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Happy
Independence Day

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
State of CALIFORNIA
Los Angeles County DM03ur
City of San Pedro




**K4ICA at the YLISSB
2011 CONVENTION**

Confirming 2-way SSB QSO with Amateur Radio Station _____
on this _____ Day of June, 2011 at _____ hours UTC
from "The City of San Pedro, CA, USA" on Frequency 14.332 MHz.
Report: _____ Operator: _____ Pse QSL Tnx

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President's Report... by Jane NIPVT July 2011

Just a brief report to let you members AB0EG, Jodie, all know that the Convention in KB0TFK, Pat, and N0TWV, San Pedro went well in spite of Maria: jobs well done! Wel- a smaller than expected atten- come to two new members of dance. We have sites ap- the Emeritus Council, N0TWV, proved for the next two years, Maria, and KE5ZI, Barbara: we so hope everyone will mark will continue to welcome your their calendar and attend at input to our deliberations as a least one of these System Board.

events. Thanks again to Scotty for hosting the convention this year so ably. Kris and I were certainly sorry to miss it!

Dick said he doesn't have much space, so I'll finish now with a hope that you will all find plenty of time to be on the radio

Welcome to our new Board members, W7AJP, Bill, down, and we haven't found the W7WTQ, Ralph, and KK4YL, time to fix it with all the farm Sally: we will try to keep you work to be done.

busy in a purposeful manner.

Thanks to outgoing Board 73, 33 and 88 to you all!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS			
16595	KB9VLH	DAVID	WI
16596	W9VS	GARY	WI
16597	WB4YTN	HAROLD	NC
16598	K4GDB	GEORGE	KY



JULY BIRTHDAYS	
7/04 DU9EK	7/19 VK2FDW
7/04 WA5PBR	7/22 WD5FQX
7/06 W8RQE	7/23 KJ5Q
7/08 DJ9BK	7/24 K9WFE
7/11 KC5SAM	7/26 W6HB
7/13 W3YZL	7/28 VK5ZB
7/13 K9FA	7/29 WØEWB
7/13 KA7TXR	7/29 AJØHH
7/16 KØUB	7/30 N4EPG
7/18 KA5RUZ	

JULY QSO PARTIES & CONTESTS	
01	CANADA DAY
02-03	VENEZUELAN INDEPENDENCE DAY
09-10	IARU HF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
17	RUSSIAN RADIO TEAM CHAMPIONS...
30	MARAC US COUNTIES QSO PARTY
30-31	IOTA CONTEST

ANNIVERSARIES	
7/04 KI4TXP JAY & SUE	
7/10 W8OPA & JEANIE	
7/14 VE9MSD & VE9RMD	

We only post the QSO parties that have the potential of interfering with our operation on 14.332.

SILENT KEYS			
6836	KD4PY	JIM	FL
7537	K9GEL	RICHARD	IN
7866	VE4AE	JACK	CAN
12880	W7RKO	GLENN	WA
16107	W9EFG	ROBERT	TX
16108	KI4KTA	CHRIS	FL

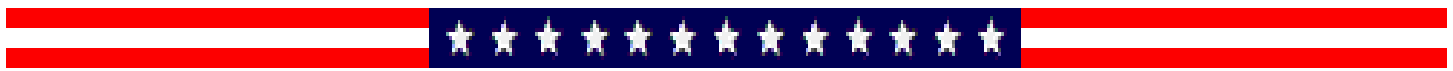


BETH KC5RWW #16391
ON FIELD DAY



CHANGES	
KEØJ JOE IN IOWA IS NOW AJØHH	

NEW TFOs NOT IN VOICE			
499	WV1B	ANDREW	CA
500	JA1CG	HARUO	JAPAN



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

PHOTOS FROM 2011 CONVENTION



SCOTTY K6ZNL - PRIMARY OPERATOR AT K6AA



BILL W7AJP
WITH 50 CALIBER WORTH OF POWER



DONNA, JOAN, MARGARET, MIKE & ROSE



TOO MANY TO NAME- BUT, HAVING FUN



ANDREW WV1B 15276



MIKE VE7AAV, DONNA, AND ROSE KL7FQQ

40 METER REPORT

Hello all from Leesburg, VA.

I hope that all whom went to the Convention this year had a great time. It was a great experience for me going last year and eye balling so many of my friends. I sure hope next year we can make it.

A reminder to all that we now meet at 2300z Monday thru Friday on 7.265. This part of the System is only run for 45 minutes. We are just ahead of the RV Net. It has worked out well with the exception of a few times when we were on a good run. That has not happened too often fortunately. Several of us have asked late check-ins to QSY to another frequency where they are given all the appropriate information about us. That also has worked out nicely.

We have had several new members helping out. Joe, K2QZR, and Joan,W4JMJ have taken the System several times in the last couple of weeks. Thanks Joan and Joe. We are still looking for more help. All of our Systems need help. PLEASE give it some thought. It is loads of fun and you get to meet many great people.

73, KI4TXP Jay

MOONBEAM REPORT

Many thanks to all who helped to keep things going while Kevin and Sally relocated from SC to southwestern PA. I thought once they moved, I would no longer hear them but with short skip, I have heard them Q5 more often than when they were in Carolina.

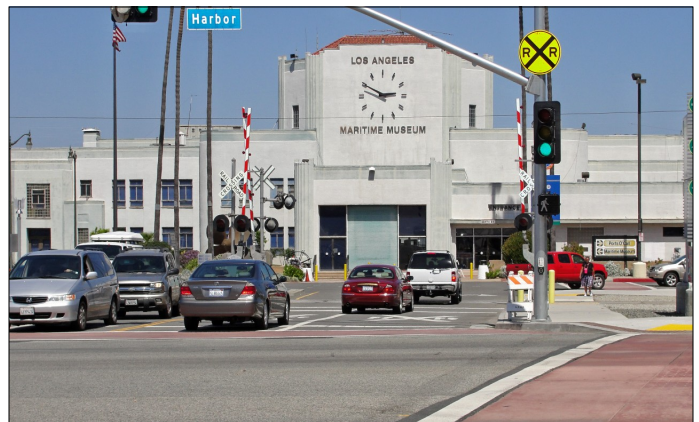
We have had a number of evenings when we did not have a Control for the 2nd and 3rd Periods of the Moonbeam. In that respect, we would appreciate it if ANY member would jump in there and pick up control when the "regulars" are not there.

Judy and I will be going to an Air Force reunion in Atlanta this week and I hope to be back home in time to pick up my spot on July 11, but might still be on the road. I believe Roger is also away so I would appreciate someone covering for me if we are not back home.

73, K3CDQ Dick



Another beautiful piece of work done by Marilyn WN9MFC ISSB # 9295



USING CALLSIGN K6AA, SCOTTY CONTROLS THE MOONBEAM FROM HERE AT THE MARINE MARITIME MUSEUM

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.

The following members were elected to a nominating committee at the convention: Maria, N0TWV; Barbara KE5ZI; Emil, N0DK; Jim, VE1JIM; Gene, K9WFE; Perry; N0MMR, and Dick, K3CDQ.

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YL System Scholarships were presented to: Jennifer Lycett, granddaughter of VE7AAV and Evan Friedkin, grandson of KI4TXP

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Awards: Rigel: Jim VE1JIM
 Founder's: WA0PFV
 Cornerstone: KK4YL

Inducted into the Emeritus Council:
 Maria N0TWV & Barbara KE5ZI

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QSO PARTY WINNERS::

SSB: 1st - KG4NWS Sally (KK4YL)
 2nd - W4AVY Gary
 3rd - AA4GT George

CW: 1st - K3CDQ Dick
 2nd - N0TWV Maria
 3rd - KA4NWS Kevin (KN4AA)

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At the Business Meeting, YLISSB Convention Attendees accepted two Convention proposals: 2012 - South Padre Island, TX. Hostesses: Pat Stotler and Jodie Law; & 2013 - Annapolis, MD. Host / Hostess: Dick and Judy MacWilliams.

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Several YLISSB members attended Scotty's local radio club meeting on Friday night. Topic and speaker: "Safety at Field Day" by Brian Thorson (AF6NA).

While attendance at the 2011 Convention was lower than anticipated, those attending enjoyed a lot of fun and experienced the "mystery" of the area. Besides visiting the radio rooms of the Historic Queen Mary and the Lane Victory Ship, most toured the Maritime Museum and Radio Room. Seeing how they did "RADIO" in the old days made all appreciate the invention of transistors and aluminum tubing in the skies.

Rumor is passing around that one person attending the Convention was on a tour of Hollywood, Belair and Brentwood and saw a celebrity. It has been reported that Joan Phillips (XYL of W7AJP) saw Tom Cruise open the curtain on a window as the tour bus stopped...and he waved at her! No one (and especially not her husband) challenged her claim

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Field day in Shawnee, Oklahoma started with a tailgate swap at 8:00 a.m. I had one radio to sell/ swap and it sold before I got my table set up. The rest of my stuff was garage sale type stuff. I wasn't interested in making money; just getting rid of the stuff. Everything was a quarter or free. Very few people took anything for free. They insisted on paying at least a few coins. I sold a few albums, old watches and jewelry, videos, CDs, etc.

An HF radio and antenna were set up outside for 20 and 40 meters running on commercial power. I think this was the first field day in this town in many years. It's 25 miles from my home. There was no food but plenty of ice water. We were on a big concrete slab with a roof over us; open on 3 sides. The wind made it tolerable. Tailgate swap ended at noon and someone brought me a sandwich from a fast food place. Testing for licenses would start at 1:00. Most of the group stayed inside with the air conditioner, but no radios.

I'd never operated on field day so I was hoping to watch someone else for a while. By 1:30 no one was near the radio. The president of the club invited me to use it. I jumped on it. I don't remember how long it took me to make my first contact. About half way through the afternoon the assistant section manager and section manager dropped in. They both came over to see how I was doing. No one else wanted to operate. I used the radio for 3 1/2 hours and made ten contacts. Went inside just before 5:00 for the first time since I got there. They were finished testing and packing to leave. Back outside the antenna was being taken down. I enjoyed having the radio to myself but would have enjoyed working with someone too.

Back at my house I made 25 more contacts; 17 were on 10M. Sunday morning I made a few more.

Beth Pearce, KC5RWW

TFO stands for "Top Flight Operator" and this award, much like the ARRL A1OP Award, is intended for members who continuously, day after day, demonstrate top operating skills. To receive this award, a person must be a member for a minimum of one year. The TFO Awards Manager Karen, KB8NSA, must receive a minimum of ten (10) nominations for a person and a member may only nominate a person once. Holders of the TFO Certificate may submit twelve nominations per year and they may be submitted one at a time or in small groups.

This award is not intended for volunteer work, controlling, hosting a convention or any other purpose other than operating skills and habits. Awards are offered for controls and for volunteer work, the Rigel Plaque being the prize award. There are also Service Awards. To nominate members for any reason other than "TOP" operating skills degrades the integrity of the program. The assistance many members provide on all portions of the System is much needed and greatly appreciated but such assistance does not necessarily qualify a person for this most coveted Top Flight Operator Award!

Discussing candidates on the air should not be done primarily because we do not want to disappoint a member who might be discussed but not receive the required ten nominations for the award. **Over 95% of our members have email available to them which along with Echolink, Skype, Instant Messenger, CQ100 and other voice software make it very easy for members to discuss nominees in private.** In fact, discussing this issue is encouraged and good for the System and its members. If a person deserves this award, we want him or her to receive it! At the same time, there is nothing to say TFO must be awarded each week, each month or in any time period. It should be issued ONLY when the excellent operating procedures of a particular member are recognized. It is not intended to be issued as a reward for any other purpose. .

Finally, if you are a holder of the TFO Certificate and have a TFO number, **remember, you would not have it if others had not nominated you.** Therefore, it is suggested you return the favor and when you observe a member you feel qualifies for the award, send that member's name, callsign and ISSB number to Karen kb8nsa@suddenlink.net.

Printed At the Request of John Calhoun KC2ATK #16043

It is with great regret we report that on July 2nd, at approximately 4 PM, our son Tommy called and informed us that our grandson David drowned in a swimming pool. They were at a friends home when he drowned. He was six years old and his name was Brad Thomas Calhoun.

His birthday would have been in September and I was to give him three fishing rods and reels, one from his great grand pop and two from me. He will be missed.

Further details are not available at this time. They will be in the Courier Post when they become available.

Joan & Barbara Calhoun, grand pop and grand mom.

John & Barbara, thoughts and prayers from your YL System friends are with you!



From the Historian

Hello everyone. I would like to hit on a few different topics for this month, so bare with me for a few moments. First of all, Super Congratulations go out to Scotty and Tom for an excellent Convention this year. From all I have heard, the attendance was down a bit, but the quality and scope were tremendous!

As many of you know, Reverend Jim, WA0PFV has retired as the YL System Awards Manager. Sandy, KJ5Q has undertaken the assignment and our gratitude goes out to her. In this regards, I am now in receipt of Reverend Jim's Awards Journal covering 1996 to Present, and I have filed it in the historical archives. Reverend Jim was meticulous in his accounting for each and every award application that crossed his desk, including dates, names, awards requested, etc. It will be an excellent addition to the historical files for our System.

Again, in the same vein, it would appear that although there has been a recent mild upswing in folks working for awards, it sure would be neat if more of you got on the bandwagon and tried for a few. They really are fun, and I will admit that they can be frustrating at times, especially when trying to work members in some of the states where there is a lack of active members. Yes, the Statehood Award does require one to work Delaware first, and we certainly do have a paucity of active YL System members in that State. Stick with it...good things come to those who persevere.

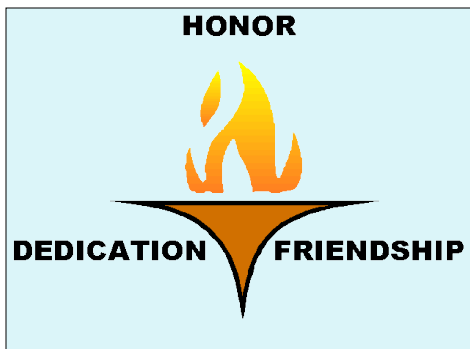
73,
Kevin R Newberry
KN4AA
YL System Historian



JOAN & BILL W7AJP



GENE W7RMC #15594
WITH HIS DEVOTED WIFE
JOAN



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Kind words can be short and
easy to speak, but their echoes
are truly endless.

Mother Teresa

From the Editor... Judy and I have confirmed that we will host the 2013 convention in Annapolis, MD. We originally thought about Alexandria, VA, but for many reasons, have decided on Annapolis.

To be sure we have all our ducks in a row, we plan to approach two or three hotels in Annapolis soon, two years in advance, and one thing we will certainly have to provide for them is a head count. With that in mind, we very much need you - Yes You - to let us know what the possibility is of you attending. Only a handful have responded and we need a better head count.

Events will include a day in Washington, DC where there are many museums of arts, history, nature and war memorials, most of which have free admission. Arlington Cemetery will also be on the schedule. We are also considering a day at beautiful St. Michael's on the Eastern Shore of Maryland for those who would like to go.

Attendees who do not want to take the half hour bus trip to DC or the 45 minute bus trip to St. Michael's will have the entire downtown of Annapolis stores, shops and restaurants and the Naval Academy within walking distance, to pass the day with. We hope to be able to provide an afternoon lunch at our house on Wednesday for the "Early Birds."

So if you think there is a high possibility of you attending, please email us NOW and let us know. Thanks, 73 & 88 Judy & Richard

SPOTLIGHT ON: RICHARD HARBEN KF9GS #16199

Dick was born in Lackawanna, NY in '39. After high school in Hamburg, his parents moved to Lorain, OH where he went to Cleveland Eng. Inst. and took architectural drafting. He worked for ITT Commercial Lighting, Lithonia Lighting, INDY Lighting and Juno Lighting. Dick served in the USAF as a jet engine mechanic and 18 years in the National Guard. In 1964, he had the call WB8FFZ and was off the air since '92. In March of 2007, he received his current call.



He has five children and five grandchildren spread around the USA. After retiring in 2005, he took a Bible Course and went on mission trips to Togo, Africa, Czech Republic, and Nicaragua helping to build churches and schools.

Since living in a condo, he has rented a commercial store front for his woodworking and radio hobbies. His equipment consists of a IC-735 with matching tuner and PS. He also has an IC718 and an IC 703 and a Ten-Tec 1340 which he built. His vertical Hustler 6BTV is mounted on a dish TV stand which is anchored with six concrete blocks and the 12 radios are glued to the roof with Liquid Nails.

Dick is also a "mall walker" and walks two to three miles each day. He says the YL System is a great group and he also belongs to Fists and QRP International.