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President's Report... by Rose KL7FQQ

Greetings!

CONVENTION 2013

Alan, AE0AR and his lovely XYL Joyce have been working overtime to make the 2013 Convention in Colorado Springs a marvelous experience. I look forward to seeing you there next year. Mark it on your calendar. June 13-16, 2013.

CONVENTION 2014

It is always a good plan to have a couple of years to work with hotels, and make arrangements for hosting a convention. So, any interest in hosting the 2014 Convention? Please let me know.

SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM

Remember that August 22nd is Belt of Orion day on the System. Contact ten of the twelve members listed on the Web Page for a beautiful Award. The members listed are: KC2ATK, KC7KPG, KN4AA, N0TWV, VE3JPJ, VE7AAV, KI4P, K9DIG, KI4TXP, VE5ADO, KL7FQQ and W9DTR. Notice that some of the members have changed since the Voice came out. This is a current list, so hope to hear you on the System on the 22nd.

INFORMATION SESSION

Don't forget that on Monday mornings, we have the Information System on 14.332. This is where new members are announced, and their numbers officially entered into the

records. This is where any new item of information is announced. So, if you want to know the latest with the System, listen to our Information Officer, K9WFE, at 1400 UTC during the daylight savings months, and 1300 during the winter months.

SESSIONS

With the band conditions like they have been, it has been frustrating for our controls to keep the System operating. But, Jda has been doing a fantastic job with the daytime System, as always. However, she does need help. So, if you can volunteer an hour or two once a week, please do so. Our undying thanks to those that step up to the plate and give their assistance. Nancy has been doing a bang up job with the Moonbeam System, too. So, if you have any time to assist, please contact either Jda or Nancy.

Hope you have an Absolutely Advantagous August.

33's, 73's and 88's Rose

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS			
16713	ND4W	MICHAEL	AL
16714	KØIC	RON	IA
16715	K3ENV	ED	MD
16716	W2CCW	CHUCK	NJ

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
8/01 AA4GT	8/15 WN9MFC
8/02 WD4HVA	8/16 KC5HIW
8/05 KK4PI	8/20 WBØMDP
8/10 NØEND	8/23 W7RMC
8/10 JUDY (CDQ)	8/23 WB5OHN
8/10 KP3B	8/25 ABØEG
8/12 WAØAVW	8/25 NØQAV
8/14 KC1MR	8/28 KB8NSA

SILENT KEYS			
3680	WA4PEE	ROBERT	AL
6278	K3WAJ	GISELE	PA
14109	KA7ITE	EDITH	WA
14303	NX2L	JOSEPH	AZ
15368	KGØWJ	KENDALL	KS
16170	K5AQL	BOB	TX
16510	WA4YEM	CHARLES	FL

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES	
8/03	KL7FQQ ROSE & KL7FQR STAN 55
8/24	AC4NC NATALIE & KD4AKT BILL

Photo below is of one of our many 18 wheel drivers Jay, W9JAY ISSB #15760. Beside Jay is Amy KC8VRT who drove out on the highway just to meet Jay.



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

In the July Communicator I in error listed KFØV as a Silent Key. That was a typo and I do apologize. The correct call for the SK is KFØC Charles I MO.

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Received this message from Tom KC4LOY in June:

Richard: As of April 17, my left foot was amputated, due to diabetes. I have gone through rehabilitation and now have my prostheses. Just have to learn to use it.

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We received the following in June from Ron KL7YK and overlooked listing it in the July issue. Sorry Ron, could have been a

senior moment or just slipped by us.

My moving plans are on hold for now. Looks like next Summer may be a better idea. Am retired but the wife's health is bad enough I have to delay things until she get well.

I just had Cataract Surgery on my Left eye and the right gets done this Tuesday. So I have 20/20 in one eye, expect the same after the right is done.

I am working on getting the Air Base Radio Club out on Field Day for the first time. Should be hmmm interesting anyway. Will get pics and a write up so folks can what a cluster looks like!

Ron KL7YK

As most of you have heard, we have had some rather severe storms here. One of which took out a tree in the front yard. I took this picture with my tablet just after the worst of the storm but it was still raining quite hard and very windy thus I could not get a clear picture with the wind buffering me about, even though I was on the porch and the rain thick In the yard. The tree that is down was almost the same size as its twin on the right side of the picture.

Our tower was not affected except for the 2 meter antenna being swiveled around 180 degrees and bent only slightly thanks to the guy wires imbedded in concrete.

73
Sally KK4YL





On 6/29, Doug and Ana left on a 14-day cruise to Alaska on the Motor Ship Amsterdam and a return to Kodiak Island where Doug lived from 1955 to 1959. Doug is working to finalize arrangements and the formal MOU with the Pacific Battleship Center to establish the Battleship Iowa Amateur Radio Association (BIARA) and NI6BB as the primary amateur radio support for the USS Iowa now a 501(c)3 museum facility. The USS Iowa now resides at Berths 87-89 in San Pedro and opened to the public on July 7, 2012.





What a great photo this is on the left:

Doug W6HB and Ana. We assume this was during their cruise to Alaska.

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Middle Left: Susan W4YL and Ben W4CT with grandson Ben.

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Bottom left: Irene WDØDAW, her OM Bill KØUB & Nancy K9DIG

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Photo below is: Doug W6HB





Doug WA5PBR doing a bit of maintenance on Maria's Gem Quad antenna.

Convention

The Fiftieth Anniversary 2013 YL-ISSB Convention will be held at the Colorado Springs, Colorado, Marriott Hotel from June 13, 2013, through June 16, 2013. The contract has been signed, and rooms will be available for the rate of \$99.00 (plus tax) per night. In the near future, information for making the reservations, either by phone or online, will be posted on the website and available in the September Communicator. The Marriott offers a great location and view from any of the rooms. The registration form and additional information should be completed in the next couple of weeks and be included in the next issue of the Communicator.

We are currently planning a tour to the top of Pikes Peak on Friday morning by way of the Cog Railway. This is a great way to get there, with an informative narrative along the way. You will be making the ascent from 6,600 feet to over 14,110 feet. It is an unforgettable view from the summit. Additionally, we are planning to tour the Garden of the Gods on Thursday evening. Saturday morning will be the business session, and the of Directors will be meeting after lunch. The banquet and auction will be held at the Marriott on Saturday evening. Sunday morning, we will gather for breakfast in the "Library" to eat and say our farewells as we head back home.

For those who are flying to the convention, you can fly into the Colorado Springs Airport. The Marriott will be providing a complimentary shuttle service for our members. Another option for those who are planning on renting a car while in the area is to fly into the Denver International Airport, which is about 70 miles North of Colorado Springs.

Please include the Colorado Springs Convention on your 2013 calendar. We are looking forward to a great time in the shadow of Pikes Peak.

For any questions about the 2013 Convention in Colorado Springs, please contact Alan Russ, AE0AR, by mail at P.O. Box 673, Saint Francis KS 67756; by email at alanruss@eaglecom.net; or by phone at (785)772-1958.



On the left:
Maria NØTWV
with Bill W7AJP

On the right:
None other than
Bill again W7AJP





George Schneider VK2FDW - ISSB #6104 - Rest in peace dear friend.

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From the Historian:

Once again, the latest YL System Convention of 2012 is History! What a time we all had! Cajun fried shrimp can sure be tasty, but very spicy, and for us Northerners, a glass or two of ice cold beer seemed to bring out the flavor of that shrimp.

As all of you know, I am always on the lookout for historical memorabilia in an effort to better trace our YL System roots back to the beginning. At this year's Convention, Barbara, KE5ZI, presented me with two lovely Seal machines which were used by the System back in the day for marking as genuine, the various awards issued to System members. The seals will take their place in the archives as a fond remembrance to our older members. We no longer place official seals on our awards, so it makes this donation all the more significant. Thank you Barbara!

Not too much else to report this month, but thanks to Alan, AE0AR, our next year's YL System Convention will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and it promises to be a wonderful experience. For those who are not aware, the YL System celebrates 50 years of service and camaraderie next year. Let's look forward to many more years of enjoyment on the System.

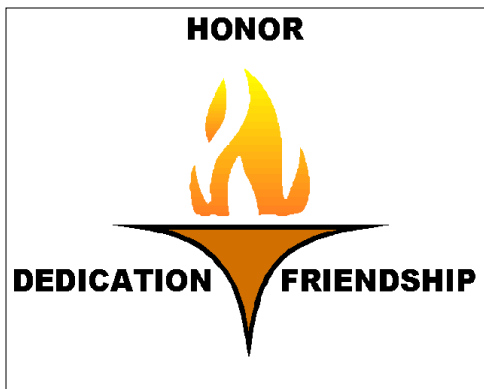
73,

Kevin Newberry
KN4AA

We recently lost a long time member and good friend, Georg, VK2FDW #6104. His friend Norm sent us the information listed below. Sometimes it does not pay to use more than one computer, since when I transferred this info from a laptop to this computer, I managed to lose Norm's full name and email address. Do not know if he is a ham but he was a close friend to Georg. Shown below is what Norm had to contribute.

Georg Joseph Schneider (1925-2012)

1. Born 19/7/25 in Mosel Germany to Joseph & Veronika Schneider
2. Schooled in Germany & France
3. Joined the army at age 17
4. Assigned to 9th Panzer Division (Drove Tanks)
5. Made it to Sergeant by age 20
6. Wounded on the Russian Front (3 bullets to liver)
7. Captured by Americans in 1944 (Battle of the Bulge)
8. Escaped the Americans only to be recaptured by the British.
9. Taken to England and placed in POW Camp where they used his electrical engineering skills.
10. Met his future wife (Beryl) while in England (1946)
11. Returned to Germany where he drove taxis for a while (Kept in touch with Beryl)
12. Later married Beryl in Trier Germany.
13. Gained his Glider Pilot License in 1949. Was also a qualified Scuba Diving Instructor.
14. They had 2 sons Michael & Richard.
15. Georg took up a position at The American Air Base in Libya for 6 months while Beryl returned to England with the 2 boys.
16. Georg finally accepted a permanent position at the Air Force Base and remained there from 1961 until the Americans were forced out of Libya by Gaddafi in 1969.
17. While in Libya he became a close friend of the Royal Family.
18. Georg received 3 Presidential References from Kennedy, Johnson & Nixon for his work in communications. (TV & Radio)
19. For 9 months Georg & his family toured Europe in their Land Rover.
20. Moved to Australia in 1970.
21. Finally gained a position with Govt. Stores repairing electrical equipment for schools. Remained there till his retirement at age 65.
22. Retained interest in Ham radio and has received many awards for his work in this area. Has been a member of the World Wide Radio Club for nearly 40 years and only recently erected a new radio tower. Sadly he passed away before fully completing this project.
23. Whatever interest Georg had, he always did it to the fullest. Whether it be photography, stamp collecting or Ham radio, he diligently researched it and assembled the appropriate equipment. He gained great satisfaction in studying equipment manuals and learning all the technical details of his hobbies. Loved quoting facts & figures. Although nearly 87 years of age he still had a very sharp mind.
24. Georg was a good friend and will be sadly missed by all that knew him.



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Photos of Niagara Falls in USA and Canada provided by John KI4JQB. Above is floral Garden which is near Niagara Falls and to the left is Toronto.

To the YL System Board,

Thank you very much for choosing me as one of the two scholarship recipients this year. Though I have not had a lot of time to be on the radio recently, the System has been an important part of my experience as a ham radio operator, and your confidence means a lot to me.

On August 27th, I will begin my years of college study. While I am a bit nervous, I am also looking forward to setting out on this new journey, this new stage of my life. I will be attending the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., as an Honors student and Classics major.

Thank you again for the scholarship. Like Katie said in last month's Communicator, I hope to make all of you proud. My best to all.

73, John
KI4JQB

