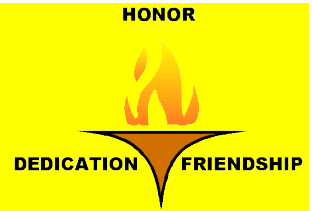


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President's Report... By Jane N1PVT

Greetings from Massachusetts!
I Trust this finds everyone well
and radio-active!

I was just reading a report from Dick, K3CDQ and another from Maria, N0TWV, about the continued interference we have been having on 14.332. I have not been on the radio much lately due to a prolonged bout with pneumonia, but have heard this guy on one other occasion, perhaps two weeks ago. He is posing a continued problem, and if you hear him, you should follow the guidelines and ignore him, carry on as if he were not there, and at your earliest convenience email the FCC with a report. We have already been monitored by the FCC 'interference station' in an attempt to locate this character. Let's hope it happens sooner rather than later.

There is good news to report with the awards program. Rev. Jim, WA0PFV, has been an awards manager for longer than some of us have been hams, but he indicated to me that he wanted to give up this position in 2011. Thankfully, Sandy, KJ5Q, has agreed to

take on his awards, so there will be no interruption in service to the System. Thanks, Sandy... you are the Super awards manager now! And a big thanks to Rev. Jim for his many years of faithful service to the System! Unfortunately, we are still looking for an Awards Program Coordinator. If that is a job you would like to tackle, please email me n1pvt@aol.com or phone me at 508 736-4659. I know someone will step up eventually!

Convention California is in two months! If you haven't made your reservations yet, please do so in order to take advantage of the convention discount. If you have never attended a System Convention before, you are in for a treat. It is great fun to meet people in person whom you know so well from the radio.

Glad to hear that our Editor is back home and doing well... great news, Dick! Sorry to say that his computer went down and he had to start from scratch on this month's edition, but I'm sure it will be great.

73 de Jane, N1PVT

SYSTEM INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

| | | | |
|-------|--------|--------|-----|
| 16575 | W1VSL | PHIL | CA |
| 16576 | VE1GFG | GEORGE | CAN |
| 16577 | W1RIK | RICK | FL |
| 16578 | KF5FSK | AJ | OK |
| 16579 | KC9TBX | BILL | WI |
| 16580 | KF6BPV | DAVE | OR |
| 16581 | KD0MLB | MARVIN | MO |
| 16582 | NØPBU | CRAIG | IA |

APRIL QSO PARTIES

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| 02-03 | SP DX CONTEST |
| 02-03 | MISSOURI QSO PARTY |
| 09-10 | MONTANA QSO PARTY |
| 09-10 | NEW MEXICO QSO PARTY |
| 09-10 | QCWA SPRING QSO PARTY |
| 09-10 | GEORGIA QSO PARTY |
| 11-12 | INTL VINTAGE CONTEST |
| 15-16 | HOLYLAND DX CONTEST |
| 16 | EU SPRING SPRINTS |
| 16-24 | LIGHTHOUSE QSO PARTY |
| 16-17 | MICHIGAN QSO PARTY |
| 16-17 | ONTARIO QSO PARTY |
| 17 | ARRL ROOKIE ROUNDUP |
| 23-24 | HELVETIA CONTEST |
| 30-01 | NEBRASKA QSO PARTY |
| 30-01 | FLORIDA QSO PARTY |

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------|--------------|
| 4/01 K4HCB | 4/14 N5OKU |
| 4/03 KB9IFD | 4/14 PAT XYL |
| 4/05 BARBARA | OF 8P6OP |
| XYL OF NØTJO | 4/17 VE3OWS |
| 4/06 AA9FC | 4/22 KN4AA |
| 4/09 WD1Z | 4/23 W4KRN |
| 4/10 WA9JMU | 4/21 UA1ZO |
| 4/10 KI4JQB | 4/27 VE2XMP |
| 4/13 W1ABM | 4/28 KØMSR |
| 4/13 K3CDQ | 4/19 N5COO |

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------------|
| 4/02 KD5SXH MILLIE & WB5NNE JOHN |
| 4/06 K8NQC BILL & N8UOO JOYCE |
| 4/10 KC7KPF TOM & KC7KPG JUDY |

KC8PMI #15772 is now AC8FG
W4DFW #8615 is now W4PG

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|----|-----|--------|----|--------|
| 20 | SSB | 14.332 | CW | 14.065 |
| 15 | SSB | 21.373 | CW | 21.065 |
| 10 | SSB | 28.673 | CW | - |
| 40 | SSB | 7.268 | CW | 7.065 |
| 75 | SSB | 3.873 | CW | 3.565 |

CONGRATULATIONS ON NEW TFO
WV1B TFO 499

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 14.332, THE FREQUENCIES SHOWN ABOVE MAY CHANGE AT TIMES. ASK ON 14.332 IF UNSURE.

HELP WANTED:

The System needs an editor/publisher for the VOICE, the annual publication containing 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 Do we have a member station with printing and publishing experience who would consider taking over the publishing of the VOICE, our annual publication?

SYSTEM INFORMATION

CONTROL AWARENESS:

Visitors will always ask questions and each member, especially a System Control, should be aware of the System's founding person and date. The System was founded by K4ICA, V. Mayree Tallman on February 9, 1963. The System was founded by this one woman, not a couple of YLs and not a "bunch" of YLs. Also, KØICA is V. Mayree's son.

Controls should also know and remember the address for our System website which is <http://www.ylssystem.org>. Usually, it is sufficient to simply say "ylssystem.org." It is suggested this information be copied and placed near the rig in order to be found quickly.

THE CORRECT NAME:

I remember being told many years ago in a management training course "get the person's name right and don't forget it." We were told a person's name was one of the most important things to an individual and to always have it remembered by someone and to be pronounced properly was special.

So, why that now? Because most of us and I mean close to 90% of us pronounce Jda's name incorrectly and that includes me even though I know what is correct. No one is more well known on the System than our

daily Control, Jda. That being said, let us make an effort at saying her name properly.

Ask her and she will tell you like Ida but with a J. So, it is the "J" that gets us all in trouble. Well, it should be pronounced as GEE dah - not JAY dah.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:

We are in need of an Awards Program Coordinator. The pay is excellent and it can be fun. Certainly some of you are familiar with certificate software. There are tons of choices out there. Some include Smart Draw, Certificate Creator, Printmaster, Baudville, just to name a few. We have all the necessary certificates designed and on CDs and as the Awards Manager, you can use these or design your own for approval. In the VOICE you will see we have a half dozen or so Awards Managers but we are missing our Top Dog, the System Awards Coordinator. We have members working for our awards daily and we need someone to oversee this project. How about it, can you help?

VOICE EDITOR:

We are also searching for a member to take on the roll of editor for our annual publication, the VOICE. Give it some thought. You have a year to put it together and with help and input from the entire membership. Contact Rose KL7FQQ

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 we are the YL System, not the YL Net.

40 Meter Report by Jay KI4TXP

Well folks it has been an interesting month. Just the other night I had to cut the System short because of bad weather at our door step. Guess what? It never got bad. Oh well, that is the way the weather is.

On that subject. Folks please be careful as we approach the flooding season and severe weather instances. We don't want anyone getting hurt or worse.

Forty has started to open up some for us. Just last night I had Iowa and Texas as well as Massachusetts in the East. Maybe that is a good sign of things to come.

It is nice to be getting the upper teens to lower twenties in check ins. This can not be done by oneself. It can only be done with help. PLEASE folks, jump in and help as often as you can. The Controls really would appreciate

it and you will have a ball doing it.

That's about it from Leesburg, VA. Hope to hear more as the band opens up.

Oh Yes. One other very important item. 40M has been operating on 7.268. Look for us around that spot on your dial.

73's to all,

“Never look down on anybody, unless you're helping them up.” Author unknown

Moonbeam Report by Dick K3CDQ

We certainly cannot say the first quarter of 2011 has set the Moonbeam on fire. I had hoped that the hour of daylight gained from Daylight Savings Time would help but the DX has just not been there.

1st Period of the Moonbeam on Friday the 25th is proof how DX can liven things up. EI9JU came on with a 20 over S9 signal from

Ireland and Controls were busy all period helping members make contact with Gerry.

We all need to continue to thank and tip our hats to the many wonderful controls we have on all portions of the System

Welcome and thanks to Jodee KB7CSX who has volunteered to

help on the Moonbeam with Kevin and Bob on 1st Period of 3rd Tuesdays.

Sorry to report that Alice, XYL of John KE7VSC in Oregon, has become a Silent Key after fifty-one years of marriage. Thoughts, love and prayers from all of us to you John.

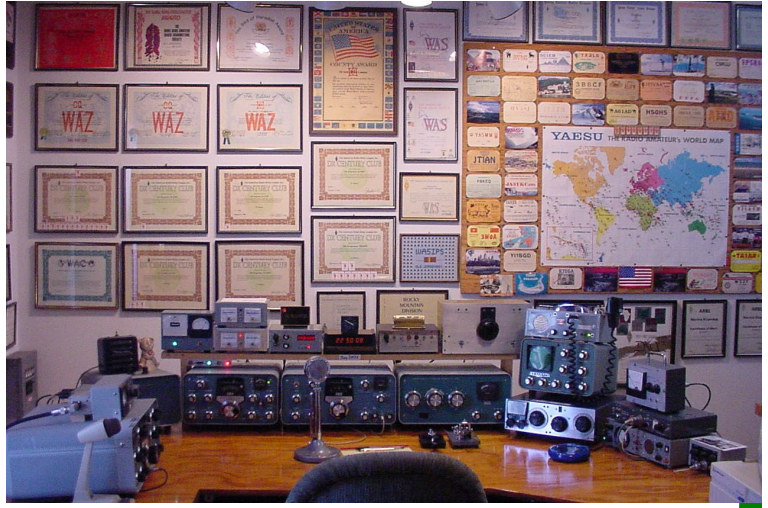
73, Dick K3CDQ

INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE - REPRINTED FROM ISSUE #159

The past few weeks we've had intentional interference on 14.332. There have been times when he has transmitted tapes of our controls, and unacceptable language. When this occurs, members are asked to totally ignore this person. Do not talk to him, do not ask him to cease or move, simply make believe you do not even hear him. The best way to get rid of a person like this is to ignore him and continue operating as usual. If he is causing you a problem, you definitely DO NOT want him to know that, IGNORE HIM!

You are also asked to report this person to FCC by sending them an email with complete details. Send your email to fccham@fcc.gov Include your name, address, telephone number and callsign. Also, the date, time and frequency. Include a brief description of the type of interference you are experiencing.

Finally, keep in mind, as we do this, we are inviting FCC to monitor our frequency, so let's make sure we all operate in a TFO manner. We won't know when we are being monitored so let us show pride in our System.

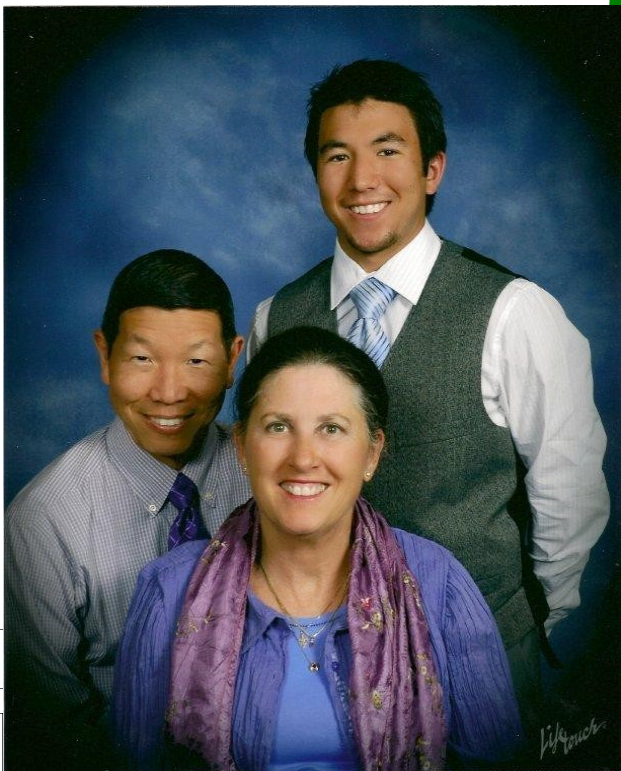


WA5IPS OLE JORGENSEN - SIDEBANDER #13578 ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO



AA4GT, NF2J, & NV4Z IN ALABAMA

TO THE RIGHT: NANCY K9DIG AND FAMILY --->

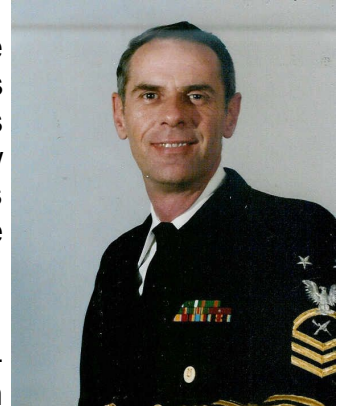


Bill Johnston, K5ZI, of Organ, New Mexico, has been a licensed amateur radio operator for over 50 years. In addition to his on-the-air activities, he has been a long-time collector of New Mexico Amateur Radio callsign license plates. He collects all years of New Mexico ham radio plates, and is interested in hearing from fellow hams who might have plates he can add to his collection. He also has quite a few New Mexico ham radio plates from 1953 to present that are available to trade. Bill can be contacted at P.O. Box 640, Organ, NM 88052-0640, Tel. 575-382-7804, e-mail: K5ZI@arrl.net



Spotlight on: Kevin KN4AA #15808 & Sally KK4YL #15809

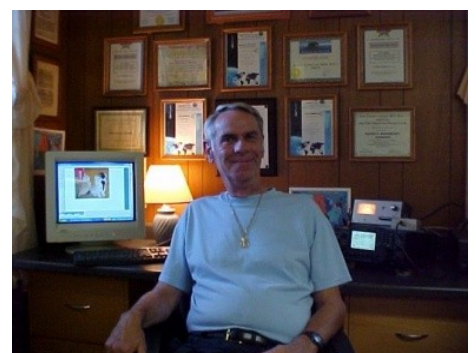
If it were not for North Carolina, Kevin and Sally Newberry would still be living separate lives, But a chance meeting and mutual interests brought these two dynamic and interesting people together. And, as they say, life has never been the same. Kevin originally hails from New York and joined the Navy in 1964 where he enjoyed 28 years, retiring as a Master Chief Petty Officer, CTCM in 1991. While in the Navy, he learned Morse Code.



He married his home town gal and together they had three daughters. Living and traveling abroad, Kevin earned his first radio license in 1967 in Puerto Rico with the call sign WP4DBN. He and his family were stationed at many beautiful places including Italy, Scotland (where his first born daughter came into this world), Iceland, Japan and Puerto Rico. While in Italy, Kevin loved the food so much that he taught himself how to cook some of the wonderful Italian dishes. When he was sent to Scotland, Kevin and his family lived in a quaint little 400 year old stone cottage (seen below.) He had a horse there who sometimes got the upper hand. Sometimes the horse would stop suddenly and send Kevin flying off landing on his backside! Sadly, Kevin's first wife died due to heart problems.

Sally grew up in Bakersfield, California and loved spending time with her grandfather. He lived in the desert and was Sally's mentor. He taught Sally many things especially how to be guided by the sun and how to tell which was west versus south or north by the sun's location. Sally married and had three children and settled near Seattle, Washington. Eventually Sally and her husband parted ways and Sally made her way to North Carolina.

As fate would have it, Kevin and Sally found each other. She was intrigued by amateur radio and wanted to learn more. Their friendship turned into a courtship. They decided to sell their homes and travel the USA. For several years, Sally and Kevin traveled the beautiful USA and with the ham radio on board, they made many new friends and met many members of the YL System along the way. All the while, Sally asked questions about the operation of the radio and with Kevin's tutoring, she earned her Tech, General, and Extra Class licenses. Her favorite question was "Why?" and she went to great lengths to find out the answer to that question. Her code speed was up to 18 words per minutes, but she admits that today she is not quite there anymore.



While traveling in their motor home, they stopped to visit an old friend of Sally's in South Carolina and after two years on the road, decided to make their home on Lake Wateree in SC.

Together, they are involved in many amateur activities including contests, PSK, RTTY, state QSO parties, Ham-fests, and just general "ragchew." An avid member of the YL System, Sally always strives to help her fellow System members. She discovered the wonderful Netlogger Program which she doctored and revised it in such a way that it would be most useful to YL members in logging the various portions of the YL System. With a database of over 500 members who have checked into the System, and with the use of the Netlogger, the YL System has gained many new members. Sally spends endless hours helping others learn how to use Netlogger, going above and beyond the call, to help everyone. It does not matter if you are a new or a long time System member, Sally helps all.

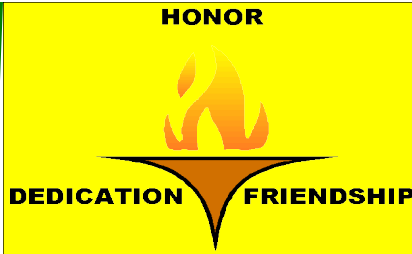


Kevin and Sally hosted the annual YL Convention in Columbia, South Carolina in 2010. Working tirelessly, Sally and Kevin ensured the comfort of every member. From a noon time meal at their home on the lake to planned excursions to the lovely hotel accommodations and dinners, Sally and Kevin's detailed plans were a success. Their thoughtfulness was evident at every turn and they were always asking if they could help or do something for someone else. During the Convention, Sally unveiled a new YL System flag which she designed.

With Kevin and Sally, no one is a stranger. You might not know who KN4AA is when you first contact him, but you will have made a friend for sure. And don't worry, KK4YL will be a contact a little further down the log. They are usually both on the air together while each is on their own separate computer. Kevin can be found entering check-ins on Netlogger while Sally is doing something else on her computer which is usually in one way or another, helping a System member.

Editor's Note: If I am not mistaken, Sally & Kevin joined the YL System on March 1, 2002, and I personally do not believe anyone has spent more time doing things for others than Sally & Kevin. It is difficult to find a day in the nine years they have been aboard that they have not been on the air and performing some sort of task for the YL System. They both excel in friendliness, patience and willingness to help and be part of the team. We have many loyal, dedicated and appreciated members but it would be difficult to find anyone who spends more time doing things for the System and helping others than these two. They help to make our "Instant Friendship" a real thing. K3CDQ





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From the Editor: This is one Spring I will not forget. On March 7, I came downstairs in the early AM and shut all my computers down, disconnected all my coax and headed for the hospital in Annapolis to have my right hip replaced. Today is March 26, just nineteen days from surgery and I am beginning to believe things are actually better. At least that 24/7 pain in my right hip area is gone. Now if I can just get rid of the other pains lingering around all will be well. Before I go to bed this evening, I will take my last two pain pills and try to make it after that without them. I think once I get all these drugs out of my system I will feel a lot better.

I forgot to mention that when I returned home on March 9, this computer I am on now would not come on. No lights, no boot up, nothing. I do have another computer but my Publisher 2007 and all the photos and data for this issue were locked up in this "dead" computer. That really threw me for a loop and left me quite depressed. This morning, I replaced the power supply, crossed my fingers, said a prayer and now here we are, Richard and a working computer. Thanks God!

From the Historian

Well, history has a way of changing every day of the year, and for Sally and me, this year is no exception. Due to circumstances way beyond our control, we will be moving our household from this lovely lake front setting to regions unknown. Actually, we will probably start out by living with one or both of our daughters up on the ridge in south western Pennsylvania and north eastern Ohio, but that will be only temporary.

As far as all the historical records and memorabilia that I have obtained from our members over the past few years, they will travel right along with us. I will keep it all safe and sound, but I won't be able to be viewing and discussing much of that information with you for the next several months. Sorry this had to happen, but no sorrier than Sally and I.

If you have additional memorabilia and items of historical significance, please hang on to it and I will let you know when and where to send it to me.

Thanks, and 73,
Kevin KN4AA
YL System Historian

Did you know? Three of the four Americans killed by Somali Pirates were hams. Scott Adams K9ESO, and wife Jean Adams KF6RVB, of Rapid City, SD and Bob Riggle KE7IIV of Seattle, WA.

**If there are no dogs in heaven,
then when I die I want to go
where they went.**

Will Rogers