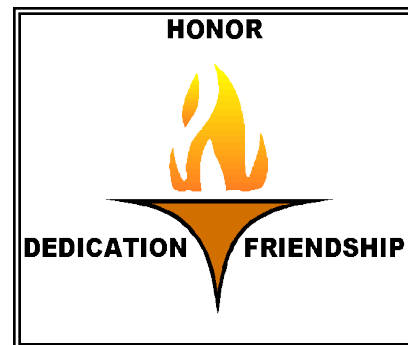


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President's Report... by Jane N1PVT

President's Column

Here we are in October, and still no killing frost in our part of New England.... Amazing! By next month, I promise I will be able to give the YL System my [nearly] undivided attention!

In the meantime, the bands do seem to have improved a bit. On the Early Morning Warm-Up, check-ins have been increasing in the first hour. While I have not been there all of the time, it seems to be getting better. This is good news. Just remember, if we are to have an adequate picture of what propagation is like, we need YOU to check in to show us where we are. Pretty simple, huh?

Good news has been heard: W1RME [Roger, ME] has received his new TFO.....congratulations, Roger! W7RMC has completed surgery and is making a great recovery....GREAT news! Do you have something you want to share with the System that has significantly impacted YOUR life? Send it along and we will post it in the Communicator. Dick and Judy do a great job with this monthly paper...help them improve it even more by sending them information.

By next month, the harvest will be REALLY over. Get your reading glasses ready, because I'll be sending some news your way!

73/88/33 de Jane [N1PVT]

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HELP NEEDED!

YOUR help is needed. Yes you and every member. Rose is about to start working on the VOICE and needs input from members. Send Rose photos you would like to see her include as well as any stories or ham related events you were involved in this year.

Did you attend the Convention in South Carolina? If so, perhaps you could tell us how you enjoyed it and what you thought the highlights were. Scotty, could you provide additional information on the 2011 Convention in California?

Controls, morning, noon or evening - any comments from any of you or any comments regarding operation other than 20 meters or any special contacts you made during 2010?

Please try to send your articles in format that she can "copy and paste." This makes things much easier for her.

Rose is looking forward to hearing from you!!!

MEMBER INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS			
16527	WA2HJB	DAVID	NC
16528	KJ4WFH	LANA	NC
16529	KF5BXG	BILL	TX
16530	NC3F	DAVID	FL
16531	KD8OFK	STEVE	WV

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS					
11/01	KE5ZI	11/09	N3NI	11/21	W1VCU
11/03	W6LC	11/11	KL7WW	11/21	N2YQZ
11/04	KB90C	11/11	WA6EBB	11/24	KG4CNA
11/06	WDØDAW	11/11	N7FSR	11/25	VE9GU
11/07	G4WPW	11/15	KQ4NN	11/26	KR4KP
11/07	K2MGL	11/16	N4USW	11/28	WA5IPS
11/07	KCØMEZ	11/19	AB7PS	11/28	KC9EAG
11/08	N8UOO	11/20	AA3CN	11/30	N1FJR

NOVEMBER CONTEST SCHEDULE	
11/06-07	UKRANIAN DX CONTEST
11/06-07	RADIO CLUB OF AMERICA
11/13-14	JAPAN INTL DX CONTEST
11/13-14	KENTUCKY QSO PARTY
11/13-15	CQ WESTERN ELECTRIC
11/20-21	MONGOLIA DX CONTEST
11/20-21	LZ DX CONTEST
11/20-22	ARRL NOV SWEEPSTAKES
11/20-22	COLLEGIATE ARC CHAMP.

ANNIVERSARIES		
11/06	WB5OHN/K5ILJ	
11/09	K3UMV/K3UMW	52
11/30	KA4NWS/KG4NWS	
11/30	VE9GU/DIANE	

When sending us your anniversary information, you may also send the number of years you have been married if you like.

AS ALWAYS, WE ONLY LIST THE CONTEST ACTIVITY THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL OF INTERFERREING WITH OUR ACTIVITIES ON 14.332

BARBARA KB1JNR IS NOW W1XRT
VIRGINIA KD5EZN IS NOW NV5F

MOST RECENT - TOP FLIGHT OPERATOR
W1RME ROGER TFO 498

SILENT KEYS			
150	W2GLB	PHYLLIS	WA
546	HB9TL	JACK	SWITZ....
2903	KHØAC	LEN	SAIPAN
5119	K7UBC	VERDA	ID
7325	W7BBO	ALFRED	KS
8815	W2VX	BOB	IN
14457	K7JS	JACK	UT
15507	AF4YK	WALTER	FL
16285	N8AGF	PHIL	MI

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

in age of high-tech

By Thomas Becker

MEMPHIS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1986

Ham radio thriving



MARY NV4Z YEARS AGO IN MEMPHIS, TN WORKING TRAFFIC AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO..



A FUTURE SIDEBANDER, COOPER, GRANDSON OF BILL W7AJP, LISTENING TO MARIA

This is the mobile ham shack of Harry K7HK and Darlene W7DZX.. Seems to me there are those of us who would be happy to have some of this equipment as part of the base set up. Harry is quite a "builder" and has built much of his equipment. Don't know about what is shown here but we have seen a number of pieces that he has built. Harry and Darlene are long time members and check in both from Idaho and Utah.



TRY TO REMEMBER!

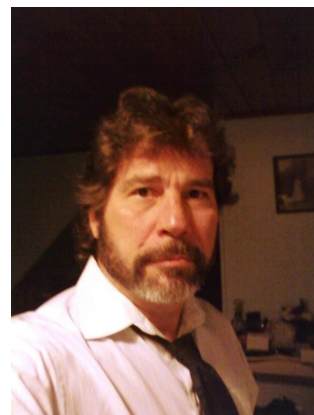
V. Mayree, Sidebander #1 who founded the YL System asked that out of respect for our many OM members, that we call our membership number a Sideband Number and not a YL Number. If you call it a YL number, you are not wrong and no one is going to chastise you. However, it is suggested that we all "honor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



GARY KC9PTD ISSB # 16478 ILLINOIS



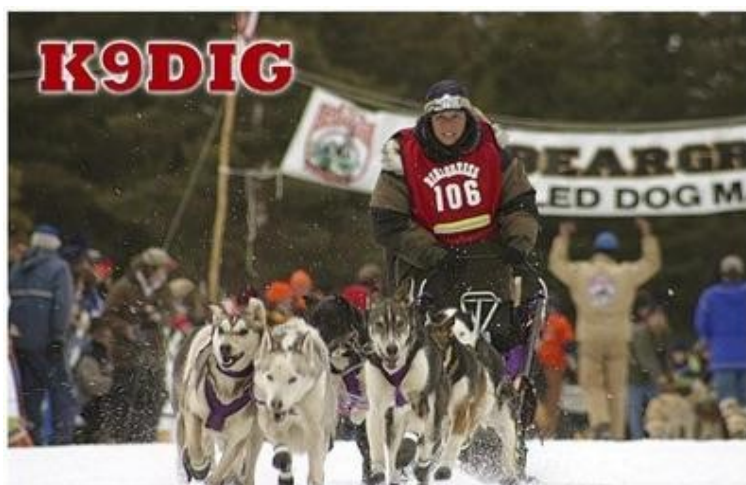
BILL KØUB ISSB #14817



BILL W2EO ISSB 16507



MARILYN WN9MFC ISSB #9295 WITH AN-OTHER BLUE RIBBON. BEAUTIFUL WORK MARILYN. BLUE RIBBON IS WELL DESERVED. CONGRATULATIONS!



NANC #16336 WITH A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT BIT OF CONTROLLING



GEORGE AA4GT #14085 & MARY NV4Z #12657



ED K9GOB, PETE AG3R, DEBBIE WB3DOX & MARILYN WN9MFC #9295



Doug, W6HB #8099 & XYL Ana Cabo, San Lucas

BOB KB9BYE AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN WOODSTOCK



One of the benefits of arranging an event is the taste testing...here are the taste-testers for the 2011 convention banquet: John, WA6SDK ISSB# 16111, Doug, W6HB, ISSB #8099, Tom KJ6JPZ (no number yet, Scotty's OM), Scotty K6ZNL ISSB #16036. Here is what we tasted today at the Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor Hotel: Madeira Chicken, or Top sirloin steak. Both will come with salad, vegetables, mashed potatoes, and, of course, dessert. The testers approved.



40 METER REPORT BY JAY KI4TXP

Well another month has passed us by. Just think we are now heading into the Holiday Season.

I want to THANK all of you that have helped out in the last month. I just can't believe how busy a retired person can get.

Starting in November Allen, KB3OMO, will be taking over either Mondays or Fridays. Bruce, KC9ICP, will be trying to help out on the other day. As you can see nothing is completely set up yet. I will be doing Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. It sure would be nice to get more of you involved. Please

think about it and send me an email.

Don't forget 40M will be starting at 0000z at the end of Daylight Saving Time. That will be starting Monday November 8.

Conditions seem to be improving some. Yet there are still many bad nights. We have been attracting approximately 20 -30 check ins nightly with 5-10 rechecks. If you're looking for something to do week night come to 40 Meters and say HI.

Many THANKS to Sally KG4NWS

for her effort setting up Net Logger for us. And THANKS to Jim VE1JIM for all his effort updating Net Logger. For those that don't know, we are using Net Logger nightly with great success. If you haven't already done so, download it and stop by. We won't check you in unless you do make contact with one of the Controls or via a relay.

Everyone Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

BE SAFE, BE HAPPY!!

73

KI4TKP Jay

MOONBEAM REPORT BY DICK K3CDQ

Better Operation!

Not sure I should be the one talking about better operation since I know I make my share of mistakes but thought this might be worth covering. First of all, try to remember, the System was NOT founded by a "bunch of YLs." The YL System was founded by ONE YL by the name of (Vera) V. Mayree Tallman, K4ICA on February 9, 1963.

Next, I have heard some Controls doubling recently. We all double from time to time so I am certainly not picking on anyone. However, just thought I would mention that it is good to try to learn your mem-

bers. For instance, there are some who frequently comment, delay a short time and then continue. Often when talking with Bill KØUB I have noticed he will reach the end of a sentence, wait a couple seconds and continue. K7PVZ is also one that does that.

Nothing wrong with that and I am certainly not being critical of them or anyone. I am just pointing out that there are those of us who do allow a short space between our comments and it is good for Controls to get used to "not keying up so quickly."

Another thing to point out to Controls is to not hold control at their

station too long. Remember, that person working with you also wants to control, so try to keep control for ten or twelve check-ins or ten or twelve minutes, which ever comes first. If not getting check-ins, don't keep it that long... Let your other Control give it a try.

Finally, as always, I want to thank those of you who so willingly give your time to help other members and the System by being a Moonbeam Control.

Without you, there would be no Moonbeam. Thanks again and keep up the good work, System members appreciate you being there!

DAYTIME REPORT FOR JDA KB5YQ

It has been great in recent weeks hearing Jim VE1JIM checking in from club station VE1FQ in Halifax. We all know how much Jda appreciates the help. Most mornings Jim is 57 to 59 here in Maryland and I notice he has good contacts with members all over the continent. Everyone should recognize the work and hours Jda puts in for the System and come aboard to help her when time permits. In fact, how about *making* time now and then. Some of those heard helping with check-ins throughout the morning and afternoon hours are KC8VRT, NV4Z, KC7KPG, ACØKV, W2EO, K7PVZ, NØDFP, KI4IRH, NØTWV, KØUB, N1PVT, NF2J, and no doubt many others that I have missed. Jda and the System very much appreciate your assistance.

From the Historian

We were saddened by the recent passing of one of our long time members and a past president of the YL System. W2GLB, Phyllis, Sidebander #150 TFO 98 will be sorely missed. A few years ago, Sally and I had the pleasure of spending an afternoon with her at her Richland, Washington home, and she was such a pleasant person, and filled with insights into the very early history of our System. She stated how she and V. Mayree, our Founder, did not have to look for emergencies to occur; they would often be heard on the radio needing assistance, and the YL System was there ready and able to provide that assistance.

I found another interesting tidbit of information contained in the 1st YL System Newsletter (we now call it the Voice) from 1963....as of May of that year, or roughly three months after the founding of the System, V. Mayree stated that there were already a total of 717 members. The United States accounted for 101 of those, and a whopping 616 members hailed from dozens of other countries. That trend continued for many years, and our current membership rolls still show a larger number of DX stations than W/K stations. We just haven't been able to hear many of those stations in the past few years, but we certainly will as the bands improve with Cycle 24.

73

Kevin

KA4NWS

YL System Historian

Not much happening on the air. I was given a cable to connect my computer to my Kenwood 2000 to use PSK31. Haven't had a chance to try it yet. I filled in a for a secretary at our church 2 1/2 days. Ran a long phone line at home so I could use the laptop in another room online. Still on dialup. Maybe after we get the new heating and air system put in we can work on high speed internet.

We live 22 miles East of Norman, Oklahoma. We did not feel the earthquake on Oct. 13 but I talked to several people that did. I first heard about it on HF 20 minutes after it happened. I heard about it on 14.332.

Morning temperatures finally dropped below 40 degrees. That makes feeding the two puppies a little more interesting. We got short-haired dogs this time after watching long-haired dogs suffer in the summer heat. Now I'll watch these two shiver through the winter. They are strictly outside dogs with warm dog houses.

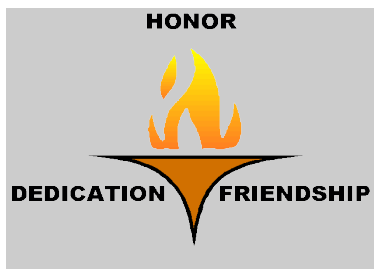
Finally got an upgraded computer at my volunteer job. The other was so old that I couldn't upgrade the browser because my operating system was too old.

Our new pastor will begin on November 21. I've been told he needs several bookcases. I'm glad I got one more for the church library before he arrived.

I also "borrowed" a guitar from a ham that found it in his garage. He didn't know who it belonged to so I asked to borrow it indefinitely. He tried to explain the connection of music to ham radio but I didn't understand, but knew there is some connection.

Beth, kc5rww

EDITOR'S NOTE: COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM KC5RWW



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Editor's Comments: I just came across an email from Jay KI4TXP that got by me and I forgot to report that Joel Satin W3GOH ISSB #9795 has become an SK and his widow donated all of his equipment to their club in Northern Virginia.

Report on Hurricane Tomas which has hit Barbados and surrounding islands.

Carl 8P6OP Sidebander #12677 is a long time member of the System and attends most of our conventions. I received word today from Karen KB8NSA that she has heard from Carl's sister and that Carl and his wife are fine. They have experienced some water damage to their home and are without phone service and without electricity but are both okay.



Phyllis

THE YL SYSTEM - MAKING FRIENDS SINCE 1963

Spotlight on: Phyllis Shanks W2GLB ISSB #150

Phyllis Adele Marshall Shanks, W2GLB, #150 & TFO 98, 85 years old, died October 10, 2010, of cancer at her home in Richland, WA with family at her side. Born at home November 10, 1924, in Caldwell, ID, she graduated in 1942, as a member of the National Honor Society. After graduation she attended business school. A lifelong adventurer, Phyllis became a licensed pilot in the 1940s. She met William A. "Bill" Shanks while they were both working at Hanford, and they married in Richland in 1949, where they resided until 1967 when they moved to Cupertino, CA, for Bill to stay with General Electric. While in Richland, Phyllis and Bill owned and operated the Skyline Drive-In theater in North Richland. Later Phyllis worked as a bookkeeper, and began a lifelong love affair with amateur radio, and was an active "ham" for more than 50 years. She was involved in several amateur radio organizations, the Young Ladies International Single Sideband System (YLISSB) and the Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL) among them. She regularly participated in emergency networks and participated in the Eye Bank Net during the Great Alaskan Earthquake in 1964.

In 1969, they moved to Spain where Bill supervised construction of a nuclear power plant for GE in Burgos, and Phyllis set about setting up a home and immersing herself in Spanish Language and culture. They lived in Spain for two years, during which time they traveled extensively in Europe, including a trip to Vienna to attend an International Esperanto Congress. They eventually traveled to all seven continents, putting pins in a map in the hall to track their peripatetic adventures. Her latest trip was to Mumbai, India, in 2007 to attend an international ham radio convention, and to see friends from all over the world that she had met through amateur radio.

Phyllis and Bill were founding members of Trinity United Protestant Church, now Shalom United Church of Christ. She enjoyed piano and organ and for a time served as church organist and sang in the choir at Trinity United.

Phyllis and Bill had four children. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill. After living in Mesa, AZ for many years, Phyllis returned to Richland in 2005. Phyllis' family wishes to express their deep appreciation to son, Ron and his wife, Linda, for the care and companionship they provided while Phyllis lived in Richland, and to Jeannie Shanks and daughter Sandra Mattingly for the loving and devoted care they provided in her final days. Phyllis was also loved by her YLISSB family and we will miss her greatly. Rest in peace until we meet again on another frequency!