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ANTENNA ON RIGHT USED BY AA4GT DURING PENNSYLVANIA QSO PARTY



MARILYN WN9MFC WITH SANTA



MACK KC0CRS & MARIA N0TWV



JDA KB5YQ AND BRUCE N9SWM



JIM VE1JIM AND JO ANNE



LEON TRACTOR MOBILE



# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

## NEW MEMBERS

16628	KB7CSW	JUSTIN	NC
16629	GM7AAJ	PETER	SCOTLAND
16630	KE8UD	PAUL	MI
16631	K7RPL	BOB	MT
16632	KC2UZT	JOHN	TX (TEAM)
16633	KB1TUY	PAT	TX (TEAM)
16634	ACØCU	PATTY	MO (TEAM)
TEAM	WITH WØRMS	ERNIE	16113
16635	KBØMAI	GEORGE	MO
16636	KDØOJN	MIKE	MO
16637	W9KB	KEN	FL
16638	WBØBIZ	JOHN	IA
16639	K4MWE	DR. LARRY	NC (TEAM)
16640	KT4JR	JULIA	NC (TEAM)
16641	WB7VNL	RABURN	WY
16642	N4MZF	BILL	FL

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/01	W5RJ	1/11	VE4DS
1/01	N7AEB	1/12	NØUOD
1/02	KI4TXP	1/13	NØEFV
1/02	KCØCRS	1/20	AK1X
1/02	K8NQC	1/20	N1DL
1/02	NC4MI	1/22	ZL1ALE
1/02	VE9RMD	1/26	WAØJH
1/03	KM5OA	1/28	ND5G
1/03	KV5S	1/29	KCØECK
1/09	N2LR	1/30	N3RF

## ANNIVERSARIES

WE ARE SORRY THAT WE DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION ON JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES. IF YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IS IN JANUARY, PLEASE SEND US INFO FOR NEXT YEAR AND IF YOU LIKE, YOU MAY TELL US HOW MANY YEARS.

## CONTEST ACTIVITY

1/8	MIDWINTER QSO PARTY
1/8	KID'S DAY
1/14-15	HUNTING LIONS IN THE AIR
1-14-15	WW PEACE MESSENGER CITIES
<b>1/21-22</b>	<b>YLISSB QSP PARTY - SSB</b>
1/21-22	HA DX CONTEST
1/21-22	NORTH AMERICAN QSO PARTY
1-22	INTL UNITED TEENAGER CONTEST
1/28-29	UBA CONTEST
1/28-29	WINTER FIELD DAY
1/29	QRP WINTER FIRESIDE SSB SPRINT

## SILENT KEYS

4207	W6ORD	NORMAN	CA
6629	WA3DCG	TOM	MD
9359	KC9UU	ROBERT	IN
9691	W4SSU	CURT	GA
10006	WØHIK	CARL	KS
11890	N8AJN	JACK	CO
15326	W1SQM	GEORGE	RI

REMEMBER, WE ONLY POST CONTEST ACTIVITY THAT COULD INTERFERE WITH OUR OPERATION ON 14.332.

### 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

## ANNUAL QSO PARTIES:

SSB: January 21, 0000 UTC  
to January 22, 2359 UTC

CW: February 4, 0000 UTC  
to February 5, 2359 UTC

All members are encouraged to participate in both QSO Parties and to not shy away from the CW Party which can be a lot of fun.

You do not have to be a CW wonder. All members will slow down for you if that is required. If a member hears you sending slowly, he/she will respond to you slowly. Get out those keys, dust them off and let's have a little fun. Even laugh with and at each other if that is what it turns out to be, but have fun.

During the SSB QSO Party, contacts should be made away from 14.332. If you are competing for an award, mini nets, and control stations are prohibited. Each person should make their own contacts without the help of others or controls. If you are participating just for the fun and enjoyment, and not competing, procedures may be much more relaxed.

DX may work members on 14.332 but stateside members cannot count those contacts. Only the DX station may count contacts on 14.332. Shown below are suggested frequencies:

CW: 40 to 60 KHz up from the bottom of 10,15, 20, 40, and 75/80.

Phone: 75m - 3.873 to 3.888  
40m - 7.273 to 7.288  
20m - 14.273 to 14.299  
15m - 21.573 to 21.388  
10m - 28.573 to 28.588

## ANNUAL DUES

The time for dues is here. If dues are not paid, you are still a member for life but may not vote

and may not compete for our System's Awards. Dues of \$20 may be sent to Bill W7AJP.

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## TRADITIONS ON THE SYSTEM:

Remember, V. Mayree designated this to be a System and not a net. Is there a difference? Probably not but let us honor her request and refrain from calling it a net. We are the YL System, the friendliest bunch of amateurs on the bands.

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Check out the URL below. It provides lots of information on hams in the United States.

<http://www.speroni.com/FCC/index.html>

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## CHRISTMAS ISLAND DXPEDITION:

Stan AC8W, Sidebander #10322, informs us that he, along with five other friends, will be traveling on a 160 meter Contest Expedition to Christmas Island (T32) from January 18 thru January 31st.

Stan says to listen for T32XX in the CQWW 160 meter contest. Otherwise, he will be operating as T32WW. He says "with any luck, we will work some Sidebanders during the YLISSB SSB Contest January 21 and 22 as well as on the System."

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Editor's Comment: Lots of doubling is still taking place every day on every session of the System. I am certainly not one to clear myself of this, I may well be guilty too and if so, I WANT someone to tell me. The doubling I am hearing the most is from regular, every day Controls who are simply keying too quickly. One should not take it for granted that it is not you. We all need to slow down a little. If we all used the term "over," all doubling could be eliminated but it can also be done by just slowing down a little bit.

Well the Holidays are over for this one or two possible check-ins but you can help out please let one of year. I hope everyone had a Merry unable to log them the Controls just the coordinators know. If you can Christmas and has a Happy New give up. do it only one day a month and for Year. only ½ hour it will be a great help.

I sure hope that 40 M will liven up these rough times. If you hear one of us and we don't hear you it is the better this great System will be. with the New Year. The last couple of months have been horrendous. result of conditions. Please keep Please think about it. It is fun and The hope is for improvement as the trying and with luck we will get you you do get to talk to many great months go by. Let's hope so. in the log. Those that have checked friends new and old.

Check-ins have really been down ing to check in. That would be a big HAPPY NEW YEAR the last month. I know it is because help. Be Safe. Be Happy. of the conditions. In fact most Jay KI4TXP nights we have closed before the Once again 40M along with all other Sessions of the YL System 0045z hour. When you go for 20-30 are looking for System Controls. If minutes and hear, if you're lucky,

<b>MOONBEAM REPORT BY DICK K3CDQ</b>
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I am typing this on 12/22, the short- As the days get longer and Cycle Thanks to all who help as Controls est day of the year. Early darkness 24 continues to rise, things will get and we hope all of you have had a Moonbeam. 1st Period of the better. wonderful Christmas. Moonbeam is still doing well, but it I look for 2012 to be good year for We wish everyone a Blessed and will be February or later before the us and many more DX stations Happy New Year. 2nd and 3rd Periods pickup. coming aboard. Let's hope so! Judy and Dick

*The following are comments, requests and suggestions from Jda, KB5YQ:*

Three Controls are needed for each period on the System. All members should assist as Controls stations or as a relay. If you are willing to put out calls for check-ins, please let Jda know when you check in. Judy, KC7KPG does not operate as a Control station during winter months while she is mobile.

Amy KC8VRT, helps 1st and 3rd Periods, however, four hours is too long a time for her to be on the air. Jda KB5YQ, serves as System Control for nine hours, Monday thru Friday and would like to have your help. Any member station who uses Net Logger is urged to volunteer to assist as Control for any period that does not already have someone assisting who uses Net Logger. Net Logger assistance is particularly needed during: 3rd hour of the EMWU, 1st Period on Wednesday and Friday, 2nd Period all week when KI4IRH is not aboard, 3rd Period Monday thru Friday.

Jda states she very much needs assistance as follows:

EMWU - the 3rd hour Daily  
 Monday thru Friday - Need a 3rd Control for 1st Period - both hours  
 Monday thru Friday - Need a 3rd Control for 2nd Period - both hours  
 Monday thru Friday - Need a 3rd Control for 3rd Period - for the 1st hour

Jda would like to recognize and thank the following members who often assist her:  
 KC9PTD, WA4YEM, K9DIG, WB9OKC, KC2ATK, W2EO, KI4IRH, KØCE, VE1JIM, VE1GFG, KC8VRT, ACØKV, NF2J, NØTWV, W1VCU

## From the Historian

Hi everyone. Welcome to the New Year, and I sure hope you had a safe and fun celebration. There isn't too much to report to you historically wise for the start of the new year, but let me say that the YL System is very strong as it should be. Years ago, the System did see a much larger group of DX members checking into the System on a daily basis, but many of those are now Silent Keys, or are no longer active in amateur radio. Recently, we have seen a return of DX to the System, and I feel that as we delve deeper into this current sunspot cycle, that will continue to be the norm.

Once again, please welcome all of our long time members checking in with open arms and encourage them not to be strangers. Elsewhere in this Communicator, you will find a Netlogger wrap-up by Sally, and I also encourage those of you who don't have Netlogger to give it a try. It is an excellent way for us to interact during System hours, and for you to see who is currently checked into the System.

73,

Kevin, KN4AA/YL System Historian  
NETLOGGER YEAR-END WRAPUP

Hi all! Well, as most of you know, Netlogger has become very popular with our YL System members and friends over the past two years. We have had our share of glitches and hiccups with the program, but overall, it is a very useful tool, and fun to use as well.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the OMISS folks for their assistance and advice. Including their detailed, illustrated instructions on how to install Netlogger.

I try diligently to keep the .prf file updated at least every two weeks, and I accept inputs from our other Control operators who use Netlogger and pick up stations they wish to have entered into the data base. If any of you encounter problems with Netlogger, don't hesitate to email me, or perhaps find the solution by going to: <http://www.qsl.net/kk4yl/netloggerhelp.html>.

Hope you all have continued success and a great New Year!

73, Sally, KK4YL

TO: OMISS and Century Club Members: (Editor's note: also to YLISSB Members - reprinted with permission from AG4PP)

It is my very sad duty to report the death of my friend - W1SQM, George of Rhode Island. George was active on the OMISS net as OM #4382 and of course also on the 3905 Century Club as well as the YLISSB System. I'm certain many will recognize this callsign as some found their very first Rhode Island HF contact with George.

Had it not been for amateur radio I would have never known this fine man. We worked many times on HF over the years, then traded many emails, and then finally eyeballed in May 2009. I flew up to Rhode Island and George hosted me for several days. Just a great visit and one I will not forget. Sadly, George became ill shortly after my visit and I was unable to return the favor. George did his basic training at Fort Knox (near my QTH) and I was looking forward to taking him back there for a tour through the Patton Museum.

George's son Brian confirmed that death occurred on Christmas Day at approximately 6:40 AM Eastern Time. George was under hospice care and with family. He saw his grandchildren on Christmas Eve and enjoyed a bit of a TV hockey game that night before retiring.

Always interested in antennas and an avid experimenter, W1SQM was pretty much always "loud" in Kentucky no matter what antenna was his current passion. I'm going to miss this individual for MANY, MANY reasons but what fun it was to talk antennas with George!!!

Rest in Peace George!!

Dale Danner

AG4PP

*Ham Radio in Hollywood: Comedian Tim Allen stars as Radio Amateur on New TV Show.*

Tim Allen, star of *Home Improvement*, *Toy Story*, *The Santa Clause* and *Galaxy Quest*, just to name a few, stars in *Last Man Standing*, an ABC comedy airing at 8 PM (EST) on Tuesday nights. Allen plays Mike Baxter, KAØXTT, a married father of three and the director of marketing at an outdoor sporting goods store in Colorado whose life is dominated by women. While Amateur Radio has not been prominently featured in the first episodes, according to John Amodeo, NN6JA, the producer of *Last Man Standing*, it is a part of the show and an important part of Mike's character. At press time, the episode that will establish Mike as a radio amateur is scheduled to air mid-January.

"Tim's character Mike is involved in creating the sales strategy for the store, including their catalog and internet identity," Amodeo told the ARRL. "The store is like Bass Pro Shops or Cabelas. There is strong self-sufficiency overtone to Mike's approach to life. Ham radio fits in the story as a means of emergency communications. Its not directly featured in the foreground story, but at the moment, it's a background element on the home set. Once I allow something to be put on the set, there's a chance the writers will feature it. Now that we have actually established Mike Baxter as KAØXTT,

To the right - Tim Allen as Mike Baxter, KAØXTT, tunes his IC-92AD handheld transceiver as his boss (played by Hector Elizondo) watches.

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Comments below received from Bill W7AJP

Greetings from Chinquapin Loop near Veneta in Western Oregon! I thank those who helped to get the word out about my move of the Treasurer's Ham Shack from Springfield to Veneta! While I moved, my best antennas are still lost in the shuffle!

I send a very special thank you for those who sent in their Annual Membership Renewals for 2012 already. While members are issued a permanent YLISSB System number, paying your annual renewal fee helps to provide "THE VOICE" and for college scholarships of deserving and interested young people.

Last year, the YLISSB gave two \$1,000 scholarships to young people attending college. We hope to do that again this year. Continue to encourage your ham friends to join the System and those who have a System number to pay their annual renewals. Several asked about their current status. Just send me an email to [jwpjr@hotmail.com](mailto:jwpjr@hotmail.com) and I will get back to you ASAP.

Sponsor young hams to become involved. A member sponsored a ten year old to join in December! Build the System from the ground up!

I plan to attend the 2012 Convention in Texas. That will be a lot of fun. The area description in "THE VOICE" excites all of us to be there. I hope to see you in Texas!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Foggy Veneta, Oregon Bill Philips W7AJP #16190



Winter home for K7HK & W7DZX at Quartzsite in AZ.



George AA4GT with K4ICA (SK). This is Vera Mayree Tallman, founder of our YLISSB in 1963. In this photo, V. Mayree was in her 90s.

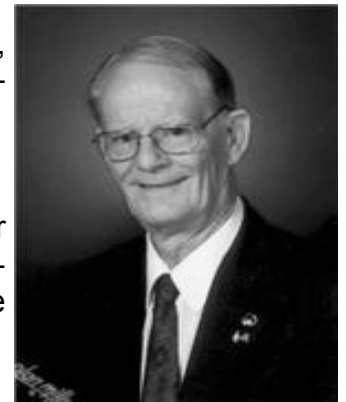
When checking in it is best to give only your callsign and only once. Most Controls would rather you did not give your name, QTH, Sideband number etc., since all that info often causes doubles as others are also attempting to check in.. All your personal information can be given to Control as soon as he/she picks you up.

## WA5IPS Sidebander #13578

### Ole Jorgensen (1937-2011)

Ole Jorgensen, 74, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011, in Las Cruces after a short illness. He was born Nov. 28, 1937, in Copenhagen, Denmark, to Aage and Karne Jorgensen

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, and retired as a master sergeant from the U.S. Air Force with 20 years of service. He was an electronics technician. He was an amateur ham radio operator since 1956. He was an avid fisherman and a proud American who loved his country



He is survived by his wife Sandra Jorgensen, of the family home; his sons David Jorgensen and wife, Sherri, of Deming, and Scott Scarnechia, of Abilene, Texas; daughters Salli Manning and husband, Bruce, of Alamogordo, Cheryl Bullard and husband, Raymond, of Albuquerque, and Melissa Reiser and husband, Ken, of Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska; grandchildren Joshua, Jerec, Ammitria, Ashlee, Ryan, Heather, Michael and Wyatt; and great-granddaughter, Alexis.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at Bethel Baptist Church, 1316 Scenic Drive, Alamogordo, with Pastor Jon Dowling officiating. Full military honors were provided by the Holloman Air Force Base Steel Talons Honor Guard. Interment followed at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. The Jorgensen family entrusted their loved one to the care of Alamogordo Funeral Home to direct the funeral services.





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*Editor's Comments:*

*With us now starting off a new year, I would again like to encourage more members to download Net Logger, especially Controls. I would also like to make sure that each of you understand that if you download "free" Net Logger and have it up on your screen, you can then:*

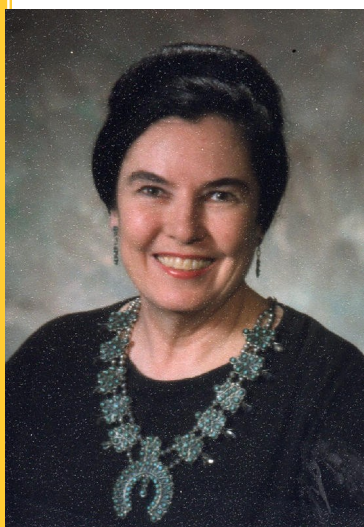
- 1) See exactly who has Net Logger & the System up on their computer;*
- 2) Using the VIEWER window, see exactly who is on or has gone off line:*
- 3) Using the AIM window, chat with others who are on NL. You simply type in what you want to say. Everyone can see what you type in and the person you designate in your message can respond to you as can others who are also on NL with you. (It is not a privacy thing...)*
- 4) It is especially helpful if you are the Control station and you CANNOT hear your assistant Control. The two or three of you (and others) can pass control back and forth using the AIM window.*
- 5) Others who are on NL can type in a callsign of someone they hear trying to check-in which will assist Control regarding weak stations.*
- 6) Once you have used NL while controlling, you will always wonder why you did not download it sooner. Yet, it does take some multi-tasking and it does take getting use to, but it IS worth it.*

Rose KL7FQQ recently had surgery on both knees and would like to thank Sidebanders for all the cards, notes, phone calls and emails that she has received. She said "I surely do appreciate the System."

Many Thanks!!!



## 2011 Top Flight Operator of the Year



We are sure no member is surprised to learn Maria has been selected by her peers as the 2011 TFO of the Year. Maria has spent years doing things for others, including missionary work in other countries with her OM Mack.

Maria, your friends on the YL System offer you thanks for all you do for the System and congratulate you on this well deserved award. Your caring and thoughtfulness comes through every time you key the microphone. Stay well, keep up the good work and have a great 2012.

