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President's Report... by Jane N1PVT

Summer has definitely arrived in the first call area, and I trust it is so throughout the northern hemisphere. We have had many natural disasters in the past month, and I know hams all over the country have responded, including some of our members and others who check into the System. Thanks to all those who have helped, and an offer of support and comfort to those of you who have suffered in the floods, storms, tornadoes and general mayhem. Just a reminder that June first is the official start of the Atlantic hurricane season.

Our home-brew tower fell over this past week, a victim of rot and wind, I'm afraid. Until we figure out what we will do [and have the time to do it] I will be off the air. Hopefully we can get a G5RV strung up pretty quickly, but I've been so busy with the farm this year. I'm not sure where I'll get the time to be on the air. Both Jda, KB5YQ, and Dick, K3CDQ, are always looking for help with controls, and if you think you might be able to donate a couple of hours a week or a month, contact one of them and find out where they have open slots. Part of what makes the System work is that we have so many members who are willing to step in and help when there is the need.

Convention is almost upon us, and I hope many of you are planning to take advantage of what looks to be a great time. Unfortunately, Kris and I will be unable to attend: Kris because of the snow days during the winter and me because of the snow days during

the winter.....and the fact that I have plants ready to go in the ground and only inexperienced people to help me plant them. This has certainly been a challenging year for me! At our Convention every year, the Board of Directors generally votes on a location for the following year, and sometimes for a site two years out. We do have an offer to hold the 2013 Convention in the Washington, DC area, but so far no one has offered to host the 2012 convention. If you have a place you think people would enjoy visiting and feel you would like to take on this challenge, please let me or any member of the Board know about it. I guarantee we will give you all the encouragement you could ever hope for, and we would be very grateful. I am currently helping my son plan for a January, 2012 wedding in the Sturbridge area, and perhaps I will root around out there and see what I can find, but my time is so limited at this time of year, it won't be until later in the summer that I can find the time. I'm not married to the idea of this just now, as I would prefer to be retired before I hosted a convention, but I promise to look into it.

Since I will not be at the 2011 Convention, KL7FQQ, our Immediate Past President, has agreed to run the business meeting and the Board of Directors meeting for me. Thank you, Rose....you are a life-saver. I know you will all have a great time, and I wish I could be there having a great time right along with you. Please send me lots of pictures!

73, 33 88 de Jane, N1PVT

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

16587	KB1HCC	HAGGIE	CT
16588	WØKOA	ROGER	MN
16589	KBØKOA	BARB	MN
16590	W5CAP	CA	AR
16591	K4VDQ	BILL	FL
16592	WA4NHS	DIANNE	FL

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/01 N6LFJ	6/17 KA5ZVS
6/03 KF9XX	6/18 VE9RC
6/05 AC5PW	6/18 KL7FQQ
6/05 KB3ITJ	6/20 KE4VRW
6/08 NF2J	6/21 KC4VBS
6/08 WDØFNZ	6/21 KF4CUJ
6/08 AI1N	6/24 KL7FQR
6/13 N5OTR	6/29 KA9W
6/13 KC8WPJ	6/30 KH6OE

JUNE QSO PARTIES & CONTESTS

04-05	MARITIME QSO PARTY
04-05	SEANET CONTEST
04-06	IARU REGION 1 FIELD DAY
04-05	ALABAMA QSO PARTY
11	PORTUGAL DAY
11-12	WFF GREEN DAYS
11-19	WORLD WIDE QRP CONTEST
11-12	AUSTRALIAN SHIRES CONTEST
11	ASIA PACIFIC SPRINT
18-19	WEST VIRGINIA QSO PARTY
18	KID'S DAY
25-26	HIS MAJESTY KING OF SPAIN
25-26	ARRL FIELD DAY
25-26	QRP ARCI MILLIWATT FIELD DAY

TFOs NOT IN VOICE #60

499	WV1B	ANDREW	CALIF
500	JA1CG	HARUO	JAPAN

ANNIVERSARIES

6/06	WAØPFV	REV JIM & MEG
6/97	KIRIRH	TOM & BECKY 42
6/12	W1VCU	DENNY & AUDREY
6/15	NØTWV	MARIA & KCØCRS MACK 50
6/19	N5OTR	KEN & LIZ
6/24	N4YYV	STEVE & KC4UBE JESSIE 50
6/28	VE9GU	RON & DIANE

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN,
YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS!

TRY TO REMEMBER!

V. Mayree, Sidebander #1 who founded the System asked that out of respect for our OM members, we call our membership number a Sideband Number, 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 number as a Sideband Number.

FROM THE HISTORIAN

Hello, everyone. It's about time I got back in the groove and got a little something out to you. As most of you know, Sally and I have been in the throes of a permanent move from the lake house in South Carolina, to our new digs way up here in South Western Pennsylvania. It took a lot of our energy to complete, but we are finally here and living in the Motor Home on my daughter's 18 acres up on a mountain ridge.

As far as all the historical memorabilia that I have accumulated over the years, I assure you, that all of it, almost 150 pounds, are safe and sound, and made the 500 mile trip without a scratch! Yipee! But I will also tell you that 46 years of "Voices" gets mighty heavy HIHI.

We are still unpacking and sorting things out, but we do have the Windom in the air and hope to get the TA-33 up on the tower in the next few weeks. This will be our home, and for how long is anyone's guess, but if the snow starts flying we may turn into snow birds and take the motor home south for those snow covered months. We still have not decided exactly what to do this fall, but we have lived so long in the warmth of SC that we just aren't sure if we can handle the winter type weather that PA has to offer. More on this topic as we go along.

We want to thank everyone for their encouragement and advice regarding our move, and especially those folks who enticed us to move to their neighborhoods HIHI. Who knows, perhaps we will move again, but for right now, this seems to be our best option.

73 all
Kevin
KN4AA



Sally and Kevin: All your friends on the System are happy you made the move safely to your new home in SW Pennsylvania. Glad to now have you back on the air with us. Take Care!

HELP WANTED:

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 Certainly there is a member out there with printing and publishing experience. How about your help???

Jda is asking for some additional help during the daytimes periods. There are still times when another control or two would help during the Early Morning Warm Up, and Jim VE1JIM has come to her rescue five days a week from club station VE1FQ. Jim has really taken a load off her hands but there are times during the EMWU that she could use your help.

Jda very much needs some help during 1st Period most days. There are also times when K7PVZ and/or KC8VRT cannot be there to control during 3rd Period and help is also needed there.

Remember, you do not have to “sign up” to be there every day and when you do come aboard, you do not have to stay for the entire period. Yes, it would be good to have members volunteer for an extended time but just to help out for a half hour, an hour or whatever time you can spare would ease things quite a bit. We have many members who check in *each and every day, often for each period* and it would be great to have some of them help even if only for short periods of time. So, when Jda says “do I have a member station who will put out calls” jump in there and give her a hand. Jda puts in an awful lot of hours for the System, let’s give her a hand.

40 METER REPORT BY JAY KI4TXP

Well here we are in June and the nice warm weather we all have been waiting for. The end of May we went to Ithaca College for our first grandson’s graduation. A great time for all. Enough personal stuff.

With June, comes Field Day and many other outdoor happenings for the Amateur Radio World. As we do FD I will be listening up for many of the great friends we have made here. Hope to talk to many of you.

Again, we need more help on 40M as well as our other ongoing Nets (Systems). Please if you can help give us a yell. As you all know to be a Control for just a few minutes on any of the System helps out immensely. From different locations you have the ability of picking up others that haven’t been heard. Give it a try. When it is asked “Is there any member that would like to put out a call?” Jump in and give it a try. You will be surprised of how much fun it is.

The YL System 40 M session has been operating on 7.265 now for just over a month. It seems to be OK but not great. We only have a 45 minute slot to operate because the RV group starts at 2345z. It’s better than nothing but sometimes we have to cease operations that are going great. Maybe some day we will be able to find another frequency that we can hold for extended times. For now we will enjoy those 45 minutes. Again, we need help whenever you feel like jumping in.

All have a Great Month and a successful FD.

MOONBEAM REPORT BY DICK

Since Cycle 24 seems to have taken a step backwards, things have been a bit slow on the Moonbeam. Hopefully, the sunspot activity will increase as we move further into this cycle. Thanks to all the Moonbeam Controls who faithfully return for their assignments each evening and those who fill in when others are not there. We really could use a few more Moonbeam Controls and anyone interested may contact me for a copy of the schedule. We have had DX from Europe and Asia checking in and as the solar cycle progresses, we should be getting more. When you do hear a DX station, please call and make a contact even if you have worked that person or that county. Without some people calling them, they are likely to not come back. Vy 73 to all, K3CDQ

Sad news from HB9MX. We are sorry to hear that Kurt lost his wife to cancer a couple of months ago. Cards may be sent to Kurt at:

KURT BINDSCHEDLER
STRAHLEGGWEG. 28
8400 WINTERTHUR, SWITZERLAND

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We regret learning that Stella, VA3AJU became a Silent Key on May 26. Those wishing to send cards or notes to Mitch VA3VPP may use the address below:

Allan Mitchell
Faith Place
44 Williams Street
West Oshawa, Ont. Canada L1G 1J9

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Rev. Jim WAØPFV reminds us that he will no longer be functioning as an awards manager at the end of May. Rev. Jim handles the following awards: Africa, Asia, Apex, Apollo, Belt of Orion, Century, Corona Borealis, Dolphin, Europe, Falcon, Full House, Global, Golden Fireside, Golden Sextant, Kangaroo, King Neptune, Mobile, Old Timers, Olympus, President's Day, Solitude, Service Award, Winged Mercury, 20 Meter USA, and 21-2-73.

The System very much needs a member to step and volunteer to handle these awards.

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The System is also looking for an Awards Coordinator to oversee the awards program and work with the Awards Managers.

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KEØJ, Joe in Iowa now has a new callsign which is AJØHH. Also, NØPBU 16582, Craig in Iowa is Joe's brother.

From KC5RWW Beth in Oklahoma: : Had a long QSO with XE1RK in Mexico one evening. Got involved in a local repeater net for YL's. It's called Yarns and Tales. Those YL's wanted more info about what is available for YL's. I took several back issues of YL publications to the weekly ham radio lunch Friday. There's also a coffee break net on that repeater every morning at 10:30 M-S. May 7th I talked to several Italian stations, one in Spain, and Croatia on 15M; Lithuania on 20M. Traveled to Wichita, Kansas last weekend and tried the repeaters there while visiting friends. No response except the repeater ID. Still having a 6M net on Tuesday evenings at 9:00 Oklahoma time on 50.180

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Congratulations to TFO #500 issued this month to Haruo JA!CG. A long time coming and way over due. Haruo checks in often in the mornings. Come aboard and give him a call.

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George AA4GT along with his friend John K3MD were the Multi-Single Division winners in the 2010 PA QSO Party. They were operating W3VPJ at the Susquehanna Valley ARC.

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Nice to hear Dennis KFØNU back on the air after a long absence. Dennis hosted an Iowa convention for the System in 2001. Old Timers all remember Ellie N5BYF who has been off the air due to illness. Dennis said he had a nice phone conversation with Ellie this week, so she is available if any of you would like to call her. 601 956-4191

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Mark Seymour #15999 WA7CJE has informed us that his wife Cheryl passed away. Cheryl had surgery for cancer earlier this year and did really well. She had a hard time with the chemo and it got the best of her. Mark is doing well with his family's support.



BUDDY W5HNI 15609 HOUSTON TX
WE MISS BUDDY & LOOK FORWARD
TO HEARING HIM BACK ON.



KARL N1DL AND XYL GITTA W4/DK6CX
AND KARL'S OTHER HOBBY BELOW



DENNY W1VCU #15524 & AUDREY



CARMEN K1LKP #8456 CELEBRATING
50 YEARS AS A HAM IN 2009.



Ken N5OTR (formerly N5THT with his
rig and his faithful companion.

VA3AJU

PHOTO ON THE RIGHT IS STELLA SK 5/26/2011.

FIRST MET STELLA AND MITCH AT THE CONVENTION IN ANNAPOLIS IN 1997. SHE AND MITCH VA3VPP ARE TWO OF THE NICEST PEOPLE I HAVE MET IN MY LIFE. BECAUSE OF RESTRICTIONS AT THEIR CURRENT HOME, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO JOIN US ON THE AIR BUT HAVE BEEN ACTIVE ON ECHOLINK AND CQ100 (K3CDQ)



GEORGE & MARY'S POINSETTIA TREE.
ANTENNA AND EQUIPMENT BELOW

ABOVE WE HAVE KB7CSX JODEE #16505 IN WYOMING AND HER DAD KB7CSV #16464 IN THE PHOTO BELOW.



TEACHER: Now, Simon , tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?
SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

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"..People will forget
what you said, people
will forget what you did,
but people will NEVER
forget how you made
them feel"



SPOTLIGHT ON: WV9B RICHARD BELCASTRO

I grew up in Chicago a few miles from the great downtown Chicago and attended grade school (Holy Rosary) and high school (St. Mel's) in the Chicago area, and attended Marquette University in Milwaukee Wisconsin. Received a degree in electrical engineering and worked for fairly large companies including General Telephone and Electronics, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and McDonald's Corporation (yes, the hamburger people). Most efforts involved the hardware and software engineering and development of worldwide communications systems using everything from land lines to satellite and everything in between. I have three hardware/software patents and am not rich because of these. Much of my time in Chicago was also occupied by playing drums for various jazz groups.

I am currently live in Scottsdale, AZ and teach classes in digital photography, Photoshop, and how to play the bongos at the local community college - Paradise Valley Community College. The extra-curricular activities have always included amateur radio, photography, music (specifically jazz), and cycling. I owned a small recumbent cycling shop in the Valley for several years and still ride a bike or trike as often as I can during the week. At 70, this is what is keeping my cholesterol in control.

I live with my wife Christine who is also an avid cyclist and I have three children - a boy and a girl in Chicago and a son here in the Valley.

Editor's Note: Thanks also goes out to Richard for his help as a Moonbeam Control.

From the Editor...K3CDQ

Seems I never get off of the bandwagon in search for more Controls on the System, but please understand, we really do need your help. We have many Controls, EMWU, Daytime and Moonbeam who Control multiple times each week and in many cases, each day. Some have been controlling for over twenty-five years and will probably continue, manly because they enjoy it but enjoy it or not, they need a deserve a break.

If you are not one of those willing to sign up for a particular hour or two, at least offer to help for a short period when you are on and monitoring. We have many members who check in with us daily, and some monitor all day. Just an hour here or a half hour there would give our busy Controls a break.

When checking in on the System, try to remember that Control wants your CALLSIGN ONLY. Save your name, comments or questions until AFTER Control checks you in. Otherwise, there are likely to be "doubles" taking place.

If you are interested in a regular spot, contact KB5YQ or K3CDQ.