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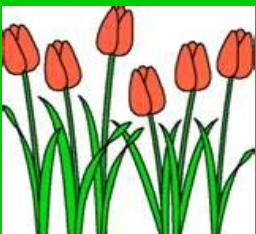
JUNE 17-20
HAVE YOU MADE
YOUR RESERVATIONS



*March 20
First day of Spring*

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President's Report... BY ROSE KL7FQQ

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Greetings from Texas

AWARDS

The Winter Award was issued to Al, WA2VJL, #16350. And, we missed telling you that in November, the Autumn Award was issued to Dick, K3CDQ, #12934. Congratulations to both Dick and Al.

VOICE EDITOR

We are still searching for someone to edit the Voice. If you are interested, please contact me at kl7fqq@yahoo.com. This can be a rewarding experience for the right person.

VOTE

Don't forget to fill out the ballot in the recent Voice, and mail it to KE5ZI before the deadline of March 31.

CONVENTION 2010

Excitement is building for the upcoming Convention in Columbia, SC in June, 2010. Check the website for information. We hope to see you there.

We learned today that our good friend and long time YL System member Ed A11N #15173 is fighting cancer. Please keep him and Ruth in your prayers.

CONVENTION 2011

Scotty, K6ZNL, is working on putting together a bid for the Convention to be held in Los Angeles in 2011. If anyone else is interested in hosting this convention, please let me know.

CONVENTION 2012

It is always a good plan to have a couple of years to work with hotels, and make arrangements for hosting a convention. So, any interest in hosting the 2012 Convention? Please let me know.

QSO PARTY

The QSO parties are over for another year. I hope that all that worked them will get their logs to Jim, VE1JIM, for review. We appreciate all who participated. 33's, 73's and 88's Rose



Rose & Maria 2009 Convention

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS			
16477	WB3JPZ	DANIEL	PA
16478	KC9PTD	GARY	IL
16479	W5FJB	EDNA	TX
16480	N2BJV	DARREL	DE
16481	KC8SSK	JAMES	MI
16482	K4TBZ	CONSTANCE	FL
16483	KB2JQC	STEPHEN	TX

MARCH BIRTHDAYS	
02 WN3W	13 W9PPH
02 WA5YNE	15 VE9MSD
03 KI4KTA	15 KI4WPL
03 KA1YOV	16 N5BYF
06 BARBARA XYL	17 N1PVT
OF KØMSR	18 KL7H
05 N4ZGH	18 N8FHK
06 KFØC	21 KG4NWS
06 KD6FRM	22 KE7LSF
06 WA6UNT	23 WN3Z
06 NØDFP	24 W7HYW
10 KB5YQ	24 KA9LYH
10 W7DZX	25 N4HMP/C6ACV
11 VA1CTW	29 RUTH XYL
12 W8XC	OF AIIN

ANNIVERSARIES
3/01 ZL1AMN DAVE & ZL1ALE AOLA
3/16 KG4CNA ALLEN & NITA
3/25 HERBIE W7HYW & MARGE

THE FOLLOWING NO LONGER HAVE ENVELOPES ON FILE WITH US. ASSUME YOU WILL GET THE COMMUNICATOR FROM THE YL SYSTEM WEBSITE.
 NØTWV, N7PWC, KL7FQQ, KJ5Q, K4YY, KD2Q, KF9GS

If you paid your dues in the year 2009 and did not receive a copy of the System publication THE VOICE #59, then you should contact Rose and let her know. She can be reached at kl7fqq@yahoo.com

MONTHLY REPORT DECEMBER 2009 JODIE ABØEG

9295	WB9MFC	NEW CALL WN9MFC	MARILYN
14851	WA9TVH	NEW CALL WWØLF	OLEN
16267	KI4ZHF	NEW CALL KY1RK	ROBERT
16289	KE6TV	NEW CALL W6TNP	STUART
16458	KD7AHM	NEW CALL AE5PP	ELLEN
16601	VA3BEX	NEW CALL VE3OWS	KENN

SILENT KEYS

1739	KC7KT	KEN	OR
2423	KS4AUL	SAUL	FL
6200	W8VIF	ROBERT	WV
7213	K9UGX	JAMES	IN
9313	ZL3DY	REX	NZ
9490	K1AA	NORMAN	FL
10809	WB1APD	JACK	ME
12189	KE4FE	GARY	WI
13989	WWØG	GERALD	MO
14611	KR5R	ACIE	NM
15623	VE6YR	BOB	CAN

NEW TFOs

KBØVSN	RAY	MN	490
KE7MP	FRANK	WA	491
WD8LYB	WILLARD	MI	492

NEW ADDRESS - VERN OSZMAN
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Below is an email we received from Maria, NØTWV about one of our members.

Dick: I know you probably can't use this right now but I thought this was a GREAT commendation for one of our YLISSB members. Fred Harman, NØJSP, was voted Citizen of the Year in Pagosa Springs. This is a wonderful write up about him. He has done things for this community over a period of time that is extraordinary. I thought it worthy of mention and maybe later you can use it. 73, Maria, NØTWV Editor's Note: Go to the URL shown below and check out the photos and story on NØJSP. Very nice article and well worth your time. Congratulations to Fred, Sidebander 15686. http://www.pagosadaily.com/news/14348/2009_Citizen_of_the_Year/

We would also like to offer congratulations to Aola ZL1ALE Sidebander 8330 and Dave ZL1AMN 8329, who have been inducted into the New Zealand DX Hall of Fame. We offer our congratulations to our friends "Down Under."



THESE TWO GUYS ARE ENJOYING LIFE IN WARM FLORIDA CAN YOU PUT CALLSIGNS WITH THE TWO OF THEM?

NOW, YOU TELL US WHO ARE ALL THESE CLOWNS?



MOONBEAM REPORT BY DICK K3CDQ

One of the most significant things to report for both the daytime System and Moonbeam is the increased sunspot activity and the DX beginning to return. John VK7XX has been aboard - Long Path - the past couple of Fridays with a 57 to 59 signal. Also, CU2JT has been a regular. We need to work at recruiting these two. I have sent all info to both of them. Rob VY1WR from the Yukon has also been aboard. If you would be interested in picking up a regular spot as a Control on the Moonbeam, please let me know. While some members control four or five times a month, I only ask volunteers to control one evening a month. If you are willing to give us a hand, let me know and I will send you a schedule so you can pick out your own evening. Let us not forget that Jda puts in more hours than any member of the System and could certainly use some additional help both Early Morning Warm up and the following three periods. Just give Jda a call and let her know when you are available. I guarantee she won't turn you down.

You only need two tools in life - WD40 and Duct Tape. If it does not move and should, use the WD40. If it should not move and does, use the Duct Tape. And, if you cannot fix it with a hammer, it must be an electrical problem!

TRY TO REMEMBER!

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.

A Transceiver for Haiti From One of Our Own

The following is a true story of an incident that took place the week of February 7, 2010. Bob NØDFP is certainly living up to being Duluth's Friendliest Person and he makes the YL System proud of him with his actions. This past week, **Bob sent his own, new Icom 706 Mark IIG to Father John HH6JH in Haiti.**

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BOB: "I am for sure not a rich man. However, our hams in Haiti need our help. A few days ago I asked John Robert HH2JR in Haiti, how he was doing and this is a quote as to what he said."

BOB: "How are you?" John Robert: "Very tired after a long day and seeing more babies die."

BOB: "Yes, I know, I heard that too."

BOB: Asked what was needed and JR said, "a radio for Father John so that he can radio in for food and medical help when needed." (and stay in touch with the Archdiocese) This is when Bob realized it would be a chance for him to help. Bob thought, I have a radio that I just bought last November as a backup for my 746 Pro. It can be used on VHF/HF/UHF in all modes I could send him that. JR had also told Bob that Father John needed baby food as some of the 100 plus babies were not being fed much. JR said mothers who lost their children in the quake were breast feeding other's children and trying to stay healthy themselves.

So, Bob packed up his 706-Mark IIG and the AT-180 ICOM auto tuner good for all HF bands as well as 6 meters, in a hard shell picnic cooler. He used the cooler (no ice) since it was larger then the original radio boxes and this would give ample room for him to also send baby food.

Bob checked with FEDEX for a price from his home to MISSIONARY FLIGHTS INTL at Fort Pierce, FL.- \$229 overnight...same with UPS. However, USPS was \$139 express mail and they got it to Fort Pierce in time. Bob was told the plane would leave the next day but then told it would not go until next week. So, a number of hams from the 14.300 Maritime Net worked it out so that Joe K4JJG, picked up the cooler and the \$55 check from Fort Pierce and drove the package to a Military Flight in an unknown location in Florida to arrive in Haiti the next day. The \$55 check which was from Bob was to be used for Missionary Flight Intl. which they did not use and it was returned to Bob. The following is their next conversation:

Bob: "have you heard anything yet?" Rick WA1RKT answered, "Yes, sorry, I was out of the room, are you still there?" Bob replied: "now I am, I had a customer." Rick said, "I was going to say, you didn't really expect this to go smoothly did you? Latest little clink in the armor was that the Customs people decided to give University of Miami people a bunch of crap over all the equipment they were bringing in, including your 706. But I got word a few minutes ago that its been fixed and JR has the cooler in hand." Bob asked, "Was it open, do you know?" Rick responded, "I don't know," followed by Bob's, "OK thanks" followed by Rick's, "Roger."

2/15/2010 At this time, Jean Robert has the radio. He is trying to get a chopper ride to Father John with two women that gave birth by CC and need medical help. Father said he would take them in and JR is going to escort the ladies on the flight. The Archdiocese wants to be in direct contact with Father by radio (2 Meters) so they can be more organized. It is believed the Bishop had died in the quake.

Bill KI4MMZ, took two weeks off the Maritime Net to help pass traffic on Skype by landline, emails and late night hours on 3.977.7 (Salvation Army Network.) Fred W3ZU did many relays, phone patches both in and out of Haiti and spent countless hours on the radio. Carl WA2STL, a YL System member, in Port au Prince, arranged to get the cooler to John Robert and the choppers to Father John. Bob says that others who he does not know, got the cooler with the radio and baby food to Father John on Valentines Day and Father is now on the air.... For further details, talk with Bob NØDFP.

A job well done Bob!!!!

Recently, some confusion has been heard on the air regarding the requirements for the Mobile 18 Wheeler Award and how Alaska and Hawaii are involved. To further confuse the issue, some of the particulars are not covered in the VOICE. The requirements have been rewritten (not changed-just rewritten) and are shown below. One important part, if you work an 18 Wheeler in either AK or HI, **log it!** When you apply for your award, you will receive recognition for AK or HI, or both. You do not need to wait until you have worked the lower 48 first. If you work HI or AK log it immediately!!!

MOBILE 18 WHEELER:

(25) Fee - \$5.00 US Start date is 08-01-2009 Issued for contacting member stations, that are mobile, in an 18 Wheel Tractor-Trailer, or larger, type vehicle intended for commercial interstate transit, within the lower 48 States.

If a member is physically driving a Commercial Vehicle, that is considered a single unit vehicle – with a minimum of 10 tires, on the pavement, and in commercial transit across State lines, this vehicle may also be accepted for credit.

In the event that there may be a member, who is also In the U.S. Armed Forces, but also driving a vehicle that meets the requirements of a Military Heavy Transport Vehicle, this too would be acceptable.

In that this award has in the past been intended for the “lower 48”, it is also possible to get a certificate for the 49th and 50th State - after getting the required 48 State certificate. Work them - save them - for the other 48 to be completed.

Thus, this means that one might be able to get 3 Mobile WAS certificates while working the 50 individual States.



REX WA0AVW



MARILYN XYL OF WA0AVW



EMIL NØDK

We think you’ll find the URLs below interesting. Let us know. If any fail to work, again, let us know and we will send them to you again.

- <http://www.ac6v.com/jargon.htm#F>
<http://www.k6aa.org/>
<http://www.arrl.org/>
- <http://www.qrz.com/db/w9evt>
<http://webeasysearch.com/search/search.cgi?q=ham+radio+emergency+>
- <http://www.vintagesb.net/k6dpz.htm>
http://www.ne7x.com/New_Shack_2008.htm
<http://www.kl7air.us/>
- <http://www.clubcruceros.org/Radio.html>
<http://www.poodwaddle.com/worldclock.swf>
- <http://www.dxwatch.com/>
<http://www.cruiser.co.za/radionet.asp>
<http://dxcluster.ham-radio.ch/>
- <http://www.qrz.com/db/aa7bq> <-> A7BQ is the Manager of QRZ.COM
 <http://products.hamradioindia.com/>
- <http://www.forlang.wsu.edu/help/keyboards.asp>
<http://www.hwn.org/>
<http://www.radioing.com/>
- <http://www.mmsn.org/>
<http://www.radioamateuronline.com/>
<http://www.qsl.net/kk4kf/hamradio.html>
- <http://www.grocerycouponnetwork.com/coupons/?cid=14817043>
<http://www.ac6v.com/frequencies.htm>
- <http://www.madmariner.com>
<http://www.diy-boat.com>
<http://www.hurricanefrequencies.com/>

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Kay Craigie, N3KN

YL SYSTEM #15219

ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, lives in Blacksburg, Virginia, with her husband Carter Craigie, N3AO (ISSB # 15222), and their Jack Russell Terrier, Frodo.

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, Kay graduated from Georgia State College (now Georgia State University) in 1968 and then moved to Pennsylvania to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. She taught at the University of Maryland for three years in the 1970s. Later, she taught part-time at Cabrini College in Pennsylvania and worked on the non-instructional staff at a high school. She moved to Virginia in 2007.

First licensed in 1983, Kay became the editor of her radio club's newsletter, a position she held for 24 years. She has been a Volunteer Examiner for more than 20 years, now working with the New River Valley Amateur Radio Club's team. In 1986, she became ARRL Section Manager for Eastern Pennsylvania, moving up to Atlantic Division Vice Director in 1990. Six years later, she became Atlantic Division Director, and in 2006 she was elected First Vice President of the ARRL.

Kay has served on all the standing committees of the ARRL Board of Directors and also worked on the League's Enforcement Task Force, the committee whose pressure finally resulted in the FCC's assigning Riley Hollingsworth to clean up the ham bands.

Kay's first assignment as Vice President was to design what became the ARRL Education and Technology Program. Later, she chaired the National Emergency Response Planning Committee, tasked with recommendations on the League's readiness at the national level to respond to extraordinary disasters.

On the air, Kay enjoys DXing -- that's what attracted her to ham radio in the first place -- award-hunting, and contesting. She holds VUCC on 6 meters, 5BDXCC (endorsed for 12, 17, and 30 meters), the DXCC Challenge award, WAZ, and WAE Class 1 CW. She enjoys digital modes such as RTTY and PSK31, as well as CW and phone. She is involved with Skywarn through the Blacksburg, Virginia, National Weather Service Forecast Office.

Kay's husband Carter is a retired college professor. He has served as a Section Traffic Manager and as an ARES Emergency Coordinator. He especially enjoys QRP and operating outdoors on the Appalachian Trail. He is also a Skywarn volunteer. Their daughter Jenny Riffe, KA3WVD, lives in Virginia with her husband and two children.

(Above printed with permission of N3KN, President ARRL)

From your 2010 YISSB Convention Host

YL System Convention Rough Agenda for those who have asked:

The first event will be the afternoon informal lunch and welcome out here at our lake house on Lake Wateree. That occurs on Wednesday afternoon, the 16th. Many of our members make it a point to get to the convention prior to the Wednesday events. Next on Thursday, the 17th, is the day you will get your badges and sign in etc., and the trip to Columbia Zoo if you care to attend. Thursday evening is a free one for our members so they may go out into town and do whatever they like, or just lounge around the hotel, your choice.

On Friday, there is the trip to the State Historical Museum. Again, only if you wish to attend. On Friday afternoon, there will be at least one workshop and possibly more, concerning items of interest such as Policy and Procedures of the YLISSB, but once again, nothing is mandatory.

Also, on Friday evening, although you are free to dine wherever you like, there will be the main leisurely social gathering in the large meeting room at the hotel after dinner. We will have music (usually provided by the membership) and it is the one great chance for all of our members to really get to know each other. In the past, some conventions had a dinner party at some large restaurant, while other conventions did the social at the hotel. We have found that the socials are the best and our members have often commented on how great it was to just be able to chat and be with our friends in a relaxed atmosphere for an evening.

On Saturday, we have the General Membership Meeting in the morning, and it usually goes until about noon, at which time you are free until the Banquet on Saturday evening. After the food has been consumed, the awards are presented for various nifty things our members have accomplished within the System. That is followed by the raffling/auctioning off of the remaining items from the boutique.

The Boutiques is composed of tables containing ham related items as well as tasteful craft items that our members donate and bring with them to the convention. The creative talent our members and their spouses possess is amazing! These items begin appearing on the tables on Wednesday and most are gone by banquet time on Saturday evening. Tickets will be sold at the banquet, and then the raffle/auction begins on the remaining items. I say auction because some of the items are really nice and expensive, and they are held in reserve for the auction. It's amazing how much fun it all is and if you have anything you would like to donate to the boutiques or to be raffled/auctioned, by all means bring them.

On Sunday morning we have the Farewell Breakfast at the hotel. This is a very nostalgic time since we are departing our friends for another year.

Hope this information helps. We know we have many new members coming this year that have never been to our convention, especially from the 40 Meter portion of the System. We are striving to make it as enjoyable for you and your spouse and/or family as possible. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to ask.

73,
Kevin & Sally



Sally working on Convention registrations.

Over the weekend of 2/20, many of us worked Stan AC8W as YN2WW at Granada, Nicaragua during the ARRL CW DX Contest. Some worked him on the System and some on CW during the contest. During the period of March 28 - April 12, listen for Stan as JD1BNK from Chichi Jima. Chichi Jima, formerly known as Peel Island is about 150 miles north of Iwo Jima. It was the primary site of long range Japanese radio stations during WWII. During one of the US air attacks, a pilot by the name of George H. Bush was shot down there. There are currently approximately 2,000 people living on the island.



From the Editor:

Judy and I would like to thank everyone for the photos and other items you send us for the Communicator each month. Please send us more and perhaps include some photos of your families, grandchildren and homes. We have been told many times by members how much they enjoy the photos. We believe the photo on the right is one of our people but deleted the email and now do not recall who it is. Maybe you can tell us.

73 & 88, Richard & Judy



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SPOTLIGHT ON: ELEONORE ODOM - N5BYF

Eleonore Buck was born March 16, 1928, in Stuttgart, Germany. She served as a translator at the end of WW II when she met a US Army Soldier named Homer Odom. They were married in July of 1948, in Stuttgart and shortly after that came to the United States where they had their first home in Blytheville, Arkansas. Ellie's son, Mike, said she likes to tell the dinner story about how Homer's mom went to the chicken coup, wrung a chicken's neck and it ran around the yard headless until it expired. In Arkansas, Ellie was also introduced to snakes, something she did not encounter in Germany. Later, they lived for a short time in Memphis and Jackson, MS.

Ellie's only child Mike, was born in December of 1961, while they lived in New Orleans. Her younger brother Gerhart was a ham and got Ellie interested in the hobby. She got her license while they were living in New Orleans in the 70s and for years stayed in touch with Gerhart via Ham Radio. In 1973, they moved to Ellie's current home in Jackson, MS. Ellie was employed in the mortgage/loan field until they moved to Jackson. Mike said when he was in high school, Ellie was always there for him and Homer. Many of us met Ellie and Homer at System conventions and Homer passed in October 2003, leaving Ellie home alone. Besides her son Michael, Ellie has one granddaughter, Mary Claire, who is now 17 and suffers from Muscular Dystrophy.

Ellie joined the System in April 1986, and is a past System President. In the 80s & 90s, Ellie could be heard daily as one of our premier System Controls. As the holder of TFO #309, Ellie has also received the System's Founder Plaque, TFO of the Year, and Rigel Trophies as well as many of the other awards offered by the System. Ellie is also a member of the System's Emeritus Council. For many years, Ellie has been an active member and volunteer at St. Richard's Catholic Church and she continues to send out "Altar Server" reminder cards from her home.

