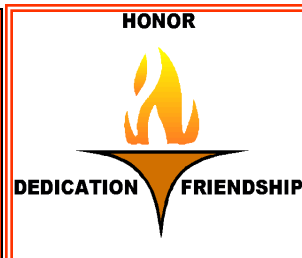


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: BY Rose KL7FQQ

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, if you have any interest in hosting the 2014 Convention? Please let me know.

HELP WANTED

It is about time for us to update and reprint our Policy and Procedures Manual. So, if anyone has any spare time to work on this project, please let me know. You can volunteer by writing.

kl7fqq@yahoo.com

SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM

November 19, is Devotional Award Day. We urge all our ministers, priests, Bible students, ordained brothers and sisters, and others that qualify as a devotional to join us on 14.332 on this day, and give out contacts.

AWARDS ISSUED

Barbara, KE5ZI has issued the following awards in October. The Belt of Orion went to: K9DIG and the USA went to K5BOO. Congratulations to you both.

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.

INFORMATION NEEDED

The YL System is currently working on some new awards for 2013. Please, if you have received any of the awards listed between pages 76 and 82 of the Voice, and your name doesn't appear on the lists, let our information officer, Gene, know. His e-mail is

k9wfe@arrl.com.

NETLOGGER

I know that most of you are aware of what a wonderful tool NetLogger is. As was pointed out to me recently, quite a few of our controls are not using NetLogger, for one reason or another. However, there is nothing to stop any member from setting up and running NetLogger when the System is in operation. If you have some time to spare, and would like to volunteer to operate NetLogger, I'm sure any of the Controls would be happy to have you step up, and operate it for them. Think about it!

Hope you have a Noble November.
33's, 73's and 88's Rose

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

16735	KK4LGE	BOBBIE	FL
16736	KA6VPZ	JERRY	PA
16737	K4ADY	BILL	GA
16738	V01GO	JERRY	CAN
16739	K9JMB	JIM	VA
16740	KG4EYG	ART	AL
16741	W8WSL	BOB	PA
16742	KB7RMG	FLASH	IN
16743	KDØPBZ	ANDY	MO
16744	K4BKC	ROBERT	TN
16745	VE3WWR	JOHN	ONT
16746	KCØWCG	JOHN	MN
16747	NØGNY	MILLARD	NE

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01	KE5ZI	11/11	WA6EBB
11/04	KB90C	11/15	KQ4NN
11/04	KØPTK	11/16	N4USW
11/06	WDØDAW	11/18	N3CRW
11/07	G4WPW	11/19	AB7PS
11/07	K2MGL	11/21	W1VCU
11/07	KCØMEZ	11/21	N2YQZ
11/08	N8UOO	11/24	KG4CNA
11/09	N3NI	11/25	VE9GU
11/10	N7FSR	11/28	KC9EAG
11/11	KL7WW	11/30	N1FJR

ANNIVERSARIES

11/09	K3UMV/K3UMW	54
11/30	KN4AA/KK4YL	
11/30	VE9GU/DIANE	

REGARDING THE ANNIVERSARY DATES THAT WE LIST EACH MONTH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO ALSO LIST TOTAL YEARS MARRIED, SEND INFO TO US.



THE YL SYSTEM

MAKING FRIENDS SINCE 1963

SILENT KEYS

4276	WØOSP	JOHN	ND
7621	K1QFD	PHYLLIS	RI
8762	WA5YRL	PHILIP	TX
10184	WA4NVD	CURTIS	VA
14260	W2AFF	ARNOLD	NY
14470	NMØJ	ELLIS	MN
16423	K5CKE	DUANE	AR

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 and don't forget, please say "back to System, not back to Net." We are the YL System, not the YL Net.

AWARDS:

K5BOO: KING NEPTUNE, OLD TIMERS, WAS
and BELT OF ORION.

K9DIG: BELT OF ORION.

VE1JIM: NEWCOMER AWARD #2

VE5ADO: MOONBEAM WAS

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Bob K7PVZ is being treated for lung cancer.

Robert Lindercrantz

Avamere Rehab Center

10000 S. 5th Avenue, Room 208

Sequim, WA 98382

Cell 360-808-2317

ILLNESS REPORTS:

Doug WA5PBR is recovering from a stroke and
will be back on with us ASAP.

Douglas Humble, Jr.

18620 E. Riggs Road

Queen Creek, AZ 85142

602-459-9396 - H 970-946-2639 - C

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Joan W4JMJ had a fall and broke a foot.

Joan A. Jones

2916 Little Country Road

Parish, FL 34219

941-776-9883 - FL 706-745-8184 - GA



Another beautiful hooked rug creation done by WN9MFC #9295 - Marilyn.
This one brought her Blue Ribbons in both county and state competitions.

Spotlight on: Gene KØICA - Tennessee Fiddler

There have been a number of times that Gene has checked in and has been unrecognized. That is why I am publishing this page again from issue #146. Gene is sort of a VIP on the YL System because he is the son of V. Mayree K4ICA, the lady that founded our System.

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Gene Christian KØICA, son of K4ICA, was born on a farm in Little Rock, Arkansas on February 22, 1926. Gene was an early member of Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys Band. Gene also played the fiddle with Lester Flatt & Earl Scruggs, Benny Martin, Vassar Clements, Mac Wiseman and Chubby Wise, some of the greatest Bluegrass musicians of all time. In his youth, his family moved to Oklahoma in 1929 and Rocky Top, Tennessee in 1935. In 1941, Gene visited Miami where he met Ervin Rouse, the composer of the ***Orange Blossom Special***, a favorite of the late Roy Acuff.



Gene says many country music stars got their start at WLAC in Nashville where he was playing the ***Friday Night Frolic*** with the Ferguson Brothers. The future also held a spot for Gene at the Grand Ole Opry and a lifetime dream came true when he toured as the fiddle player in Bill Monroe's Band. In 1954, another dream came true and another link in the music chain was connected when he became a member of the Flatt & Scruggs Band and toured with them.

In 1955, Gene formed his own band, ***The Hillbilly Pals***. This same year, Gene's close friend, Ervin Rouse drove up from Miami to ask Gene to accompany him to Nashville to record the well known and beautiful, ***Sweeter Than the Flowers***.

Gene returned to Miami with Ervin where they attended a show at the ***Dade County Auditorium*** where Johnny Cash was scheduled to perform. There, Mother Maybelle Carter introduced Ervin and Gene to Johnny. They played the ***Orange Blossom Special*** for Cash backstage, and he was so impressed that he persuaded them to play that and ***Sweeter Than the Flowers*** for the audience. They did, and they brought the house down. Cash then asked them to write down the words for the Orange Blossom Special so that he could record it. Ervin granted permission and a few months later it was on a Cash album.

At this time, the first Bluegrass band in Florida was formed - ***The Country Pals*** and, of course, Gene was a member. In 1956 they won the ***Arthur Godfrey Talent Show*** program with their version of ***Salty Dog Blues***. After winning, the Country Pals had over 100 telegrams with offers to go to different states to perform. Instead they did TV shows on KTHS and toured the southeast. The ***Gene Christian and the Nashville Gents & Gals*** band was formed in 1962 and included Vera, one of Gene's daughters at the age of 14.

In 1965, Gene and his band began to play for the ***Black Angus*** chain and did so for twenty years until he retired in 1985. All I wish is he could play us a tune or two on 14.332. Gene you must attend a System convention with us and entertain us all. We're counting on that!

Hello everyone. Many years ago, back in the early days of the YL System, the founders realized that there should be recognition on the System for those members who displayed an excellent penchant as operators. It was not to be confused with what they did as Controls on the YL System, but rather how well they conducted themselves as Ham Radio operators in general. Thus, the Top Flight Operator (TFO) Award was created to accomplish this. As of this writing, there have been 505 members awarded the TFO certificate, and they were voted for by existing TFO Award holders.

We have, unfortunately, let this voting for TFOs slip a bit, and only one or two have been voted in this year. We certainly would like to see that trend reversed, so if you are a current holder of the TFO Award, look around carefully on the air, decide who would be a good candidate for TFO, and submit your nomination to KB8NSA, Karen, who wonderfully manages that program for us on the YL System. Please remember however, that it is totally intended for the member who displays high standards as a radio Amateur, by exhibiting above average operating practices.

Upon attaining ten or more votes from ten or more current TFO Award holders, a new certificate will then be issued to the newly awarded TFO. Please email your nominations to Karen's email address: kb8nsa@suddenlink.net. Please refer to The Voice or the YL System web site for additional information regarding this prestigious award. Let's uphold our legacy from the past and give our best effort in this regard.

Thanks!
73 to all,
Kevin KN4AA
YL System Historian

Editor's Note: I would like to offer 100% support of Kevin's comments on TFO and remind all TFO certificate holders that you would NOT have a TFO number if members of the System had not voted for you. You really do have a responsibility to exercise the privilege of nominating other members for this prestigious award. Please listen to our members and send your nominations to Karen.

Remember, this is for operating habits, NOT just for being a control, a worker or helper.

Thanks, Dick K3CDQ

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

The 2013 YLISSB Convention will be held in Colorado Springs, CO, June 13 thru 16. Hotel reservations must be made by May 12, 2013, to qualify for special rates. You may make your reservations with Marriott Reservations at 1-800-932-2151 using the group code of "YLISSB" to obtain the special convention rate of \$99 per night (plus tax). Additional info is available on the our website <http://www.ylssystem.org> and will also be in the VOICE which will go out in December to members current with dues.

Pay Your YLISSB Dues via *PayPal*

We have something new on the YL System web site. Our web site updating was completed at the end of October and we can now pay Annual Membership Dues via *PayPal* through our YLISSB website, www.ylssystem.org.

According to Treasurer Bill Phillips, one can make Membership Applications, Membership Renewals and pay annual dues via the website. The *PayPal* "**PAY NOW**" button is on the web site for your easy access. The Web Master, completed the project and it is ready. The Web Master and the Treasurer will monitor each payment carefully to make sure it flows smoothly.

The decision to use *PayPal*, which was approved at the South Padre Island Annual Convention, sets online dues via *PayPal* at \$21.00 per year, covering our \$0.91 cost to use the service. With the upcoming increases in US and International Postage, this provides a savings to those outside the US and near actual cost to others when you consider use of checks and stamps. The move was expedited when local banks assessed \$15.00 per check to process non-US checks and money orders.

As in the past, members and new applicants may continue to mail US bank-issued checks or US Money Orders for dues in the amount of \$20 to the Treasurer. Members, include your renewal form and ISSB number. New applicants, include an application and payment, you will be issued a membership number.

HERE IS HOW MEMBERS CAN SEND FUNDS via *PayPal* :

On our web site, at the bottom of the Renewal page, list your FCC Call and your Sideband number.

By clicking the *PayPal* "**PAY NOW**" button on the YLISSB web site, it takes you to the *PayPal* page.

On the left side of their page is the invoice that goes to the Treasurer. By placing your "mouse pointer" over the blue "Options: CALLSIGN / ISSB # " you will be certain that it is telling the treasurer your Call sign and your ISSB number for proper crediting.

If you have a *PayPal* Account, you will enter your e-mail and address and your *PayPal* password. The rest should be automatic.

If you do **NOT** have a *PayPal* account, you can set one up at that point **OR** (at the bottom) you can pay by credit card without becoming a *PayPal* member.

The Treasurer will respond with a personal e-mail to let you know the payment has been received and credited to your membership.

Questions can be addressed to Treasurer@ylssystem.org.



Its never hard to tell that Liz KC5IHW and Ken N5OTR are happy grandparents. Photos are little Abby and Andy with Ken and daughter Kristen. (Liz is not shown)

NANCY K9DIG AT W1AW

**THE YL SYSTEM
INSTANT FRIENDSHIP!**



Annual YL International Single Side Band System QSO Party 2013

Dedicated to building friendship among all people through amateur radio; to be of service to our fellow man. The QSO Party is open to all, members as well as non-members

The SSB and CW are separated into two different weekends.

The SSB will be held over a two day period.

Date: Saturday Jan 19, 2013 @ 0000 UTC to Sunday Jan 20, 2013 @ 2359 UTC

The CW will be held over a two day period.

Date: Saturday Feb 9, 2013 @ 0000 UTC to Sunday Feb 10, 2013 @ 2359 UTC

Logs to be submitted and postmarked to VE1JIM no later than the 22nd of Mar 2013

Jim Flowers - VE1JIM
13 Rufus Ave
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Canada B3N 2L4



You may email logs to ve1jim@ns.sympatico.ca
[must be less than 7 pages due to email constraints]





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Editor's Comments:

Just an observation on my part. Often, when checking in, I have had the Control, close out on me and begin asking for more check-ins without asking me if I had anything else to add. No offense taking here and both times I did not have other calls to make, but what if I had?

After that, I made it a point to listen to other Controls and find that often, very often, the Control will say something like "thanks for checking in, please come again" and then start asking for check-ins without asking the member or visitor if he/she had anything else to add or say.

I am just suggesting that it would be more friendly and polite to NOT close out on any check-in, member or not, without first making sure the person is finished and has nothing else to say, ask, or no one to call.

To our members it may or may not matter too much but to a visitor it could well be a "turn off," especially if he/she did have more questions to ask or something else to say. We should not be so quick to close out on someone unless they have made it clear they are finished.

Spotlight on: Randy Upchurch KK4KRK Sidebander # 16721

I am a recently licensed amateur, licensed in July, 2012. I attended a radio training school while in the Army, and passed the 20 wpm requirement in 1961. For several years I intended to get my ham ticket, and it was always pushed to the rear while raising a family, etc. When I retired, there was no longer a reason not to go ahead, so I took the test for technician and general on the same evening, and got my general license on July 26, 2012, and have been active on HF since.



I found the YL System by accident, and was very impressed with the friendliness of Jim VE1JIM, and Jda KB5YQ, I joined the system, and check in almost every day, one period or another.

During my employed years, I held a number of positions. I was in the Army for just over six years, stationed in Japan, Viet Nam, Germany, and England. While stationed with the British GCHQ in Cheltenham, England, I met and married my wife, Jane, and we were together for thirty six years until her death in 2002. I also worked as a police officer, deputy sheriff, claims adjustor, and computer operator.

I was employed in the trucking industry for nearly twenty years, and retired in 2004. I found that I was bored, so I looked for a part time job, and that turned into a full time job with Community Action, working as a county coordinator of community services for the next nearly seven years, working with low income families with a variety of programs.

I am now retired, living with my black Labrador, Buddy, who allows me to cohabitate in the house. I also volunteer two days a week, just to keep the brain from rusting, and spend a lot of time on the HF bands chasing DX, and checking in with the YL System and OMISS net. I am still building my station, and use a Kenwood TS-2000, an AL-80B amplifier, a Hustler 5BT vertical, a Mosley TA-33 Tri band beam, and a couple of wire antennas for 80-40- and 160 meters, and a vertical for 2 meters. Plans are in the making for 12, 17, and 6 meter antennas, while I study for my extra class ticket.

73, Randy KK4KRK