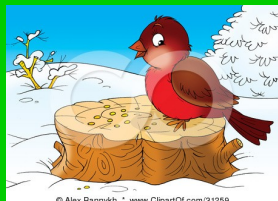


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YLISSB CONVENTION
San Pedro, California
JUNE 16—19



March 20
First day of Spring

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THE COMMUNICATOR

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HONOR



MARCH 2011

President's Report... From: Jane N1PVT

Greetings from snowy Massachusetts! The Results are in from our annual election. The 44 ballots cast elected the following members, who will be installed at the Annual Convention in California in June:

Bill, W7AJP and Ralph, W7WTQ for Treasurer

Peggy, KI4SHY for Secretary. KG4NWS [now KK4YL] as Director. Congratulations to all those elected, and thanks to the Nominating Committee for getting a slate of candidates. To those who were not elected this time, we hope you will stand for office again in the future.

The Bylaw changes were approved by the membership, and as soon as they are ratified by the Board of Directors, they will go to press. Our thanks to KL7FQQ, Rose, for counting the ballots and handling the printing, and to Don, AI4OZ, for editing the updated Bylaws. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to keep the System functioning, and we are grateful for everyone's work.

Remember to book your reservations for the Convention—we'd like a great turn-out for what looks like a great time for everyone.

Recent solar flares seem to have spoiled my propagation, but there have been plenty of check-ins on the Early Morning Warm-Up, and I think I heard someone say that 10 meters has been open lately. Hopefully, we have turned the corner in this Solar Cycle, so get on your radios and join us on the System.

Best wishes to K3CDQ, Dick, who has been working feverishly to get out the March issue of the Communicator before his trip to the hospital. Thanks, Dick...you and Judy do a great job! My report may be the last submitted, but hopefully I remembered to cover everything.

Well... there is one more thing I need to remind everyone: we are still in need of an Awards Coordinator, and we still need someone to take over for Rev. Jim in the awards he handles. If anyone out there feels they can do either of these jobs, please send me an email or call me [home phone: 508 865-2187, cell phone: 508 736-4659] and we will talk!

That's all for now, folks! Have a great month... Perhaps spring will really come!

73 de Jane, N1PVT

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you turn in on Saturday evening, March 13. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday March 13.

Remember, you DO NOT change the time on your UTC clocks!

SYSTEM INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

16564	WB9OKC	MIKE	IL
16565	KR6F	SHERRY	NV
16566	W8JMF	JOHN	OH
16567	K3MAF	MARY	VA
16568	W9VSA	RON	WI
16569	KC9QNH	FRITZ	WI
16570	W4CTH	JOE	TX
16571	WC6D	MARK	NV
16572	WØQPO	DAN	WA
16573	KF5JRE	MARK	TX
16574	WB9JYZ	RON	IL

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02 WN3W	11 VA7CTW
02 WA5YNE	11 W5VBD
03 KI4KTA	12 W8XC
03 KA1YOV	13 W9PPH
05 N4ZGH	15 VE9MSD
06 BARBARA XYL OF KØMSR	15 KI4WPL
06 KFØC	16 N5BYF
06 W2EO	17 N1PVT
06 KD6FRM	18 KL7H
06 WA6UNT	18 N8FHK
06 NØDFP	21 KK4YL
10 KB5YQ	22 KE7LSF
10 W7DZX	23 WN3Z
	24 KA9LYH

ANNIVERSARIES & YEARS MARRIED

3/01 ZL1AMN DAVE & ZL1ALE AOLA - 64
 3/16 KG4CNA ALLEN & NITA - 15
 3/27 KB90C SUS & GRACIE
 3/29 KC8TDC GERALD & KC8VRT AMY-53

TO BE LISTED, SEND YOUR BIRTHDAY AND AN-
 NIVERSARY DATES AND NUMBER OF YEARS
 MARRIED TO K3CDQ@COMCAST.NET

CONTEST AND QSO PARTIES THAT COULD
 INTERFERE WITH OUR OPERATION ON 14.332.

3/05 & 06 ARRL INT'L SSB DX CONTEST
 3/26 & 27 CQ WPX SSB CONTEST

THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF US STATE QSO
 PARTIES IN MARCH BUT THEY USUALLY DO NOT
 INTERFERE WITH OUR OPERATION.

SILENT KEYS

3832	G3BWW	WILLIAMS	DX
6406	K9BX	DOC	WI
6951	K9JPS	LEWIS	WI
7024	WA7IFX	JIM	WY
8976	K1DAP	FREDERICK	ME
9547	KØHPE	JOHN	CO
9625	WØEBG	FRED	CA
10767	WX4TM	ALFRED	AL
11069	KB6DJ	JIM	OR
11251	W6LHY	PAUL	CA
12480	W8KØX	TOM	MI
14652	N2HZZ	BOB	NY
16063	WA9YNE	WAYNE	IN

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 With all the new members we have, certainly there is a member out there with printing and publishing experience. How about your help???

SYSTEM INFORMATION

RECENT CALLSIGN CHANGES:

#12770 Alan Worstell KB8AEO is now KE8UN
 #15808 Kevin Newberry KA4NWS is now KN4AA
 #15809 Sally Newberry KG4NWS is now KK4YL
 #15823 Wayne Willis VE5WFW is now VE5EB
 #16099 Bruce Tisdale KC9ICP is now K9ICP
 #16446 Dave Lopez KN6OP is now N6RI

2012 CONVENTION:

Another reminder that we do not yet have a volunteer host/hostess or site for the 2012 convention. With 2010 having been East and now 2011 to the West, it would be nice to come up with a site more in the central USA. Hosting is not really difficult and prior hosts will be glad to give you tips and information. Check with one of your local ISSB members and see if you can team up and host the 2012 convention.

COMMUNICATOR COSTS:

Just a little something to think about. We have checked printing costs at Office Depot, Staples and other places. Judy and I have also averaged out the cost of ink cartridges vs. number of copies per cartridge. When a member asks to have the Communicator printed and mailed to them, the only expense they have is a .44 cent stamp and an envelope. However, at approximately .50 cent per page, it costs the System \$4.00 per copy which comes to about \$48.00 per year. Multiply that by ten or fifteen members wanting each issued printed and mailed to them and you end up with a bill to the System of around five or six hundred dollars annually. The System has budgeted funds to cover that but would save a lot if everyone got their issue off of the webpage or by email from us.

George AA4GT on the left and John K3MD on the right won the Pennsylvania QSO Party. Between them they made 1,054 contacts and ended up with 204,000 points. The second place station had 180,000 points, so George and John won by 23,000 points. Now George is looking for a partner to help him win the Florida QSO Party April 30 & May 1. Mary NV4Z traveled to Pennsylvania with George and they say they had a great time although George did take a fall and injured his left shoulder. George says they had a great time and the 1,350 mile trip back to Florida was a good trip. George is originally from Morrisville, Pennsylvania.



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.

DAYTIME REPORT BY JDA KB5YQ

Jda says she really needs that 3rd Control for every daytime Period, especially 1st Period on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays when we cannot hear assistant controls. She also mentions that doctor's appointments make it difficult without that extra control.

Jda wishes to offer thanks to Jim VE1JIM and Kevin KA4NWS for running Netlogger Monday through Friday. She feels having Netlogger running really makes a difference

Jim leaves his home in the mornings, Monday thru Friday, to help Jda with control duties from the club station VE1FQ also in Halifax.

She also mentioned that Denny W1VCU had an outstanding session on February 5 with fifty-seven check-ins even without the help of Netlogger which was not active that morning. Saturday February 12, was also a very active EMWU session with fifty eight check-ins

in thirty eight states and on Sunday the 13th we had sixty check-ins in thirty states.

Activity has really picked up now that the bands are beginning to open up but they still have a long way to go to give us daily worldwide contacts with our DX members, many of which have belonged to the System for forty plus years.

K3CDQ for KB5YQ

MOONBEAM REPORT BY DICK K3CDQ

It sure was great on Monday evening at about 2330 UTC to hear Teresa PT2TF #9234 checking in on the Moonbeam. I had not heard her in a number years and in the past she was a daily check-in. Just another sign that the bands are improving. The ARRL report this week also indicated a significant increase in sunspots, so guys and gals, maybe it is going to get better.

In March we go back to daylight savings time which means the 3rd Period of the Moonbeam is going to begin getting busy and *we very much need some volunteers as Controls for 3rd period.* If you would be willing to sign up for a spot on the 3rd Period of the Moonbeam, please let me know. For that matter, if you are interested in helping anytime, we need you, please

get in touch with me. We might even have some current Controls who would like to move to 3rd Period and you could take their spot on 2nd Period. Again, please let me hear from you.

Remember, I only ask you to volunteer for one evening a month unless you prefer to do more.

73, Dick K3CDQ

40 METER REPORT BY JAY KI4TXP

Hi all! It has been fairly quiet this past month. We have had some luck on our old frequency 7.273 and will be trying to use this as much as possible.

I am in need of help with the 40

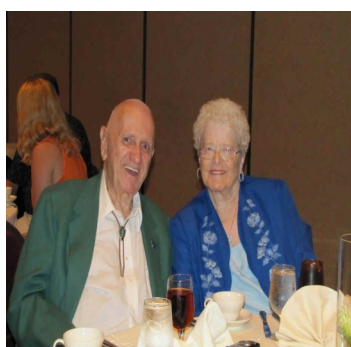
Meter System. If you can do control one night a month that is fine . If you can do it once every other month, that is OK as well.

Please consider helping not just me, but all the coordinators. You are the

ones that make the YL SYSTEM the great system that it is. That is all for know

BE SAFE, BE HAPPY!!

73, Jay KI4TXP



Left to Right
Scotty K6ZNL
Kevin KA4NWS
Sally KK4YL
George AA4GT
Mary NV4Z

“THE DAY OF YLs”

Created by: Carine Latger, F5ISY, Salleles d’Aude, France

*Her Team: Sandra Arango, HK3JJB, Bogota, Columbia
Petra Pilgrim, DF5ZV, Kirchhani, Germany
Mona Myers, KI4PJC, Sarasota, Florida*

This two day, weekend event is intended to gather “on the air” Amateur Radio Women from around the world. OMs and SWLs are encouraged to participate.

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ORGANIZERS: Carine, Sandra, Petra and Mona

Aim of the Day: To promote YLs activity around the world

Time: 00:01 UTC 5/21/2011 until 23:59 UTC 5/22/2011

Use the following suggested frequencies +/- 10 KHz

<i>CW:</i>	<i>3.533, 7.033, 14.033, 21.033, 28.033 MHz</i>	<i>(Editor’s Note: I have talked with KI4PJC about the SSB frequencies being out of the General Band. Will keep you informed.)</i>
<i>RTTY:</i>	<i>3.588, 7.044, 14.088, 21.088, 28.088 MHz</i>	
<i>SSB:</i>	<i>3.733, 7.133, 14.233, 21.233, 28.433 MHz</i>	
<i>PSK:</i>		

EXCHANGE: RS(T), NAME, YL/OM (e.g. 59, Carine, YL)

The same station may be worked once on each band and again once each mode.

Awards: An award will be issued to all participants who make more than 33 contacts with YLs (or heard for SWLs). (pdf file)

Results will be published separately for OMs and YLs.

Logs: Email to f5isy@orange.fr not later than 6/26/2011

Email Info: Callsigns, OM or YL, number of YLs contacted, total number of QSOs.

Log Software: http://f1agw.free.fr.AGW_YL/AGW_YL.htm

(Editor’s note: I have told them this url does not work - will keep you informed.)

YL system Convention 2011 Friday tour:

You've heard of a Pub 'Crawl'...well, in 2011 in San Pedro, we will be going on a **Ham Radio station 'Crawl'**. We will be starting out on the SS Lane Victory, a World War II 'Victory Ship' from the Merchant Marine service. The Lane Victory, among other distinctions, houses a radio room and a ham station: W6LV. See the radio room at <http://www.cuestaroad.net/robert/glennsfriends/radio.htm>



Next we crawl on to the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, in the old Ferry Building (before they built the bridge to Terminal Island, the ferry was the only means of access for workers in the canneries and other harbor related businesses on the island). Now K6AA



occupies a room on the second floor. The rest of the museum is filled with local maritime related exhibits, including the history of the fishing industry in San Pedro, and many ship models.

<http://www.lamaritimemuseum.org/visit.htm>



In the late afternoon, we progress to the RMS Queen Mary, the original ocean liner, permanently berthed in Long Beach harbor. W6RO, run by members of the radio club in Long Beach, transmits from the radio room on the top deck.

<http://www.queenmary.com/>





REGISTRATION FORM: YLISSB CONVENTION

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MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATION DIRECTLY WITH THE CROWNE PLAZA LOS ANGELES HARBOR HOTEL AT: (310) 521-8021. This number is the direct number for the hotel and is available from 8 am to 4 pm Pacific Time Monday through Friday. Please refer to the YLISSB when making your reservations. You can also book on the internet at www.crowneplaza.com/laharbor using group code YLI. King or Double/Double rooms are available at the rate of \$109, plus tax of 14.065%.

NAME _____ CALL _____ YLISSB No. _____

NUMBER IN PARTY _____ NAMES _____

CALLS _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE No _____ E-MAIL _____

	Number	Total Remitted
REGISTRATION @ \$18.00 per Person (required)	_____ X \$18.00	_____
WEDNESDAY LUNCH	_____ No Charge	
FRIDAY HAM RADIO "CRAWL"	_____ (cost to be announced)	
SATURDAY BANQUET (Select per person)	_____ Chicken Madeira \$45.00	_____
	_____ Sirloin Steak @\$45.00	_____
SUNDAY BUFFET BREAKFAST	_____ @\$19.00	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		_____

Make checks payable to Allene Butler, and reference YL convention. Mail To: Allene (Scotty) Butler, K6ZNL, 1054 W. 31st Street, San Pedro, CA 90731. Dates: Payment for registration and food due by June 1. Full refund if cancelled before that date. Room arrangements are made directly with the hotel.

From the Historian

Hi everyone. Not a lot to report this month. Does that mean history has stopped? Nope! Each day is history the following minute, hour, or next day. I don't always report on the early history of our System, because are we not making history now? What I often do is to use comparisons between the current day, and how it was "back then". Last month, it was the YL QSO Party and how it evolved. Today, as I look over the old Voices, one area of startling comparison leaps out. The bindings on the old Voices, although holding up well, just cannot be compared to the lovely work that our more recent publishers of that compilation are able to achieve. The print is bold and clear, making it very easy on the eyes. The use of the plastic bindings will ensure that the pages will remain intact for years and years.

That is not to say that back in the 60s and 70s that the Voice was any less honored and revered, but rather, with the explosion of new technologies, even in the print field, we have a yearly publication that V. Mayree and our early founders would be proud of. Our hats go off to KL7FQQ, Rose, for her exemplary work on the Voice.

Note: Rose has had the chore of putting the Voice together long enough folks! She really needs someone to step up to the plate and take on the challenge! If you feel that this could be you, please don't hesitate to contact Rose, or any other Board of Directors member, and let it be known.

That's all for this month.

73
Kevin
KA4NWS

"Monthly Quotation from the Editor"

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it
had to work its way through Congress.
Will Rogers

Note of interest from the Editor: On Saturday evening, 2/19 (2/20 UTC time) at about 00:30, amateur station KC4AAC, Palmer Station Antarctica, was 57 to 59 in Maryland on 14.243. I tried for about a half hour to get through the pile up but had no luck. "Lids" kept calling on top of QSOs he was having and the chaos was unbelievable, but still more proof that the bands are improving

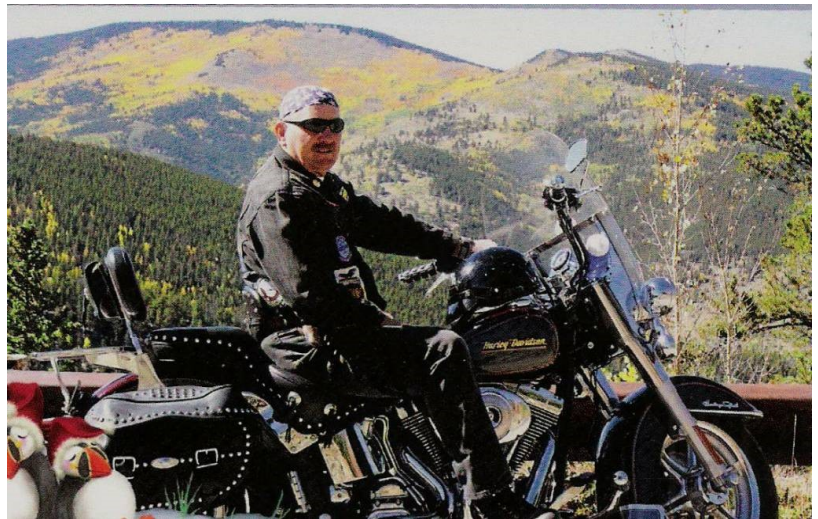
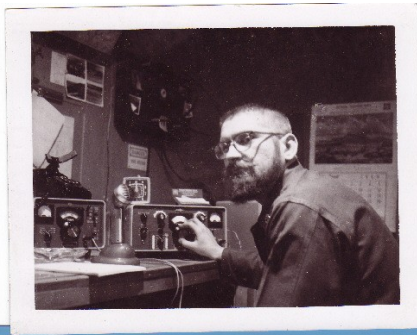


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GEORGE AA4GT AND FRIENDS IN NAPLES, FL DURING WINTER FIELD DAY.




DENNIS N7HRO # 13857



The Sidebender who sent me this says none of you will guess who it is. Anyone have any ideas? He lives in the US and he is active on the System. West Coast!



ROSE KL7FQQ # 6098 & REV. JIM WAØPFV # 6818

<p style="text-align: center;">HONOR</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">DEDICATION FRIENDSHIP</p>	<p>From the Editor: <i>Just a thought from a lot of monitoring. I listen to the System every day, either in the shack or when I am working in the garage. I have a TSI40S set up in the garage but only listen there due to an SWR problem that I think is in the coax there. (Will fix that after healing from upcoming surgery.)</i></p>
<p>Editors: Judy & Richard MacWilliams K3CDQ 8550 Wild Game Lane Owings, Maryland 20736</p> <p>Phone: 443-964-4252 Cell: 301-758-2957 E-mail: k3cdq@comcast.net Web: http://www.k3cdq.net</p>	<p><i>Seems that often, when a guest checks in, before he/she receives a welcome, they are hit with “are you a member?” Or, “do you know about the YL System?” This is all good and well and we do want to recruit members but is it better to do this immediately or would it be better to first get their names, show our “Instant Friendship” and a welcome. See if there is anyone they would like to call, etc., etc., maybe have a short QSO and then ask if they know about the System. Then, when we are told “No” ask them if they would like to have information.</i></p> <p><i>It just sounds like we are ready to pounce on every one who checks in even before we get them on the log. We do want them to check in, we do want them as members but maybe we could push a little less hard. Do with this info as you want. Just a thought, just my opinion. No pressure intended on anyone and certainly, no one is wrong with current methods. Just listen and form your own opinion and do what you think is right. It is not my duty to tell Controls how to operate. Again, only an opinion from daily monitoring.</i></p>



Here's wishing a Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our Irish members!

“And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.”

Abraham Lincoln

SPOTLIGHT ON
BERNARD AB7HB #15795 & KRISTI KC7AKN #15832

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February 16, 2011

Kristi and I were married on July 31, 1993 at her mother's waterfront home on the Straits of Juan De Fuca, in Oak Harbor, Washington. I have been licensed since 1976 and Kristi has been licensed since 1993. Since then we were able to attend conventions in Branson, Missouri, Nashville, Tennessee, and Spokane, Washington. At the convention in Spokane, we had our grandchildren, Mack and Abby Sack, with us. A great time was had by all. Abby fell in love with Carl, 8P6OP, at the conference (She was 9 years old at the time). She would love us to take a summer trip to visit him in Barbados. The grandchildren have since become interested in obtaining their licenses and are slowly working toward that goal. We are all looking forward to the California convention.