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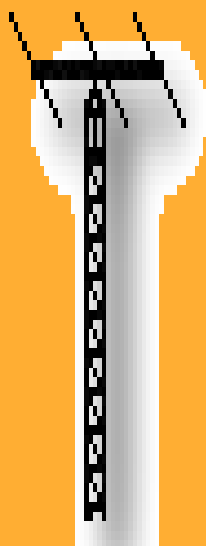
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## President's Report...

### AWARDS

Summer awards were issued to: N9ZDD, Jerry #16304; KBØSVY, Ed #16416, and K3CDQ, Dick #12934. Congratulations to Jerry, Ed and Dick

### 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.

### VOICE #58

We 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. 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.

### QSO PARTY

The QSO Party has been changed. No longer will there be a RTTY category. We just were not getting enough participation to continue this category.

### BELT OF ORION AWARD

The requirements for the Belt of Orion Award are that each year, three new call signs are added, and three are removed. This years, those removed are: K3CDQ, VE1JIM, and KL7FQQ. Those added are: VE9GU, KC2ATK and WAØPFV. If you work ten of the following members, you can earn this beautiful awards. VE9GU, KC2ATK, WAØPFV, K8NQC, K9WFE, KA4NWS, KB8NSA, KC7KPG, KG4NWS, NØTWV, VE3JPJ AND VE7AVV.

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



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# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS			
16441	N2FPJ	BERT	NY
16442	K7HPT	MARK	WA
16443	W7NED	NED	WA
16444	W3GOE	DAVID	NC

SILENT KEYS			
8625	K3VC	VERNON	MD
10983	W8BT	ROBERT	OH
12823	NF1C	GERRY	ME
16023	N9VXQ	JIMMIE	IN

OCTOBER CONTESTS	
OCT 3/4	OCEANIA DX PHONE
OCT 3/4	EU AUTUMN SPRINT
OCT 3/4	CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY
OCT 9/11	YLRL ANNIVERSARY PARTY
OCT 10/11	WORKED ALL BRITAIN
OCT 10/12	PENNSYLVANIA QSO PARTY
OCT 10/11	ARIZONA QSO PARTY
OCT 17	IOWA QSO PARTY
OCT 17/18	WORKED ALL GERMANY
OCT 17/18	W/VE ISLANDS QSO PARTY
OCT 18/19	ILLINOIS QSO PARTY
OCT 19/23	SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP
<b>OCT 24/25</b>	<b>CQ WW SSB CONTEST</b>

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	

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	
1	K3UMV
2	ZL1AMN
6	KB7ITR
7	VE9YL
9	KA1FXI
9	KQ6LU
11	W9OPA
12	VE2KRM
14	VP5RW
15	K7HK
15	WA6TGR
17	KD5LWU
19	K1IER
20	N7HRO
20	N4ODI
25	WW8HB
27	KT4MA
31	KA7KAI



NØQAV KIM, WDØDAW IRENE



NØQAU JOE



ALIG CORLISS & FRANK



KR4KP JOHN & W4EHN BETTY



W7JAP BILL & XYL JOAN



VE9MSD MONA VE9RMD ROBERT & FAMILY



NØJSP FRED



W5HNI BUDDY, MARILYN, REX & MARIA



AA4GT GEORGE



CRAIG WBØGFZ & JDA

FROM THE HISTORIAN

What would the history of the YL System be like if it were not for photographs to go along with much of the narratives that have been written over the past forty-six years? Well, as the Historian, I would have to say that it would definitely leave a void if left out. Dick, K3CDQ, who publishes the Communicator, relies heavily on photos of System members and their families as does the publisher of our annual Voice publication.

My documents recording our YL System history are filled with photos, many of them grainy and almost unrecognizable now after all these years, but still an important aspect of what we were, are, and will be apart of...one of the greatest Amateur Radio groups ever!

I think V. Mayree Tallman, our Founder said it best back in 1980 when she was attempting to introduce some of her personal photos into an album meant for her Children....She said, and I quote, "Photographs are treasured for they are loopholes of escape to the soul, leading into other scenes and spheres where the fancy for the moment may revel, refreshed and delighted. Or, of those departed, bring back memories of what once was. They are consolers of loneliness, and a relief to a jaded mind - windows to imprisoned thought; they are books, histories, and sermons which we can read without turning the page." Wow! She was surely something else, wasn't she?

Anyway, keep those photos coming in...We all can use them and love viewing them!

73  
Kevin (KA4NWS)

Thanks to Jda for the info to the right. She was kind enough to compile this list for us and it shows, to the best of our knowledge, the 18 wheeler drivers who are ACTIVE, INACTIVE and the ones we have not heard from in some time and therefore do not know if they are still driving.

This info is to assist you with the new WAS 18 Wheeler Award. If you have any additional information about any "member" - 18 wheeler driver, please email your information to me at k3cdq@comcast.net. We want to know each and every 18 wheel driver member so we can list them for you.

Thanks!

ACTIVE	INACTIVE	DON'T KNOW
KBØSPA	AC5PW	KCØECK
KBØSVY	N9SWM	W9JAY
KI4P	KFØNU	VE4DS
KM5FF	N5CJA	KC8MCX
KE7EZJ	W1MHD	AB2OQ
K9YG	N5CJA	NØWJO
N5THT	N9PLE	KK5PN
VE2XMP	KB9LUK	KB9IOT
WB6YEP	WDØEMY	KB9POA
ACØMG	KC9EAG	KC5LT
VE6NLH	WAØWOT	AK7UE
	KE2ZG	KB7GBP
	N4UOG	KB4RDH
		KL7RO



ONE OF K7HK HARRY'S MANY SHACKS - AND - AN ADDITION FOR HIS DRAKE LINE MEMBERS, SEND ME PHOTOS OF YOUR SHACK!!

### 2010 YLISSB CONVENTION NEWS

Welcome to the Southland!

As your hosts for the 2010 YL System Convention, we are very pleased to welcome you to our wonderful city of Columbia, South Carolina. The dates for the Convention are 17 - 20 June, 2010 although many of you folks will be arriving earlier we are sure.

Let us tell you a bit about Columbia. The city is remarkable for its wide variety of things to do, places to eat, and cultural significance. Across the street from the YL System Convention Center, the Embassy Suites, is one of the nations top ten Zoos and Botanical Gardens. A sanctuary for more than 2,000 animals, including endangered species, this magnificent zoo features an array of animal exhibits and special feedings for visitors. The 70-acre botanical garden is filled with woodlands, gardens, historic ruins, and plant collections, and the botanical gardens have been recognized in national journals and magazines as one of the ten must see in the country.

Now, as everyone knows, South Carolina played a most prominent role in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, and not to be overlooked are the wonderful museums, historic homes, and nearby battlefields. When General Sherman conducted his "March to the Sea", that included storming through Columbia and burning the City nearly to the ground. There is still much evidence of that tragic period to be found today.

Do you like to eat? Well, let us tell you....there is nothing better than homestyle southern cooking, and the numerous restaurants that abound in Columbia attest to that fact. You will certainly not be disappointed in that area!

The Embassy Suites Hotel Staff are bending over backwards to ensure our visit with them is a wonderful and memorable experience. They will pick you up from the airport if you are flying in, and return you via their courtesy shuttles. We have checked out the vehicles and they are state of the art. The suites are spacious and are also totally handicapped accessible. We have created a power-point presentation on the Hotel accommodations and it is found on the YL System Website for all to view.

There will be much more information to follow in this forum on the Convention, and the registration form will be available soon on the YL System Website. We are so looking forward to your arrival and we are doing everything possible to make it a most memorable Convention.

## Weekend Report by KI4JQB

Since July 18<sup>th</sup>, first period has gone relatively well. Conditions have been reasonably good most weeks, and we've usually had a good number of check-ins. From July 18<sup>th</sup> through September 12<sup>th</sup>, we have had between five and twenty-four check-ins each week, we have stayed between twenty-five minutes and an hour and a quarter, and I have had two or three assistant controls.

On a related matter, per a recent suggestion that I received, I am considering changing how I do my first period report—what information I include and how I present it. If anyone has any suggestions, tips, etc. for me, please email me at [ki4jqb@arrl.net](mailto:ki4jqb@arrl.net) or catch me on the air.

Thanks.

73, John

## Forty Meter Report by Jay KI4TXP

Well this has been one heck of a month. With my mother – in- law being sick we have had to be in CT for the past two weeks. With that being said I want to thank every single one of the 40M group that have done such a great job. We did not miss a beat. This is what the YLSYSTEM is all about.  
THANKS TO ALL!!!!!!!

I do want to congratulate Bruce KC9ICP on getting his TFO award. Bruce is one of a very few to receive this award just working 40M.

The past month with the conditions still not good we are starting to hang around 25-30 check ins per night. Add around 10 or so re-checks and it's a good night. As the old timers say you think that is good just wait until the sun spots show up. hi hi

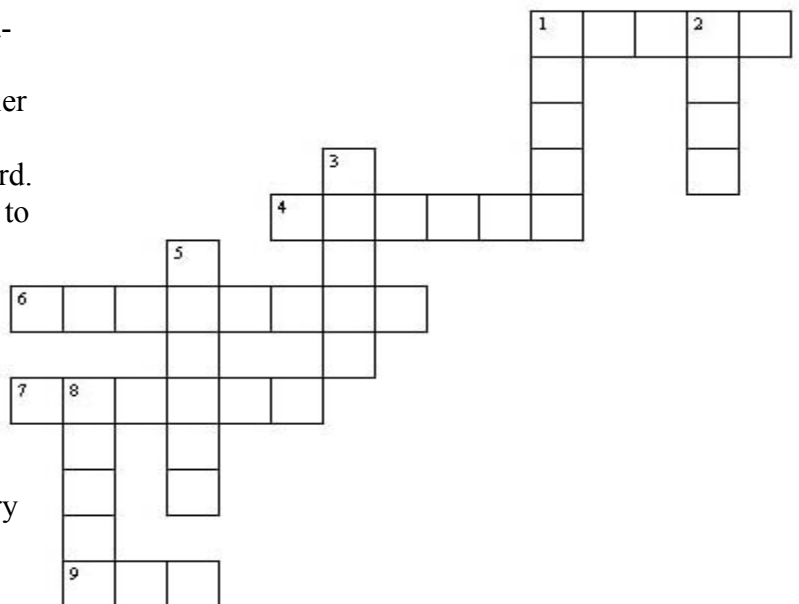
A side note while I have been in CT it made it possible to go to ARRL Headquarters and operate W1AW. I have done this on 20 M making 45 contacts in 3 2 hour stints. I mention this because I will be back there for most of the week of Sept 28. My hours of operation will be 1400z to 1600z give or take. Please feel free to check in and say HI.

### ACROSS

1. Provided tips for emergencies.
4. This member has now seen two of her relatives receive the System scholarship.
6. AC8W & K8DD went to this country earlier this year.
7. A new member who got the Summer Award.
9. A person who received this award but had to wait for it longer than KI4JQB waited.

### DOWN

1. Provided some good comments.
2. A frequently heard control.
3. Seen with two huge fish.
5. This often-heard primary control recently changed bands three times to act as primary control somewhere else.
8. A member with a siren.



## THE YL SYSTEM AWARDS PROGRAM

It has been suggested that occasionally we review one of the System Awards. All information in the reviews will have been previously approved by or requested by our President, Rose KL7FQQ, and/or Bud WD1Z, Awards Manager and/or the Board of Directors. None of the materials in any of the reviews are from any one particular person. This month we will review the TFO Award and next month the Devotional Award. Most devotionals listed in the VOICE are Old Timers with four digit Sideband numbers and many are probably inactive or SKs. Therefore it is important that we get this membership list up to date. If you are or know of a member who is a devotional, please forward information to gdelaney@sbcglobal.net and k3cdq@comcast.net. Any other information you can provide to help us get this award active again should also be sent to K3CDQ.

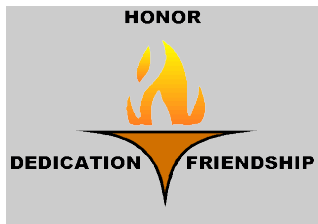
### THE TFO AWARD

TFO stands for “Top Flight Operator” and this award, much like the ARRL A1OP Award, is intended for members who continuously, day after day, demonstrate top operating skills. To receive this award, a person must be a member of the YL System for a minimum of one year. Receiving this award at the end of one year is not automatic. The TFO Awards Manager Karen, KB8NSA, must receive a minimum of ten (10) nominations for a person from ten members who already hold the TFO Certificate. It is not acceptable to send in nominations prior to the one year so that they will accumulate. A member may not be nominated until the one year membership period has passed and a member may only nominate a person once. Holders of the TFO Certificate may submit twelve nominations per year and they may be submitted one at a time or in small groups.

It should be pointed out that this award is not intended for volunteer work controlling, hosting a convention or any other purpose other than operating skills and habits. The System does offer awards for controls and for volunteer work, the Rigel Trophy, or Plaque being the prize award. There are also Service Awards. To nominate members for any reason other than “TOP” operating skills completely degrades the integrity of the program. The assistance many members provide on all portions of the System is much needed and greatly appreciated but such assistance does not necessarily qualify a person for this most coveted Top Flight Operator Award!

It is not demanded but suggested that circulating “lists” of possible candidates should cease. ***Over 95% of our members have email available to them which along with Echolink, Skype, Instant Messenger, CQ100 and other voice software make it very easy for members to discuss nominees in private.*** In fact, discussing this issue is encouraged and good for the System and its members. If a person deserves this award, we want him or her to receive it! At the same time, there is nothing to say TFO must be awarded each week, each month or in any time period. It should be issued ONLY when a person recognizes the excellent operating procedures of a particular member(s). It is not intended to be issued as a reward for any other purpose. Also, regarding lists of possible TFO candidates, it was discussed and approved by the members in attendance at the 2009 convention to ask that these lists be discontinued.

Finally, discussing candidates on the air should not be done primarily because we do not want to disappoint a member who might be discussed but not receive the required ten nominations for the award.



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*From the Editor... K3CDQ*

*Instead of Editor's comments this month, let me tell you about one of our Old Timers we have not heard from in a number of years.*

*On the morning of 9/12 I decided to email Teresa PT2TF to see if she would respond. I know you old timers will remember her since she was a daily check-in on the Moonbeam and her Sideband number is 9234. Her OM Walter is PT2TG #9293. I am pleased to tell you that I received a beautiful email back from her in which she told me Walter had just turned 82 and she would be 80 in November.*

*Teresa said she is still very active on 40 meters and often listens on 20 meters for the System or for anyone in North America to no avail. She said she is also very active on CQ100 so some of you using that mode might listen for her.*

*She would love to hear from others and her email address is:*

*[pt2tf.teresa@gmail.com](mailto:pt2tf.teresa@gmail.com)*



## Spotlight on: Betty W4EHN & son John KR4KP

Born in Evanston, IL in October 1897, and becoming an SK in 2000, Betty was 103 years young. The family lived in Milwaukee before moving to Delafield and when her son John KR4KP graduated from St. John's Military Academy Betty was already interested in ham radio. The family moved to California in 1963 where Betty got her novice license. After a number of attempts at her general ticket, her dad told her if she passed he would take her on a cruise to Hawaii. That did it, she passed and was issued the call K6UHI.

Like many of us Betty came upon the System one day in 1964 and it was not long before she became a member and received Sideband Number 42. Betty became one of the most loved and admired women on the System. The family moved to Florida back when you had to have a call from your area and she was issued W4EHN, the call most of us remember for #42. Shortly after that, Betty talked son John W9HAT into becoming a member and he was issued #2418. John is now KR4KP and is still a regular early morning check-in.

John says his mom was very active on all the nets including County Hunting, and spent most of her time on the radio. She celebrated her 100th birthday with us on the System and on August 11, 2000, the System lost one of its great ladies. John remains active and got his Advanced in 1972 and his Extra in 1973. Hang in there with us John, the bands have to get better some day, and thanks for sharing your mother with us for so many years. Those of us who knew Betty enjoyed talking and working with her for many years.

