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

SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM

October 16 is Canadian Awards Day. We urge all our Canadian members to make a special effort to check into the System on that day, so members can contact them for the Canadian Rhapsody, Maple Leaf or the Moonbeam Work All Canada.

AWARDS ISSUED

Barbara, KE5ZI has issued the following awards in September. The Belt of Orion went to: VE5ADO, KC7KPG, K5BOO, KB9GFX, N0MMR and K6AA. The Old Timer Award went to K5BOO. Congratulations to all.

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.

Hope you have an Outstanding October.
33's, 73's and 88's Rose



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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

16726	WAØLSS	SCOTT	FL
16727	KK4COO	FREDDI	FL
16728	KBØJIT	PAULI	CO
16729	KK4ISH	CHARLIE	GA
16730	KC5EVR	RICHARD	NM
16731	KC5KWI	CHARLOTTE	NM
16732	KB1YOG	MIKE	ME
16733	AEØJ	GARY	CA
16734	W9FML	CARRIE	WI

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01	K3UMV	10/17	JULIE (XYL OF N5OKU)
10/02	ZL1AMN	10/18	GRACE (XYL OF KB9OC)
10/06	KB7ITR	10/19	K1IEB
10/09	KQ6LU	10/20	N7HRO
10/11	JUDY (XYL OF W8OPA)	10/20	N4ODI
10/12	VE2KRM	10/26	DL5MC
10/14	VP5RW	10/27	KT4MA
10/15	K7HK	10/30	N8CSR
10/17	KD5LWU	10/31	K5HYD

SILENT KEYS

1060	ZS1TZ	ANITA	PA
10164	WAØUPL	GORDON	IA
10308	WA7ZNH	JERRY	ID
10464	WB3AJC	RICHARD	MD
10465	WD9DAO	CLIFFORD	IL
12795	ON6IT	RALPH	BELGIUM
16527	WA2HJB	JAMES	NC

Here is a bit of info for our Control Operators.

Info is from the Maritime Net on 14.300. Vessels in US waters, inland or on the coast or at a dock are considered Marine Mobile. Vessels at sea are referred to as Maritime Mobiles. **When taking a log, both Marine and Maritime should be called first when Control goes back to the log for calls.**

From the Editor: Re Netlogger: In listening to the Controls and members who are using Netlogger there appears to be times when information is available there that people are not using to their advantage. It would help our Controls and others if thought was given to the following.

- 1) *Controls using NL should look at both the AIM comment window and the Net Monitor window very often. When a Control is having difficulty hearing a station, frequently the person trying to check in is also on NL and his/her call can be seen in that Monitor window. Check to see if the call "you think" you are hearing, might be in that monitor window. Also, any station on NL who heard Control having difficulty then or any-time might type something in the AIM window to help the Control.*
- 2) *It is also a good practice for control to take note of the callsigns in the Monitor Window and call them to see if he/she would like to check in, especially when things are slow. When a person, especially a non-member shown in the Monitor Window is called, it often surprises them and must make them feel welcomed.*
- 3) *The AIM chat window is also of great value to a Control station. When a member who is using NL hears someone trying to check in or if they notice Control cannot get the callsign, the member can assist Control by typing the call they hear in that window. Again, this requires Control to look at the AIM and the Monitor window often.*

CONTROL STATIONS
NEEDED:

We need stations willing to be put on the Moonbeam Schedule or act as a fill in when a regularly scheduled control has to be away. If we can recruit a large enough substitute list we can always keep the frequency covered. If interested please contact K9DIG.

Nancy yoshida@live.com

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Help wanted. The YL System is working on some new awards for the 2013 year, and would like to update the its data-base regarding Devotional Members.

The definition of a Devotional Member (the Clergy) on page 59 of the Voice, is: The Clergy is not limited to any denomination, faith or religion. Typical Clergy is defined as anyone dedicated to full, part time, or interim work with a congregation, denomination, or a person that has completed Seminary or other Religious School training.. It could include a Minister, Priest, Rabbi, Nun, Missionary, Seminary Teacher.

Any member that is retired from any of the above listings would also qualify as Clergy. The Devotional members are listed on page 76 of the Voice. If you are qualified to be listed as Clergy, and are not listed, please send your name to K9WFE@arrl.com.

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Help wanted. The YL System is working on some new awards for the 2013 year, and would like to update its data-base regarding Double KNA Award holder. So, if you have earned the Double King Neptune (or D KNA) award, and are not listed on page 80 of the Voice, please send your name to Gene, K9WFE@arrl.com for inclusion in the next Voice.

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System Controls: Conditions have been rough on the ham bands. I don't think anyone would argue with that! It is really difficult for our controls, but also difficult for those trying to check in.

So, I'd like to offer a suggestion to our Controls. IF

you have been putting out calls for a minute or two, and hear nothing, and there are other controls present, please pass control on to one of the other controls.

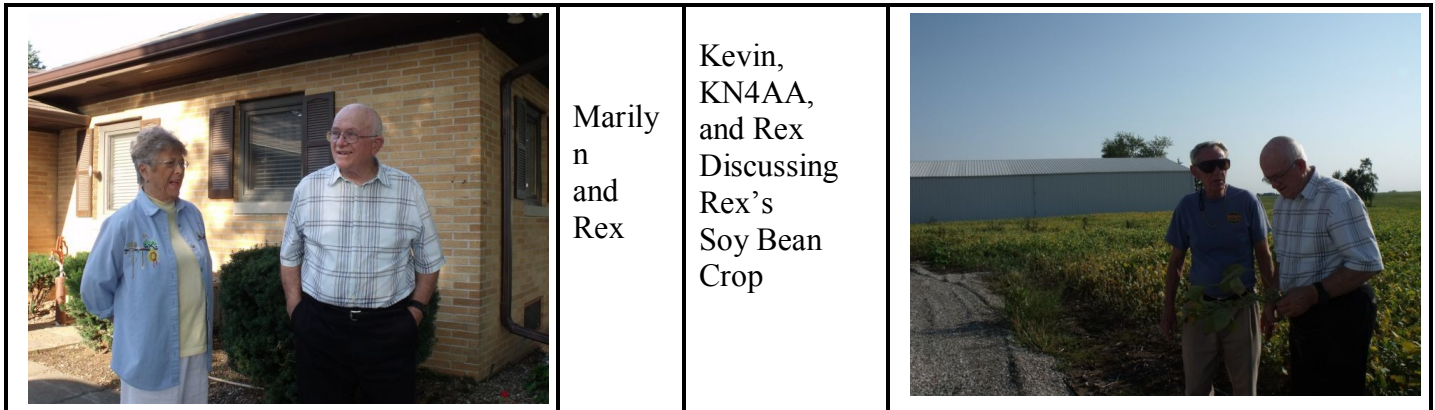
This keeps the System "visible" from other areas, and helps to keep the QRM at bay. I know this is not always possible, and sometimes controls keep control for quite some time, in order to spare Jda.

Speaking of Jda, how does she do it? She is on the System for 9 hours a day. When I've been helping for 3 hours, I'm a babbling idiot...but she retains her calm and collected presence. So, taking some of the pressure off her is admirable. Just, when other controls are present, pass control to keep things moving. And, thanks so much to those controls that step up to the plate often to help out. THANKS, Rose

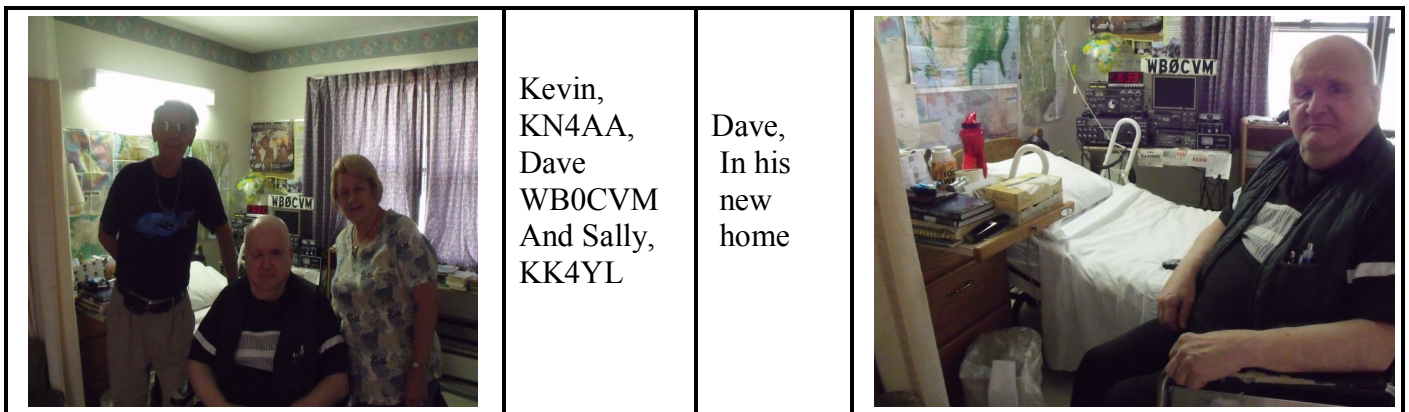


It has been a few years since we have used this venue to illustrate one of our trips from East to West, but this year, we have met some wonderful System members on our trip to Washington State to visit with Sally's children. We would be remiss if we didn't chronicle a few of those meetings.

Our first visit was with Rex White, WA0AVW, Sidebander 6463, and his lovely wife Marilyn. As you can tell by Rex's number, he is a very long time member of the YL System, and both he and Marilyn have been strongly involved in System activities. Until recently, they have both administered the YL System Scholarship program as well as running the "Boutique" at virtually all of our Conventions. They have recently acquired a few more acres to their farm, and now tend to over 1,600 crop yielding acres in Iowa. They are capably assisted on the farm now by their Nephew who lives on the property.



After a great overnight visit with Rex and Marilyn, JDA informed us on the System of one of our long time members who resides in a nursing facility right off our path on route 20, also in Iowa. We found the facility, and had a wonderful first-time visit with Dave Lund, WB0CVM, Sidebander 15461. We still don't know how he did it, but he convinced the nursing staff to allow him to install his HF and VHF radios in his room. We spoke with one of the nurses, and she says they call it "Electronic Therapy", and we know it definitely helps Dave in that respect.



One of our newer and very active members also lives in Iowa, right on the South Dakota border, and that was our next visit. Tom Pierce, K0THP, Sidebander 16644, and his lovely wife, live on a small farm near Akron, IA, and it was a pleasure for Sally and I to share coffee, and swap sea stories with this very nice couple. Dave is retired Navy as am I, and we hit it off instantly. Tom's photo with wife on next page.



XYL and
Tom,
with their dog



JOHN W5PDW # 4706 MAGNOLIA, TX

As is often the case when traveling through Montana, we had a nice visit with Gene Fisher, W7GMF, Sidebander 15596 and his wonderful YL Karen. They live in Harlowton, MT but always make the 45 mile trip down their mountain to have lunch or dinner with us in Big Timber, MT. We really enjoyed their company, and promised to return on the flip side of our trip.



Sally, Karen
and Gene,
W7GMF



What trip to the Pacific Northwest would be complete without a visit with our YL System President, Rose Rybachek, KL7FQQ, Sidebander 6098, and hubby Stan, KL7FQR, Sidebander 6194? We met up with them at our usual meeting place in Post Falls, Idaho, right outside their home of Spokane Valley, WA. We promised to pull an overnight visit with them on our way back to PA, but that isn't for a few more days yet. We wanted to get this into the Communicator for this month, so any information on visits to System Members on our return voyage must be deferred until later.



Sally, Kevin,
Stan
and Rose



Once we arrived in the Tri-Cities of Washington State, we were perplexed by the horrible band conditions. we now have found that a neighbor uses plasma TV, and as most hams know, those types are not very compatible to HF operations within a 30 to 50 yard range. On Friday the 14th of September, we traveled out to Benton City, WA, to visit our good friend Gerry Blacksmith, Sidebänder 16313, and a great visit it was.

Even got to pull off two hours of controlling the Moonbeam from his rig. What a whopping signal he has, and very nice return signals too, I might add. We were joined at Gerry's by another very active YL System member and friend, Bernard Fineberg, Sidebänder 15795, and Sally spent a nice time explaining how Net Logger worked, while I did my thing on the Moonbeam. Gerry and Bernard said good bye, and provided us with two of the most delicious cantaloupes from Gerry's garden, about the best we've ever eaten.



Gerry,
WB7TAR
and
Bernard,
AL7HB

Gerry,
in a
happy
moment



Soon, we will begin our return trip back to Pennsylvania, but as you travel our highways and by-ways, keep in mind that our YL System Members who live along or near your route may love nothing better than to get a chance to have a nice eye-ball visit with you.

73,
Kevin and Sally...KN4AA/KK4YL

THE PLACE FOR "INSTANT FRIENDSHIP"

THE YL SYSTEM ON 14.332 MHz - THE HOME OF "SIDEBANDERS" FOR NEARLY FIFTY YEARS.

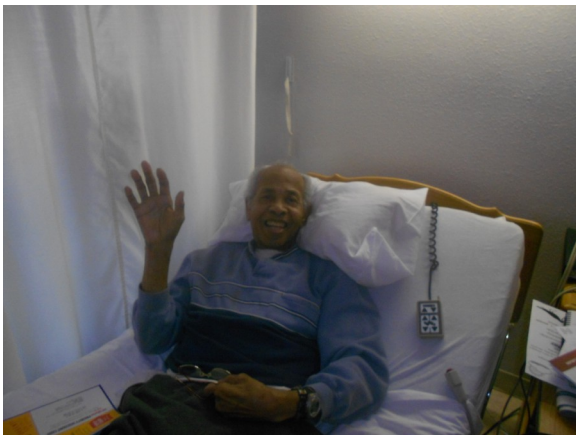
From: Joe Thomas, WA7JT, 15954, TFO 451.

The Washington State QSO party was held on 9/15 and 9/16/2012. I was a guest operator with the Boeing Amateur Radio Club W7FLY, who operates just south of me on Camano Island, WA.

This club has operated in the contest many years, and often wins first place in the club competition. We made 921 contacts in the 23 hours of operating time, and scored about 231,000 plus points. This may not be the club record for points, but is very close. The number of contacts was more than usual, which is about 800. We did work all states, and all but 2 Canadian provinces. We did work 37 of the 39 Washington State Counties. It is very difficult to work all counties, due to the mountain ridge separating Western Washington from Eastern Washington. The operators were W7GD, Dwayne; Mark, KN7T; John, N7MZ; Ward, W7SXM; and Joe, WA7JT.

I am certain we worked at least one Sidebender in Colorado, W0RCH. We worked stations from Japan to Russia, to Argentina, all with a tri-bander pointing due east. We did some operating on 80 and 40 meters, but most was on 15 and 20 meters. Actually, most was on 20 Meters. About 250 contacts were on CW, with KN7T doing the operating, one of the smoothest CW operators ever. Look KN7T up in QRZ sometime, to see his accomplishments

We will not get the official results from the host club, the Western Washington DX club, for a few months. We did well, regardless. The rig is an Elecraft K3, with about an 800 watt amplifier. The QSO party is called the Salmon run, because the winner in each category gets a commercially prepared package of dried salmon in the mail, after the awards are calculated. I'll send the official results when available, which will be a few months from now.



MARIA NØTWV at home and displaying some of her many YL System awards.

From: Albert N7AEB Sidebender #7240

Hi to all, family and friends. Just a short note to let you know that I fell and broke my left hip on August 15. I am in rehab now and doing just fine and hope to be going home in a few days. Thanks and God Bless to those who prayed for me and sent cards.



Received from Kenn VE3OWS

We decided to take the Great Canadian tour of the national parks in the north west so we booked it, and flew from Kitchener/Waterloo Airport on West Jet to Vancouver Canada and there we were met by the Great Canadian coach which was our travel coach for the next 16 days. We spent the first two days there and toured all around the great city and after two days we went by ferry over to Vancouver island and onto Victoria the capital of British Columbia where we spent two days touring the city and the island including the beautiful Butchart Gardens. The flowers there were gorgeous and it is the most beautiful garden and park you will see any where in the world .

We then went to Stanley Park and saw the Totem poles and in fact there were Totem pole every where we went and each one is different. After two days we boarded the ferry back to the main land where we spent one more night at the Hilton Hotel and next morning we boarded the coach and took off for Glacier National Park where we got on board a ice crawler called the Yellowstone Park Crawler. It is a bus with three foot tires with very low pressure in them and we drove right on to the Glacier. We got off the crawler and walked on the ice which is over 900 feet thick. Quite an experience and it was very cold. After this glacial walk we drove on the coach to Banff where we stayed for three nights and whilst there we toured all around and went to Lake Louise and Sulphur Mountain. We went up the mountain in a Gondola, quite an experience but what a view from the top. We had guides every where we went and they were very good.

Next morning we set off for Calgary where we toured all around the city and it was on to Pincher Creek for the night . Next morning we set off for the Waterton Lakes national park and crossed the border to the USA and on to Glacier National Park and on to the town of Shelby Mt. for the night. Next day we took off for Yellowstone National Park where we were met by a huge herd of Bison who seemed to like blocking all the traffic. There was one huge bull bison who held up our coach 20 minutes. Of course we did not mind one bit since after that we saw deer and mountain goats and a very big black bear. Then to top it all off we went on and saw Old Faithful which is amazing. Now after all this we went on to our hotel for the night in a town called Cody.

Next morning it was away again headed for Keystone SD where we went to see Mount Rushmore and enjoyed seeing the presidents heads carved on the mountain. We also saw them lit up in the evening. On day 14 we took off and drove through the Bad Lands. Quite an experience that evening and we stayed at Sioux Falls .

Next morning it was off to Chicago where we had a farewell dinner that night . We took off next morning back to Canada. I must add there were 48 people on this tour and it was just like one big happy family. We enjoyed every thing and every body and we made many new friends. The driver and the onboard guide were the very best and the Great Canadian Coach was so comfortable it was enjoyed by all. It was the first time my wife and myself had taken a long coach tour and it won't be the last.

Kenn VE3OWS and Marilyn XYL

KENN'S PHOTOS ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE

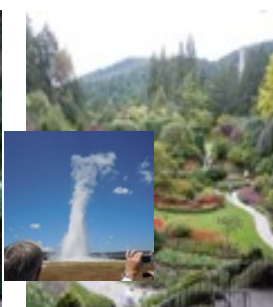
SPOTLIGHT ON: RON ERICSON KØIC #16714

Ron was born in Red Oak, Iowa and now resides in Essex, Iowa and is single. He went to Iowa Western CC, Gateway Electronics Institute, University of Northern Iowa and finished college at the University of Nebraska.

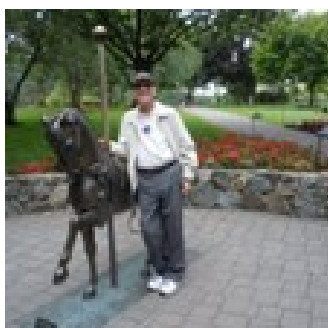
Farm Management is one of his interests as well as organic farming. He is considering monolithic dome cabins and moving on to a farm near his brother.

Ron says he is a former farmer, grocer, telco comboman, two-way technician, broadcast engineer, student, author and a current financial advisor to the relatives. His dad is 90 and in a nursing home and his mom may be soon.

Licensed in 1971, Ron says it is a hobby he has never regretted and has made many friends through Amateur Radio. He is the director of the Iowa 75 meter SSB Net. He is currently using a Kenwood TS140S and has several other rigs. He has visions of adding a 30 ft high 400 foot loop. Now he has a 120 ft random wire. Ron says from the Caveman's Diet he has lost 135 lbs. Ron's mom and dad to the right.



Above: Ron KØIC at his station.
Below: Ron's mom and dad.



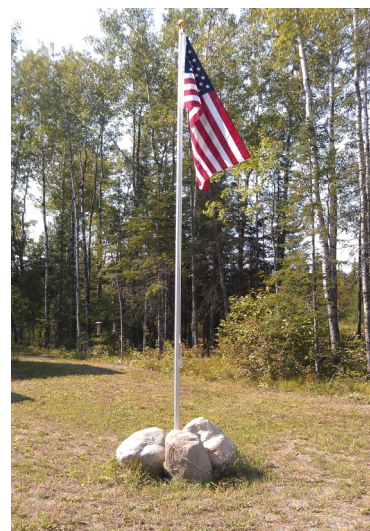
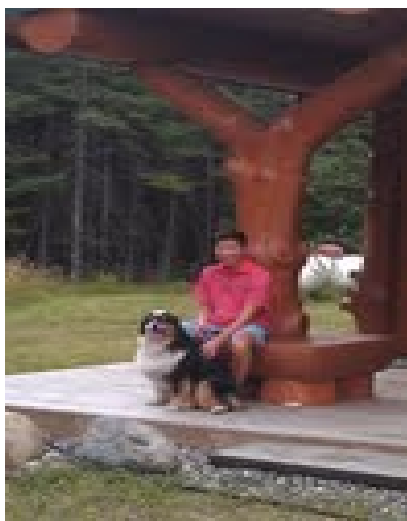


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TOP: Nancy and Glen's cabin in Minnesota.

Right: Glen & Reese and the flag in their yard



Received from W6VY: I was first licensed in 1962 as WN4MVG at Fort Belvoir, VA while going through the Army Nuclear Power School. Held a number of 4 and 6 land calls over the year, ending up with this vanity call in 1999. Joined the YL System in 2005 after being a visitor and knowing Jda a number of years. Retired from the US Navy in 1974 after 22 years. Spent three winter over tours in the Antarctica at McMurdo Station in the 60s and early 70s. Spent another 18 years with the U of CA at Riverside and finally retired in 1995. My wife Marge and I have been married 55 years and have a daughter in Florida and a son here in California. I have not been active on the System lately do some health problems for both my wife and myself but check in whenever I get the chance and conditions permit.



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 and our Controls are System Controls.