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Stay Alert and drive safely. Our children and grandchildren may be out there on that highway!



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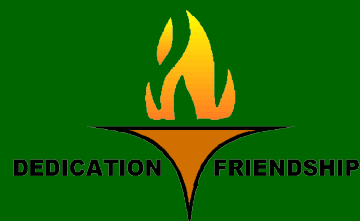
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President's Report...

by Jane N1PVT August 2010

As I write this, there is a gentle rain falling outside my window....the first rain we have had in two months! It is music to my ears! Almost as much music as check-ins on the Early Morning Warm-Up or the Moonbeam would be.

If there is one thing that would make me happy during my tenure as your President, it would be to have you all glowing with radio-activity.... And I mean that in the nicest way. If every member of the System would get on the air at least once a day, think of how much fun it would be....and how much the System would grow due to our activity.

We have a couple of issues that are pressing at this time, and one directly impacts this report. Bud [WD1Z] has stepped down from his position as Awards Program Coordinator. Since the Program Coordinator would report to the President regarding any awards being issued, and since there is no one filling that position, I cannot report to the membership if anyone has recently received an award.

Until a new Coordinator is appointed, I would ask that all Awards Managers pretend I am Bud and report to me. But I would also ask each member reading this to consider stepping up to the plate and taking over this job....but

only if it is something you think you could do and do well. In the meantime, if anyone can think of someone I should ask to take on this responsibility, feel free to e-mail me with a 'nomination.' This job is too important to be left vacant.

Plans are proceeding nicely for Convention 2011, but we still have no one stepping up to take on Convention 2012.

I am really interested in hosting a convention at some point, but with my work schedule at its current level, I'm not sure whether it will be possible...

Try to think if YOU have a great place to visit that the members would like to see....Contact someone who has hosted a recent convention to see what is involved...they will be glad to advise, I'm sure!

By next month, we will be well into apple season and I will try to have some good news to report. Feel free to contact me at any time....I'll get back to you as soon as possible. The System belongs to all of us, so let's keep it vital.

Thanks to all who have stepped forward with words of encouragement...it is truly appreciated!

73 de Jane N1PVT

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

16518	NØREH	RICHARD	MN
16519	KB1RSE	ANDREW	AZ
16520	KDØKFE	GERALD	NE
16521	NR5A	JERRY	SD

NEW TFOs

495	NØMMR	PERRY
496	VE2XMP	MIKE
497	KB3OMO	ALLEN

ANNIVERSARIES

9/05	WA6EBB & MARY (40)
9/05	KC2ATK & KC2DCU (52)
9/28	K3CDQ & JUDY (47)

SILENT KEYS

4994	W6EUF	WAYNE	CA
6872	WA5PJT	ROBERT	LA
8832	WØQWS	JOHN	MO
12348	KO2Q	FRANK	NY
15353	W9ZC	ROBERT	WI

DX ON THE MOONBEAM LATELY

VK2FDW GEORGE AUSTRALIA
 JA1CG HARUO JAPAN
 F5JD JOSE FRANCE
 CU2JT GARY AZORES
 IW3SQY FABRIO ITALY
 IT9PFC SAL ITALY

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/02 KC2DCU	9/20 MARILYN <small>(XYL OF WAØAVW)</small>
9/02 VE1JIM	9/24 W7GMF
9/04 KV4X	9/25 WD5COV
9/05 KB9QL	9/27 N7SD
9/06 KC7AKN	9/27 K8ALT
9/09 KØGOR	9/29 KF9GS
9/14 KB5IPQ	9/30 WB2RWT
9/16 WB5BRD	
9/18 NØTJO	

SEPTEMBER CONTEST ACTIVITY

9/04-05	ALL ASIA
9/04-05	COLORADO QSO PARTY
9/04-05	IARU REGION 1 FIELD DAY
9/05-06	TENNESSEE QSO PARTY
9/11-12	WAE DX CONTEST
9/11-12	ARKANSAS QSO PARTY
9/11	OHIO STATE PARKS ON THE AIR
9/18	CONNECTICUT QSO PARTY
9/18-19	SOUTH CAROLINA QSO PARTY
9/18-19	WASHINGTON STATE SALMON RUN
9/18-19	QCWA FALL QSO PARTY
9/19	NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT
9/19-20	CLASSIC EXCHANGE

Just a reminder. we do not list all contests for the month, only the ones that have the potential of interfering with our operations on 14.332. Mhz.

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

Thank you to the Control stations that help on the System during the day. Jim VE1JIM assists on the Early Morning Warm Up from the Halifax club station VE1FQ. Haruo JA1CG #4174 and George VK2FDW #6104 TFO 16 often help on the Early Morning Warm Up for a 2-hour period. There were 54 stations that checked in the Saturday, August 21st. There are 20 to 30 check-ins on the three periods during the weekdays. Control help is needed on the first and third periods Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. (Submitted for Jda by Judy KC7KPG)

The following is from a note received from Jda: I do need help the first hour on Sundays - 1200Z to 1300Z since KI4IRH can no longer help. KØUB is good help for 1 1/2 hours after that. I also need help the 2nd and 3rd hours of the Early Morning Warm Up Tuesday, Thursday and Friday especially just after 1300Z when Jane has to leave. Thanks for your help. Jda KB5YQ

Editor's Note: As Jane stated in her report, if every one of our members were to check in at least once a day just think of the added activity that would create. If just everyone we email the Communicator to would check in once a day, we would have a tremendous increase in activity. How about it folks, come check in with us at least once each day, even once a week would be a tremendous increase in check-ins.

40 METER REPORT BY JAY KI4TXP

Well another month has come and gone. Where did the summer go? Forty Meters is now meeting on the frequency of 7.262 starting at 2300Z. Please come by and say HI. The more the merrier. I will say that there is still some QRM and some QRN but it seems to be a whole lot better. Come on by and see for yourself.

I would like to THANK all those that have helped out this past month. And Sept we will need more help. This October Leesburg Airport is having an air show and I am responsible for the radio communications. This means that as we get closer to the Oct 23 date I will be unable to host the System. Folks it is really loads of fun running or just helping out for a period so jump in and do your share. There are several that jump in and help but we can really use more. Everyone have a good month and all be safe be happy !!!!
Jay KI4TXP

MOONBEAM REPORT BY DICK K3CDQ

I keep all Moonbeam reports sent to me by Controls and I just took a look at September 2009. I see there were many sessions with check-ins of 30 or more. Also, DX included: DL5MC, WL7CPB, KL7AN, V31FA, KL7YK, VY1WR & KH6CB.

rewarding than what we have been hearing. For example, Haruo, JA1CG, Sidebender #4174 checked in on the Moonbeam on August 17. Haruo has also been checking in often with Jda on the EMWU.

you could give us one hour, yes, only one hour a month, please contact K3CDQ and we will work out an hour of your choice for you to help us. Jda also very much needs daytime help.

While that is not a very exciting list it does show some DX activity which is more than we have been getting throughout the summer. With ARRL propagation reports showing increased solar activity, I look forward to September and October being much more

Since we email this publication to nearly two hundred members plus many others reading it on the System webpage, we feel we are getting to a whole bunch of you. With that in mind, we would like to remind you that we always need more System Controls. If you have any thought that

Regarding the Communicator, for those of you sending us envelopes, please send the ones that do not require being moistened. We encourage members to send us their email address so we can avoid the expense of printing copies to mail.

As always, to all our Controls, thanks

TRY TO REMEMBER!

V. Mayree, Sidebender #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.

“Jump Team”

(Copied from qrz.com with permission from Fred Lloyd AA7BQ and Bob Hejl W2IK)

EMCOMM "Jump Team" Competition in Texas

An "Emergency Communications Team Competition" will be held September 5, 2010, at a South Texas park to be designated before the competition to pre-registered teams. The teams will be made up of four people each, and will compete to see which team can set up an operational communications (Jump Team) site and make 5 HF contacts in the least amount of time and in the proper manner. The competition will require teams to properly:

- *Erect a six man sleeping tent and operations area (canopy) with chairs, tables and radio gear.

- *Erect a food prep canopy with tables, chairs, stove, cooking supplies.

- *Erect one 40 meter "Inverted V" antenna with coax back to the operations area with proper hazard flagging.

- *Assemble one HF station powered by deep-cycle batteries.

- *Assemble two solar panel assemblies and charge at least one deep-cycle battery.

- *Filter ten gallons of water (as part of the setup responsibilities).

- *Cook a simple meal in the food-prep area (enough to feed four people).

- *Make at least 5 HF contacts on 40 meters SSB to stations outside the area with proper logging of contacts made. (Communications will begin only after all the setups have been accomplished).

This competition is not limited to any group or organization. Any four operators who have at least one licensed ham (General class or above) can compete. They will all be using the same equipment and gear supplied by the Bexar Operators Group.

See Emergency Communications Teams. Pre-register by e-mail with a list of team members/call signs, contact e-mail and phone number. -- Robert Hejl, W2IK, San Antonio, Texas [see W2IK's QRZ.com bio for his interesting background and work -- ed.]



BEAUTIFUL WORK DONE BY MARILYN WN9MFC

From the Historian

While poring over some of the old records from the YL System, I came across a mimeographed letter sent from WA6OET, Jessie, to W6CBA, Violet, shortly before the commencement of our 2nd year as the YL System.

In this letter, concerning System Operating procedures, Jessie states in part, and probably directly attributable to V. Mayree, our Founder...."We have been advised both by the Voice (written) and on the air, that ours is a 'SYSTEM', not a NET. Yet day after day, almost two years later, we still hear the words 'Net' and 'Net Control' being used on 14.331. (Note: 14.331 was our frequency for a bit back in those days.)

....."What's the difference? Webster says a net is 'anything fitted to entrap or catch; a snare'; 'to capture by stratagem'. A System, on the other hand, Webster defines as 'an assemblage of objects(sic), united by some form of regular interaction or interdependence...a complex of ideas, principles, etc., forming a coherent whole'. There really is a difference, and it is an important one! No Control station for ISSB should ever be heard referring to our operation as a net. It simply isn't!"

Again, that was written in 1964, and pretty much puts right out there for all of us to see, exactly why we are the YL International Single Sideband SYSTEM. Ain't it great!

1 Aug 2010



WD5FQX - WB9USL-SK



N4ODI



WB7CEH-SK - AA4GT



N4ZGH - N4KNF - SK



AI1N - SK - RUTH



VE2XMP - KC8VRT



KP3B - W5HNI



WA5IPS



LITTLE JOE & K7HK



WA0AVW - MARILYN



ZL1ALE - ZL1AMN



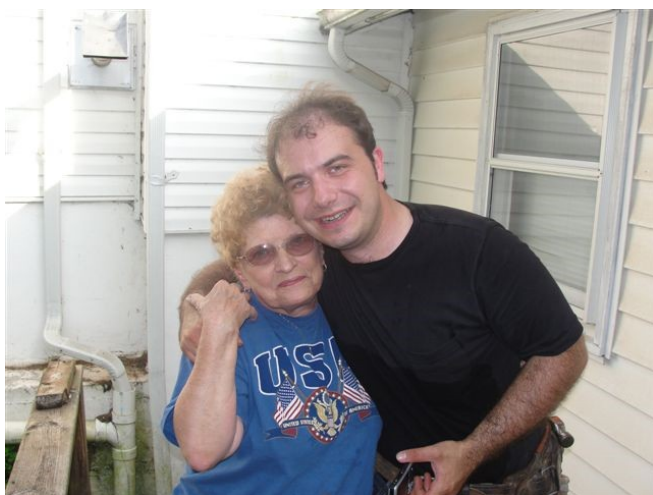
KU7F - SK - N0TWV

N5BYF, Eleonore Odom, Jackson, Mississippi, wants everyone to know that she is thinking about you and missing you. She has been through a rough year in hospitals, and rehab and now back home, but in a wheel chair, and not able to get on the air any more. Her son, Michael lives a few miles away and checks on her and helps out. N5BYF is YL ISSBer #14372. and many of us have worked her many times, and enjoyed the times when she worked as a system control. She recalls the great joy in the mid 60s when she went to New Orleans to meet the FCC testers and passed. Her husband Homer died in 2003, and they were a great team that many of us worked many times in our logs. She appreciates telephone calls and letters now, so how about it? 601-956-4191

WA0PFV(Yes, she does spell her name Eleonore)

SUBMITTED BY: Jim McChesney





Karen KB8NSA & Kevin KC8LNE

Kevin KC8LNE is a member of the System with #15971 and a beautiful gospel singer, we have been close friends for years. Go to the Kevin Mills website and you can hear his voice. I used his CD for my husband's and Mother's funerals. The shaft was bent on my tower holding the rotor, Kevin spent over an hour working on it and it is working really well now. Kevin is working on his masters degrees at Virginia Beach, Va. I received a wonderful phone call today from Larry W5VTM, #9751. All of his antennas were taken down by the ice storm three years ago, his son is going to put up a new beam, which may be done by now. I was so glad to hear from him again. Now that I have my coax fixed I plan on getting back on the system and help out.

Karen KB8NSA

OLD TIMERS AWARD

For those of you working for any award that requires a contact with a System "Old Timer" the membership number that qualifies as an Old Timer has been adjusted upward to 14400. This number is adjusted periodically to bring in those who have been members for "Twenty-Five Years" or longer.



JUDY XYL OF K3CDQ AND KEVIN KA4NWS AT 2010 CONVENTION

Here is an interesting comment seen on Facebook: I am not as good as I should be, I am not as good as I could be, BUT thank God, I am better than I used to be.

DX Engineering Antenna Information:	http://www.dxengineering.com/Products.asp?ID=182&SecID=89&DeptID=25
Army MARS Emergency Operations:	http://www.armymars.net/ArmyMARS/EmergencyOps/index.html
Great video about our military from the past:	http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=KTb6qdPu8JE
Hurricane information regarding net freqs:	http://www.voipwx.net/node/231
How we spend our life is so important:	http://www.walkthetalk.com/thedash.php
Another ham data base to check out:	http://www.hamwave.com
Have any of you tried this antenna?	http://www.tak-tenna.com
Ham license plates, first edition:	http://www.pl8s.com/hams.htm
More Ham Radio license plates:	http://plates.hfradio.net/plates2.html



Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing. **Mother Teresa**

Editors Comments: Over the summer and again recently we have found that we have some friends out there who like to cause interference on 14.332. Yesterday he even included calling our Control an AH & SOB

At the convention in Columbia, SC we were given the email address: fccham@fcc.gov to report such incidents. I would like to take this one step further and ask assistance from each and every member in attempting to pinpoint in which direction this person(s) is from your location. If you happen to be on when this takes place, and if you have a beam, please try to determine the direction from your shack at which you hear it the loudest.

I would appreciate it if you would send your findings to me, telling me the date, time, directions and type of interference. It is important that you state the type of interference so we can try to determine if it is being caused by more than one person.

Once I get this information, I will share it with some other System members and see if we can come up with some sort of location which we can report to FCC when we send in our complaints. Might not work, but worth a try! Remember - Not a word about this on the air!!!!

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Spotlight on: Barry Rounds WA6EBB #15975

Barry is originally from PA where he went to Blue Ridge High. In 1968, after graduating from Penn State he enlisted in the USAF and served as an Aircraft Electrical Repair Man at Beale AFB in CA working on B52 bombers. In 1970, Barry went to Officer's Training School and then trained as a pilot and spent four years flying various aircraft. While in CA in 1970, Barry met and married Mary.

While stationed in Myrtle Beach, SC in '74, Barry left the Air Force and he and Mary moved back to CA with their son Scott who was born in Laredo, TX while Barry was in pilot school. After this, Barry taught 7th & 8th grade History for thirty-one years and retired in 2005.

In turning 64 this year and celebrating a 40th wedding anniversary, Barry says that now he does not get too much radio time since he spends most of his time taking care of grandchildren, mowing lawns, riding bicycles, and running. He does find time though, to help as a Moonbeam Control twice a month, which is appreciated.

Barry and Mary's youngest son Sean, is a banker and their oldest son Scott is a sheriff's deputy and was in the Marine Reserves and did two combat tours of duty in Iraq. Barry says Mary is a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and lifelong companion. He says Mary still works as a nurse and that he is a "kept" man. He stays busy with his three granddaughters.

Barry is a member of the Western Public Service System which meets nightly for the purpose of passing traffic. He has been a ham since 1963 with the first callsign of WN3CVW and while moving around with the USAF was also WBØFWK while in Kansas. Barry was off the air for about twenty-five years and his friends on the YL System are certainly glad he came back on.

