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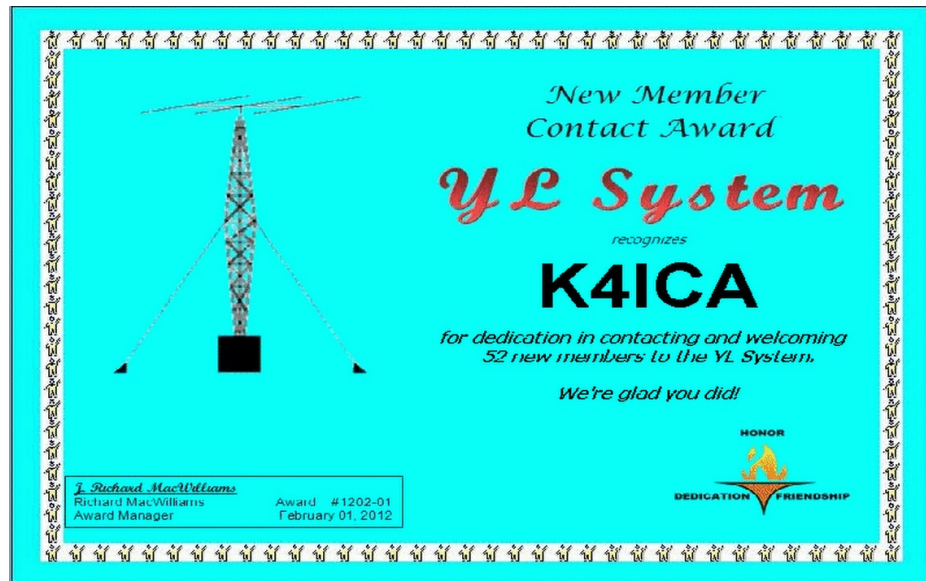
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Happy 49th
Birthday
YL System
Founded
February 9, 1963
By K4 ICA



NEW MEMBER CONTACT AWARD



A certificate will be awarded for making contact with fifty-two of the ninety-six members who joined the System during 2011. The purpose of this award is to welcome these members to the System and while doing so, creating more activity on System frequencies. Requirements for this award are as follows:

- 1) The time period for this award is from 1/5/2012 to 12/31/2012.
- 2) All fifty-two (52) contacts must be made on an "active, controlled System frequency."
- 3) Since the purpose of the award is to promote activity on the System frequencies, QSO Party contacts on other frequencies do not count.
- 4) All members, including 2011 new members may work for this award.
- 5) Members to contact may be found under "New Members" in Jan. thru Dec. 2011, Communicators.
- 5) Logs and usual \$5 fee should be forwarded to Richard MacWilliams K3CDQ. (see qrz.com)

SYSTEM INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

16643	KZ2W	SAM	NY
16644	KØTHP	TOM	IA
16645	W7UV	JOE	NV
16646	WA5TRX	LARRY	LA
16647	AE5FK	GEORGE	MS
16648*	KJ4YMU	DAN	FL
16649*	KJ5YMV	BARB	FL
16650	KG4DTM	CAROLE	VA
16651	KD8KBX	ROBERT	OH
16652	W7JSD	SID	AZ
16653	KDØKPM	RON	KS
16654	KL3IH	ARNOLD	AK
16655	WB9ILU	CRAIG	IL
16656	KK6CS	KEN	CO
16657	KJ6JPZ	TOM	CA
16658	KC8UPU	DUNCAN	MI
16659	KY4PT	PAT	KY
16660	KYØTE	HARRY	OR
16661	KB9IYO	DENNIS	IL

SILENT KEYS

2112	K1TFX	GEORGE	ME
3890	K9FA	RICHARD	WI
8576	W4BNM	AUBREY	AL
8663	KQ4IQ	KARLA	FL
10674	WB3EZG	NANCY	AZ
10837	WF4F	WILLIAM	NC
13097	WA7ZZA	BOB	WA
15011	KB9BYE	BOB	IL
15141	N1JRX	CHET	CT
15554	N2LR	LEN	OR
16367	K5ILJ	PAUL	MS

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/01 VE9RMD	2/16 GØRHL
2/01 NØGEB	2/16 JOANNE
2/02 N5PRU	XYL OF VE1JIM
2/02 AUDREY	2/16 KC7KPG
XYL OF W1VCU	2/17 WA1S
2/03 AA3DX	2/20 KFØNU
2/04 KF4OPT	2/20 NØDK
2/05 WD8BNE	2/21 NØTWV
2/06 VE4EEE	2/21 W8OPA
2/11 K1IIF	2/21 KØICA
2/13 W1TGY	2/25 KE7EZJ
2/14 AB9DR	2/26 VE3UUL
2/14 WZ1X	

FEBRUARY SSB CONTEST ACTIVITY

2/4-05	YLISSB CW QSO PARTY
2/4-05	VERMONT QSO PARTY
2/4-05	BLACK SEA CUP
2/4	FYBO WINTER FIELD DAY
2/4-05	MINNESOTA FIELD DAY
2/4-05	BRITISH COLUMBIA QSO PTY
2/4-05	DELAWARE QSO PARTY
2/10-12	YL/OM CONTEST
2/11-12	DUTCH PACC CONTEST
2/11-12	LOUISIANA QSO PARTY
2/11-12	OMISS QSO PARTY
2/11-12	NEW HAMPSHIRE QSO PARTY
2/12	NORTH AMERICA SPRINT
2-12-13	CLASSIC EXCHANGE
2/13-17	SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP
2/18-29	AM QSO PARTY
2/25-26	REF CONTEST
2/25-26	MISSISSIPPI QSO PARTY
2/25-26	NORTH CAROLINA QSO PARTY

BITS & PIECES

Condolences:

We offer our thoughts and prayers to Bill KØUB and Irene on the loss of Bill's brother Jim. Bill and Irene are "wintering" in AZ and Bill flew back to ND for the services.

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Our Information Officer, K9WFE received word from Bruce KB1IIX and wife Barbara W1XRT letting us know that they are becoming active again. They are 15904 and 15905 and we look forward to hearing them on the System.

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RECEIVED FROM PAGE WA3EOP:

Seeing the obit for Ole WA5IPS in the January issue of the Communicator. Reminded me that a few years back I was mobile in Delaware and checked in on the System. Ole was on and he had a question for me - could I give him a CW contact to complete his WAS CW. We switched frequencies and I gave him his needed CW contact from the mobile. I could not tell you how many times over the years how many times my mobile station has given folks a contact needed to complete WAS, and twice now, I've done it on CW, a mode I rarely use. Ole is another regular that will be missed.

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Doug KI4DTB of Citrus Springs, Florida says he would like to invite all hams, especially the ladies to join their morning net on 3.910 at 7:30 AM each Sunday Morning. "The Knights and Ladies of the Kilocycle" have been meeting since 1929 and have met every Sunday since then except during WWII. They have now had over 4,000 sessions and believe they are the longest running net in the world.

The net format is a roll call of regular members, followed by an invitation to all others to participate, then a return to the top of the list for each person to speak on any subject. Depending on time, a second round may be added.

The session usually lasts 30 to 45 minutes with check-ins from the southeast and occasionally the East Coast and Mid West. We on the YL System invite Doug and his friends to check us out at <http://www.ylssystem.org> and join us on a regular basis.

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When borrowing money, borrow from pessimists, they don't expect to get it back!

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Members of the System send their thoughts and prayers to Ray WB5BRD whose son Stephen passed away in mid January. Stephen was a disabled Viet Nam Veteran and was given a full military service. We all appreciate Stephen's service to our country and offer our condolences to Ray.

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Condolences also go out to Albert N7AEB Sidebander #7240 who lost both a sister and cousin during January. On the good side, Al has moved to a new location in Tacoma where he will be able to put up an antenna. We look forward to hearing that Old Timer number again.

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ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/14 K8ALT AUDREY & W8SWT STEVE
- 2/28 WAØAVW REX & MARILYN

CHECK THIS ONE OUT:

<http://www.wqad.com/videobeta/edebea38-c91b-4a08-a3e8-e86bc2a4578c/News/Morse-Code>

V. Mayree, K4ICA (SK) 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 and don't forget, please say "back to System, not back to Net." We are the YL System, not the YL Net.

40 METER REPORT BY JAY KI4TXP

Here I am in a motel in Savannah GA. Great trip so far and was able to check in several times on 20M and again on 40M.

Not much happening on 40M. The one major thing is that we are back on 7.273 and that seems to be working out nicely. I am sorry that we have bounced around so much. Maybe this will be the final stop. I believe that I have said that before. Ha ha

Again. I plead to all, we need help on all the YL System sessions . If you can jump in once a month for an hour, it would be appreciated by all. Please give it a try. You will be surprised how easy and fun it is.

Thanks to all who have helped out

73, Jay KI4TXP

MOONBEAM REPORT BY DICK K3CDQ

With Solar Cycle 24 moving along, activity on the Moonbeam has increased significantly. We are very much in need of help with Control on all 3rd Periods of the Moonbeam. We could also use your help on: 1st Fridays on the 2nd Period, 3rd Fridays, 2nd Period, 4th Thursday 2nd Period, 4th Friday 2nd Period and 5th Friday, 2nd Period.

As mentioned many times, we only ask you to give us a hand for one hour, once a month. Please give it some thought and contact K3CDQ to schedule your time.

Thanks, Dick



Another fine piece of work by Marilyn WN9MFC

From Dennis N7HRO: About 10 PM Thursday night there was a fire in Chuggwater, WY. At 0400 Friday my phone rang and my commander was calling me out for an active search for a 5 year old girl who supposedly bolted from the grandmother and ran into the darkness. We searched until about 0930 West of the house while the air Force Huey with the infrared flew a five mile radius and the Cheyenne CAP plane flew a search pattern. I received a call from the Sheriff telling me to close the search down that they had found the child. When the Fire Inspector had arrived he made a search of the house rubble and found the remains of the child. We always hope for the best but sometimes we are only able to locate the remains.



This photo shows Dennis, with a group of Civil Air Patrol Cadets who had just been in a CPR/First Aid Class. Dennis is to be commended for his many years of military and community service and working with the youth. He is the Deputy Commander for Cadets of the Wheatland Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol and is also the Drug Demand Reduction Officer. He is involved in teaching regarding drugs and alcohol, Aerospace and emergency service.



ANTARCTICA ACTIVITY WEEK - FEBRUARY 20 THRU 26

In order to bring attention to what the nations of the world are doing to protect Antarctica, AAW is held every year, having begun in 1979. This event is held in February because that is the middle of the Antarctica summer. During February, almost all of the Antarctic bases are open and active. Antarctica remains uncontaminated by modern human activity.

During the AAW events, hams around the world can work Antarctic Special Event Stations and apply the contacts towards the three Antarctica Awards. The Antarctic Awards are as shown below:

Antarctic Special Events Award: Issued for working at least five of the 43 Special Event Stations. Endorsements are available for working Antarctic stations beyond the basic level of five. A list of the Antarctic SES can be found at:

www.waponline.it/WAPSpecialCallsign/tabid/116/default.aspx

Worked Antarctic Callsign Award: Issued for working ten (10) different Antarctic callsigns. An endorsement for working the full list of stations is also available.

www.waponline.it/WapAwards/WACAwards/tabid/90/default.aspx

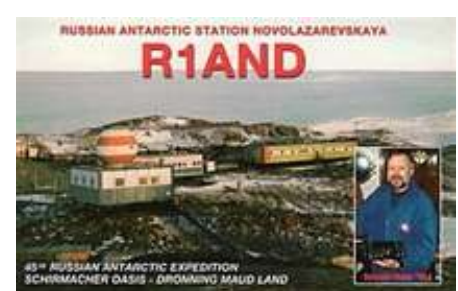
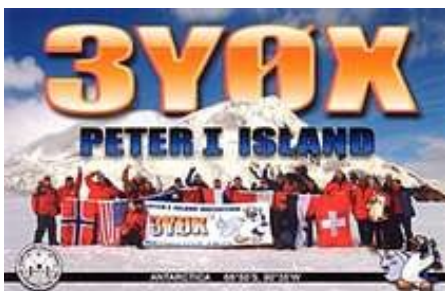
Worked Antarctic Directory Award: Issued for working ten (10) different Antarctic bases belonging to at least three different countries.

www.waponline.it/WapAwards/WACAwards/tabid/92/default.aspx

The Antarctic Awards Week Program: <http://www.waponline.it/WapAwards/tabid/61/default.aspx>

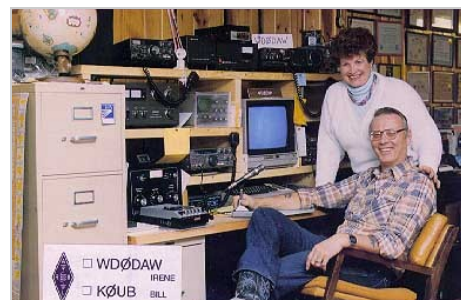
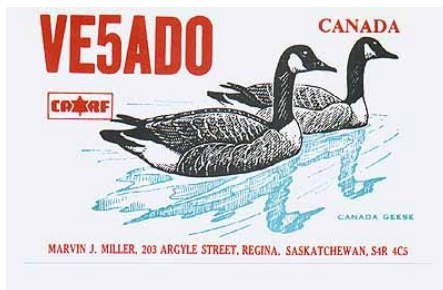
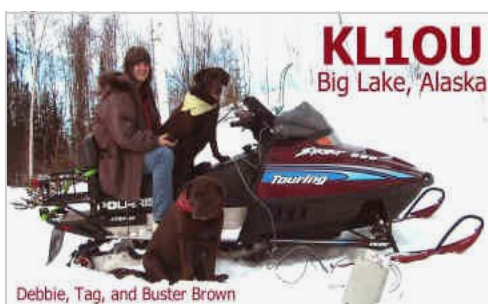
Additional Information here: <http://www.waponline.it>

(Information gathered from an article in the February issue of QST)





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Send us your blank QSL card or a photo and we will use it in a future issue.



YL SYSTEM ANNUAL CW QSO PARTY

BEGINNING ON: February 4, 0000 UTC - ENDING ON February 5, 2359 UTC

Recommended Frequencies : 40 to 60 KHz up from the bottom of 10, 15, 20, 40, 80



You and I might call this a flagpole
But AA4GT calls it an antenna...



Photo on left is old home QTH for George AA4GT and
Mary NV4Z. Photo above is Their new home QTH.

From the Historian

Hello everyone. The SSB portion of the 2012 YL QSO Party is now history. I know I addressed some of this topic a few years back, but I would like to revisit the same a bit more in depth.

Within a few years of our establishment as a YL System, we were truly international. Looking at the data base from those years, there were actually as many DX stations as there were Stateside stations, and most of them were super active on the System. When it came time to do the QSO Party, almost everyone participated in one way or another...hundreds of members, if not close to a thousand, were calling CQ and getting tons of contacts during those two-day QSO Party periods.

The awards issued were for such things as most points by Asia Members, European Members, YL-OM teams overseas as well as stateside etc., etc. My point being, that because there were so many stations willing to call CQ and not just listen, it gave our other members plenty of room to participate by returning those CQ calls.

Let's look at what we have today. Yes, there were a few of our Members putting out CQ calls, and yes, many of our listening Members went back to them for nice contacts, but overall, there were way too many folks just listening and not actively pursuing contacts. One of our goals for the QSO Party is to bring more new folks into the flock as it were, by informing them of our purpose and welcoming them. However, if everyone listens, and only a few are transmitting CQ, no one is going to hear anyone.

We really need to get more of our folks calling CQ and pulling in those non-members as well as current members. Back in the day, it was fine to be listening for just our own Members because there were many, many participating, but as of right now, we need to jump in there and stimulate the QSO Party with our voices and not with just our ears.

Next week we will be having the Morse Code portion of the YL QSO Party, so dust off those keyers or straight keys and let's have some fun!

73,
Kevin (KN4AA)
15808/422
YL System Historian

Attention Netlogger Users having Windows 7 or Vista 64 bit Operating Systems

There is finally an updated version of Netlogger available for those using Windows Vista 64 bit or Windows 7! You can get it on the www.netlogger.org web site.

Be sure to get the [Win7/Vista -- 64 bit](#) in the drop down window! It will be called Netlogger-Setup.exe. This is a self extracting file and will install correctly with just a double click then click on "Run". It will install into your Program Files folder but that is fine, it now works from there. And the Help files also now work!

Before you uninstall and delete your old Netlogger files, be sure to copy or save your YLsystem.prf file! Then when you have your new Netlogger working, paste or move the YLsystem.prf into the new folder so you will have our "Club Profile" on your new Netlogger.

Then you can dispose of all your old Netlogger files, which should be in your Documents folder. One more note: Whenever you open your new Netlogger, you will need to Right Click on the icon, or shortcut, whichever you use, and choose "Run As Administrator" each and every time you open it.

Please consider making a donation for the support of the domain website of www.netlogger.org. After all, it is a small price for such a useful program and the new administrator of that website (K0JDD, John Dean) must pay a fee for the hosting of it and run the list-server (mailing list). This is in addition to any donations made to N1HWQ for the creation of Netlogger but is for the running of the website where folks can download it and to join the list-server.

73,

Sally KK4YL

EDITOR'S NOTE: MANY THANKS TO SALLY KK4YL FOR THE HELP SHE GAVE US WHEN WE GOT STUCK ON A COUPLE THINGS ON THE NEW CERTIFICATE. YOU ARE GREAT SALLY, THANKS SO VERY MUCH. Judy and Dick

Hi Dick,

These are photos I took today of the landslide in San Pedro, which made national news in November. For those who attended last year's convention, this is about a mile and a half from my QTH (where we had lunch), and yes, California is falling into the ocean, but it's going to take a long time. Best regards, Scotty k6znl





Chester Brzozowski Sidebänder #15141

1923 - 2012

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HARTFORD COUNTY
GRID: FN1

N1JRX

CHESTER BRZOZOWSKI
24 Lancaster Road
Bristol, CT 06010
U.S.A.

Chester Frank Brzozowski (N1JRX) went to meet his beloved wife Mary "Cuffy" (Barlowski) Brzozowski on the morning of January 13th, 2012.

Born in Gil, MA on May 5th, 1923 to the late Frank and Esther (Golonik) Brzozowski, Chester grew up in the MA area and graduated Deerfield High in 1942. He moved to CT shortly after and went to work as a machine repair technician at the Allen Manufacturing Company until he went to serve his country in the Army during WWII. Chester was a medical technician with the 289th Station Hospital in the Pacific Theater. Upon his honorable discharge he returned to the Allen where he worked until his retirement in 1985.

Chester was an avid Red Sox fan and after losing his sight in 1994, he still continued to listen to the games. In 1990 Chet became a licensed ham radio operator and went all over the world without leaving his house. He made hundreds of contacts over the network and formed many strong bonds and friendships. He was a member of NARL and until recently, the Chippens Hill Repeaters Association.

He was a long time member of Saint Stanislaus Church. Chester leaves his sons, Raymond Brzozowski of Bristol and Joseph of Burlington who was his number one daily care giver for the last several years, his daughter and son-in-law, Corinne and Thomas Aubin of Farmington, his two grandsons, Adam Brzozowski and his wife Rachel of Bozrah, Jason Brzozowski of Bristol as well as several nieces and nephews. His brother Walter, his sisters Jenny and Irene, and a stepsister Nellie predeceased him.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St Stanislaus Church on Monday January 20. Burial with military honors followed in St Joseph Cemetery. Friends called at the Dunn Funeral Home 191 West St. Bristol, CT 06010 on Monday from 9:00 am until 10:00 AM.

I believe that when death closes our eyes we shall awaken
to a light, of which our sunlight is but the shadow.

Arthur Schopenhauer



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Spotlight on: Page Pyne WA3EOP # 14767

I'm page Pyne, also known as WA3EOP or sometimes as "We Are 3 Elephants On Patrol". Because of that I sponsor a free "Found The Elephants" Award for anyone who QSOs me in 6 different states. Several years ago Jda, KB5YQ was among the first to earn this award.

I got licensed as a young lad at the end of high school. My high school electronics teacher, Harry G Miller, K3NZN gave both myself and Howie (WA3EOQ) our novice test. I became WN3EOP and later after upgrading to Tech the FCC modified the call to WA3EOP. I was a Tech for about 4 or 5 years then upgraded to General and a month later to Advanced. I stayed there for about 20+ years then decided to upgrade to Extra back when code at 20 WPM was the norm. In my Tech Days I became active in VHF Contests. Howie and I operated a few such contests from fire towers. That was a real challenge for me as I have a fear of heights. Once I finally got in the small room on top and was there for a half hour to calm my nerves I was ok for the Contest Weekend. You would be surprised how the top of a tower swings back and forth a couple inches in the wind.

One time a storm came up and struck an antenna on the tower and lightning shot across the wooden floor after vaporizing the disconnected fire warden's antenna, I was fit for no one, trapped in the tower till the storm passed. Still it was amazing the stations you could work from a fire tower with only a Heathkit Twoer and its VERY WIDE regenerative receiver. In later years I helped co-found the Itchycoo Park VHF ARS along with Howie and Al Brown (WA3FYZ) and we had a mountain top station that did well in VHF Contests. 44 Elements on 2 meters didn't hurt and we shared a tower with a Commercial FM Broadcast station for our 6 meter Beam. Good old days.

After getting Advanced I became HF Active and got involved in Traffic Nets and 10 meter activity. I got WAS, WAC, DXCC, the Basic County Hunters Award and some slightly more "braggable" things like working a station from every state capital on the same 40 meter frequency and then repeating the task on that frequency to work a YL in all 50 states. I became active in several radio clubs serving as an officer in most. I'm still an appointed officer for the Antietam Radio Association. I helped organize the first Few Hagerstown MD Hamfests. I co-chaired the only MD State Amateur Convention held in Hagerstown. I was a major influence in reorganizing the MDC QSO Party and served on that committee for 20 years. I was part of a committee that provided an individual grave marker for Hiram P Maxim, the original W1AW who happens to be buried in Hagerstown's Rose Hill Cemetery. I was an active member of the Foundation For Amateur Radio for several years representing ARA and the Cheese Hollow ARS (W3HAM) which I helped found along with John Smith W3SPY. A few years ago the ARRL Atlantic Division named me their Grand Ole Ham. Its safe to say I've been an active ham and may be heard on the system from time to time either from my mobile or from the fixed Station or from the club call sign W3HAM. I still work for a living and for the last 20 years managed a home for Developmentally Disabled Adults for the Washington County (MD) Human Development Council. If you hear me on the system, say Hi. Page WA3EOP