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President's Report...

BY JANE N1PVT

Today is the last day of November, and we are all gearing up for the holidays. Let me be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year. And for those who are celebrating other holidays, may they be enjoyable and happy. I'm personally looking forward to the Winter Solstice, as that will be a sign that the days are lengthening. The darkness that permeates the days in this hemisphere during these months can be tiresome. Also, I hope all of our stateside members had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Since it is now December, I want to remind everyone that the Winter award runs through February, during which we can all work 50 member stations on the Moonbeam portion and collect a nice certificate. While I know many of you have already worked for this award, I have never done so, and hope to make it this year. This is a good time to mention that we continue to look for a volunteer to take over the job of Awards Program Coordinator. We need someone out there who will step up and volunteer for this job. While our Awards Managers continue to process awards earned, there is no one currently overseeing the program or reporting to the President. Any managers who wish to send me a list of the awards they have processed since Bud relinquished his job, please do so. By next summer we will need a new manager to take over from Rev. Jim, who manages a number of awards. Why don't you all give it some thought and see if doing one of these jobs is something you could do for the System?

The Board of Directors recently approved the establishment of a fund which would handle donations made by members to support the System, either to help publish the Voice or Communicator, or to help us avoid raising dues in the future. This fund could receive funds from bequests in wills, or from donations from generous members. I have not heard from the Treasurer if this fund is ready for contributions or is still in the planning stages, but it seems like a good idea based on our memory of shortfalls in recent years. We'll keep you posted.

Keep checking into the System, as propagation is improving and we have many new members who are looking to work our many awards, and to do that, they need to work member stations. Besides, it's fun, and if you check in once, I'm sure we'll be hearing a lot more of you.... It can become a habit, of the very best kind!

Once again, all the best to each and every one of you during the holidays and into 2011.

73, 33, 88 de Jane, N1PVT

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS			
16532	W4VTH	SKIP	TN
16533	KB1RPP	DONNA	CT
16534	K5KKV	JIM	MN
16535	AD3AA	LEE	PA
16536	KJ4UEI	BILL	FL
16537	KA8HDE	CHUCK	MN
16538	NP3B	PHIL	PR
16539	W4AVY	GARY	AL
16540	W1WLJ	WALT	FL
16541	KBØWET	MARK	MO
16542	NØUKB	SANDY	IA
16543	N7ETT	KEVIN	WA
16544	KI4OOI	DAVE	AL
16545	WB5RVZ	ROBBY	TX
16546	K6AA	CLUB	CA

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS			
03	WA2AFV	21	KE2ZG
06	WX1D	22	NØQAU
07	KD4ZBP	23	WA9UNN
08	W5VTM	23	N3MQO
08	K8FUN	24	VE3JPJ
09	NV4Z	25	AC4NC
09	KQ4IQ	25	K6AMC
10	N5WQ	27	K1RED
12	W5HNI	29	WA9YZK
15	KV4DT	31	ACØKV
20	KCØECK		

SILENT KEYS			
4720	W5VPN	CLARENCE	NM
7119	W4DCW	LEWIS	NC
8050	N7SD	ERNIE	FL
11027	N9BA	RONALD	IL
11786	W4RJK	ROBERT	NC
16117	NF5M	LARRY	NC

CONTEST ACTIVITY	
12/18	RAC WINTER CONTEST
12/18-1/2	LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS QSO PARTY
12/31	SOUTH DAKOTA QSO PARTY

ANNIVERSARIES	
12/06	KØMSR / BARBARA
12/07	KD4ZBP / KE4VRW
12/30	NØQAU / NØQAV

REMEMBER, WE ONLY POST CONTEST ACTIVITY THAT COULD INTERFERE WITH OUR OPERATION ON 14.332.

**THE YL SYSTEM - "INSTANT FRIENDSHIP"
MAKING FRIENDS WORLD WIDE SINCE 1963**

HELP WANTED:

The System needs an editor/publisher for the VOICE. This annual publication contains award information, membership list, policies, procedures, photos and much more. This can be a fun and rewarding experience and the System will supply the printer, collator, binder, and other supplies. If interested, contact Rose KL7FQQ - kl7fqq@yahoo.com

As I sit here, in a motel room, waiting for that big turkey feast I think how thankful I have been. Not going into personal stuff, just thinking of the many friends I have met through the YL System. I could go on forever naming the many, many friends out there. If I would do so I know that one or two would be left out. I must say there are 100s of you and each and everyone becomes a friend. The many friends we met at the Convention. The many friends we have eye balled. And the many friends we have met over the radio. THANKS for your friendship!!!!

As you all know 40M has been in tough shape. Some days great and most days not so great. With the use of Netlogger we have been able to keep some type of order during the night. For those of you that have not installed Netlogger it might be something to look into. By using it you can see the many contacts out there that have checked in and it might give you a chance to make that contact you might need for one of our many awards. No, you cannot check in via Net Logger but you can tell us you are there and we can listen up for you.

Now one other item. We do need help. PLEASE consider helping out. It is fun and you do meet many great people. If you could help one day a week or one day every other week or one day a month. It really helps out. All portions of the System need help please consider it.

So with that said I do wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !!!!!
And may we make contacts this coming year.

Jay, KI4TXP

MOONBEAM REPORT BY DICK K3CDQ

Starting with the January issue, we are going to add a page. The way we are planning it is page #3 will be an "Information Page." It will cover such things as awards received by members, convention items, scholarship info, special days on the System, information regarding the VOICE or COMMUNICATOR, QSO Parties, voting, elections, monthly reports and more. This is not to be confused with or to take the place of Coordinator's reports from Jda, Jay, myself or other members. Rather, it will cover information felt important for members to be aware of. Regarding Moonbeam activities, things have been a bit rough with darkness upon us so early. Seems East Coast stations are losing propagation shortly after 2300Z except for long skip. West Coast stations still appear to be hearing the entire US. It will probably be February before we see a noticeable difference.

We recently received information that Earlene, XYL of KA7ICF and daughter of SK W7KOI has suffered a stroke. At this point we do not have additional information. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Bill Phillips W7AJP lost his brother Wayne of Louisiana on Wednesday 11.24. Let us keep him and all the Phillips family in our prayers.

Finally, KØICA, son of our founder K4ICA had an operation in the hospital in Tennessee. Let us keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

V. Mayree, Sidebander #1 who founded the YL System asked that out of respect for our many OM members, that we call our membership number a Sideband Number and not a YL Number. If you call it a YL number, you are not wrong and no one is going to chastise you. However, it is suggested that we all "honor her request" and refer to our membership number as a Sideband Number and don't forget, please say "back to System, not back to Net." We are the YL System, not the YL Net.

Where are you going to be the last week in January? We hope you'll be with us in the Desert Quartzfest* just a few miles south of Quartzsite, AZ for what may be Amateur Radio's largest annual RV get together.

Quartzfest* 2011 is scheduled from January 23 – 29, 2011 to coincide with the [Quartzsite Sports, Vacation & RV Show](#) (January 22 – 30).

What will happen at Quartzfest* 2011 you ask? Lot's of Amateur Radio and RV related Seminars which include: lot's of RV Solar and battery information (including a tracking device that allows your Solar panels to follow the sun), How to pass HAM exams, Amateur Radio Licensing VE Testing and Commercial Telephone and Telegraph Exams, Public service talks including the Radio Club of Jr High School 22 in NYC, Emergency Hospital Communications, and (possibly) HandiHams, ARRL update, Prospecting (metal detecting and material sifting), Quartzsite History, Antenna Walkabout, Antenna Shootout, Vertical RV Antenna's, Satellite Communications using OSCAR (Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio), SoftRock Digitally Defined Radio's, Basic soldering, Using an antenna analyzer to tune antenna's and determine your bandwidth, Net procedures, Coax selection, Calculating wire lengths and building a 40m dipole or "J" Pole, and possibly Amateur Television and many more.

In addition to our seminars, we have a host of daytime and evening activities planned which include a Pot luck which will be accompanied by Cast Iron Cooking, HOB0 Stew, RV stories around the campfire (for some strange reason, the funniest stories are black tank related), Off Road Trip, Yard Sale, Karaoke, Search for Life in Space followed by a Star Talk (incredibly interesting information about viewing space through a telescope using a digital camera to capture images) followed by a movie (possibly Amateur Radio themed "Contact") if time permits and a variety of nightly movies projected on the side of a fifth wheel trailer.

Oh, I almost forgot, CAMPFIRES!!! We'll have 'em morning, noon and night (probably in between too). Make sure you bring some firewood with you to place in our stack so we can all enjoy the fires together. You just can't beat a morning cup of coffee while sitting around the fire warming your toes and swapping stories with friends (believe me, you'll leave Quartzfest* with a bunch more friends than you had when you arrived!).

If you have an interest in running to town to enjoy the Sports, Vacation and RV Show, and want to get there early enough to find a parking space, you can go and not worry about missing anything at Quartzfest*. How's this possible? We'll be leaving one mornings schedule open so you can go to town, wander the Big Tent and booths...and once you're completely tuckered out and your feet are killing you, come on back to Quartzfest* and enjoy the afternoon's Seminars and/or activities.

For the YL's, XYL's and those not interested in HAM stuff, Linda has the following to say:
 "Howdy Ladies, I need your help for our Women's Circle. I am open to anything. We have a couple of people that will talk about Genealogy, but can always listen to more.

We can have Show and Tell Time
 Grandma brag time
 Beading ---show and tell or share your techniques
 Quilting---show and tell or share your project
 Scrapbook techniques
 Dog and Cat grooming
 Safety for our animals

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Any craft project you are interested in and would like to share would be awesome. I don't want to turn any thing down. I also want to start a "Quartzfest* Favorite Recipes" Cook Book to put in or on the Quartzfest* Web site. Bring them in. We have a scanner/copier in our trailer for those that need their recipes copied, No problem! I am always open to new ideas for crafting projects.

Sooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo, BRING IT ON AND LETS SHARE SOME FUN AND LAUGHTER."

We're looking forward to meeting you and hope you'll be spending January 23rd thru 29th with us at Quartzfest*.

Steve and Linda Weed
 KO4QT and KI6JUD
 Organizers Quartzfest* 2011
organizer@quartzfest.org

Help get the word out about Quartzfest* 2011. HAM's attending Quartzfest* come from all over the USA and Canada. Print out a flyer and post it at your hamfest, club house, or rally! Quartzfest* 2011 flyer is available as a [PDF](#) and [MS Word](#) version. There is a Yahoo! Group for discussion and planning Quartzfest* <http://www.quartzfest.org/php/main.php?home>

- Do you have an area of expertise and could to do a presentation?
- Do you have any suggestions of other people who could do a presentation?
- Do you have ideas and/or skills in coordinating games or other activities?
- Do you have any thoughts on how to make Quartzfest* 2011 another outstanding Amateur Radio event?
 Please contact the 2011 Quartzfest* Organizers, Steve and Linda Weed, KO4QT and KI6JUD at: organizer@quartzfest.org so they can work your presentation or idea into the schedule.

Every year there are repeats of some of previous year's favorite presentations and of course some new things too.

Check out the Possible Programs here.—> http://www.quartzfest.org/php/main.php?Possible_Programs

Everybody bring firewood for the campfires! Talk in on 146.55 simplex

(All the above information supplied to us by and with the permission of KO4QT and KI6JUD)



STEVE AND LINDA'S TRUCK AND TRAILER



Steve and Linda Weed
 KO4QT and KI6JUD



JUDY NM ISSB #15945

AND HER OM

TOM NM ISSB #16144



KB1HIF MIKE NH ISSB# 16053



W8RQE MARVIN CO ISSB# 15976



BOB TX K5AQL ISSB #16170



ED IL W9GQW ISSB # 9327

Annual YL International Single Side Band System

QSO Party 2011

*Dedicated to building friendship among all people through amateur radio; to be of service to our fellow man.
The QSO Party is open to all; members as well as non-members*

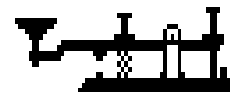
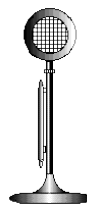
**The SSB and CW are separated into two different weekends.
The SSB and CW sessions will both be held over a two day period.**

Date: Saturday Jan 22, 2011 @ 0000 UTC to Sunday Jan 23, 2011 @ 2359 UTC

Date: Saturday Feb 5, 2011 @ 0000 UTC to Sunday Feb 6, 2011 @ 2359 UTC

Logs to be submitted and postmarked to VE1JIM no later than the 18th of Mar 2011

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You may email logs to ve1jim@ns.sympatico.ca
[must be less than 7 pages due to email constraints]

<http://www.arnewline.org/>
<http://www.hamradiodaily.com/>
<http://www.ham-radio.alltop.com/>
<http://www.southgatearc.org/>
<http://www.hamuniverse.com/>
<http://www.topix.com/hobbies/ham-radio>
<http://www.twiar.org/>
<http://www.amateurradio.com/>
<http://www.dx-world.net/http://>
<http://www.hamparadise.com/>
<http://www.hfradio.org/news.html>
<http://www.amateurradionews.com/>
<http://www.dxzone.com/>
<http://www.hfradio.net/>
http://www.w5yi.org/ama_news.php
<http://www.dogwork.com/ddcv4/>



From the Historian

Merry Christmas from Sally and I to all of you! We certainly hope you have a wonderful holiday.

Over the past year, we have covered a myriad of historical tidbits for this publication, most of which dealt with the very early years of the YL System. More specifically, the history surrounding our Founder, V. Mayree Tallman, K4ICA, and the fledgling organization that she created. Just look where we are now though, forty seven years down the road!

We have transcended any number of stumbling blocks to get to this stage in our development. Yes, I said development because there are always new technologies and operating philosophies to implement into the System. We are no longer the emergency traffic handling System that we once were, due to those technological advances, but we have learned to move on and become, arguably, a better YL System because of it. Our primary credo and motto are as valid today as they were in 1963. We believe in the dignity of man. We are dedicated to the building of friendship among all people via amateur radio.

Again, y'all have a great holiday period, and we will see you down the log.

73,
Kevin
KA4NWS
YL System Historian

NETLOGGER

After many months of viewing Kevin and Sally's logs as they controlled the Moonbeam and logged with the Netlogger software package, I decided it was time to hook up with Sally on Skype and have her get me set up to use Netlogger. Last evening she walked me through the set up and let me tell you, that gal is good. She really knows her stuff. Beginning immediately, I will be using Netlogger and not the "Check-in Log Sheets" I made up on Microsoft Word. However, if any of you Moonbeam Controls are still using the MS Word sheets and need more, just let me know. Now, why am I telling you about Netlogger? Because I want to encourage all of you to download it, even if you are NOT a control and here is why:

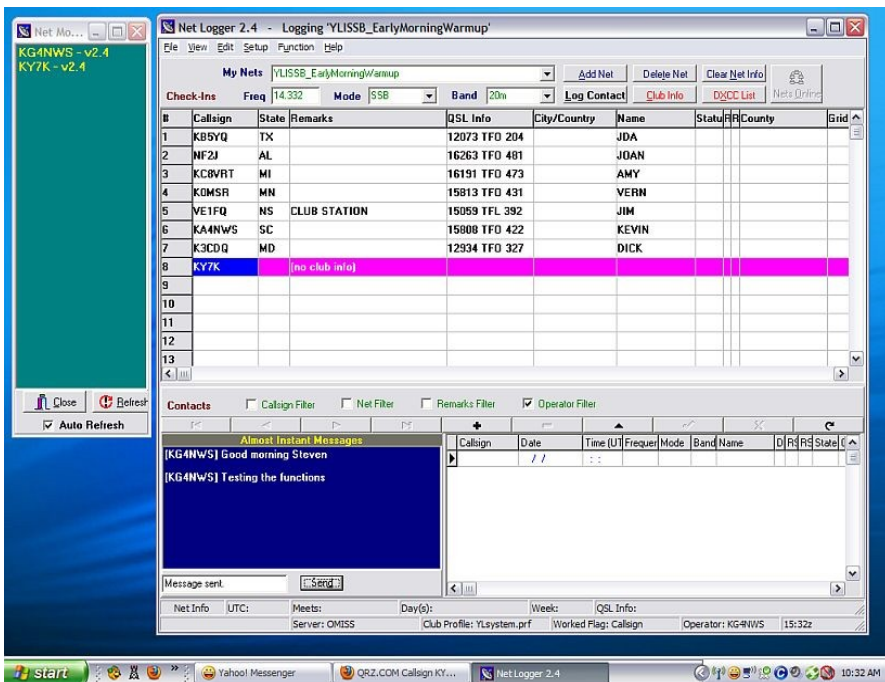
Note: In the info below, the term "check-in" relates to on the air on 14.332.. "Log in" relates to Netlogger.

- 1) It is free and not too large a program so there is no reason not to. Go to: <http://www.netlogger.org/>
- 2) You do not need to be a System Control to download and use this software. You can use it to view the Control station's log, not to control. However, if you become a Control you will have it to use.
- 3) When you hear a Control say he or she is using Netlogger, you will be able to log on and view everything that is happening. However, you still need to check-in on the air to get on the Netlogger log.
- 4) Once you are logged on you will be able to see the log of EVERYONE who has checked in, so you will not only know who is there but where they are, their callsign and name and System information. You will see guests as well.
- 5) Netlogger has AIM, not the AOL version but one called, Almost Instant Messaging. With this AIM, YOU will be able to ask a question, make a comment, etc., etc., with Control or anyone else logged in.
- 6) This AIM window can also be used to relay someone trying to check in. Even though you are not control, if you are logged in and hear someone trying to check in, you can type in the person's call in order to relay it to Control.
- 7) Controls who DO NOT hear each other can also use the AIM window to pass control back and forth.
- 8) In other words, you will be able to talk to each other through your computer using the AIM window.

Netlogger is a great tool for Controls. In these days of poor band conditions, there are times when members cannot always hear who checks in, which states are on the log, or what DX is aboard. You can see all of that on Netlogger so I urge you to consider downloading it and giving it a try. Just go to <http://www.netlogger.org/> and download the software. As mentioned this software is free but the creator, W1HWQ, welcomes donations. This software works fine with XP or older operating systems *but if you have Vista or Windows 7*, then go to: <http://www.omiss.net> and scroll down to the bottom left and click the link to the Netlogger FAQ page and follow instructions.

Another important advantage in having Netlogger is, the software can be downloaded on a laptop so that anywhere one goes where they can log onto the internet, they will be able to view all of our activity as well as log onto other nets that might be using it, such as Omiss, Century Club, and others.

If you have additional questions about this program, it is suggested you direct them to Kevin and Sally or Jim VE1JIM or any of our other Controls using Netlogger.





FROM CARL 8P6OP IN BARBADOS. ANTENNA HAS DAMAGE FROM HURRICANE TOMAS.



Marilyn WN9MFC says she was NOT putting cans on that fresh hairdo



VERN KØMSR ISSB #15813 & BARBARA



REBECCA, 14 YEAR OLD GRANDDAUGHTER OF K3CDQ. FIRST HUNT— SIX POINT BUCK



TOM KI4IRH ISSB#16405 VIRGINIA BEACH



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From the Editor...K3CDQ

We are still hearing people say the YL System was started by a "Bunch of YLs." The YL System was founded by a single YL, V. Mayree Tallman in February of 1963. We urge members, and control stations in particular, to try to remember the use of the term "bunch of YLs" is just a wee bit incorrect. Some controls have also been unsure of our web page. The System webpage can be found at <http://www.ylssystem.org> and the System was founded in Feb. of 1963.

Regarding the Communicator, if you run across friends and/or members who are not receiving it each month, they may receive it via email by sending their email address to me, K3CDQ. Those using envelopes are encouraged to send me envelopes that DO NOT require being moistened to seal. One unit of postage is all that is required and if additional postage is needed, we will take care of it. This only happens when we add a couple of pages.

Members are encouraged to receive the Communicator via email or copy it off of the System webpage rather than sending us envelopes. Ink and paper cost the System money so we try to limit mailing via the USPS to members who do not have computers and would otherwise not receive it.

Finally, we sent a personal email to some of you to ask for your bios and have received a good response. If we have not used your info yet, fear not, we will use it.

Spotlight on: Tom Thomas KI4IRH ISSB #16405

Tom was born in Homestead, PA, near Pittsburgh. He attended Clarion in PA and University of the State of NY in Albany. After serving in the USN he worked at a steel mill and after deciding that was not the life for him, reenlisted in the Navy and spent twenty-two years as a Radioman, retiring in 1988. After retiring as a Master Chief Petty Officer, he went to work for the Navy as a civilian in Norfolk, VA and retired again in 2008.



While working for US Steel forty some years ago, he met and married Becky who is also from PA. Their daughter Cindy lives in Sterling, VA and has two boys. Their other daughter Anna lives in Virginia Beach and has one daughter.

Tom and Becky are both trained and certified Sky Warn Spotters and Tom is a member of ARES/RACES as well as a member of the Virginia Beach Amateur Radio Club. Volunteer work makes up a large portion of Tom's life as since 2004 he and Becky have been members of and he is Director of Communications for the Virginia Beach Community Emergency Response Team. Tom wrote the first Communications Plan which involves the use of FRS and amateur radio.

Seems that is not enough to keep Tom busy since he is also a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 51 in Virginia Beach where he is the Flotilla Support Officer for Communications. He is capable of direct communications on Coast Guard frequencies and has approved systems in both his home and vehicle.

More? Yep, Tom assists the police department with administrative duties in precinct offices and is a member of the Virginia Beach Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. It is difficult to tell where he gets time to be with us on the YL System, but he does find time and we are glad he does. He is a valued member.