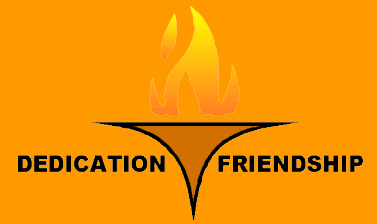


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## President's Report... BY ROSE KL7FQQ

Greetings from Washington

### AWARDS

The Statehood Award was issued to Amy, KC8VRT, #16191.  
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](mailto: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.

### VOICE #58

We still have several extra copies of the most recent Voice. And, would be willing to sell them for \$8 apiece, which would include postage. So, if you want an extra copy, let me know, and I'll ship it out. Make checks payable to YLISSB.

### ASSISTANT NEEDED

Rex, WAØAVW, 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](mailto:rexwhite@marshalnet.com) or me, [kl7fqq@yahoo.com](mailto:kl7fqq@yahoo.com).

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



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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### NEW MEMBERS

16445	KE5ZEI	STEVE	TX
16446	KN6OP	DAVID	CA
16447	K9ZMZ	ED	TX

### TFOs NOT IN THE VOICE

465 KR4KP	477 KC9EAG
466 W4KRN	478 KB4EJ
467 W6VY	479 W7QEB
468 W1SQM	480 K6EDJ
469 W7GMF	481 NF2J
470 KC2ATK	482 NØDFP
471 KI4P	483 KA7TXR
472 KL7OU	484 KCØUOC
473 KC8VRT	485 KI4TXP
474 KI4JQB	486 KC9ICP
475 KH6CB	487 ABØEG
476 AC8W	

### NOVEMBER CONTESTS

NOV 7/8	IPA CONTEST
NOV 7/8	UKRANIAN DX CONTEST
NOV 14/15	JAPAN INTL DX CONTEST
NOV 14/15	KENTUCKY QSO PARTY
NOV 14/16	CQ WESTERN ELECTRIC
NOV 21/22	MONGOLIA DX CONTEST
NOV 21/22	LZ DX CONTEST
NOV 21/23	ARRL NOV SWEEPSTAKES

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01	KE5ZI	11/15	KQ4NN
11/03	W6LC	11/16	N4USW
11/04	KB9OC	11/19	AB7PS
11/06	WDØDAW	11/20	AA3CN
11/07	G4WPW	11/21	W1VCU
11/07	K2MGL	11/21	N2YQZ
11/07	KCØMEZ	11/24	KG4CNA
11/08	N8UOO	11/25	VE9GU
11/09	N3NI	11/26	KR4KP
11/10	W2GLB	11/28	WA5IPS
11/11	KL7WW	11/28	KE9EAG
11/11	WA6EBB	11/28	W2VX
11/11	N7FSR	11/30	N1FJR

### ANNIVERSARIES

11/06	WB5OHN / K5ILJ
11/09	K3UMV / K3UMW
11/10	WD1Z / KA1YOV
11/30	KA4NWS / KG4NWS
11/30	VE9GU / DIANE

### SILENT KEYS

5897	W2RBK	GEORGE	NY
6078	K4LPT	STANLEY	FL
8625	K3VC	VERNON	MD
10893	W8BT	ROBERT	OH
15506	KC4QQL	EARL	TN
15231	KR6Q	FRANK	CA
15680	KB5TAC	ROB	TX
16023	N9VXQ	JIMMIE	IN

### CALLSIGN CHANGES

WB9OYY IS NOW	KJ4IRA #10901
KB1QZP IS NOW	W1NRI #16349
N4BUX IS NOW	K4HJL #12125
AE9KY IS NOW	K9FXG #15947

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.

Well to say the least it has been one heck of a month. I would like to thank all that have stepped in and helped while I've been busy with family matters. Yes, I will be gone again the last week of October. After that, it will be about a week at a time every 4-6 weeks. For how long I can't answer. With the end of DST, we will be starting the 40 M section at 00:00z (7:00 PM EST). So there will be no change in the start time. Don't forget we step back Nov. 1, 2009.

I've received several complaints about the QRM and QRN on 7.201. Some say that we should go to a different frequency. As most of you know, we did change in March for the same reason. We went from 7.273 to 7.201. Side step. At about 2330z I got hammered by a broadcast. I checked to see where it was and found it at 7.200. That was just after a member had asked of me to go to that frequency, which I was unable to do because I was NC. The hope was that the foreign broadcasts would not hurt too much so close to out of band. Well to me it seems as if things are almost as bad. What to do? Change again or hang in there and see what happens. I feel that we should hang in there and see what happens. I know the noise and interference is horrendous Let's bide our time. Maybe with the change of time, we will actually be on a hour later Z time. That could help out.

I know how bad it is. I wish I could just unplug and sign off. Yes, even if you don't hear me, I'm there. Yes, we close the System at 00:00z and some times a little before that time. There are many others that do the same. You all know who you are so no names will be mentioned. THANKS. If you only check in and say HI and then leave that's fine just don't give up. IT WILL GET BETTER!!!

### EMWU REPORT FOR JDA BY N1PVT

Since Jda doesn't e-mail, I'm writing the report for her. Check-ins have been improving somewhat on the Early Morning Warm-Up, but Jda could use more help in control. N1PVT and W1VCU cover the first hour between them all week, but a third control in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> calling area would sure be helpful. She has some help for second hour, but really could use some regular helpers both second and [especially] third hour. Check-ins have been good all three periods of the daytime system, and she has a fair number of controls to help her, but when people are away for whatever reason she sometimes finds herself working alone or short-handed. If you are around anytime between 1200 Z and 2100 Z, do check in and see how things are going. With propagation picking up, the more member stations on frequency who could help with the log would be greatly appreciated.

73 de N1PVT, Jane, MA

### THE ARRL LETTER, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009 (EXCERPTS), TNX TO THE ARRL

**National Safety Council Responds to ARRL: No Evidence of "Significant Crash Risks" While Operating Mobile** ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, wrote a letter to National Safety Council (NSC) President Janet Froetscher in July expressing the ARRL's concerns that Amateur Radio not become an unintended victim of the growing public debate over what to do about distracted drivers <[http://www.arrl.org/news/files/NSC\\_Letter7-30-09.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/news/files/NSC_Letter7-30-09.pdf)>. Froetscher has now replied, saying the NSC does not support bans or prohibitions on the use of Amateur Radios while driving <[http://www.arrl.org/news/files/NSC\\_Response\\_to\\_ARRL.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/news/files/NSC_Response_to_ARRL.pdf)>.

Noting that there is significant evidence that talking on cell phones while driving poses crash risk four times that of other drivers, Froetscher observed that the NSC position calling for bans on the use of cell phones while driving is grounded in science. "We are not aware of evidence that using Amateur Radios while driving has significant crash risks," Froetscher wrote in her August 24 letter. "We also have no evidence that using two-way radios while driving poses significant crash risks. Until such time as compelling, peer-reviewed scientific research is presented that denotes significant risks associated with the use of Amateur Radios, two-way radios or other communication devices, the NSC does not support legislative bans or prohibition on their use."

Froetscher said that while "the specific risk of radio use while driving is unmeasured and likely does not approach that of cell phones, there indeed is some elevated risk to the drivers, their passengers and the public associated with 650,000 Amateur Radio operators who may not, at one time or another, not concentrate fully on their driving." She points out that the "best safety practice is to have one's full attention on their driving, their hands on the wheel and their eyes on the road. Drivers who engage in any activity that impairs any of these constitutes an increased risk."

From Sally and Kevin (KG4NWS/KA4NWS)

2010 YLISSB CONVENTION NEWS #2

Hi folks,

The contract with the Embassy Suites has been signed, the food for the Saturday Evening Banquet has been selected, the day activities have been arranged, and now we await YOUR Arrival!

For those of you wishing to make your hotel reservations prior to receiving the Voice, you may do so by calling the Embassy Suites direct at: 1-803-252-8700. Embassy Suites has also created a webpage exclusively for our YLISSB members to make reservations. You can find this link on the 2010 Convention page at: <http://kg4nws.tripod.com>

When you receive your Voice for this next year, you will see the registration program included therein, as well as the prices for everything. We went very simple this year to keep the cost down as much as we could.

If you are flying into Columbia, there is a free shuttle to take you to the hotel and then back to the airport at the conclusion of the festivities. While we are talking shuttle, the Embassy Suites has graciously agreed to provide that service for free to our group for such things as sightseeing, the trip to the Zoo and Botanical Gardens that we have scheduled and also the State Museum and Civil War Relic Room. They really are striving to make your visit to our fair city as pleasant and memorable as possible.

We have gotten group rates for both the Zoo/Botanical Gardens as well as for the State Museum, and we really think you will be pleasantly surprised at not only the low prices, but also the neat cultural atmosphere at both places.

Sally and I are really hoping that many of you will arrive in time to partake of our lunch and afternoon relaxing here at our home on Lake Wateree on that Wednesday, the 16<sup>th</sup>. You will actually get to see what the feel of a country home on the lake is like, and at the same time, enjoy some neat chow. Bring you swim suits!!

We plan on putting bits and pieces of information in the Communicator on a monthly basis, so keep your eyes peeled.

That's it for now.

73,  
Kevin and Sally



KEVIN & SALLY AT THE EMBASSY SUITE, OUR CONVENTION SITE IN COLUMBIA, SC.

Gene W7RMC shown seated along with friend Keith. They served together aboard the Minesweeper USS Stalwart in the Atlantic, and North Atlantic, Pacific, and South Pacific, and Mediterranean. Keith was an Engineman and Gene was Chief Radioman.

**We salute them and all the members of our Armed Forces past and present!**



**EMAILS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS**

Please announce that the nominating committee only has one person that has been nominated to continue as Treasurer and one person to become a Director. We need more nominees prior to the next convention. Please have them email their nominees to [ab7hb@arrl.net](mailto:ab7hb@arrl.net) to be added to the list after they confirm that the person is willing to run for office.

Bernard Fineberg, AB7HB  
3206 S. Rainier Street  
Kennewick, WA 99337

(Editor's Comment: Let's get some more of our members involved. Contact members you think would be good officers for the System. Ask them if you can nominate them and if they say yes send their names to Bernard.)

Hi Dick its been a long time since we had our last contact, I've been looking up the old members on QRZ ,I was shocked and sorry to see Rhonda and Tom are now silent key's, I spent many evenings chatting to them and they bring back some nice memories, I have some recordings of the moonbeam taken all those years ago... I hope you and your family are well and the YL members are well please pass my regards to them all..Last week at our local club I tried to get into the YL system without any success, but you never know one of these days you will hear me again...Is Ellie still active and Darlene in Idaho ? if so could you let me have their email add ?.....Ok better sign off now, best regards to you all. 73,  
Roy G4WPW Editor's note: Roy was a daily check-in when the bands were open. He will return!!!

**Subject:** CQ WW SSB Contest ON-AIR TC7KA

Hi there all the radio amateur friends:

We -**TA7KA** / TRAC (Turkiye Radio Amateur Club) Trabzon Branch- are going to join CQ WW SSB Contest with a specific callsign **TC7KA**. Our station is on Trabzon City which is on the north east coast of Turkey. Our station is 200 m high from sea level. All of our antenna systems are home made. In contests and DX works they have really good performance at this place which has a wonderful landscape view. Our station has 1 KW continuous RF Out capability. You can find more details on the link: [www.ta7ka.com](http://www.ta7ka.com)  
If one of you want to work with us for the contest please feel free to contact. That would be honor for us.

See you all on the air at **CQ WW SSB Contest**.  
Bye bye...  
73s  
Clup Station Manager, TA7OM Huda.  
[www.ta7ka.com](http://www.ta7ka.com) (Clup station website)



Talk about beauty!! Photos sent by Len KHØAC Sidebander #2903. This is his beautiful family at the Niko Hotel, Saipan on Father's Day. The bottom photo is Laulau Bay on the southeast coast of Saipan. The Philippine Sea lies west of Saipan. Photo at the upper right is "Home Sweet Home."

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#### HAM TV WEBCAST

**Subject: HAM TV Website Announcement: There's now a Amateur Radio streaming video site on the web. [www.hamtv.org](http://www.hamtv.org) Ham Radio TV Events, Communication & Electronics History Webcast With High Speed Internet And Windows Media Player is located at <http://www.hamtv.org> . Providing a dedicated high performance server with plenty of bandwidth to the amateur radio community free of charge. If your amateur radio club or organization or equipment manufacture has amateur radio related digital video to donate, please send a link for downloading to Robert Koch, [wa6uvv@arri.net](mailto:wa6uvv@arri.net) with the subject line "consideration to be webcast". Formats accepted are in English 320 X 240 Windows Media, FLASH, MOV, Mpeg 1, Mpeg 2, and Real Video. at 500 Kbps. or Greater for conversion.**



**KEN N5THT IN PAWNEE ROCK KANSAS**



**GENE W7RMC & JOAN**



**LOST & FOUND IN SPOKANE VALLEY**



**RALPH'S SHACK IN OKLAHOMA**



**RACHAEL KI4WPL #16326  
DAUGHTER OF NF2J & NF2B**



**DENNY W1VCU #15524**



**GREG KC0NVL #15887 OKLAHOMA  
However, this photo was taken in Kansas**



