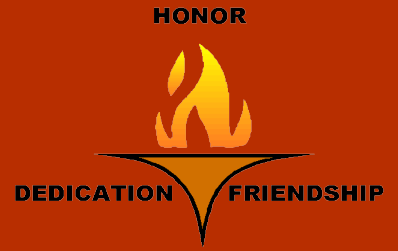


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President's Report



President's Report by Jane, N1PVT September, 2010

Yet again it is raining...if it weren't, I would be out in the field picking raspberries, flowers or herbs. I am sorry to say I have had little time for the System or anything else but the farm in the past few weeks, but once we have a killing frost, all that will change. Fortunately, we have many dedicated members who keep things running smoothly for us all while I am absent from the thick of things. Thanks to you all [and you know who you are!]

I have had no one volunteer to become our Awards Coordinator, and am guessing that KL7FQQ would make the same report regarding Editor of the Voice. Surely there must be someone out there who could fit into one of those 'pairs of shoes.' Let's hear from you soon.

Since I am so late submitting this report, I'll make it short and sweet. If you have any news to report that would interest your fellow System members, remember to submit it to Dick [K3CDQ]. I know it would be most welcome!

I'll be listening for you on the System one day soon!

Jane
N1PVT



73 de Jane N1PVT

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

16522	K9RWR	RALPH	TX
16523	KJ4WNW	ROGER	VA
16524	AE5PV	ELAINE	MS
16525	AE5PU	TIGER	MS
16526	KB3KYC	NEIL	PA

SILENT KEYS

11342	WA4LZI	THERESA	KY
12603	WDØFNZ	MARV	NE
13486	KA4AEF	NORM	TN

OCTOBER CONTESTS

10/02-03	OCEANIA DX CONTEST
10/02	EU AUTUMN SPRINT
10/02-03	CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY
10/09-10	SCANDINAVIAN ACTIVITY
10/09-10	WORKDED ALL BRITIAN
10/09-10	PENNSYLVANIA QSO PARTY
10/09-10	ARIZONA QSO PARTY
10/16-17	OHIO QSO PARTY
10/16-17	NEW YORK QSO PARTY
10/16-17	WORKED ALL GERMANY
10/17-18	ILLINOIS QSO PARTY
10/18-22	SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP
10/23/24	W/VE ISLANDS QSO PARTY
10/30-31	**CQ WW SSB CONTEST**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01	K3UMV	10/17	KD5LWU
10/02	ZL1AMN	10/19	K1IEB
10/06	KB7ITR	10/20	N7HRO
10/09	KQ6LU	10/20	N4ODI
10/11	JUDY	10/25	WW8HB
	(XYL OF W8OPA)	10/26	DL5MC
10/12	VE2KRM	10/27	KT4MA
10/14	VP5RW	10/30	N8CSR
10/15	K7HK	10/31	KA7KAI
10/15	WA6TGR	10/31	K5HYD

TFOs NOT IN VOICE

490	KBØVSN	RAY	MN
491	KE7MP	FRANK	WA
492	WD8LYB	WILLARD	MI
493	K1LKP	CARMEN	NH
494	KI4IRH	TOM	VA
495	NØMMR	PERRY	KS
496	VE2XMP	MIKE	CAN
497	KB3OMO	ALLEN	MD

OLD CALL	NEW CALL	NAME
N9PLE	K9LPA	MARK
NS2P	KA2AAM	JOHN
KC2QZR	K2QZR	JOE

EMAIL US THE MONTH AND DATE (NOT YEAR) OF YOUR BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY AND WE WILL POST IT... k3cdq@comcast.net

HELP WANTED:

The System needs an editor/publisher for the VOICE, the 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

Hello everyone! Since I have assumed the role of YL System Historian, many really nice items of historical value have come into my, and hence your, possession. Probably the most significant, in my mind anyway, is the original SSB'ers VOICE, #1, and dated May, 1963.

I feel honored to just be able to browse through that Voice, and it sure gives a good insight into exactly how our System came into being. Here are a few of the facts that I managed to glean from this manuscript and which I am sure you will find enlightening and most of which is taken directly from articles contained therein.

1. Our Founder, V. Mayree Tallman founded the YL System in 1963, and the official commissioning day was set by her to be on 9 February of that year; a date we still commemorate on the System to this day.
2. In the very early days, V. Mayree would absorb costs above and beyond any fees received by the membership....most of the original publications and public relations expenses were handled completely by her.
3. Her stated goals for the YL System included good operating practices, fraternal and international goodwill, promotion of worthy humanity ventures and to lend support of and join in concert in mutual promotion of worthwhile causes.
4. In 1963, only three months after our origination, it was stated that "The SSB'ers are here to stay..."

So good members, here we are, and here we are to stay, almost 47 years later. That is a real solid performance and one that would surely make V. Mayree proud of each and every one of us.

73
Kevin KA4NWS
YL System Historian



Far left - K4ICA
V. Mayree

Center -
WA0AVW Rex
and V. Mayree
1982 Convention
Milwaukee, WI

Right - WA0AVW
Rex and wife
Marilyn

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."



Received this from Gene K9WFE and just copied and pasted it in.

The following TFO numbers were accidentally omitted from Voice #59

<u>Callsign</u>	<u>TFO Nr</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>TFO Nr</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>TFO Nr</u>
K4HCB	381	AI1N	393	K7MFG	405
W4NWI	382	AA7WS	394	KD4PY	406
VE3DZR	383	KL7IBG	395	NJ3Q	407
KB9BYE	384	N1JRX	396	AA9BB	408
WA2SBS	385	W6URZ	397	K8NQC	409
VE3XAW	386	VE9RC	398	W6MP	410
KB8NSA	387	W3OB	399	J39BW	411
WD0ELP	388	WA7ID	400	W1VCU	412
VA3VPP	389	VE5ADO	401	WA4KSO	413
ND5G	390	KJ7RF	402	WA0MMK	414
N0TJO	391	8P6OP	403	ON6IT	415
VE1JIM	392	KA7SLA	404		

QSL Bureau Update – a post mortem

Several years ago the Board of Directors of the YLISSB agreed with my proposal to close down the system's QSL Bureau. This was done because there was a decided lack of interest and participation of the members. Most of the cards I received were from members who had SASEs on file, but were destined for members who had no SASEs. I forwarded those cards using postage from members who were Silent Keys. Obviously this won't work forever. After a few years I ran out of postage from known SKs and I suggested the bureau be closed. The Board agreed and I ceased operation in August 2008.

In 2009 I began to return SASEs that I had on file to members. I soon ran into a problem when approximately 60% of all mailings I sent out were returned by the Post Office – mostly because the addressee was no longer there and there was no forwarding address.

Rather than waste a lot of time and postage I held off on further mailings. Unfortunately, in the spring of 2010 I experienced minor flooding damage in the basement ham shack which soaked the envelopes I had on file. I managed to salvage the stamps and now have a large collection of US Postage stamps.

I propose to return this postage to anybody who had SASEs on file who requests it. If you had SASEs on file send me an e-mail at k9wfe@arrl.net and I will return it to you. Alternatively give me a call during the Monday Morning Information Session and let me know your desired disposition of your unused postage.

Some members sent cash in lieu of SASEs which will be handled the same way. Any postage or cash remaining with me after April 1, 2011 will be returned to the system as directed by the YLISSB Board. If you had SASEs on file with me I am anxious to hear from you.

73,

Gene Delaney K9WFE
Ex-YLISSB QSL Bureau Manager
k9wfe@arrl.net

For those of you receiving the Communicator for the first time, you are receiving this because I looked you (and others) up in the VOICE, then on qrz.com to get your email address. If you would like to continue receiving this publication each month, please email me back and let me know. My wife and I have been the editors for well over a year now and all past issues can be seen at <http://www.ylssystem.org>
Come back on the air and check in with us. We Miss You! Dick K3CDQ



Glenn KØKER and granddaughter on her 1st Fishing Trip!

Beth KC5RWW in Oklahoma was happy to be able to get into the 40 Meter System. She commented: "Here's a little news. I may have more later. I finally managed to check in to 40 meters Thursday evening at 2300 UTC. Made six contacts; VA, IN twice, OH, SC and PA. Very noisy so we had to work hard to exchange signal reports."



ANDREW WV1B OPERATING VE1FQ IN HALIFAX BELOW: ANDREW'S COAST TO COAST TRANSPORTATION STARTING IN CALIFORNIA.



GLORIA ACØKV



In recent months, Mary NV4Z lost her 58 year old son who was hit by an auto in West Virginia.

We have also been informed that Judy, KC7KPG recently lost her sister.

System members offer our thoughts prayers and condolences to Mary and Judy. Also, Judy has been having medical issues and would appreciate our prayers.



Daytime Report
For Jda KB5YQ - Submitted by KC7KPG

Thank you to the Control stations that help on the System during the day. Jim VE1FQ at the Halifax Club Station and Bill W2EO NY assist on the Early Morning Warm-up. There were 52 stations that checked in the Early Morning Warm-up Friday, September 19th.

Twenty to thirty stations check in to each period during the day. Controls are needed on a regular basis for each period. Members should check in each day and put out a few calls.

Moonbeam Report by Dick K3CDQ

My main thoughts regarding the Moonbeam is to thank all those who covered for me during the two weeks my Mosley was on the ground. I very much appreciate you being there and will certainly be glad to make an effort to cover for any of you when needed. Just let me know.

It appears things are picking up a bit. Propagation reports indicate an increase in sunspots and with Fall here now, things should continue to improve. Right now we are getting pretty close to fifty combined check-ins from the 1st and 2nd period of the Moonbeam. Third period is also doing well but we hope for more improvement there.

Around 99% of our Controls are showing up each evening for their assigned spots and their continued loyalty is greatly appreciated by all. I encourage all to always try to let us know when you know you cannot be aboard for your evening. In such a case, try to get another Control to cover for you rather than leaving it to us to find someone. Again, thanks to all for the great job you and daytime Controls do in keeping the System up and running.

RECEIVED EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES FROM JAY, KA4TXP



07260.0 LSB Arkansas ARES Emergency (day)
07260.0 LSB Gulf Coast West Hurricane
07260.0 LSB Virginia Emergency, Alpha (ARES/RACES) (altn)
07264.0 LSB Gulf Coast (health & welfare)

<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>
<http://whathappenedinmybirthyear.com/>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tIZUhu21sQ>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIb4xQGUToU>
<http://www.hizantennas.com/>

If you are familiar with some websites members would like to see, send us the URLs so we can post them.

Some of you may be aware that we have begun using a program called Netlogger during the MOONBEAM sessions as well as on the 40 meter System.

This is an awesome program which, when being used by a System Control, all persons using Netlogger can view the Control's logs as they are being logged on his/her machine. This is done through the internet and a server, provided by The OMISS folks. Besides seeing the checkins as they are logged, you can also type to others via an "Almost Instant Messages" window.

If you wish to use Netlogger, you need internet capabilities and you will need to download and install the Netlogger program, (though there is a web based version which you can monitor, but not do the logging on).

Downloading and installing Netlogger on any operating system later than Windows XP can be very tricky and confusing. However the kind folks at www.omiss.net have posted some really good help for this on their web site. It has illustrated, step by step, instructions for each version of Windows you may be using. Go to their home page and scroll down to the bottom left corner. There you will see the link for their Netlogger help page.

One hint I got from my research on the internet was to **not** put Netlogger in your Program Files folder, but rather make a new folder under Documents and Settings, (or Documents in Win7 and Vista) and install Netlogger there, according to the step by step instructions on the OMISS page.

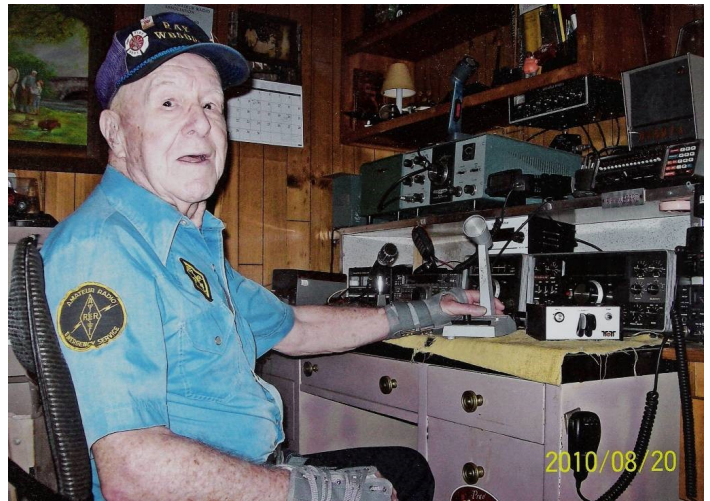
We have a webpage with a link to download Netlogger and also to the OMISS's Netlogger help page. That URL is <http://ka4nws.tripod.com/yliissb.html>

Note: Netlogger is not owned, created by nor supported by the OMISS folks. They just find it a useful program and so offer the help files for other people to get the program installed, if they so wish.

73,
Sally KG4NWS



GEORG VK2FDW ISSB #6104



RAY WB5BRD ISSB #9787

**It is not how much you do, but how much Love you put into the doing that matters.--
Mother Teresa**



From the Editor... K3CDQ :

In the bio below, Ray WB5BRD says he tries to check into our System at least once each day. On a similar note, Jane N1PVT asked in a recent Communicator that we all try to check in at least once each day.

Being a frequent System Control, I too know what it is like to call and call for check-ins and hear silence. We currently have hundreds, maybe thousands of active members. By active I mean members who we do hear from over the months, not often, but they do check in.

If like Ray, those members would make it a point to try to check in at least once each day we would not only have a tremendous increase in check-ins but we would also hear from some of those states our new members are listening for. We have members in Utah, Vermont, Delaware, Rhode Island and other needed states. Let us hear from you friends, we not only have members who need you, but we miss you!

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Spotlight on: Ray WB5BRD Sidebander #9787

Ray Hooper was born in Mena, Arkansas 9-16-1926, and joined the Navy in 1944 where he was Ship's Cook and a 3rd Class Petty Officer. While operating a PBX switchboard, Ray met a young girl who agreed to a blind date if he would meet her at church. He met June in February 1946, at church and says they were both "saved" that day and were married three months later. They all said it would not last but Ray says they had 62 wonderful years together until Ray lost June to a heart attack on May 28, 2007. He says, "when God calls, I am ready to meet her."



During an ice storm on Christmas Day in 2000, Ray was contacted by the Sheriff, Mayor and County Judge to solicit his help with health and welfare messages from all over the USA into and out of Arkansas.. He spent nearly ten hours a day on the air for five days. Ray says he thanks God that in this awful ice storm his antennas stayed up and his generator never quit.

Ray and June had two sons and three grandchildren. Paul, the oldest is an ordained minister. Stephen served in Viet Nam and as a result has had some difficulties and resides at a Veteran's Home and Ray asks that we keep Paul in our prayers.

With carpal tunnel in both hands, arthritis and a pinched nerve in his left arm things are difficult for Ray, but he says he still has three or four CW contacts each and every day. He is a member of Ouchita Amateur Radio Assoc., Salvation Army Service, and Army Mars and an YLISSB member since 1976. Ray says it gets very lonely being by himself in the country and amateur radio keeps him out of the bug house. He has logged 307 countries and prefers CW. *In a recent wind storm, Ray lost his antennas and now has only inverted vees.* He tries to check into the System at least once each day.

Ray is very active in his church and over the years has participated in distributing thousands of Gideon Bibles. He can be found seven days a week at 6:15 AM on the National Study Bible Net on 3.997.