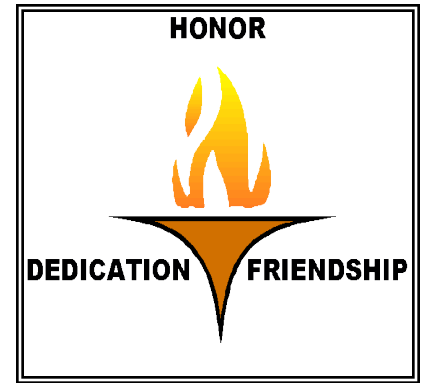


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## President's Report... by Rose KL7FQQ

### Greetings from Washington

#### 2010 CONVENTION

Plans are progressing for the 2010 Convention to be held in Columbia, SC, on June 17-20, 2010. More information will be forthcoming very soon.

#### 2011 CONVENTION

We will no doubt be going to Los Angeles for the 2011 Convention! Scotty, K6ZNL has graciously volunteered to be the host. More information will be forthcoming.

#### AWARDS

The Summer Award was given to WA5JTO Tommy, SSB #16410, Congratulations Tommy.

#### 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. We would be willing to sell them for \$8 each, which would include postage. 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 awhile 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 think you would be interested, you may contact Rex at: [rexwhite@marshalnet.com](mailto:rexwhite@marshalnet.com) or me, at [kl7fqq@yahoo.com](mailto:kl7fqq@yahoo.com)

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

If you would like to receive the Communicator by email and are not already receiving it by email, please let me know and I will add you to the Communicator email list.

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### Rose and Tex



**MEMBER INFORMATION**

IN ERROR, IN JULY I LISTED NEW MEMBERS AS 14,000 RATHER THAN 16,000.

WRONG	CORRECT
14619	16419
14620	16420
14621	16421
14622	16422
14623	16423
14624	16424
14625	16425
14626	16426

SILENT KEYS			
5196	K1WLX	ANDREA	VT
8475	W8DUW	ED	FL
8548	WB4DHU	DAN	NC
11977	W3YE	ROBERT	PA
12813	NF1C	GERALDINE	ME
15349	K5MBE	DONALD	CO
15781	K4IDW	DEAN	FL

AT THIS POINT I HAVE NO IDEA WHY BUT LAST ISSUE, I LEFT OUT AUGUST BIRTHDAYS. MY APOLOGIES TO ALL. I HAVE NO IDEA HOW I DID THAT. SORRY!

AUG & SEPT BDS	
8/01	AA4GT
8/02	WD4HVA
8/03	WBØCYM
8/04	KG5LS
8/10	NØGND
8/10	JUDY/CDQ
8/10	KP3B
8/12	WAØAVW
8/13	KB9BYE
8/14	W1JUS
8/15	WB9MFC
8/16	KC5HIW
8/22	KE4FE
8/23	W7RMC
8/23	WB5OHN
8/24	SM5BBC
8/25	ABØEG
8/25	NØQAV
8/28	KB8NSA
9/02	KC2DCU
9/02	VE1JIM
9/05	KB9OC
9/06	KC7AKN
9/14	KB5IPQ
9/16	WB5BRD
9/18	NØTJO
9/20	MARILYN (WAØAVY-XYL)
9/23	BARBARA (KC2ATK-XYL)
9/24	W7GMF
9/27	N7SD
9/30	WB2RWT

SEPTEMBER CONTEST SCHEDULE	
SEP 5/6	ALL ASIA
SEP 5/6	COLORADO QSO PARTY
SEP 5/6	IARU REGION 1 FIELD DAY
SEP 5/6	TENNESSEE QSO PARTY
SEP 12/13	WAE DX CONTEST
SEP 12/13	ARKANSAS QSO PARTY
SEP 12	OHIO STATE PARKS
SEP 19/20	S. CAROLINA QSO PARTY
SEP 19/20	WASHINGTON SALMON RUN
SEP 19/20	QCWA FALL QSO PARTY
SEP 26/27	SCANDINAVIAN ACTIVITY
SEP 26/27	TEXAS QSO PARTY
SEP 27/28	CLASSIC EXCHANGE

NEW MEMBERS			
16434	W5DBM	BARRIE	OK
16435	KD5MFH	EDDIE	TN
16436	WØRCH	RICK	CO
16437	KC4YBO	STEVE	GA
16438	N3IDX	STEVE	MD
16439	W3PFC	PAUL	PA
16440	KCØVNT	MO	

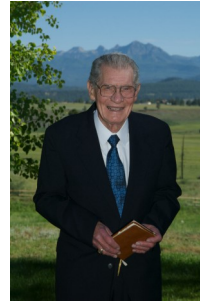
ANNIVERSARIES	
8/3	KL7FQQ & KL7FQR
9/5	WA6EBB & MARY
9/28	K3CDQ & JUDY

REGARDING CONTEST ACTIVITY: I LIST ONLY THE CONTESTS THAT COULD CREATE QRM ON 14.332. I DO NOT LIST VHF, UHF OR CW, ETC.

AF4UK IS NOW AF4UH  
 \* \* \* \* \*  
 ZK1CG IS NOW BOTH  
 E51CG & E51USA



**KG4NWS Sally/Kevin KA4NWS AA7YD Bob & Sara AB7PS W7RMC Gene & Joan WAØPFV Rev. Jim & Earl W1KOI**



**KG4YQO Pam & Curt WA4KSO Maria NØTWV (and her OM) KCØCRS Mack K6ZNL Scotty and Tom**



**Hal DL5MC**

**John KC2ATK**

**Jim KD4PY**



**NF2J Joan and Bob NF2B**

**Carl WA5JDV**

**N1DL Karl and Gitta**

WC5C is activating a string of Texas Islands the next few weekends. We need contacts! <http://www.wc5c.org/WC5CClub/Island/...4/Default.aspx> for more details.

This Saturday we'll be 1st Time Activating Goat Island, and hopefully qualifying the Island during the 1st Activation. We'll dispatch a special commemorative QSL card to everyone who helps us with contacts!

We'll try to accommodate Sked requests or you can relay us a QSY request if another band suits your location. For sure we'll be on 20 and 0 ssb, but will try to cover other modes. I'm not sure how many stations we'll have on the air, but at least two. We get to the Island mainly by canoe and kayak.

Besides remote contacts we hope some of you will post us on the dx clusters after working us yourself, so maybe we can satisfy the DX requirement to Qualify the Island. We're going to try to be active 1400UTC to 2200UTC at least, on the regular Island frequencies.

We've got this publicized on the eHam.Net calendar, the QRZ calendar, the ARRL.Org special event calendar, several Yahoo Groups. Pete's Dx news desk is going to give us some press, too. Any other ideas for us to get the word out?

The next few weekends we'll also reactivate Pelican Island, 1st Activation of Willow Island, and reactivate Greer Island. We'll also activate Pelican for the Oct 17 W/VE Island Contest. Well, looking forward to it, thanks in advance for your help!

Get info on the US Islands Program at <http://www.usislands.org> (NOT IOTA!) Also get in on the email list at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/usislands.org>  
David KB5YLG [kb5ylg@yahoo.com](mailto:kb5ylg@yahoo.com)

It was announced on 12 Aug 2009, that DXCC has finally approved 7O1YGF, which was the April 2000 operation to Yemen by a team of German ops. This is great news for those who waited nine years for it to happen. For the full story and procedure to get credit, go here.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/08/12/11022/?nc=1>

#### RESCUE RADIO: NEVADA COUNTY THANKS HAMS

Back in the United States, several Nevada Amateur radio operators conducted a Simulated Emergency Test at the Panaca Nevada Fire Department on June 27 and 28. The test was used to demonstrate ham radio operator's emergency communications capabilities using various modes of operation. This included Digital, Single Side Band and CW.

Rick Stever, head of Lincoln Co. Emergency Management, thanked Lee Hone K7NKH and Chuck Reifsnnyder AD7OY for their help in organizing the ham radio aspect of the event. Stever also voiced his support to the members of the community who participated and who continue to support the county's Emergency Management. (Lincoln Record)

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I was short on material and used these articles to complete this issue.



# Emergency

## Some thoughts on operating in emergencies:

by K6ZNL, Scotty

As a California resident and ham, I am all too familiar with natural disasters (earthquakes, wildfires, mudslides and the like, and no, we are not planning any for the potential convention in LA in 2011). However, it does mean we may get more practice in emergency communications than hams in other parts of the country. So.....

**How long has it been since you looked at the Emergency Communication page in the VOICE?** As a first step, have you looked up and written down the phone numbers for who to call for which kinds of problems? No, well here's a cheat sheet to fill out: Fortunately, most of these number can be found in the front pages of your telephone yellow or white pages:

Local Emergency Number 911 OR ? \_\_\_\_\_

Local Police Number (non-emergency) \_\_\_\_\_

Local Fire Department Number (non-emergency) \_\_\_\_\_

State Police / Highway Patrol Number \_\_\_\_\_

Coast Guard /Sea-Air Rescue \_\_\_\_\_

Local ARES/RACES / SKYWARN group? \_\_\_\_\_

Local frequencies for them? \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Emergency numbers:

Doctor / Hospital \_\_\_\_\_

Family member (1) work or cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Family member (2) work or cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Out of area contact name and number \_\_\_\_\_

**For other resources available on the web: Google 'emergency communications' or use the links below:**

This one has a wealth of information and links: <http://www.ac6v.com/emergency.htm>

This one has links to FEMA training on the Incident Command System, used by emergency responders nationwide: <http://www.areslax.org/index.php?page=educational-incentive-drawing>

(FEMA training is available on-line FREE. The local ARES recommendation is to take courses number IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800. Take 700 first, since it explains the system.)

**40 METER REPORT BY JAY KI4TXP**

It has been a quite month so far. We are averaging about 20-30 check ins each night with around 20 rechecks.

At our new frequency 7.201 we still are getting some foreign broadcast interference . Let's hope it improves as we leave the summer months. As usual some nights are worse than others. That's Amateur Radio.

Once again there has been some discussion about running the 40M Portion longer than the hour plus we do now. All it takes is someone to step up and offer to take over at 00:00z or a little later depending when things calm down. We have had several evenings where we went until almost 00:30z. This is fine and works out well. But if we want to have a regular portion run-

ning later I do need help.

So I am asking again if anyone wants to help out and take over at 00:00z PLEASE let me know.

Again a BIG THANKS to all that have checked in and especially those that jump in and help out every night.

Hope to hear more of you on 40 Jay KI4TXP

**MOONBEAM REPORT BY DICK K3CDQ**

Not a whole lot has changed on the Moonbeam since last month but the month of September may well bring changes.

As we move into the fall months we should hear more stations from Europe and other DX areas. Just today, 8/22 I heard CW stations in France, Israel, Croatia, Laos and Lithuania. German stations have been heard quite regularly and we have even had a few check in on the Moonbeam.

Back when we first introduced a certificate for WAS on the Moonbeam we said we would also issue a special certificate if any member was to work an 18 Wheeler in the 48 contiguous states.

No one has done that and now that the System is offering a 18 Wheeler WAS we will no longer offer one just for the Moonbeam.

By the way, the Moonbeam WAS began on February 1, 2000. There was no certificate #2 since Herbie W7HYW and Larry W5VTM tied and both their completed logs were received here on the same day. Both of them were issued a #1 certificate and the next one issued was #3. I am looking forward to some of the newer members working this award this fall and winter. Moonbeam WAS certificates have been issued as shown below.

In addition to what is shown below, Jda worked WAS on the Moonbeam two more times, once all YLs and once all OMs. K4HCB also worked it again with all OMs.

When WAS first began on the Moonbeam, Rhonda N4KNF and I managed this program together. Due to a number of circumstances, including Rhonda becoming an SK, some of the records are missing. If you can help me fill in the blanks below or correct any errors, it would be very much appreciated. I even have some WAS log sheets here with no signature and no callsign, so I would be grateful for your help.

1	3/13/00	W7HYW
1	3/13/00	W5VTM
3	3/20/00	VE5ADO
4	3/20/00	K3CDQ
5	3/22/00	WA5IPS
6	3/27/00	KB5YQ
7	3/27/00	KA1FXI
8	3/27/00	VE1JIM
9	3/27/00	K4HCB
10	3/30/00	AI2N

11	4/01/00	WA7MOK
12	4/03/00	KP3B
13	4/03/00	WA8NED
14	4/07/00	VE6ELI
15	4/17/00	KD4PY
16	4/17/00	NØUOD
17	6/20/00	K9WFE
18	6/20/00	N4ZGH
19	6/20/00	N4KNF
20	8/07/00	KF5HC

21		
22	11/06/00	W8SWT
23	11/23/00	AB7PS
24	12/06/00	KU7F
25	12/11/00	KCØECK
26	12/11/00	N1PVT
27	7/09/01	ADØBC
28	12/23/01	W5HNI
29		
30	03/02/02	VE9FCP

31		
32		
33	12/18/02	VE9MSD
34	06/26/03	VE7AAV
35	10/01/03	KK5LU
36	11/05/03	KD5SXH
37	06/05/03	K3UMV
38	06/21/03	WA7JT
39	08/06/03	KJ5Q
40	08/06/03	N5WQ

FROM THE HISTORIAN

Hello everyone, Well, the 2009 YL Convention in Spokane is history. We all had a wonderful time while there, and we all gladly commit the great memories of that event to our minds and hearts. Oftentimes though, we don't take into the account the trials and tribulations of the "getting there" and by that I mean, some of us always encounter obstacles in our trips to conventions that in many instances vex us to the maximum, and in others, they are just a minor impediment and easily overlooked and forgotten with time. Maria, N0TWV, missing her plane in Denver is one good example of the latter...she did make it to Durango, and her hubby Mack was waiting for her with open arms.

Gloria, AC0KV and her family had a tough time on the way home from the Convention when the fifth-wheel camper she was towing broke loose from its collar and overturned, totally destroying it. That was sad, but thankfully, they had insurance, and no one was injured in the incident.

Sally and I also had our share of troubles. Starting our trip, we realized the lights on our tow vehicle would not function when it was connected to the Motor home. We met up with Don and Peggy (AI4OZ and KI4SHY) at a campground in Marion, NC. They are both YL System members, but could not make the trip to Convention due to other commitments. We enjoyed the weekend with them at the campground and got the lights repaired that next Monday morning. We resumed our trip west and all was fine including a stopover and great visit with Rex (WA0AVW) and Marilyn at their lovely farm near Marshalltown, IA. Then, as we approached Mitchell, SD we encountered a heavy rainstorm, and suddenly, the wipers stopped working. Six hours later, we had those repaired.

Continuing on, we had a great time meeting up with Bill and Irene (K0UB and WA0DAW) in Big Timber, MT where we were also joined by Gene (W7GMF) and his lovely lady. They had made the trek down 47 Miles from Harlowtown, MT to enjoy a lovely lunch and some camaraderie with the group at the truck stop.

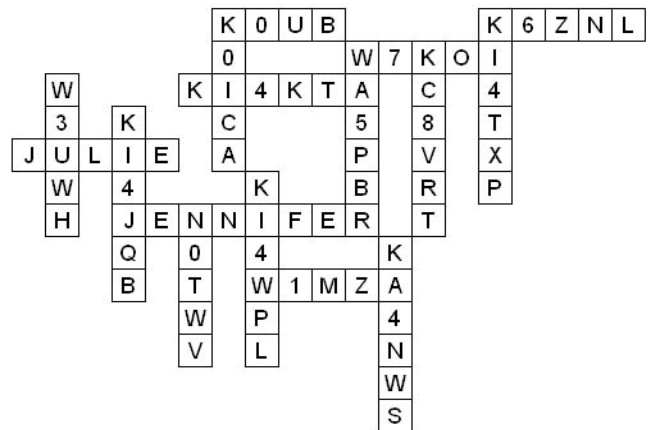
Continuing on to Missoula, MT, and convoying it with Bill and Irene who were in their beautiful fifth-wheel, we stayed at a lovely campground and were joined by Gloria (AC0KV) and her family and had a great supper and evening in our motor home. All six of us continued together to Spokane the next day. Those will be wonderful memories for us and for the others on that trip as well.

The trip back home for Sally and I was fraught with more troubles with the motor home , and I will pass those memories on perhaps during next month's article in this venue. Suffice it to say though that the YL System historical record shows the wonderful times spent at conventions, but the rest of the story is as historically significant and memorable to those who make the trips to and from the conventions. Best to all and 73,

Kevin, KA4NWS

AB2OQ	N0WJO	KK5PN
KB9IOT	KB9POA	KC8MCX
KB0SPA	KE7EZJ	N5THT
KB0SVY	K9YG	VE2XMP
KC0ECK	VE6NLH	W1MHD
KI4P	N9SWM	KE2ZG
KK7UE	KC7OBR	KB7GBP
KL7RO	N1FCX	N9PLE
KM5FF	N5CJA	AC5PW

**AUGUST PUZZLE ANSWERS**



John's crossword puzzles should resume next month.

THANKS TO JDA KB5YQ FOR PROVIDING ME THE INFORMATION FOR THE LIST ABOVE. THIS IS A LIST OF MEMBERS WHO DRIVE 18 WHEELERS. IF YOU HAVE ANY INPUT , CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS, OR DELETIONS, PLEASE EMAIL INFO TO k3cdq@comcast.net. MANY THANKS AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL ON THE 18 WHEELER WAS AWARD.

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**Editor's Comments:**

*In a couple of past issues we mentioned not calling for emergencies, not saying running informally and calling our numbers Sideband numbers. I was going to comment on some of the "on the air" comments I have heard but to do so would be negative, just as the on the air comments were.*

*Therefore, all I will say is those items were listed as suggestions. Never once were the words "rules" or "required procedures" used, so let's lighten up a little friends. After all, that is what we all are - "Friends." When you got into amateur radio, did you have any idea you would make as many friends as you have on the YL System and would you have ever believed they would be such dear friends? I feel some of the best friends I have in this world are my friends of nearly thirty years on the YL System.*

*So remember, when a member, a control or a check-in makes a comment or a suggestion, it is just that. It is not a rule and it is certainly not something to make a negative comment about. Consider, you and I never know who is listening, who will take something the wrong way or who might be offended. Once said on the air, it cannot be taken back and none of us know who heard it! Let us all work together for the good of the System and its members.*

When submitting envelopes for the Communicator, if possible, please send envelopes that do not need to be moistened. Thanks!



## Spotlight on: Jim Flowers - VE1JIM

Born in 1946, Jim became a ham in 1990. He enjoys hunting, fishing, cottage life, country walks and bowling. He and Joanne were married in 1968 and have two daughters, Christine and Leanne. Jim attended Sarnia Collegiate Institute & Technical School in Ontario and in '64 joined the Navy. He spent time in Victoria, BC and in '66 was transferred to Halifax. In the Navy Jim was a Signaller until he retired in 1988. He says he never thought about getting a ham license during that time.

Jim is currently employed with the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires, which is in effect a security group. His present employment is at the naval dockyard participating in traffic control.

Jim shares "I spend most of my radio time on 14.332 MHz which is the YLISSB System. In 1995, I started the webpage for the System as a hobby and now maintain it myself with VE1PHK, Pat. Many changes have taken place since we began and now we have our own domain name and host server name. I am currently the QSO Party co-coordinator for this annual fun event. Along with these duties, I am one of the Awards Managers, handing the Canadian awards along with some others."

Jim further states "in 1997, I attended my first convention in Annapolis, MD, hosted by K3CDQ. I knew the only way I would be able to get Joanne to a convention was to host one so we did in 1999. Joanne and I hosted the convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia and it was a great success." They hosted a second Halifax Convention in 2008.

Earlier that year, they went to Barbados for Leanne's wedding. She and her husband both work for West Jet. While there they were able to visit with Carl 8P6OP and his wife Pat.

This gives you some insight into the life of Jim Flowers, another great member of the System, and clearly one of the reasons the System works so well and serves so many people. Jim is always ready and willing to help with the running and improvement of the System as well as being prepared for any emergency. We are lucky to have him as a member along with the services he provides.