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JUNE 14 - 17
HAVE YOU MADE
YOUR RESERVATIONS



March 20
First day of Spring

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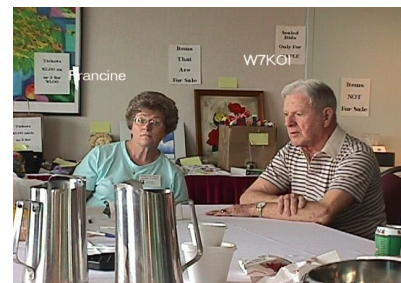
CONVENTIONS PAST



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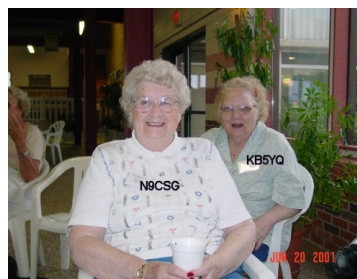
1998
KP3B LORENZO & KU7F FLO



1999
FRANCINE & DAD, W7KOI EARL



2000
BOB KS4AY & BARBARA



2001
N9CSG VIRGINIA & KB5YQ JDA



2002
N4ZGH ROGER & N4KNF RHONDA



2003
JANE & W5HNI BUDDY



2004
LIZ & N5OTR KEN



2005
K0LU LEON & CINDY

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS FROM PAST CONVENTIONS

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you turn in on Saturday evening, March 10. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday March 11. Remember, you DO NOT change the time on your UTC clocks!

SYSTEM INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

16662	KC2ZUQ	RYAN	NY
16663	KA7UOR	ZANE	ID
16664	KD8OKO	JOHN	WV
16665	KB1CSI	JOHN	NH
16666	WD8EAU	LLOYD	OH
16667	KA1EPT	NICK	ME
16668	W4ZAB	ALAN	GA
16669	K4NJN	BOB	SC
16670	W2RKG	RAY	NJ
16671	KA2OGO	ART	NY
16672	AEØAR	ALAN	KS
16673	AE5YZ	MICHAEL	NM
16674	N5FYR	JOHN	OK
16675	KF7KIN	MARK	UT
16676	KE5VPJ	MICHAEL	TX
16677	KF5HVW	ARNOLD	LA
16678	K5JWL	JACK	TX

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

02 WN3W	15 KI4WPL
02 WA5YNE	16 N5BYF
05 N4ZGH	17 N1PVT
06 BARBARA XYL	18 KL7H
OF KØMSR	19 WV9B
06 W2EO	21 KG4NWS
06 W6UNT	22 KE7LSF (103)
06 NØDFP	23 WN3Z
10 KB5YQ	24 KA9LYH
10 W7DZX	25 N4HMP/ C6ACV
10 KE4CAX	30 KAØAK
11 VA7CTW	31 KD4AIS
11 W5VBD	31 AC5XB
12 W8XC	
15 VE9MSD	

SILENT KEYS FROM QST

12296	KB4JO	TOM	NC
13578	WA5IPS	OLE	NM
14206	KB1CQ	LEON	CT
15326	W1SQM	GEORGE	RI

ANNIVERSARIES & YEARS MARRIED

3/01 ZL1AMN DAVE & ZL1ALE AOLA
 3/16 KG4CNA ALLEN & NITA - 16
 3/27 GRACE & SUS KB9OC
 3/29 KC8TDC GERALD & KC8VRT AMY-54

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

BITS & PIECES

2012 CONVENTION: Time is marching on and spring is right around the corner. Before you know it, June will be here. Have you made your reservations yet for the convention to be held on San Padre Island, Texas from June 16 thru 19.

DO NOT need to ask. *Just do it!!!!* When Control calls you for your turn, go ahead and make your call without telling Control who you want to call. It is your turn, Go For It!!!

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La Quinta Beach Resort and Hotel.

www.lq.com

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Contrary to reports we received last month, Dick K9FA is not an SK and is in a nursing facility in Fond du Lac, WI.

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Treasure every moment with your other half, one of you will leave first.

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Here is a comment about checking in and making calls. This is Dick K3CDQ and on the Moonbeam I often notice someone will check in and when System Control calls them, they come back and tell System Control who they would like to call.

When System Control calls you for your turn, you do not need to waste time by telling him or her who you want to call. You

from KC5RWW

The first weekend in February I made 16 contacts on 4 bands in about 2 hours in various contests and special events. The second weekend I made 18 contacts on 3 bands. I joined 6M nets on two Tuesday evenings this month so far. On the 9th I managed to participate in the Tangle Net. February 12 I had a QSO with YL2GUV in Latvia on 15M. I could hear 2M0YIO in Scotland but he couldn't hear me. I tried the school round up for 2 days and managed to make only 2 contacts.

We just got back from visiting family in Amarillo, TX. My dad, brother and family, and daughter live there. Dad is 88 years old and feeling fine.

We hope to get rid of our landline within a week. Bought a second tracfone. Each phone costs us less than \$300 a year.
Beth

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.

1. Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
2. 2000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won ton
3. 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope
4. Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond
5. Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
6. Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong
7. 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling
8. Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon
9. 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz
10. Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
11. Shortest distance between two jokes = A straight line
12. 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
13. 1 million-million microphones = 1 megaphone
14. 2 million bicycles = 2 megacycles
15. 365.25 days = 1 unicycle
16. 2000 mockingbirds = 2 kilomockingbirds
17. 52 cards = 1 decacards
18. 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 Fig Newton
19. 1000 milliliters of wet socks = 1 literhosen
20. 1 millionth of a fish = 1 microfiche
21. 1 trillion pins = 1 terrapin
22. 10 rations = 1 decoration
23. 100 rations = 1 C-ration
24. 2 monograms = 1 diagram
25. 4 nickels = 2 paradigms
26. 2.4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital = 1 IV League



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*Here's wishing a Happy
St. Patrick's Day to all our
Irish members!*



K9DIG

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1106 Country Meadow Lane
Cedarville, AR 72932-9524

ARKANSAS

Crawford County ~ EM25to

W5BUB

Confirming QSO	Date	UTC	MHz	RST	Mode	QSL
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73, Bub



One of Ken's "Over the Road" loads. N5 Over The Road

From the Historian

The other day, we encountered a glimmer of our yesteryear YL System. We had four very nice DX stations onboard the System, not counting our Canadian friends from three different Provinces. We even had two stations in Alaska and one in Hawaii check in with us moments apart from one another. I know that is nowhere like the frantic pace regularly experienced in the "Good ole Days", but it was fun and showed that the propagation gods are finally starting to smile on us.

In days of yore, we would have 15 to 25 DX stations onboard at any given time, and it really put our System Controls to the task keeping track of them and handling all the calls that our members wanted to make to the DX stations and others. I envision that in the next few years we will see a return to those conditions, and we certainly welcome it. At the same time, our controls are going to really have to be on their toes to handle the influx. Just thought that you might want to know how it was and how it may be in the future, so prepare, my friends, and enjoy!

73,
Kevin (KN4AA)
YL System Historian



MARY AND CHET

What can you say when your husband says: "You can't expect me to remember your birthday when you never look any older?"

Joni Anderson



AA4GT & K4ICA

We regret that we did not have as many items of interest in this issue but that is what happens when members do not send things to us.

We have filled spaces with whatever we could find.

Judy & Richard

SEARCH FINDS SOLDIER MISSING AFTER THE ACTION.

Chester Brzozowski's history in Deerfield ended 50 years ago. But last month, because someone needed to know, it all came rushing back. It was June 1941 when Brzozowski, his brother Walter and their parents packed up and left their Thayer Street home bound for Hartford, CT.

Two years later, Chester and Walter were in the South Pacific fighting a war. The younger of the two, Walter, would not make it home alive. But Chester returned stateside in 1946. He began work as a machine operator, and in 1948 moved to Bristol. CT.

Settling there was the first chapter of a book he's still living. Roland Lemay needed to find that chapter.

As Deerfield's veterans agent, he's the one responsible for compiling a list of present and former Deerfield residents who served overseas in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, as well as in the Persian Gulf War.

At some point next year, that list will become a memorial erected on the town common. For years, a monument to the town's World War I vets has been the only reminder that Deerfield, too, has sent its men and women overseas in time of crisis.

Lemay knew two things. Chester Brzozowski had graduated from Deerfield High School in 1941, and he had answered the call of

duty for "the big one." Beyond that, there was uncertainty. Somehow, the town had lost touch with the Brzozowski name.

He and others first thought Chester had died. But an old classmate disputed the idea, saying he and Brzozowski had exchanged Christmas cards two years ago. Even the facts of Walter Brzozowski's life were in question. Lemay believed Walter had indeed been killed in action. But since official records were unavailable, nothing was certain.

Even one name wrongly listed would foul up the memorial, Lemay felt. "I'd like to get this straightened out before I pass it on to anyone else," he said earlier this year.

When Edith Barwikowski saw a newspaper story describing Leman's hunt, she figured she'd better call him.

Barwikowski, who lives in Northampton, knew she fit into the puzzle somehow. Her cousin, Anthony Zaremba of West Hartford, CT, had married a classmate of hers from Deerfield High School's class of 1937.

The woman her cousin married was Jenny Brzozowski, Chester and Walter's sister.

"I recognized the name right away," Barwikowski said of the news story. "I said, 'Oh my goodness, I know who that is' "

While Edith wasn't sure where

Chester was living - or if he was living - she was certain Zaremba would know. Though Jenny had died in 1962, Zaremba still maintained contact with his brother-in-law Chester in the following years, usually at Christmas.

"I don't remember him very well," Barwikowski said. "I haven't seen him probably since Jenny died."

Lemay's puzzle was all but solved after he called Zaremba last month. Yes, Chester was alive, he reported.

And no, Walter had not survived a battle at Iwo Jim, he said.

When Lemay finally tracked Chester down in Bristol, he found a man ready to remember his home town.

In 1946, back from the war and with a full life ahead of him, Chester says he thought little of his high school years, not far behind him.

But today, those years have come rushing back. A half century after his 18th birthday, he says he finds it nice to remember.

"It's been 50 years since then," Brzozowski said the other day from his Connecticut home. "That's a long time."

Chester says he now plans to again visit the town that wouldn't forget him.

We will all miss: N1JRX

My Super Bowl Experience - By Bruce Tisdale K9ICP

I really enjoy ham radio as a hobby and diversion from work and life's other daily routines. However, recently I had an experience that I would never have expected. As some of my YL system friends know I live in the Indianapolis, Indiana metro area. A couple weeks ago we had a little party in town know as the Super Bowl. At this point you might be asking yourself what does ham radio have to do with the Super Bowl. Well, I was truly amazed by my recent experience along with a number of other local hams.

It all started last September when an announcement was sent out to local radio clubs about some opportunities available for hams with the Super Bowl. I attended a brief informational meeting several weeks later and learned that ham operators were being used for various roles involving communication before, during, and immediately after the Super Bowl. I immediately filled out an informational application and authorization for background security checks.

After many weeks of waiting and anticipation I was notified to pick up my credentials and informed of several roles that I might be doing. The week leading up to the Super Bowl got very busy. There were nearly 3,000 domestic and 400 international media credentials given out for the Super Bowl. Now take a moment and think of all that RF and the potential interference that might result. Preventing that interference as much as possible was the job of ham radio operators assigned as Frequency Coordinators. Our responsibility was to make sure that media equipment (including wireless microphones and other such RF items) was operating properly on their assigned and authorized frequencies.

The first challenge was Media Day when the press got there first opportunity to meet and interview with players and coaches of both teams. My responsibility was to check-in wireless equipment using a very expensive Spectrum Analyzer and make sure they were properly set up to operate on the assigned frequencies (i.e. unused 6-meter TV frequencies). If approved, I would tag the equipment as authorized for use. Untagged wireless equipment would not be allowed in the secured areas of the stadium. This was very stressful in that media were often in a hurry to be first for interview time.

During and after the game, I was assigned in the stadium with transmitter locating equipment to find media or others operating on unauthorized or interfering frequencies and shut them down (major league fox hunting). To understand the importance of this think about how interference between the quarterbacks and coaches or half time production people might be impacted.

This was a once in a lifetime opportunity to operate expensive equipment and be right next to media, players and coaches. If that wasn't enough, I also got to see the game without buying a ticket and actually was on the field during the trophy presentation. Needless to say, I have new found respect for what goes into put on an event of this magnitude and how important our ham radio knowledge can be. I'll never forget this experience and how being a ham was so critical.

DAYTIME REPORT BY JAY KI4TXP

I would like to thank all those am hoping that as we get As I have said many times that ran the System in my additional check ins that we it is really easy and loads of absence. Many times I will be able to continue for fun to be System Control. would try to check in and longer periods. Time will one night a week, a month was unable to get through. tell. or what ever will be of great help. If anyone is interested in helping send me an email and we will get you started.

As you know conditions have not been the best at 0000z. It will get better. Once again, I am asking for additional help on 40M as well as all the other Sessions that we offer. You people are the ones that make this System the great System that we have. We are getting loads of new members. My hope is that some of you will jump in and help.

Next month , March 11 2012, is the first day of Daylight Savings Time. Let's hope 40M will be better for us. This past Thursday, February 23 we had 16 check ins in the 45 minutes we were on the air. I

Until next month 73's all Have a safe and happy month !!

Jay KI4TXP

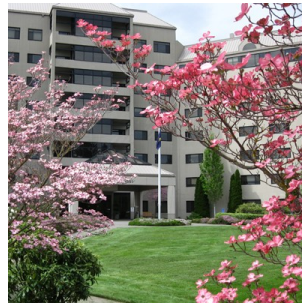
MOONBEAM REPORT BY DICK K3CDQ

The value of Net Logger: they are unable to hear each other. On occasion a check-in or two (mainly KØMSR or N7COA) would relay someone in and we would move on.

On Thursday evening 2/2, Bill KØUB was unable to be there to work 2nd Period with VE9MSD Mona, so I volunteered to help her. As it turned out Mona and I could not hear each other for the entire session. Before I shut down, Mona and I worked for an hour and a half and according to info from those we checked in, we did not miss a person even though we could not hear each other. For the entire Period and three quarters of the next Period, everything ran smoothly. There were no problems and again I was amazed that check-ins told us we never missed a check-n.

We both signed onto NL and she asked me to log. As it turned out, the session ran into 50 minutes of the 3rd Period. I had to leave about 15 minutes into the Period but Mona took check-ins until 0050 UTC. It was a great session, with 35 check-ins and lots of fun and no difficulties. Each time I wanted to give control to Mona, I simply typed "over to you Mona" in the AIM window. A few seconds later she typed "got it." Mona did the same when she was ready to turn control back to me. Net Logger is one great tool and I encourage members to download it. If you only use it to "view" who has checked in and what is going on, you will be glad you have it.

Point is to show the value of Controls using NL when



Photos from
Willamette View Retirement Center

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SPOTLIGHT ON: LOUISE EVANS KE7LSF #1633I

March 22, means much more than just Spring has begun. It also means the first day in year 103 for Louise KE7LSF. Louise was born on March 22, 1909, in Julian NE where she lived on a farm and rode a pony to school. She graduated from Univ. of Nebraska and taught English to 10th graders in N. Platte. Louise went to San Francisco, attended night school and became a secretary to the manager of an auto club where she met and married Bill in 1941 and they lived in CA, WY, MO, and AZ.

Over the years, they traveled to Europe several times and also visited S. America, Africa, Alaska, and Ireland. After retirement, they settled in Palm Springs and then San Diego and traveled in their Air-stream motor home during summers. They moved to the Willamette View Retirement Center near Portland, OR in 1989 and she lost her dear Bill in April of 2003.

Louise was an amateur for fifteen years but gave it up upon moving to Oregon because "I thought I was old. I was 80." She decided to test again and at the age of 102, became the oldest amateur of fourteen members of the retirement community's ham radio club, which is part of the Clackamas Amateur Emergency Service. Ernest Zum Brunnen, one of the founders of the Willamette View Club said Louise passed her technician test with a perfect score of thirty-five questions and then passed her general with flying colors.

Louise says, "because of my age, I don't have many friends except right here in the building and the people I talk to on the radio." Amateur radio, she said "is quite an organization. You can click into it 24 hours a day if the spots are right." She is a favorite at WV and enjoys shopping and going out for mocha fappachinos and she plays bridge. She says the fact that she and Bill walked four miles every day kept her healthy. She keeps up with technology as much as possible and enjoys computers, I-pods and her digital camera. We all wish you a Happy 103rd birthday Louise.