System.



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N5THT AND A BIG LOAD



Harry K7HK - Okay Harry, are you measuring a snake, a fish or what? Or maybe, "I'm sorry Darlene, my slice of pizza was only this big!"

From the Editor...K3CDQ

I will pass on editor's comments this Month in order to make room for this excellent article on Jay KI4TXP #16251

This is reprinted with permission from The Loudoun Amateur Radio Group of Northern Virginia. Jay is on the left.



The Loudoun Amateur Radio Group has selected Jay Ives - KI4TXP of Lucketts, Virginia, as the LARG Outstanding Member for 2008. The announcement of Jay's selection occurred at the Groups' annual Holiday Dinner in Hamilton, Virginia on December 12, 2008.

This award is made annually for individual dedication, singularly valuable and innovative contributions to the furtherance of the goals and ideals of the Loudoun Amateur Radio Group of Virginia.

Jay's certificate reads:

"The Loudoun Amateur Radio Group hereby recognizes the outstanding contributions of Jay Ives - KI4TXP of Lucketts, Virginia, for his outstanding support, attention to detail, and invaluable dedication as Co-Captain 2008 K4LRG Field Day best ever 40-Meters Phone station, member of the 2008 LARG Training Committee, Incorporation Task Leader, Banner Leader, and Net Control Station on many LARG weekly radio nets. He is also recognized for his consistent, steady support to the annual Reston Century Ride, First Night Leesburg, the Voice of Mission Control for K4LRG Balloon Flight 2008A, and the LARG preparation for the Manassas Hamfest, and for his superb technical skills in operating his station to a 60,000 point score as High Rookie in 2008 Virginia QSO Party and as the YL ISSB System 40-Meter System Coordinator."



CURRENT CONTEST ACTIVITY

- Apr. 25-26 SP DX RTTY Contest
- Apr. 25-26 Helvetia Contest
- Apr. 25-26 Florida QSO Party
- Apr. 25-26 Nebraska QSO Party
- May 2-3 7th Call Area QSO Party
- May 2-3 Indiana QSO Party
- May 2-3 ARI International DX Contest
- May 2-3 New England QSO Party
- May 30-31 CQ WW WPX CW Contest