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## President's Report... by Rose KL7FQQ July 2012

The 2012 Convention now goes into the history books. It was another marvelous convention. Pat KB0TFK & Jodie AB0EG were special hostesses, and were able to rise to challenges when they stuck their ugly heads up. The tours were fantastic. Ever think you could ride on a pirate ship? And, belong to a band of pirates? Shooting off our canons at other ships, and taking no prisoners? Well, you missed your opportunity of you were not there!

The second tour took us into the Port of Brownsville, where we saw them working on massive oil drilling rigs, saw the shrimp fleet from a distance, and some huge ships being unloaded. The sun was shining, the breeze was blowing, and it was very comfortable on the tour.

The Mariachi Margarita's, an all girl mariachi band, entertained us Friday evening. We all enjoyed that, and were able to keep VE1JIM from joining the band. But, just barely.

Our business meeting went well. I want to thank all of you for allowing me to act as your President for the next 2 years. The other new officers join me in thanking you. They are: Joan, W4JMJ as Vice President, and Jodie, AB0EG as Director. Brian, N0TJO has graciously agreed to serve as Secretary, for which we are grateful. We have a great Board of Directors, and if we can do anything to help make your association with the YL System better, let us know!

As for the business, we now have an Awards Chairman. Bud, WD1Z has graciously agreed to assume that position. We have some proposed Bylaws changes, that will be printed in the Voice. And, speaking of the Voice, we have a new editor! Alan, AE0AR has

volunteered to assume that position. Look for a wonderful issue in December.

If you have checked into what used to be the Early Morning Warm Up recently, you will hear the controls asking for check ins to the Sunrise Portion of the YL System. This suggestion was submitted by Gary, W9VS, and was adopted as a good one. (And, NO Bill, we are NOT changing the Moonbeam to the Moonshine portion)

Alan, AE0AR agreed to look into hosting the 2013 Convention, and it appears as though he has been successful, and it will be held in Colorado Springs. This will be our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and we have KK4YL Sally, and KN4AA Kevin working on ways to celebrate.

We were saddened to learn that Rex, WA0AVW, and his XYL Marilyn were involved in an auto accident with a deer, just about 30 miles from their home on their way to the Convention, so were unable to attend. We were really happy they were not hurt, but the car suffered.

Our banquet was a little different. The planned menu was unavailable, and Pat, rising to the occasion, ordered up several Botana plates, consisting of shrimp, fish, chicken and oysters. They were delicious! The auction & door prize drawing following the business went well, and over \$770 was raised for the Scholarship Fund.

Our final activity was the Sunday morning breakfast, which went well...and soon everyone had departed from the Convention. A big thanks go to Pat and Jodie for all their work in hosting the convention. If you missed it, please try to come to Colorado Springs next year.



# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

| NEW MEMBERS |        |       |    |
|-------------|--------|-------|----|
| 16711       | KB1WSI | JIM   | VT |
| 16712       | KB3JRA | DAVID | WV |

| JULY BIRTHDAYS |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| 7/04 DU9EK     | 7/18 KA5RUZ |
| 7/04 WA5PBR    | 7/22 WD5FQX |
| 7/06 W8RQE     | 7/23 KJ5Q   |
| 7/08 DJ9BK     | 7/24 K9WFE  |
| 7/11 KC5SAM    | 7/26 W6HB   |
| 7/13 W3YZL     | 7/28 VK5ZB  |
| 7/13 K9FA      | 7/29 WØEWB  |
| 7/13 KA7TXR    | 7/29 AJØHH  |
| 7/16 KØUB      | 7/30 N4EPG  |

| ANNIVERSARIES             |
|---------------------------|
| 7/04 KI4TXP JAY & SUE     |
| 7/10 W8OPA RENE & JEANIE  |
| 7/14 VE9MSD MONA & VE9RMD |
| 7/31 AB7HB & KRISTI       |

| SILENT KEYS |        |          |       |
|-------------|--------|----------|-------|
| 6104        | VK2FDW | GEORG    | AUSTR |
| 6918        | K8BHG  | LEE      | WV    |
| 10435       | K9FFC  | VIRGIL   | IL    |
| 11951       | W4YZX  | GROVER   | NC    |
| 12666       | WA5BBR | JAMES    | LA    |
| 12718       | WA2SMI | ROBERT   | MA    |
| 13750       | W3IG   | CLARENCE | PA    |
| 15228       | K4PDH  | HOWARD   | MO    |
| 15606       | KFØV   | CHARLES  | MO    |
| 15969       | W9BAH  | DEAN     | IL    |
| 16129       | AI4OZ  | DON      | NC    |

BOBBIE XYL  
OF  
ROGER  
N4ZGH  
AND  
JIM VE1JIM



LOWER LEFT  
BILL  
W7AJP,  
MACK  
KCØCRS,  
DOUG  
WA5PBR



LOWER  
RIGHT  
DOUG  
WA5PBR,  
MARIA  
NØTWV,  
BILL W7AJP



**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.



BUD WD1Z AND KEVIN KN4AA



LOOKS LIKE A WORTHWHILE LOAD ON TOP OF W7AJPs VW ON THE WAY BACK TO OREGON



HOLLY, BILL AND BOBBIE



BRIAN NØTJO ON PIRATE SHIP AT CONVENTION



PAT AND JODIE



BARBARA K35ZI ANDDAUGHTER JANIS

It's hard to believe that another month has past. Where do the days go? ARRL Field Day is over and we now get back to a near normal existence. We at 40M have been moving right along. Some days are great and others are so so. The great days are anywhere between 14-20 check ins, with many rechecks. The so so days are 7 plus check ins with some rechecks. As you all know, the conditions have not been that great. The old timers tell me that things will improve. I can't wait.

Most of the activity has been East of the Mississippi . I wish that we could continue with operations going towards the West. To do so we would need to change frequencies and get some volunteers to be System Control. Anyone interested?

Rose, KL7FQQ, has asked me to coordinate 10,15,40,80 M. With that in mind I would like to Thank Amy, KC8VRT and John, KJ4OHV for taking on 10M responsibility. They tell me that it has been very sparse with check ins. Lets see what we can do to help them out. They can be found at 28.947 starting at 2300z. Yes, that is the same time as 40M, which is fine. (Or 28.573-which is correct?)

Next, I would like to Thank Gary, W9VS and Ron, W9VSA for starting up 15M . They can be found Tuesday and Thursdays at 1400z on 21.373. I hope that we all will be able to check in and make this another fun area for The YLSYSTEM. So listen up and give it a shot. As I write this, I am listening but hear nothing. It will change. Once again THANKS to all who have and still do support us. If anyone would like to help out as Systems Controls for any of the bands that the YLSYSTEM have please email me at [jayson648@yahoo.com](mailto:jayson648@yahoo.com) and I will see that it gets to the right person.

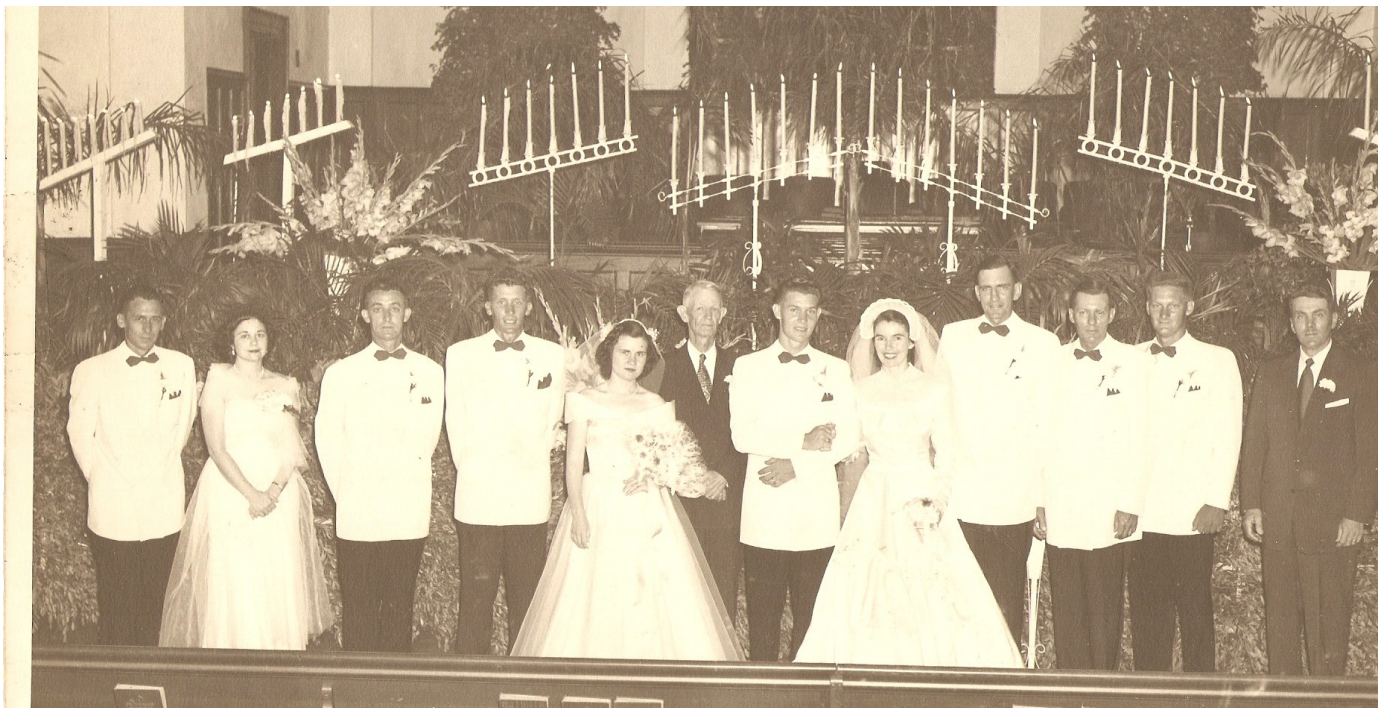
THANKS AGAIN

73 All

BE SAFE, BE HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THIS GREAT NATION!!!

Jay KI4TXP

Don't know where we got our incorrect information, but last month we reported Mack & Maria's anniversary at 51 years but boy were we off on that one. Mack & Maria, all your friends hope you had a wonderful Sixty Year Anniversary.



We are still working on the house as much as possible. I try to not miss my Tuesday night 6m net at 9:00 p.m. This week only one regular showed up, but we were soon joined by OM's from Georgia. We finally split up and I made 11 6m contacts; gaining 5 new grid squares. Switched to 20m and made one contact. The 6m contacts were Georgia, Alabama and Florida. Tried to join the Tangle net Thursday but didn't have time to hang around for a chance to check in. That evening I called CQ on 6m and talked to TN and NC, just 2 in 2 states. Field day is tomorrow. Weather and house work (not housework) will determine how I spend it. My OM has no interest in getting on the air. Beth, KC5RWW

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The following people have been signed up to receive the Communicator but did not receive this one or #182 since their email addresses are no longer valid. If you QSO with them, please ask them to send me their new addresses. Thanks, K3CDQ

K5AQL - K7CTW - W7CB

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Nice hour's catch by Harry K7HK. What are they Harry? They look like Trout!



Sorry the front page looks so crowded. It was necessary in order to get the entire report on one page.

Also, a couple pictures in this issue have no names under them. Better to leave the names off then to give someone the wrong name.

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Below, Chuck AC5PW ISSB# 15702, shared many enjoyable and fun QSOs with members from the cab of his 18 Wheeler before his retirement. We miss hearing from you Chuck.



## CONVENTION 2012

We had a great time and the weather was great overall be it still hot. We started the trip on the Pirate Ship cruise. It was about a 3-hr tour (Gilligan's Island comes to mind)...but it was amazingly smooth. The ship was shaped like a Pirate Ship with sails and all and 2 deck levels. Prior to boarding they did fire off a real cannon on the deck and then they roped us all in. During the cruise they essentially had a skit going the whole way with the crew and we enjoyed playing along while firing simulated cannons at the local fisherman.

The next day started out early with another cruise around the local area on an older diving boat. The Captain was great and was a terrific guide. Along the way we eventually came into where they dismantle older naval ships and other oversized vessels. A portion of the waterway was restricted access and no pictures were allowed. Along this portion we could see the "FBI" or "Border Patrol" watching us with there binoculars but we all minded our Ps & Qs without any arrests. It was really cool to see them in the middle of cutting apart a huge older oil tanker or navy ship. We also witnessed them refurbishing a floating oil rig that seemed like 100' tall. Welders and scrapers and the likes all moving about with ease as this rig towered over the water on huge rail type water crane. Unbelievable.

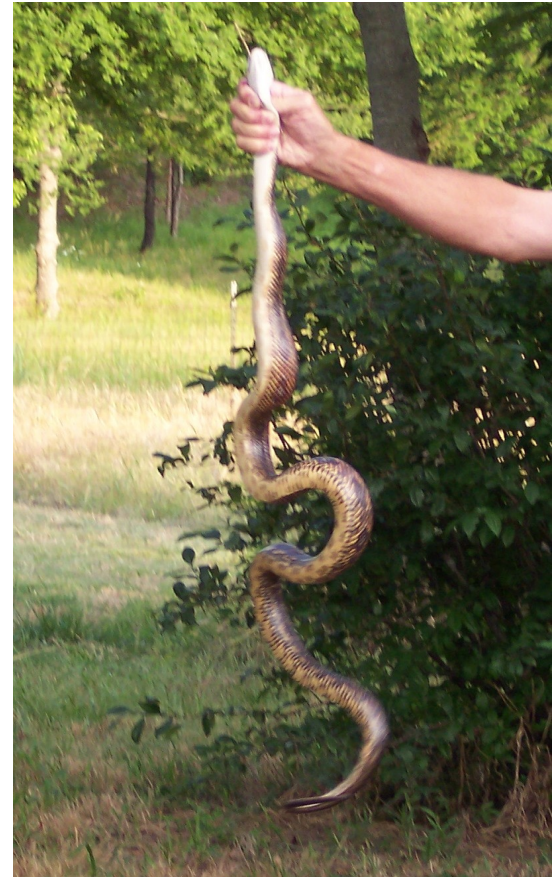
That evening was free time and many were over toured so we retired separately for dinner and recuperation. The next day was primarily business meetings. We also considered nominations for various positions where I was roped into the secretarial position somehow (actually I was willing, I just didn't want to admit it). Much discussions about how the system was running and how we may be able to pursue using the computer and PayPal and other various resources toward advancing the system to gain more activity on the bands. The evening was our formal dinner with a variety of fish, scallops, oysters and other unknown;-)

All was great and more so the mariachi band was a great thrill. The band was an all female mariachi band and they played a variety of traditional Spanish songs. At some point we had the system auction...that was a blast for us even though we barely had 2 dozen people it was amazing how much competition there was for items of interest. I of course bid and won the famous K3CDQ Bird house!! What a great find for our yard here in SA where there are plenty of blue jays and robins. Lots of bickering and bidding led to a fruitful night that earned the system about \$700! On the final day we had an early breakfast and said our goodbyes as most of us had a bit of a ride to make it home. The convention was a hit and although we would have loved to have met more, the smaller size allowed for more face time and camaraderie between us. Pat & Jodie did a great job managing everything. Kevin is a true auctioneer and Bill was born to be a bank manager...go PayPal! The hotel was right on the beach and the water was fantastic. Real sand too!

Submitted by Brian - NØTJO



NANCY AT DAYTON



A VISITOR AT KC5RWWs QTH CAN ANYONE IDENTIFY THIS ONE?



KK4AED HOWARD SAYS THIS IS HIS CO-CONTROLLER



KK4AED AND CO-CONTROLLER

## The YL System--A Family Affair

Howard Cochran, K4PDH, #15228  
Betty Cochran, WD4KWB #15405  
Curt Cochran, WA4KSO #9539, TFO 413

Howard was born in Greenfield, IL, August 21, 1922. Around 1938, while in high school, he obtained his Ham license and held the call W9IMW for many years. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy on June 6, 1945 and that afternoon married Betty Hovey at the Naval Academy chapel that day. Howard served during WWII and Korea aboard the USS Huntington (CL-107), the USS Manchester (CL-73), and the USS St. Paul (CA-73). As a Flag Lieutenant and Aide to Rear Admiral Harry Saunders aboard the USS St. Paul he prepared the final round fired from sea in the Korean conflict. Upon return from the war, he remained in the Naval Reserve and retired in August 1982 as a Commander. When he moved to Tennessee in 1954 he obtained the call sign K4PDH. He retired from Union Carbide where he worked as an Instrumentation Engineer. He devoted his leisure time to Boy Scouts as an assistant Scoutmaster. Around 2009, he and Betty moved to St. Charles, MO.

Betty obtained her license around 1978 with the call sign, WD4KWB (ISSB# 15405). Although not very active on the radio over the years, before the popularity of free long distance and cell phones, she and Howard used the radio for regular schedules with Curt as he frequently moved from place to place.

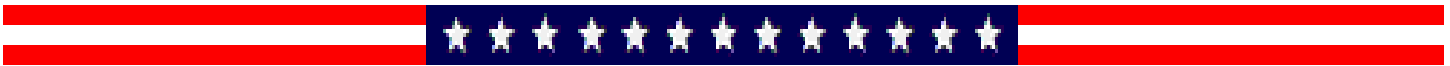
Howard and Betty had two sons; Curt (WA4KSO, ISSB #9539, TFO 413) and Scott (now retired from the U.S. Navy). Curt served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division and retired from Federal Government service in 2006. He had over 70 jumps from a variety of aircraft, served as a Rifle and Recon platoon leader, and Senior instructor at the 82nd ABN Division Recondo School. He currently works for Blackbird Technologies in Herndon, VA. A former SWL (WPE4HDV), Curt found the YL System around 1966 and often listened to K4ICA, K4RHL, and many of the early YL System members. He often watched his father set up the radio equipment on the weekend and work CW contacts. Curt learned CW for the Boy Scout Radio merit badge but, school, military service, and the usual distractions of a teenage boy kept Curt from pursuing his ham license until he moved to Ft. Bragg, NC in 1974. One of the first contacts he made after obtaining his license was with K4ICA (ISSB #1) and his father, K4PDH. Curt is married to Pam, KG4YQO.

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We had already begun putting this article on the Cochran family together when we received the sad email from Curt informing us that his dad, Howard, had become a Silent Key on June 24, 2012



WE THOUGHT IT APPROPRIATE ON THIS 4TH OF JULY WEEKEND HONORING THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION THAT WE INCLUDE THIS MILITARY FAMILY ALL FOUR OF WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE YL SYSTEM



Commander Howard Emmett Cochran, USNR (Ret.) died on 24 June, 2012 at Meadowlands Assisted Living, O'Fallon, MO. Howard was born 21 August 1922 in Greenfield, IL. He graduated from Alton High School and attended Shurtleff College for two years in Alton, IL before he received his appointment to the USNA from Illinois.



Upon graduation with the class of 1946 (June 1945 early graduation due to WWII), he reported to the Philadelphia Naval Yard and the USS Huntington (CL-107) serving as F Division Officer. In 1947 he resigned his commission and accepted a Reserve commission. Howard attended the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana and graduated with a B.S. in electrical engineering. He was employed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio until August 1951 when he was recalled to active duty and reported to the USS Manchester (CL-83) in Long Beach, CA.

In June 1952, he was assigned as Aide and Flag Lieutenant to Rear Admiral Harry Sanders aboard the USS St. Paul (CA-73). Howard prepared the final round fired from sea during the Korean conflict on 27 July 1953. The shell was signed by Rear Admiral Harry Sanders. Returning to civilian status in November 1953, he served in Naval Reserve Unit NRR 6-3 until retirement in August 1982 with 40 years of service.

Howard was employed by Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) in Oak Ridge, TN from 1954-1982 as an electrical engineer in the Instrumentation and Controls Division. He was an accomplished artist and member of the Tennessee Watercolor Society. He was also known for his wood and stone carvings. He was a Boy Scouts of America scoutmaster for over 20 years. Howard played the piano, clarinet, harmonica, recorder, and mandolin. He held an Amateur Radio License (early, W9MIW and later, K4PDH) for over 74 years. He was a member of the Kingston United Methodist Church, Kingston, TN for 54 years.

Howard is survived by his wife of 67 years, Betty, St. Charles, MO; son, Curt (Pam) Dumfries, VA; son, Scott (Janet) St. Charles, MO; grandchildren, Alisha (Chris) Massengill Kingston, TN; Amanda (Wayne) Gamble, and Levi Cochran, Harriman, TN; Emily Cochran of Herndon, VA; great grandchildren, Hannah Massengill, Carter Massengill, and Matthew Gamble; brother, Norman Tucson, AZ; several nieces and nephews

**HONOR**



**DEDICATION FRIENDSHIP**

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**MORE CONVENTION INFORMATION**

**New Officers:** Rose KL7FQQ -President  
 Joan W4JMJ -Vice President  
 Brian NØTJO -Secretary

**Awards:** Cornerstone - Kevin KN4AA  
 Founder's - Maria NØTWV  
 Rigel - Nancy K9DIG  
 Silent Service - Dick K3CDQ & KB8NSA

**Inducted into the Emeritus Council:** Georg VK2FDW

**QSO Party winners:**  
 SSB 1st - KK4YL Sally CW 1st - NØTWV Maria  
 2nd - AA4GT George 2nd - AA4GT George  
 3rd - VE1JIM Jim

**Scholarships:** KI4LSZ Katie Besley  
 KI4JQB John Marshall

To: All members of the YL ISSB

I wanted to take the time to express my sincere thanks to all of you for allowing me to be your scholarship recipient for 2012. This award truly means a lot to my family and me, and will help me further my education at Columbia College where I am majoring in Mass Communications in the fall.

Although I was unable to attend the convention this year, I have so many memories of the convention here in South Carolina a few years ago. The friendships I developed have truly changed my life, just as being a member of the YL International Single Sideband System has.

Thank you all again for selecting me to be scholarship recipient this years, I hope to make all of your proud.  
 Sincerely,

Katie Besley  
 KI4LSZ

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