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MAKING FRIENDS WORLD WIDE SINCE 1963

READY OR NOT HERE IT COMES
HAPPY NEW YEAR



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President's Report...

BY JANE N1PVT

December 25th, and the snow is coming down. Hope all who need to be are inside and warm at this time. Hope to hear that everyone had a wonderful holiday and a safe homecoming!

us that he wishes to retire from his job after countless years of wonderful service, and I think he has earned the right to do so. However, someone ELSE needs to step up to take his place, Is that person YOU?

Received my copy of the Voice, and enjoyed reading it. Thanks to Rose, KL7FQQ, who continues to produce this essential arm of the System, even though she took it on as a temporary job. We are still looking for someone who will take this job on proactively, as a job they would like to do for a few years. If you are that person, please contact KL7FQQ and I know she will give you a lot of information along with a good 'pep' talk!

Dues are current, and need to be paid. Sure hope we don't need to remind everyone for months at a time. If you have a new copy of the Voice, tear out the appropriate page and mail it in with your check, and the grateful thanks of the System.

Looking for a successful QSO party this year. Please participate and send in your logs so Jim [VE1JIM] knows you are interested. It is great fun, and the bands should be more cooperative this year.

Also in the 'jobs to be filled' column is the role of Awards Coordinator, formally held by WD1Z but currently vacant. We need to fill this slot so that we can create new awards to work for as well as having a person to whom our awards' managers can report. Additionally, Rev. Jim [WAØPFV] has informed

Hoping everyone has a great 2011,
73/33/88 de Jane [N1PVT]



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS			
16547	W1WAB	WILLIAM	FL
16548	NL7CQ	RUSTY	NE
16549	KJ4HRL	STEVE	TN
16550	KA8CLD	CAL	MI
16551	KE7BAB	DICK	OR
16552	KJ4YFH	HAPP	FL
16553	KC9SBV	DAN	IL
16554	K8BRX	RICHARD	KS
16555	KF7JTH	ERIC	MT

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	
1/01 W5RJ	1/12 NØUOD
1/02 KI4TXP	1/13 NØEFV
1/02 KCØCRS	1/18 KL7FQQ
1/02 K8NQC	1/20 AK1X
1/02 NC4MI	1/20 N1DL
1/02 VE9RMD	1/22 ZL1ALE
1/03 KM5OA	1/26 WAØJH
1/03 KV5S	1/28 ND5G
1/09 N2LR	1/29 KCØECK
1/11 VE4DS	1/30 N3RF

ANNIVERSARIES
<p>WE ARE SORRY THAT WE DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION ON JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES. IF YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IS IN JANUARY, PLEASE SEND US INFO FOR NEXT YEAR AND IF YOU LIKE, YOU MAY TELL US HOW MANY YEARS.</p>

CONTEST ACTIVITY	
1/2	KID'S DAY
1/8-9	HUNTING LIONS IN THE AIR
1/9	MIDWINTER QSO PARTY
1/15	INT'L UNITED TEENAGER CONTEST
1/15-16	HA DX CONTEST
1/15-16	NORTH AMERICAN QSO PARTY
1/22-23	YLISSB SSB QSO PARTY
1/29-30	UBA CONTEST
1/29-30	WINTER FIELD DAY

SILENT KEYS			
635	KR6AN	DONALD	AZ
1870	KØROD	STEVE	FL
11149	WD0CQI	ELDON	IA
11820	WDØFNU	DALE	NE
13365	AB4HR	CHARLIE	AL

<p>Error in Voice # 60, Page 99 W3DT 16024 PA should be W3DY 16024 PA</p>

<p>REMEMBER, WE ONLY POST CONTEST ACTIVITY THAT COULD INTERFERE WITH OUR OPERATION ON 14.332.</p>

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<p>HELP WANTED:</p>
<p>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</p>

SYSTEM INFORMATION PAGE

ANNUAL QSO PARTIES:

SSB: January 22, 0000 UTC
to January 23, 2359 UTC

CW: February 5, 0000 UTC
to February 6, 2359 UTC

We very much encourage all members to participate in both QSO Parties and to not shy away from the CW Party which can be a lot of fun. You do not have to be a CW wonder. All members will slow down for you if that is required. Get out those keys, dust them off and let's have a little fun. Even laugh with and at each other if that is what it turns out to be, but have fun.

Remember, during the SSB QSO Party, contacts must be made away from 14.332. Also, mini nets, and control stations are prohibited. Each person should make their own contacts without the help of others or controls. DX may work members on 14.332 but stateside members cannot count those contacts.

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YL SYSTEM BIRTHDAY:

February 9, 2011, will be the 48th birthday of the YL System. Perhaps someone could suggest some special activity we could have for that day. If so, send your suggestions to me, K3CDQ and I will run them by our officers and see what we can come up with.

CONTACT DX MEMBERS

Now that the days are getting longer and since we should be getting more sunspots and help from Cycle 24, it would be good if some of you Old Timers would email some of your DX friends to see if you can get them active and back on the System. Now don't leave it for someone else to do, email them.. Give it a try.

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ANNUAL DUES

The time for dues is here. Remember, in order to vote and to receive System Awards, dues must be paid. Annual dues are \$20 and should be sent to Jodie ABØEG.

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THE VOICE ON A CD

Steven VE3JPJ, one of our sightless members has offered to put the VOICE on a CD for anyone interested. He can be reached at:

Steven T. Bamber
212 Davidson Road
Pickering, ON L1V 2P9 Canada
Or email - sbamber2871@rogers.com

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Remember, V. Mayree designated this to be a System and not a net. Is there a difference? Probably not but let us honor her request and refrain from calling it a net. We are the YL **System**, the friendliest bunch of amateurs on the bands.

V. Mayree, K4ICA (SK) 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." We are the YL System, not the YL Net.

Well another year has come and gone. I hope all had a Merry Christmas and Holiday Season.

40 Meters has had its difficulties of late. Conditions, as you all know, have not gotten much better. In fact, one night recently we were on 7.267.

That is some distance from our stated frequency of 7.262.

This brings up a point. If you are trying to check in and hear nothing jump around a bit and listen up. We will be trying to move up the band as needed. Going down, there is a carrier that just won't stop. All of us on 40 are anxiously waiting

for the band to open up and stay that way for a while. You would be amazed how the band changes on a daily basis.

We can go one night and hit the Northeast to Florida and nothing to the West. The next night could be just the opposite. You figure!!!

I want to THANK all those that have helped out this past year. I do hope more of you could help out on a regular basis. Allen, KB3OMO, has taken over Mondays and Fridays which is really nice. There are so many of you that jump in and help when you can THANKS.

It sure would be nice to have the System continue to move West as the night progresses. All I need is some one to say they would be glad to do it.

Folks, even if it is one night a week that would be fine. I know there are many West Coast people that would love to check in on 40. Its up to you to make it happen. Send me an email jay-son648@yahoo.com and we could get started.

To All,
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jay KI4TXP
YL System 40M Coordinator.

MOONBEAM REPORT BY DICK K3CDQ

Before I forget, let me mention that we are out of photos. Many of you have told me how much you enjoy seeing photos of your fellow Sidebanders so please, email me some photos of you, your spouse, family, shack or anything else.

As for the Moonbeam, our great Controls keep struggling along and making things work even with Cycle 24s lack of cooperation. Using Netlogger is proving to be a great help as it often allows Controls who

cannot hear each other a method of staying in contact and passing Control around. It also allows anyone who has downloaded the program the opportunity to log on and see who else is logged in as well as chat in the AIM window.

If you are interested in trying Netlogger and need some help, contact Sally KG4NWS. Sally has helped a number of our members to get it set up. She is really good with this software.

Netlogger has really become a great asset for our Controls.

Speaking of Controls, I need some help. The date for my surgery has been set and it will be March 7. So, this means I need someone to fill in for me on March 7 and 9 at 2300 UTC. I may also need backup on the 14th and 16th if I am still unable to negotiate the stairs. I DO plan to tackle going up and down the stairs but might not be all as easy as I think it is going to be. Won't know until I try!

From the Historian

Happy New Year everyone!!

As we welcome in the New Year, it would be worthwhile to look back on the year just passed. 2010 was a pretty darn good year for the YL System, don't you think? We had a large and very active group of new members join our System, and made them feel not only comfortable being around us, but also, a part of our ever growing family!

Looking back over the written record for the past 47 years, that has always been a mainstay with our group; making new members feel

most welcome and encouraging their participation in our myriad of events and happenings. For example, one of the very first functions carried out on the YL System was the annual QSO Parties, and they continue unabated until this day. The only difference between then and now is that due to band conditions over the past number of years, we just don't have the large number of DX stations participating as we once did.

It is said that perseverance leads to success however, and that is what we must do. Jump in and make yourselves heard in the QSO Party this month and again in February when we will do the Morse Code portion. Many of our current

membership were recruited simply by someone making contact with them during a QSO Party and explaining what the YL System was all about. Next thing we knew, they were on 14.332 checking into the System and requesting further information. In many instances, that was followed by their submitting a membership application, and receiving their treasured Sideband Number!

So let's get in there and make some new friends during the QSO Party this year and at the same time, have a lot of fun!
73,
Kevin
KA4NWS

Comments from Jda KB5YQ - Many thanks to all of the great people who help keep the System running. I could name names but I couldn't remember all of them and I would hate to leave anyone out.

Editor's Comment: Jda, we all thank you for all you do for the System!!!



GEORGE W8CFI #15961 OHIO



As if I didn't have enough to do already, I decided to temporarily go to sort of a semi-retirement and speed my life up a bit. This all came about when a company here in Kentucky offered me the opportunity to deliver their item of manufacture literally across the country. This led to my trading my Ford 250 for a Ford F350 dually flat bed. That means a little truck with lots of power to make believe it's a big rig.

My first trip headed for Manitoba, Canada, encountered the scales at mile marker 13 in the southeastern part of South Dakota. There I had the significant moment of meeting South Dakota's Senior Inspector C????? He had little to no personality that was apparent and the experience cost me \$120. Seems that they do get quite upset over the weight of a vehicle and the class of license a driver has in their possession. Bottom line, I was found at fault...

Long story shortened, I'd had had a CDL-B for over 25 years. The 26,020 pounds on the scales meant that I needed a CDL-A by a horrendous 19 pounds. However, in spite of my being liberated from some old presidential friend's portraits, the training and learning was about to begin. Upon entering a 160 hour training program to get my Class A, Commercial Driver License, it immediately became apparent that the only alternative was to take the driving test with a full size 18-wheeler. It seems that whomever wrote the regulations forgot to consider that those big rigs might not be the only ones that can carry a lot of weight.

The rules say that if you pull a trailer that has a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating, or GVWR, that is 10,001 pounds or greater, it requires a Class A. If the combined GVW Ratings of the towing vehicle and trailer exceed 26,001, this too requires a Class A CDL. I gave in, took the training, and met an exceptional Kentucky State Trooper named Mike that administered the test. He was exceptional because he passed me the first try.

Lessons learned: The men and women that drive these 18-wheelers do NOT earn enough money for what they do for all of us. Consider this little task - how good are you at parallel parking the vehicle that you normally drive? A required test task is to parallel park an 18-wheeler within a box that is only 15 feet longer than the entire rig. Piece of cake... It takes considerable more room to stop a semi with an empty trailer than when it is loaded. It takes more distance to stop a truck with no trailer... and it takes a bunch of space to stop a loaded one. Insurance for a truck and trailer doesn't mean it covers the truck alone...

Everyone has regulations, even radio folks, but DOT and others have some real winners. For instance, have you ever heard of "IFTA"? That is the International Fuel Tax Agreement. That means that a truck from any particular State has to pay fuel tax to every State that they drive through, even if they do not purchase fuel there. Even better, if the truck goes to Canada or Mexico, once every quarter a fuel tax report must be filed and paid to each vampire due...

The DOT regulations also state that a driver can only be on duty for 14 hours in a 24 hour day, of which they can only be driving 11 of those hours. Then comes a mandatory 10 hour "off duty" period. Log books are required that account for a driver's life in 15 minute increments, even days when "off duty". This means that if they stop 15 minutes for fuel or a nature break, it is supposed to be logged.

Bottom line, I spent a lot of green, but I have a totally different attitude toward our members that drive these rigs for a living. When we hear them we should make contact, even if to do nothing but say "Thanks for all that you do for us!" Without these folks, most of what we have wouldn't be there. They do spend a lot of time away from family to earn a living, and provide for all of us.

Bud - WD1Z



Denny W1VCU and Audrey



Phil NP3B with his son and daughter



Carl 8P6OP, George AA4GT, Maria NØTWV



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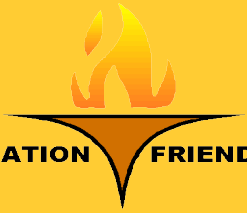
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- KB9OC
- WAØPFV
- K9WFE
- KCØCRS
- NØTWV
- N5BYF
- N7HRO
- WA5JDV
- N7GBX
- N7FSR
- VA7CTW
- WA6EBB
- WB5BRD
- W2GLB
- KI4IRH
- KC8VRT



Left K3UMW & K3UMV Above Phyllis & K7PVZ

Shown to the right are the stations we have featured in the "Spotlight On" section over the past twenty-two months. We sure would like to add your callsign to this list. Please send us a photo and some background on your life including home town, school, college, spouse, children and any other information you would like to share with your friends. Also, if you have enough information on one of your fellow Sidebanders, feel free to send it to us. Wow, twenty-two months doing the Communicator. Hard to believe it has been that long. How time flies. No wonder I'm getting old.

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Editor's Comments:

We would like to remind everyone that if you would like your birthday and/or anniversary listed in this monthly publication, please send us that information.

Regarding anniversaries, you might also include the number of years you have been married. On birthdays, we do not need the year, only the month and day. On the same subject, an OM emailed me and said we did not list him in the December issue. We are sorry about that and in addition, sorry that we deleted that email and do not recall who he was. Please email us again with that information!

Thanks to those of you who have sent us bio information for the Spotlight section below. You can be sure we will use that info in future issues of the Communicator. We hope more of you will send us your stories, family history and photos.

Late news: We just learned this morning from Jda that Roy W5RJ #15856 is in the hospital in MO. Please keep Roy in your thoughts and prayers.

May the sun always shine on your windowpane; May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain; May the hand of a friend always be near you; May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

[Irish Blessing](#)



Spotlight on: Amy Smith KC8VRT #16191

2010 Top Flight Operator of the Year

Amelia Smith was born September 10, 1936, in Flint Michigan. After a twenty year delay, she graduated from high school in 1973. In 1958, she married Gerald KC8TDC. Amy and Gerald have a son Brian who is also a ham, KD8CGP. They also have a daughter, Frances and they have four grandsons. Rob is 18, Jared is 11, Devin is 8 and Camrin is 4.

Amy has been a member of the Fairwinds Girl Scout Council since 1973. She has been a troop leader, a day camp worker, doll derby chairman and school organizer. She and Gerald have had summer day camp on their property since 1985.

She got her novice, WN8GNG, in 1962 but didn't make tech and then took time out to raise a family.. She got her technician ticket in 2003 and general in 2005 after taking basic electronics, AC/DC fundamentals and amateur radio at Mott College. She joined the YL System in 2007 and is also a member of 10/10.

Amy, with her pleasant voice, can be found just about every day assisting Jda at control. She is the 2010 winner of the Top Flight Operator of the Year. Well deserved! Congratulations from all!