

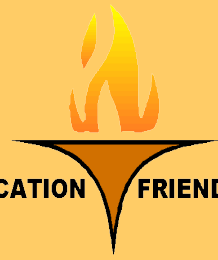
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TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11/2001

On Sunday, September 11th, 2011, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States . Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this tenth anniversary of one of our country's worst tragedies. We do this in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.



In the days, weeks and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.

God Bless America, land of the free and the brave.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

16604	NM5CL	CHARLES	NM
16605	WB1CY	GREG	NC
16606	AB2UK	DAMON	NY
16607	AK4GE	DON	VA

TFOs NOT IN VOICE

499	WV1B	ANDREW	CA
500	JA1CG	HARUO	JAPAN
501	WB5BRD	RAY	AR

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/02	KC2DCU	9/16	WB5BRD
9/02	VE1JIM	9/18	NØTJO
9/02	BARBARA- - - >	(XYL OF KØMSR)	
9/04	KV4X	9/2	MARILYN
9/05	MARY- - - - - >	(XYL OF WAØAVW)	
9/05	KB9OC	9/24	W7GMF
9/06	KC7AKN	9/24	N4YY
9/09	KØGOR	9/25	WD5COV
9/10	KC8VRT	9/27	K8ALT
9/11	N5IAC	9/29	KF9GS
9/14	KB5IPQ	9/30	WB2RWT

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9/02	AA4GT GEORGE & NV4Z MARY
9/05	WA6EBB BARRY & MARY (41)
9/05	KC2ATK JOHN & KC2DCU BARBARA (53)
9/28	K3CDQ DICK & JUDY (48)

SEPTEMBER CONTESTS & QSO PARTIES

9/03-04	ALL ASIAN DX CONTEST
9/03-04	COLORADO QSO PARTY
9/03-04	IARU REGION 1 FIELD DAY
9/03-04	QCWA FALL QSO PARTY
9/04-05	TENNESSEE QSO PARTY
9/10-11	WORKED ALL EUROPE DX CONTEST
9/10-11	ARKANSAS QSO PARTY
9/10	OHIO STATE PARKS ON THE AIR
9/17	CONNECTICUT QSO PARTY
9/17-18	SOUTH CAROLINA QSO PARTY
9/17-18	WASHINGTON STATE SALMON RUN
9/18	NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT
9/18-19	CLASSIC EXCHANGE
9/24-25	TEXAS QSO PARTY

SILENT KEYS

16304	N9ZDD	JERRY	WI
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SK - LUCILLE MARIE ELLIS
XYL OF JOHN W5PDW #4076

AS IN THE PAST, WE ONLY LIST THE CONTESTS
AND QSO PARTIES THAT MIGHT INTERFERE WITH
THE SYSTEM ON 14.332.

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 KL7FQQ - kl7fqq@yahoo.com

40 METER REPORT BY JAY KI4TXP

Boy where does the time go? I thought I just wrote a report but I must be wrong.

I would like to Thank Dick and Judy for the fine job that they are doing with the Communicator. I know it is a large undertaking. THANK YOU GUYS !!!!!

I would also like to thank all the 40M people that have stepped in and helped this past month. Because of family events I have not been able to be on as much as I would like. THANKS FOLKS. With Fall fast approaching, things might quiet down some? Who knows?

40 M has been doing very well of late. It is no surprise to have 20 check ins. It is a surprise when we have less than 10 check ins. As I have said check ins are great but the rechecks are better. That is why we do 40M so that members and non members can say HI or make another contact. Don't forget we are on from 23z until 2345z Monday through Friday.

Your System Controls are Allen KB3OMO Monday and Fridays and I am System Control (when I'm able to) Tuesday through Thursday. If any one would like to help out on a regular basis any night please send me an email at jay-son648@yahoo.com It would really be nice to have a different person for each night.

There are several members that are unable to commit on a regular basis because of work loads, that is understood. These members do help out when they can. THANKS FOLKS !!

By the time this is sent out and read, the first major Hurricane of the season will have landed on USA soil. Hope all survived with little or no damage and no injuries.

Well enough from 40M.

HAPPY LABOR DAY to all !!!!!
73, Jay KI4TXP

MOONBEAM BY K3CDQ

Not much has changed on the Moonbeam this month. Band conditions continue to be up and down and I appreciate everyone hanging in there. Thanks to those who have covered for me on the evenings I have been away. I've been away from my assignments much more than usual. Many thanks again. Dick K3CDQ



MY LARGEST STRIPED BASS.
48" LONG, 28" GIRTH AND 42 LBS.



In a couple recent email exchanges with Gene, W7RMC he asked that I let all his friends know that he is off the air and very much misses his radio and his YL System friends. He said that since losing one of his legs, he now has an electric wheelchair which is much better than the old one. If you would like to exchange emails with Gene, he can be reached at: genevsnyder33@yahoo.com He said his wife Joan is answering most of his emails for him.

Gene, you can be sure that those of us who know you, miss you very much and wish you all the best. God Bless!

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. Let's also respect our founders wishes!

BITS & PIECES - FROM OUR MEMBERS

I didn't know I was going to Ham Holiday in Oklahoma City until a few days before that Friday. A friend had room for one more so I rode with three other hams. We arrived about 20 minutes after the doors opened. Right away I saw some YLs I know selling their handcrafts right by the front door.

I knew more people this year. The section manager that talked to me on Field Day was there so I visited with him a minute. He said the picture of me should be on the website in a few weeks. I made the rounds several times and made new friends. I was told that W5OU is one of the top DXCCers. He wouldn't tell me anything. I guess it gets old after a while.

I bought a fancy name tag with my call and name on it. I can wear it to the scout radio event in October and other events. Five of us ate together at a place across the street. Dub was new to me. We learned that he worked for the railroad in the area I grew up in about 40 years ago. The trip home was uneventful. One of our group is not a ham but we've been working on him. He knows the electronics part. It is the procedures that are a problem for him. That can be easily changed.

There's a group that meets on 6M Tuesday evenings. Last time we met, someone called me "net control." So I guess I have "arrived". We have 4 to 6 check-ins and one is very new to ham radio, but not new to communications. He has the same Kenwood 2000 that 4 of us have so we spend time answering his questions about that. We learned what "DC to daylight" meant.

July 22 I made 43 contacts, 13 being 6M. I've been told this is the best time for 6M so I'm trying to get as many as I can. A friend loaded a logging program on my computer but I'm having trouble letting go of my pencil and paper. Too many times I've accidentally hit a key and lost everything in non-radio activities.

My OM has finished the massive doghouse except for winterizing it. I tried to find some old antenna looking device to put on it for pictures but no luck.

Beth kc5rww

CORRECTION DEPARTMENT: Last month we showed you the photo of Mike VE7AAV with his daughter. Mike informed us that Jenny is his granddaughter. Sorry Mike, but you look so young we figured she must be your daughter.

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Hi Dick & Judy: The following might be of interest to SSB'ers especially to the Old Timer Certificate Holders. The certificates do get worn and torn with age. I first started certificate hunting in 1963 with Cliff Evans K6BX, and joined V. Marie's ISSB'ers System the same year. Here is how I renewed my certificates. I scanned all of my awards that would fit the screen on my computer and then printed 8.5 X 11 copies on glossy photo paper from Costco. 150 sheets only cost \$18.00. I plan to get my larger certificates such as King Neptune reduced in size at a print shop, and then scan them at home and make them into 8.5 X 11 certificates.

New subject: Since I am not allowed to operate my ham radio at my present location (in Tacoma, WA,) I am planning on going portable at my daughter's QTH out in the country as soon as possible. I have already purchased a 1,000 watt generator. In all of my 48 years in ham radio, I have never gone portable, so if any of you folks out there in radio land have any constructive advice, please don't hesitate to send me advice via email. My email addresses are: n7aeb@hotmail.com and aebacon2@gmail.com I hope this article will be useful to all,

Vy 73/88 to ISSB'ers de AI N7AEB ISSB #7240
Ex: KL7EQG, WA7PYP, WB4NGE...off and clear

Thanks to all who replied to our request for info and photos. We did not receive "tons" but we did get more than we could use in this issue. Do not worry, we will use all that was sent to us.

***Thanks again,
Judy and Dick***



NO ONE GUESSED WHO THIS IS.
IT IS KCØCRS MACK, MARIA'S OM

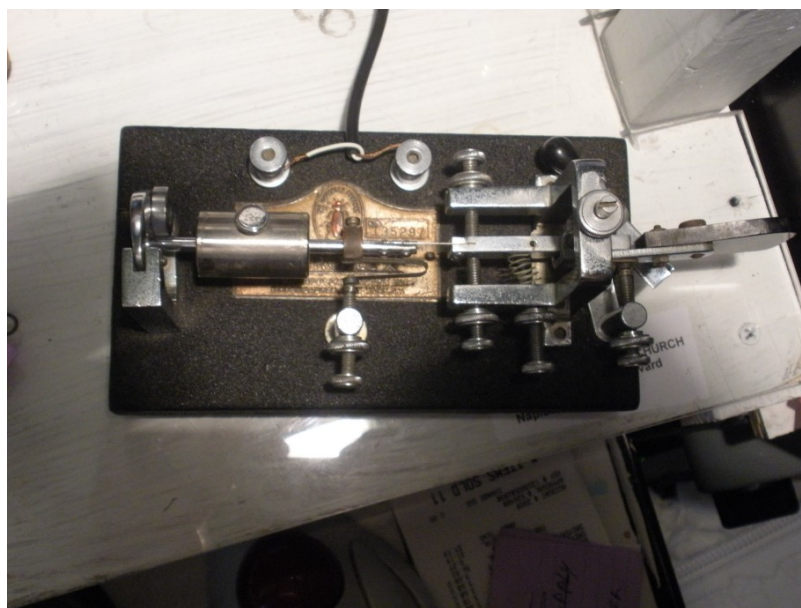
2011 CONVENTION
SAN PEDRO CALIFORNIA



BACK: STAN KL7FQR, TOM SCOTTY;S OM , MIKE VE7AAV, JOHN WA6SDK, BILL W7AJP
 MIDDLE: SCOTTY K6ZNL, ROSE KL7FQQ, DONNA XYL OF VE7AAV, JOAN XYL OF W7AJP, EMIL NØDK
 FRONT: VIOLET W6CBA, MARGARET KB7ITR XYL OF NØDK, ANDREW WV1B



KEN N50TR SEEMS PRETTY
 PROUD OF HIS CO-PILOT



Original 1944 Vibroplex Standard
 Owned by George AA4GT

SCOTTY'S
USUAL
OPERATING
LOCATION

K6AA

AT THE
LOS ANGELES

MARITIME
MUSEUM



SCOTTY K6ZNL
AT THE MIKE OF

W6RO
THE
QUEEN MARY

2011
CONVENTION
SAN PEDRO

THIS WAS SENT TO US BY ROSE AND WE MISSED IT IN THE LAST ISSUE. OUR APOLOGIES.

The 2011 YLISSB Convention is now history, and what a history. Great memories were made for all those that attended. This Convention was very well organized, with lots of fun things to do on a daily basis. If you were not able to attend this Convention, you missed a premier occasion.

The Convention started with a lunch at Scotty and Tom's house. Some had to find their way among the hills and houses, others of us were lucky enough to snag a ride from either Scotty or Tom. Lunch was delicious, but the best part were the fresh plums picked from their very own tree, and the fellowship. It was a time of renewing old friendships, and making new ones. The view from their 2nd floor patio was terrific, and some of us that had been having cold, wet weather enjoyed the sunshine! All too soon, it was time to head back to the hotel, and get the radio installed in the wonderful Hospitality Suite. And, before long, K4ICA, Sidebander #1 was on the air.

Thursday saw some of us taking a tour of Los Angeles, including Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and other famous places. Our tour driver ran a bit slow, so instead of returning at noon, we were back at the hotel by 2. Just a tad bit hungry, but we all enjoyed the tour. The houses in Beverly Hills are hard to describe, I guess mansions would be a better word. And, we got to wave at Tom Cruise as he looked out a window.

Dinner on Thursday night was at a place called the Green Onion. It was a Mexican restaurant, with delicious food, and the décor was wonderful. It was Bill W7AJP and Joan's 44th wedding anniversary. Sitting at the table were 4 couples, that would be celebration their 44th, 46th, 48th and 54th anniversaries this year....and in Hollywood, no less! Of course, we were all visiting.

Friday we all met for a ride to the Queen Mary. Scotty worked a shift at the radio room in the Queen Mary, so we got to spend some time there. While there, we met HB9CVB and HB9BHP visiting from Switzerland. HB9CVB said he would be seeing Kurt, HB9MX in a few weeks, and since Kurt is a long time member of the YLISSB, we sent our greetings to him. The Queen Mary is quite a ship, we enjoyed touring it, and had a tasty lunch onboard. Soon, we loaded up in the van to go to the Lane Victory. This is the only operational Victory Ship in the world...and a local ham from the radio club conducted the tour, so we got to see the radio room. The OM's enjoyed their trip to the engine room, and the YL's enjoyed chatting. Then, some went to the Maritime Museum, while others went back to the hotel. I manned K4ICA, the Convention Station, for a while, and gave out several contacts. Dinner on Friday night was at a restaurant called THINK...and some of the local ham club members came. It was fun meeting them. There was a meeting of the local ham club at the Maritime Museum that evening, but some (including me) were too tired to go!

Saturday was our business meeting, and we were surprised to find Paul, W6RUZ from Colorado at the meeting. He explained that he was visiting relatives in the LA area, and popped in. Our business was conducted in about an hour and ½, and then it was time to relax and enjoy the wonderful company. The banquet was outstanding. Awards were issued, and a good time was had by all.

On Sunday, it was time to say goodbye. The breakfast was the last big hurrah. And, then it was time to take down the radio station, and bundle things up for the trip home. There were a total of 16 that attended the Convention. And, like I told the group, it wasn't the quantity that counted, but the quality, and we had a quality group there. It was great fun to renew acquaintance with Vi, W6CBA and Don, her OM. Mike, VE7AAV, and xyl Donna are always fun to be around. It was nice to meet John, WA6SDK who usually operates K6AA, and Doug, W6HB. Scotty K6ZNL was a remarkable hostess...she really made everyone feel welcome. And, Tom, her OM is like a cuddly Koala bear. It was great to meet Andrew, WV1B, and chat about his motorcycle ride. Emil, N0DK, and Margaret, KB7ITR were as friendly as always, and fun to be with. And, who could forget Bill, W7AJP, and his lovely xyl Joan. Bill is the new treasurer, and reminds one of a friendly puppy. Stan went with me this year, and enjoyed himself immensely. And, the best part of all was the cribbage tournament, but VE7AAV and KL7FQR are not talking about that. Sorry you all missed a great time! 73's Rose



SCOTTY K6ZNL & JOAN XYL OF W7AJP



RECEIVED FROM NANCY K9DIG

The NØGF Sweepstakes team for November phone consisted of K9DIG Nancy, KEØA Rod, NØOJ , and KIØLS Charlie. The operators were K9DIG, KEØA and NØOJ, and KIØLS was the engineer that kept it all working. We have won the section several times but this is the first time we have won the division. We are all thrilled as it is also the first time a ND team has won the Division. We will probably receive our plaques from ARRL in Late September or October.

SPOTLIGHT ON: JOHN KC2ATK #16043

Born in 1935, John attended school in Moorestown, NJ. After serving in the USMC, John and Barbara married in 1959. They have two sons, John and Thomas and a daughter Shirley. After living in Bellmawr, NJ for twenty-nine years, they moved to Heislerville. NJ. John worked in construction for forty-four years and retired with a gold union card. Barbara worked for RCA and for the Moorestown School System where she retired.



They have visited all fifty US states and all the provinces of Canada and John says he has fished in all fifty states. He has caught Halibut in Alaska, a 48" - 28 lb Sturgeon in San Francisco and a 1,017 lb Blue Fin Tuna at Prince Edward Island. His largest Striped Bass was 49". John is also a fly and surf fisherman and likes to fish from a 26' Shamrock boat.

He became a ham in December of 2006, and has contacted 267 entities with just 100 watts. His equipment is Icom 706 2 G and 706 Mark 2. He has a Tennydyne T-6 Log periodic on a 50' tower and a 5 element Cushcraft 6 meter beam on top. Also a 40' crank up tower with a 3 element yagi and a 45' tower with a GP9 2 meter antenna and a 13B2 beam on top. He also had a 530 foot Sky Loop up 40 feet in the trees.



John also enjoys travelling and photography. In addition to the System, John is active on the 3905 Century Club and OMIS and enjoys working "Lighthouses.". John's Sideband number is 16043 and he holds a TFO Certificate with the number 470.

RECEIVED FROM JIM VE1JIM: It took a while but I finally got in touch with George VK2FDW #6104. First off I looked on Echolink to find a repeater near where George lives. I made a few calls and no response. Later in the evening I was on CQ-100 with a group I am a member of and asked one of the VKs on there if he knew VK2FDW and if he could find out how he was doing. He informed me that he did not know him.

Later that week, I tried again on Echolink and still no one answered on the repeater. I found another repeater to go to and got a response from someone who knew George and he told me that he was all right and doing fine. He was being met by a friend who was taking him for a Dr's appointment and he would try and contact the driver on 2 meters. While this was going on, my friend from the earlier evening called George and was talking to him while the driver was waiting for him outside. When George got outside the driver called me and put George on the 2 meter rig and we had a short qso.

A long way to go but we have the technology and means to get the job done. Bottom line is that George is having problems with the tenancy board and can't put up an antenna as of now. He is fighting the ruling and hopes to be back on the by the end of August.

Hi From the Historian

Hi Everyone! Well, we are finally pretty much settled up here on the Ridge in Pennsylvania, and I have started moving the YL System Database from the transport bins into the file drawers.

One piece of History that I found all by itself while moving items, was what is probably the original Letter of Incorporation from the State of Florida. Our founder, V. Mayree, had filed for such in 1969, and it was approved in March, 1970. Now I realize that last month, I was furthering the cause of change on the YL System. As it turns out, much of our original Charter, and goals, remain the same as they did back then. A few things have changed, such as our not being quite so Emergency Communications oriented, although we must still be trained and ready should that type of event come to realization on 14.332. Yup! It sure could, and we must remain vigilant.

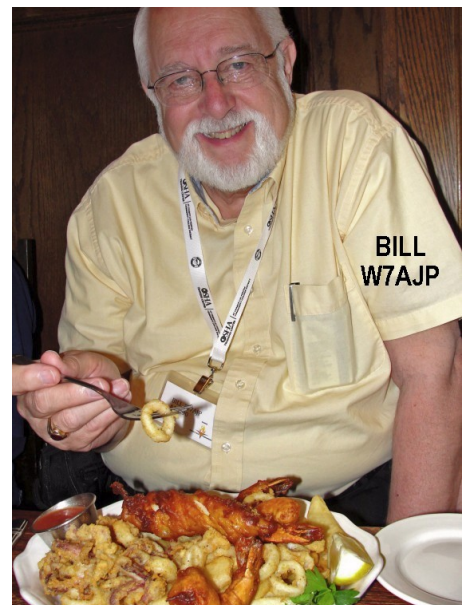
The Officers of the YL System still remain much as they were installed back in the old days, with only a few exceptions. We still require that our ladies of the YL System be the ones nominated and elected to the top posts, but have relaxed a bit in other official areas. You have to remember that the original YL System was intended strictly for YLs, with OMs being allowed to participate only in a "Check-in" basis.

Anyway, please don't forget how our roots were formed and for what reasons, and at the same time, let's look forward to many more wonderful years for the YL System.

73,
Kevin Newberry
KN4AA
YL SYSTEM Historian




K7HK HARRY'S NEWEST HOMEBREW TOY. IT IS A 1,000 WATT AMP WHICH HE CALLS "OLD BLUE."



LOOKS GOOD BILL, HOPE YOU SHARED IT WITH YOUR FRIENDS.

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BARBARA KE5ZI LOOKS A BIT CONCERNED HERE.
 SILVER RIVER. OCALA FLORIDA.
 I WONDER IF GATORS BITE RUBBER RAFTS...

Tangerines in January

