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President's Report... by Jane N1PVT

April 25, 2011

Greetings from cool and rainy Massachusetts.

The 20 meter band has been up and down, but it sure is fun when it's up! Hope you are all taking advantages of the DX that has been checking into the System, as well as many members to work for the Awards Program. I heard a member with a 4-digit number check in yesterday who hasn't been on the System for 15 years or more. Seize your opportunities, folks!

By this date two months from now, the 2011 Convention will be a memory! It looks as if K6ZNL, Scotty, and her friends have got a lot planned for us. Please make sure to send in your registration form and make your hotel reservations as soon as you can. Have not heard an accurate number of the people registered yet, but I know there are a few who have been thinking ahead.

And speaking of thinking ahead, it is not too early to formulate plans to present to the Board for a site for either the 2012 or 2013 Convention. If you have been thinking about hosting a convention, there are plenty of people to contact for what it entails: Scotty, K6ZNL, Kevin, KN4AA, Sally, KK4YL, Rose, KL7FQQ ...just to name a few! Please give this idea

some serious thought... we need to make our plans well in advance of the convention!

We are still looking for an Awards Coordinator. This is a very important job, folks, so think about whether or not this is a good fit for you. We are resting on our laurels and Bud's fine work, but we can't continue to rest forever!

If you have any business to bring before the Convention in June, please forward it to me at your earliest convenience, as we will be working on the agenda in the next few weeks. And if you ever have any concerns about the System that you would like the Board to address throughout the year, do not hesitate to contact me or any of the Board members.

Looking forward to Spring, I send you 73's, 88's and 33's,
Jane, N1PVT



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

16583	KJ4APD	BOB	GA
16584	N8HSO	DAVE	OH
16585	KF5JUH	RICH	NM
16586	WA4NHQ	CHUCK	FL

SILENT KEYS

15797	W7LQU	KEITH	IDAHO
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CALLSIGN CHANGE

16553	KC9SBV	Daniel McGowan, Crest Hill, IL	is now	KN9E
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MAY QSO PARTIES & CONTESTS

30-01	FLORIDA QSO PARTY
07-08	7TH AREA QSO PARTY
07-08	INDIANA QSO PARTY
07-08	ZERO LAND QSO PARTY
07-08	NEVADA QSO PARTY
07-08	RCA QSO PARTY
07-08	ARI INTL DX CONTEST
07-08	NEW ENGLAND QSO PARTY
14-15	ARMED FORCES COMM TEST
14-15	CQ-M INTL DX CONTEST
14-15	PORTUGUESE NAVY DAY
19	NAQCC MONTHLY QRP SPRINT

Just to remind you that we only post the QSO parties that have the potential of interfering with our operation on 14.332.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/01	KC8TDC	5/12	KB4RDH	5/24	KB8ESY
5/05	N1JRX	5/13	K7OUO	5/26	KI4P
5/05	N6JUA	5/15	N4UOG	5/26	KC2ATK
5/06	W5GQW	5/16	VE1GFG	5/26	AA9BB
5/10	KAØHPK	5/17	WAØAAM	5/26	PJ7BK
5/10	WA6GTR	5/17	XYL OF	5/28	KL1V
5/11	WAØPFV		K2MGL	5/28	KC4UBE
5/12	W8SWT	5/19	K3UMW	5/31	AB7HB
5/12	WA5JDV	5/23	N2RXX		

ANNIVERSARIES

5/01	WALLY	WBØMDP & DOT	NØEND
5/09	JOHN	KC2ATK & BARBARA	
5/11	JIM	VE1JIM & JOANNE	43
5/13	MICHAEL	N5OKU & JULIE	25
5/21	CHRIS	KI4KTA & DIANE	28

NETLOGGER

Just a reminder that logging in on Netlogger does not check a person in on the active session of the System. A person must be heard on the air, on frequency to be considered a check-in.

We do wish more members would download the "free" Netlogger program and log in with us. Logging in on Netlogger also allows you to chat with System Control and others in the AIM chat window. You can ask a question, get an answer, relay a check-in and do other communicating in the AIM window. Give it a try.

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.

Conditions continue to improve on all sessions of the System and more DX is being heard on the Moonbeam. Recent DX check-ins include: GW, GM, ZB, NP, PT, ON, EA, YN, JA, DL, IK and others. I am always looking for members who would like to help control on the Moonbeam, so if you are interested, please contact me. We are especially going to need help on the 1st Period once Kevin and Sally start their move to their new QTH. For years, Kevin has been a cornerstone on the Moonbeam and we really needs help filling in for him as they relocate. Please consider helping.

JUST A MATTER OF TRADITION

In recent weeks and months, we have been hearing, with an increasing frequency, the usage of the words "net" and "net control." It has been pointed out that using these terms is not wrong or something one is going to be fussed at over but terms we would like members not to use. From day one, in 1963, we have been referred to as a System by choice of our founder. What say we stick with tradition and cease using the term "net." The article below is being republished from September 2010, issue #161.

While poring over some of the old records from the YL System, I came across a mimeographed letter sent from WA6OET, Jessie, to W6CBA, Violet, shortly before the commencement of our 2nd year as the YL System.

In this letter, concerning System Operating procedures, Jessie states in part, and probably directly attributable to V. Mayree, our Founder...."We have been advised both by the Voice (written) and on the air, that ours is a 'SYSTEM', not a NET. Yet day after day, almost two years later, we still hear the words 'Net' and 'Net Control' being used on 14.331. (Note: 14.331 was our frequency for a bit back in those days.)

....."What's the difference? Webster says a net is 'anything fitted to entrap or catch; a snare'; 'to capture by stratagem'. A System, on the other hand, Webster defines as 'an assemblage of objects (sic), united by some form of regular interaction or interdependence...a complex of ideas, principles, etc., forming a coherent whole'. There really is a difference, and it is an important one! No Control station for ISSB should ever be heard referring to our operation as a net. It simply isn't!"

Again, that was written in 1964, and pretty much puts right out there for all of us to see, exactly why we are the YL International Single Sideband SYSTEM. Ain't it great!

1 Aug 2010

Kevin KN4AA System Historian

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???**

40 meters has been on the same frequency as the RV Net uses, 7.265. They start their Net at about 15 minutes before 00z. As a result we have been closing at that time or just a little bit later. I have been in contact with their coordinator and they seem to be OK with the situation.

One of my objections is that we have to end at that given time. At least once, we were really getting the check ins at 00z and we went over by a couple on minutes. When doing this I am unable to give my normal sign off. I really wish we could find a frequency that is clear to Foreign Broadcasts and QRN as 7.265 is. The Broadcast stops just at 2300z and is quiet for our hour.

When we started using 7.265 our check ins almost doubled. Pryor to that we would be lucky to get 15 check ins now it is most common to get the mid 20's or more for that one hour slot.

We plan on using this frequency for the time being. If we can find another that is as good and free of others we will try that out. If you are looking for us scan around. We try to be within 10 kc of this frequency waiting to hear from you all.

As some of you know, I have had antenna problems. As of this writing I should be back to normal. My new Buckmaster OCF arrived and it will be installed promptly. It is a duplicate of my old one, which was very good. Hope to hear from more of you as the Bands seem to be improving.

HAPPY MAY to all.
KI4TXP Jay 40 M coordinator

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Mary NV4Z & George AA4GT

It was May 13th 1984 I was scanning the band and heard this nice voice. I stopped and started a friendship that has lasted until today. I checked in to the System with Mary NV4Z . Mary asked me if I would like to be a Control Operator and I said I would try. They needed Operators because the YL Convention was coming up and they needed help. Mary coached me and then I worked with several people for several years.

Mary is a very good emergency operator. During the Mexico City earthquake, Mary spent two weeks on the air passing messages into affected area for the Red

Cross. She had to wait for messages coming back out. It was a long two weeks and very time consuming. The only time she left the radio was for nature calls and showers. Her food was brought to her. She had to eat on the run.

The Memphis Newspaper had a big write up on the event. Mary felt good about helping people as she always tries to help when she can. Mary spent 15 to 20 hours a day for several years on the system. She also ran the 80 Meter System for a few years. She helps out now when she can.

In 1984 I was married to Mary Lou my first wife and she had a massive heart attack and died. We had bought a place here in Naples in 1998. She died in 1999.

I changed my call KA3HUA in 1993 to N3ISH. In 2007 I changed it to AA4GT.

On September 2nd 2000 Mary and I got married. It was a very happy time for the both of us. The System was a buzz after that happened. Their were several System members there including Lorenzo from PR.

In January 2001 we went to Antigua for one week. The radio station was run by the Frankford Radio Club in Phila. I was a member of the Club and I am still a member We were on our way in a cab to the station and when we went around the corner, we looked at 7 towers. Right then we thought we died and went to Ham Heaven. During the week we had over 3100 contacts and 166 countries. That was a trip of a lifetime for us.

We are both County Hunters. Mary has worked the Counties 7 times and I have worked them 3 times. I am close to being done the 4th time on CW. We have run over 1100 counties in 19 states. That was fun and we enjoyed it all. Now days we turn the radio on at 8 AM and it is on all day until the band goes out. Mary has a Icon 746 Pro with a Mini Beam for 6 thro 20 with an Ameritron 811 amp. I have a Icom 756 Pro 3 with a Hustler 6btv, a Flag pole antenna and a 133 feet wire for 10 to 80. Mary and I just finished up our WAS Award for the System. We need 2 numbers to complete the Century Award. Mary spends a lot of time listening for the numbers we need.

We hope that we can talk to you on the System and if you get to Naples, please stop and see Us.

73 & 88 to All Mary NV4Z & George AA4GT



2011 Convention News: we thought you might like to know what the climate is like here in Pedro in June...so what follows are some write-ups from the internet. My best guess is that we will still have some 'June Gloom' at that time: that is the time of year that the Catalina eddy gives us low clouds and fog in the AM, and sunny skies in the PM. We can almost guarantee no rain. The temperatures are generally in the 70's. Inland, where Disneyland and Universal Studios are can be up in the 90's. It is not as cold as San Francisco in summer, but certainly not as warm as the Midwest. Oh and the second paragraph below is correct: no smog; the wind blows west to east.
-Scotty K6ZNL and Tom KJ6JPZ

San-Pedro dates back to the year 1542, and is located just south of Los Angeles. This city has breathtaking views of the ocean from its location atop the cliffs and bluffs of the Palos Verdes Peninsula. With one of the busiest ports on the West Coast, San Pedro is also home to the state's largest privately owned diving and fishing fleets. You can take half day or full day sport fishing, scuba/snorkeling or charter boat trips. Regular whale watching excursions are also available during the season. There is a very nice walking path along the harbor available for those who wish to hike, jog, or stroll along the oceanfront. There is an abundance of things to see and do in the area, starting with Cabrillo Beach. This mile-long beach is perfect for swimming, surfing, scuba diving and volleyball. You can rent a jet ski or go wind surfing, or fish off the pier. Picnic tables, a snack bar and a children's playground is available on the beach. Other places to visit in San Pedro include the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, the Maritime Museum, the Point Fermin Lighthouse, the Angels Gate Lighthouse and Recreation Center, and Bogdanovich Park. San Pedro is known for their restaurants, featuring foods from all over the world. Many restaurants and coffeehouses offer outdoor dining and spectacular views. Last, but not least, San Pedro is an easy drive to all the other well-known southern California attractions, making this town a wonderful base for your southern California vacation.

....(<http://www.californiavacation.com/regions/San-Pedro-California.html>)

San Pedro and the Los Angeles Harbor has the best weather in Southern California! With its location on the edge of the Pacific Ocean, San Pedro has a mild climate with no extremes in temperature. Balmy breezes keep the skies clear and smog free. The average temperature is 62.1. The night time temperatures are usually 10 to 15 degrees cooler. Average rainfall is 11.11 inches per year. There are about 70 to 75 summer days and 60 to 65 winter days each year.

...(<http://www.sanpedro.com/spcom/locweth.htm>)

Receiving the Communicator by Mail

Just a reminder that printing the Communicator for mailing to members is quite expensive and does cost our System significantly. While having the Communicator mailed to a member only costs the member .44¢ plus an envelope, it cost the System much more. In 2010, expenses to the System for printing supplies, including ink cartridges and paper, cost the System in excess of \$500. In order to help us keep our treasury "alive and well" please give thought to retrieving your copy from the System website or receiving it from us via email. When receiving by email, for a hard copy, simply print pages 1,3,5,7 and then turn the pages over, reinsert them into the printer and print pages 2,4,6,8. Finish with a quick staple and you have saved the System a significant amount.

Those of you without computers are urged to continue sending us your SASEs and please send envelopes that DO NOT require being moistened.

The Winter of 2011 by N1PVT

The year started with temperatures in the 60's, but the next day brought our first snow storm. The storms continued once or twice a week, leaving us with 18" to 24" at a whack. The snow load on all the buildings in southern New England was enormous, and by mid-February, many buildings were collapsing under this load. At Keown Orchards, my family farm, which I have been running for the family since 1996, we were getting nervous, but I had no one working for more than a few hours a week, and no money to hire the snow removal crews that had a banner winter in these parts. In late February we noticed a crack near the roof line on the inside of the cold storage. This building was built in 1965 and could store up to 15,000 bushels of apples. In the past few years, we have mostly abandoned growing for the wholesale market, and this year our apple crop was just about 7,000 bushel for the whole year [the season running from mid-July to November]. We still had nearly 1,000 bushel in the cooler awaiting a trip to the winery or cider mill. They were destined not to make the trip.



On the evening of February 28, I received a phone call from my nephew, whose house is across the street from the farm building complex. He reported that I had 'lost my storage.' My son Dan drove me down to see, and sure enough, the roof had finally collapsed. We turned off the electricity to that part of the barn, and went home to do some thinking. Calls to the insurance company led to an inspection, and a settlement is expected very soon, although I'm not certain it will cover the rebuilding at this point. But rebuild we must, and a farmer friend from down the street has been helping with the demolition, hiring of an engineer and contractor, and planning of the new building. The outside walls will remain in tact, although they have to be stuck together again. The cooling room itself will be rebuilt in a much smaller fashion, thereby leaving room for plenty of dry storage for various items such as the wooden apple bins and boxes, cardboard boxes, baskets, etc..



We also lost two greenhouses this winter, but they are easily replaced and we should be able to do the work ourselves on those. The roof has been removed, the building cleared out, and now we just need to fix the walls and put the roof on top. Then we can work on getting the new storage unit inside. I bought a new compressor last year, so at least that will not be an added expense. We have included a few pictures so you can see what happened. This part of the building is connected to two other sections that house our roadside stand, bakery, and truck dock. Those parts were unharmed, but I won't be allowed to open for business until the damaged section is fixed. Wish me well!

Update, April 18, 2011

The roof is still open to the elements, as no work has been done on the building since the original demolition work. We are busy working in our 'operational' greenhouse, and are ready to transfer the most cold-tolerant crops to our other functional house, which has only a small propane heater for warmth. Fortunately, this far into April we do not expect extremely cold weather, so we should be all right. The nectarines are just starting to bloom, but compared to last year, we are in for a normal or even late bloom and, therefore, harvest. Since my usual farmhands have not arrived yet, that is fine with me. We have spinach, peas, and beets planted, and will have broccoli, cauliflower and cab-

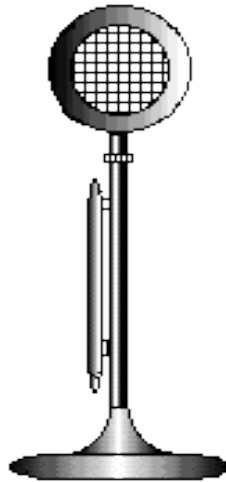


bage ready for transplanting soon. As to when the builder will get to the work of rebuilding the storage, we will have to wait and see. The pictures attached to this article were taken before the demolition of the roof. By next month, I hope to have some pictures of the new roof! And I'll try to send along some pictures of the bloom when it occurs. Kris [N1LSM] is looking forward to taking me for a plane ride over the farm to show me how beautiful it looks in bloom. I just hope I'll be able to make myself look down!

73 de Jane, N1PVT

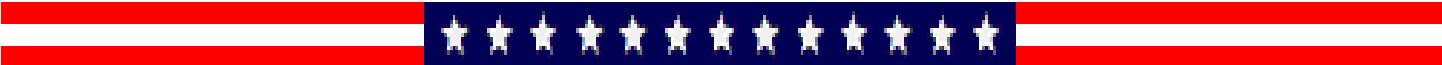


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YES, I FINALLY GOT MY LAST STATE!

We would like to make members aware that any member can sponsor a person who would like to join the System but for one reason or another has been unable to. **All that is required is for that station to desire membership and to give you the go ahead to sponsor them.** Simply get their information on an application and send it to our treasurer along with the appropriate amount. Likewise, there may also be members who would like to receive the VOICE but need someone to sponsor them with dues so that their membership will be renewed. Again, send the dues to our treasurer and indicate you would like that person's membership to be brought up to date for the current year. .Beginning in June, our treasurer will be Bill Phillips W7AJP 2087 Bonnie Lane, Springfield. OR 97477-6508. jwpjr@hotmail.com Thanks to Jodie for her years served.



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

Blessed are The Cracked for They Let in The Light

After 35 years of marriage, a husband and wife came for counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a passionate, painful tirade about Ham Radio and how it caused every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, lack of intimacy, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured while he locked himself in the "shack".

Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, embraced and kissed her passionately as her husband watched with a raised eyebrow. The woman shut up and quietly sat down as though in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, 'This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?' To which he replied:

I can drop her off here Monday thru Thursday. . . but on Fridays, I am Moonbeam Control.

03/23/2011

TAGS: [amateur radio](#), [maritime mobile service](#), [San Diego](#), [us coast guard](#), [uscg](#)

At 10:04 AM PDT (1704 UTC) on Monday, March 21, Rex Weinheimer, KC5AGO, of Stonewall, Texas -- a member of Maritime Mobile Service Net ([MMSN](#)) -- heard and responded to a weak and broken MAYDAY call. The call was from the sailing vessel *Gloria Jean*, a 30 foot sailboat that was in the Pacific Ocean about 120 miles west of Ensenada, Mexico. Weinheimer heard the distress call on 14.300 MHz, a frequency monitored by the MMSN.

MMSN Net Controller Lee Langford, KG4DZN, told the ARRL that through the combined efforts of several net stations, the net was able to ascertain the situation and the position of the stricken vessel. MMSN operators contacted both the US and Mexican Coast Guards and both services deployed assets to the scene. The US Coast Guard ([USCG](#)) dispatched an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter from San Diego and a C-130 Hercules plane from Sacramento. According to the USCG, the *Gloria Jean* had no propulsion, food, water or safety equipment.

"The sailing vessel *Estarma* -- an MMSN net participant -- changed course to assist the crippled *Gloria Jean* and provided information on scene," Langford told the ARRL. A USCG rescue swimmer was lowered from the helicopter as it hovered near the disabled sailboat. The 77 year old sailor and his dog were hoisted aboard the helicopter at 2:50 (PDT) that afternoon.

"It was about 15- to 18-foot seas, with the boat dead in the water," Coast Guard Aviation Survival Technician Mike Linehan told San Diego television station KGTV. "The waves were pushing it away from me as I was trying to get to it. It was challenging swimming to the boat. It was really hard to talk to him at first. We found out later that he didn't have his hearing aids in."

The sailor told USCG personnel that he had been stranded for days and that he was on his way to Tahiti. He was running low on food, water and safety supplies. "The boat was unable to sail," said USCG Lieutenant Commander Chip Lewin. "The sails were ripped and the master and his dog were sitting inside."

Langford offered his thanks to all the Amateur Radio operators "who assisted with relays and patiently provided a clear frequency. Without them, this rescue would not have been possible."

"It's truly a wonderful thing to be able to help anyone in need. Amateur Radio is based on service," Weinheimer said.

The Maritime Mobile Service Net mission is handling traffic from maritime mobiles and deployed service personnel overseas. MMSN operates on 14.300 MHz USB -- a recognized Center of Activity frequency -- with its sister nets Intercontinental Traffic Net and Pacific Seafarer's Net. -- *Thanks to KGTV San Diego*



N7AEB Albert Bacon Old Timer #7240 Tacoma, WA
On the right, Albert in Japan 1951-52 USAF
Albert will be entering the hospital shortly and we ask
members to remember him in their prayers...



We have a number of members who check in on the Maritime Mobile Service Net on 14.300. I know Scott WN5DX does and Bob NØDFP is a regular. I have checked in a few times and have always been warmly welcomed. They are a nice group of people on an important net. Stop by and see them.

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From the Editor:

In the June Communicator I made you aware of "The Day of YLs" which is a special event for the weekend of May 21 and 22. I have emailed the four ladies putting this event on to ask for more information and the address for their website but they do not answer my emails. I also questioned them on the fact that many of the frequencies they have posted are out of the General band and again, have not heard back from them.

I personally thought the event sounded a bit exciting and that we would hear and be able to work YLs all over the world and apply for their awards if we chose to. However, I am greatly disappointed that none of them seem to have the time to respond to my emails even though I gave all of them complete info on our System and our desire to participate. So, on May 21 and 22, it is up to you to decide what to do...

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

Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Spotlight on: Teresa PT2TF #9234 & Walter PT2TG #9239

Our records indicate Teresa joined the YL System in August of 1974. Her husband Walter joined shortly after. They have three married sons and thirteen grandchildren. In past years, Teresa was always a very active member of the System and as the bands improve, plans to be on with us often. She says she is very active on 40, 75 and other bands and listens often on 14.332 for her friends in North America. She is also active on CQ100. It was quite a surprise to have her check in with us on the Moonbeam on a Monday evening in February. The band was good to her and she made a number of our members happy with a contact. We look forward to hearing you often in the future Teresa!



THEIR DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATION

Exchanging vows



Grandkids with family



The whole crew

