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CONVENTION 2013

Alan, AE0AR and his lovely XYL Joyce have been working overtime to make the 2013 Convention in Colorado Springs a marvelous experience. I look forward to seeing you there next year. Mark it on your calendar. June 13-16, 2013.

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

The Belt of Orion Day on August 22 was a very special day. All of those members that are contacts for the award made their appearance known. Some stayed most of the day, some just part of the time, but there were always several on, and many members qualified for the Belt of Orion award. Remember to send your award application to Barbara, KE5ZI.

On September 13, the Special Day is Mobile Day. All mobile operators are encouraged to check into and stay with the System on that special day. We look forward to hearing from you.

AWARD MANAGERS

In your last year's Voice, Sandy KJ5Q was listed as managing several awards. She has asked for a leave of absence, which has been granted. Barbara, KE5ZI has agreed to step in and handle those awards until Sandy is able to come back. So, if you qualify for any of the awards listed for Sandy, please send your application to Barbara.

AWARD ISSUED

VE1JIM announced that he has issued the first ever Nova Award this month. It went to Jim, VE1JIM, and was #001. CONGRATULATIONS to Jim.

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.

SESSIONS

With the band conditions like they have been, it has been frustrating for our controls to keep the System operating. But, Jda has been doing a fantastic job with the daytime System, as always. However, she does need help. So, if you can volunteer an hour or two once a week, please do so. Our undying thanks to those that step up to the plate and give their assistance. Nancy has been doing a bang up job with the Moonbeam System, too, and Jay with the System on 40 Meters. So, if you have any time to assist, please contact either Jda, Jay or Nancy.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS			
16717	KK4EGZ	WANDA	SC
16718	K3ILA	DAVE	PA
16719	KF7TUU	KEVIN	OR
16720	K1DLM	DAVID	NH
16721	KK4KRK	RANDY	KY
16722	KØLWT	EVAN	ND
16723	KF5QQC	HAYNES	LA
16724	KI4NSP	TOM	NC
16725	VE5JLO	JERRY	SK

SILENT KEYS			
5121	K4PRT	BERNARD	VA
6760	W2ML	STEPHEN	NJ
7602	K7CTW	MIKE	BC
8199	W5VEO	LARRY	TX
11068	NØSV	STANLEY	SC
13390	K9ECE	DON	IN
14178	WA8KMK	CALVIN	OH
15630	KA2RQS	JAMES	NY
15898	KAØHPK	RUSTY	NM
16216	NA8N	NANCY	OH
16570	W4CTH	JOE	TX

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
9/02	KC2DCU
9/02	VE1JIM
9/04	KV4X
9/04	W4CT
9/05	MARY----->
9/05	KB9QL
9/06	KC7AKN
9/09	KØGOR
9/10	KC8VRT
9/11	N5IAC
9/16	WB5BRD
9/16	VE1GFG
9/18	NØTJO
9/20	MARILYN
	(XYL OF WAØAVW)
	(XYL OF WA6EBB)
9/24	W7GMF
9/24	N4YYV
9/25	WD5COV
9/27	K8ALT
9/29	KF9GS

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	
9/02	AA4GT GEORGE & NV4Z MARY
9/05	WA6EBB BARRY & MARY (42)
9/28	K3CDQ DICK & JUDY (49)

We are very happy to post birthdays and your anniversary each month. If you would like your BD listed, please email us the day and month, no need to send the year....LOL

As for anniversaries, send us the date and if we do not know the spouses name, please send that as well. You can also send the number of years your have been married if you like.



Anyone wanting to receive the monthly Communicators by email should send their Email address, name and callsign to k3cdq@comcast.net

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. Let’s also respect our founders wishes!

The Communicator is always an excellent source of information about what is going on in the System, and I always enjoy seeing the pictures of the various activities.

Sadly, in the last few issues, I have learned that W1SQM, George; and N1JRX, Chet, are now SK's. I always talked to them whenever they were on, sometimes I would need to have someone relay a hello and 73's, but did so gladly. George, W1SQM was a Merchant Marine Radio Telegrapher in WWII. You needed a First Class FCC Certificate for this job. My Dad was also a Merchant Marine Radio Telegrapher in WWII.

For those who may not remember, the Merchant Marine ships carried the supplies that the troops needed. Sometimes that included ammunition ships, and oil and gas tankers. Anyone serving on those type ships got extra pay because of the hazards. They also got a \$5,000 life insurance policy. Remember, these ships were basically unarmed. Some had a WWI surplus 4" cannon installed, and a crew of Naval Gunners especially trained for this work. They taught the Merchant Mariners how to help with passing the ammunition, and so on. In spite of all this effort, only one Merchant Marine ship actually fought off and sank an attacker. The Naval Sailors were called the Naval Armed Guard. Little is known of these gallant sailors these days. There is a monument to them all very near where Scotty holds forth from I believe K6AA.

By the way, a lot of the Merchant Mariners were declared unfit for service in the Army and so on. So, these very brave men fought the war the best way they could.

A recent optical exam showed that I have a very severe cataract in my left eye, and one not so bad in my right eye. I will be having eye surgery on 7/31/12 on my left eye. There is now a special lens implant that will correct astigmatism. I have opted for the special lens work, and they say I may be able to see without glasses for the first time in about 60 years. The right eye will be done in September, the same way. Wish me luck, folks.

Warm Regards, and 73

Joe Thomas
WA7JT
Camano Island, WA

Additional Control help is needed on all portions of the YL System. If you would like to help as a System Control on a regular schedule, contact any of the coordinators or just let us know on the System when you are chatting with one of the current Controls. It can be fun and rewarding.

Greetings! We have just returned from a couple of weeks in Alaska. It was great going "back home", but always nice to get back to our real home, too! I hope your summer has been special. We hope you have a Super Spectacular September. 33's, 73's and 88's Rose

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It's official, no more Heathkit. They have declared bankruptcy and have closed their doors.

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The managing editor of QST, N1BKE Joe Kleinman, was killed recently in a fire at his home.

Here is a new one for all you DX'ers to hunt for. YU1YU Ivica Dacic is the Serbian Prime Minister. And, the Pacific Island of Niue has been assigned the prefix of E6.

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The current prediction for Sunspot Cycle 24 gives a smoothed sunspot number maximum of about 60 in the Spring of 2013. We are currently over three years into Cycle 24. The current predicted size makes this the smallest sunspot cycle in about 100 years.

OUR 2012 TRIP TO ALASKA, STAN KL7FQR AND ROSE KL7FQQ



Spring break-up was hard on the foot bridge that we use to access our property in Alaska, so we decided that it was time to make a trip there, for repairs. The trip went well, and the bridge was repaired in record time. While Stan and our son-in-law Ron worked on the bridge, our daughter Sallie and I went blue berry picking. There was a good crop this year.



We enjoyed going to the pioneers of Alaska meeting and visiting.



Stan, and small halibut

But, the highlight of our trip has to be the fishing trip we took out of Valdez. We both caught our limit of halibut.



Stan's Skate, not a keeper.



Sallie's garden is growing well. see the tall tomato plants!



This is our grandson Brian with his 80# halibut.

This pretty guy on the right is a ling cod. Really good eating fish! We brought home about 150 pounds of halibut, enough to last us all winter



Mike, KCØPDG reports that our friend Bob in Duluth, MN, NØDFP moved from his rental home to a new location. According to Mike, when Bob went back to get his tower and antenna, the land lord would not allow Bob on the property and took possession of Bob's tower, rotator, coax and antenna. We do not have confirmation on this but Mike seemed pretty reliable and apparently does know our friend Bob, NØ Duluth's Friendliest Person. A few years ago when one of our members lost his tower, rotor and antenna in a hurricane, I chaired a fund raiser and we purchased new equipment for that member. If anyone has any thoughts of something similar to help Bob, Judy and I will be happy to volunteer to chair such an action again. Just contact us and we can talk about it.

8000	07/1970		16825	10/2002
8500	04/1972		16850	02/2003
9000	10/1973		16875	07/2003
9500	08/1975		15900	12/2003
10000	09/1976		15925	04/2004
10250	03/1977		15950	06/2004
10500	08/1977		15975	01/2005
10750	01/1978		16000	03/2005
11000	04/1978		16025	05/2005
11250	07/1978		16050	10/2005
11500	10/1978		16075	01/2006
11750	02/1079		16100	03/2006
12000	05/1979		16125	09/2006
12250	12/1979		16150	12/2006
12500	05/1980		16175	04/2007
12750	11/1980		16200	05/2007
13000	04/1981		16250	10/2007
13250	11/1981		16275	12/2007
13500	06/1982		16300	03/2008
13750	92/1983		16325	07/2008
14000	04/1984		16350	10/2008
14250	06/1985		16375	12/2008
14500	02/1987		16400	03/2009
14750	12/1989		16425	07/2009
15000	05/1992		16450	10/2009
15250	01/1994		16475	01/2010
15500	12/1996		16500	03/2010
15575	02/1998		16525	09/2010
15600	08/1998		16550	12/2010
15625	03/1999		16575	03/2011
15650	12/1999		16600	07/2011
15675	06/2000		16625	11/2011
15700	09/2000		16650	01/2012
15725	12/2000		16675	03/2012
15750	03/2001		16700	04/2012
15775	08/2001		16720	08/2012
15800	03/2002		16725	08/2012

Members frequently ask about the date that they joined the System. The dates shown here were taken directly from the YL System data base and should be correct.

There is some question regarding the dates of joining for membership numbers below 8,000. Shown below are some approximate dates for some of the lower numbers. If you have records, or QSL cards that can give us exact, or near exact dates for a member with a low number, please send me that information. In that respect, I am looking for accurate information, no guesses please since we already have approximate dates and are looking for confirmed dates for early members.

7,000	Approx.	01/68
7,300	"	10/68
7,400	"	12/68
7,500	"	01/69
7,600	"	03/69
7,700	"	06/69
7,800	"	04 70
7,900	"	07/70



PHOTO FROM W8JWA

I HAD TO DEAL WITH AN AWFUL LOT OF NUMBERS ABOVE, SO PLEASE FORGIVE ME, AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU SEE ANY ERRORS.



KØUB BILL AND KI4P CURTIS



ABOVE: JUSTIN KB7CSW WITH ARRL PRESIDENT KAY CRAIGIE N3KN. BOTH JUSTIN AND KAY AND HER OM N3AO ARE MEMBERS OF THE SYSTEM.

ABOVE: N5OTR & K9DIG
BELOW: NØTWV AT THE PIANO



PHOTO BELOW: DON'T KNOW WHO IT IS AND NOT SURE WHERE WE GOT THE PHOTO...

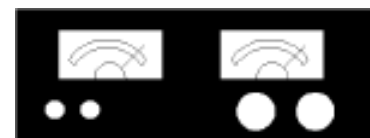
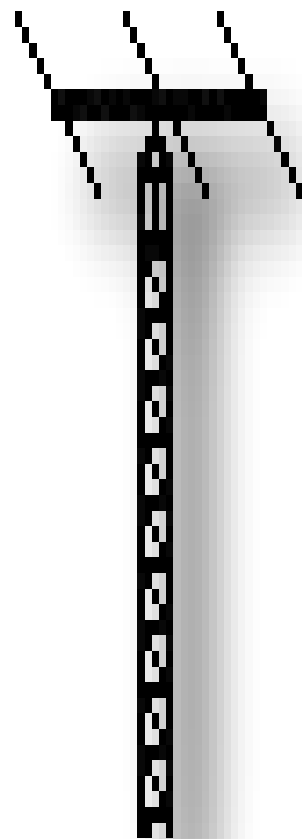




ABOVE AND TO THE RIGHT: JOHN W5PDW A LONG, LONG TIME AGO. TO THE MIDDLE LEFT PAGE, JOHN TODAY...
BELOW: BEN W4CT AND SUSAN W4YL



Ben says:
For YL members who might be interested in an explanation of "the mess," the transmitter in the background is a WW II vintage ART/13, which saw service in B-29 bombers. It is operational and we use it with some regularity on the 80 meter Band on 3885 khz. It is a 100 watt transmitter with an 813 in the final, modulated by a pair of 811's. The microphone that Susan is holding is a classic and probably recognizable to most old-timers. It is an astatic D-104. The receiver we use is the WW II BC-348 - used both in B-17 and B-29 bombers.



The take away for me was gratitude and how much ham radio serves to connect us all together.



Above and below received from
George AA4GT
In Naples Florida

Nickels & Dimes

I'm not sure who lead me to believe the summer season here in Naples is slow, but I have found that to be the furthest thing from the truth.... just where do I begin. I'll start with one the most gratifying events, the Lighthouse of Collier Kid's Summer Camp held at the beautiful Naples Beach Hotel. Dave Weigel – KD4JEZ has been involved with this project and introduced the children to Morse code a couple of years ago. This year he asked the club for some help to gathering up some used equipment for the children to use at camp. <http://lighthouseofcollier.org/>
<http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2012/aug/14/lighthouse-of-collier-inc-3rd-annual-summercamp-a/>

After a number of practice sessions, Dave invited George-AA4GT and I to attend the final test session. I wasn't sure what to expect as I drove over, but within a few minutes after arrival I knew it would be something special. While Morse code didn't hold the interest of all the campers, it did resonate with about six students. They were anxious to show off their skills and preceded to set-up the keys and practice oscillators (remember those days).

While all the students demonstrated their own unique skills, two stand-outs come to mind. The first was Sammy. He was a bit stubborn and heavy handed. He balled up his small six year old fist and proceeded to bang out code as he understood it... He was more focused on the oscillator's pitch control rather form or speed. It took some coaching for him to adapt the single finger technique, but I do wonder about those FIST operators....

Another student that demonstrated exceptional skills was ten year old Sara. She could send her name and age and most other short word combinations. As it turns out, she has the gift of perfect pitch. While watching the local news later that same week, I saw her being interviewed. Sara had been selected to sing the National Anthem at a pre-season Dolphins' game; this wasn't her first event either... Quite a little star!

The take away for me was gratitude and how much ham radio serves to connect us all together.

There has not been much happening as of late. 40M has been running smoothly with the exception of some type of interference here on the East Coast. With noise blanker and DSP adjustments most of us have been able to quiet it.

The Band has really been funky lately with loads of QSB and some QRN. With the activity from the Sun I guess that should be expected.

We are still looking for HELP on all sections of the YL SYSTEM. If anyone does have a little time to help out please let one of the coordinators know.

Everyone have a Safe and Happy Labor Day weekend.

73

KI4TXP Jay

From the Historian

Hi everyone. I checked in a station on the Moonbeam last night who is very involved in the Maritime Mobile Net on 14.300 and also the Hurricane Watch Net on 14.325, both nets geared up to handle emergency communications. Thinking back to an article I read long ago, and written by our Founder, V. Mayree, we once were also connected by mutual agreement to the Maritime Mobile Net. I was not around during those early years, but it makes me wonder how emergencies were coordinated back then.

Today, we do not have emergency communications as part of our charter as we once did, but it certainly would behoove us to be prepared should that occasion arise on the YL System.

Perhaps in the upcoming year, we will see a few practice sessions for ourselves in that area. W1BVV has offered some very good suggestions, and he will have more ideas in the short-term future.

Hopefully, an emergency will never arise for us on one of our System frequencies, but one never knows, do they?

73 for now

Kevin

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YL System Historian

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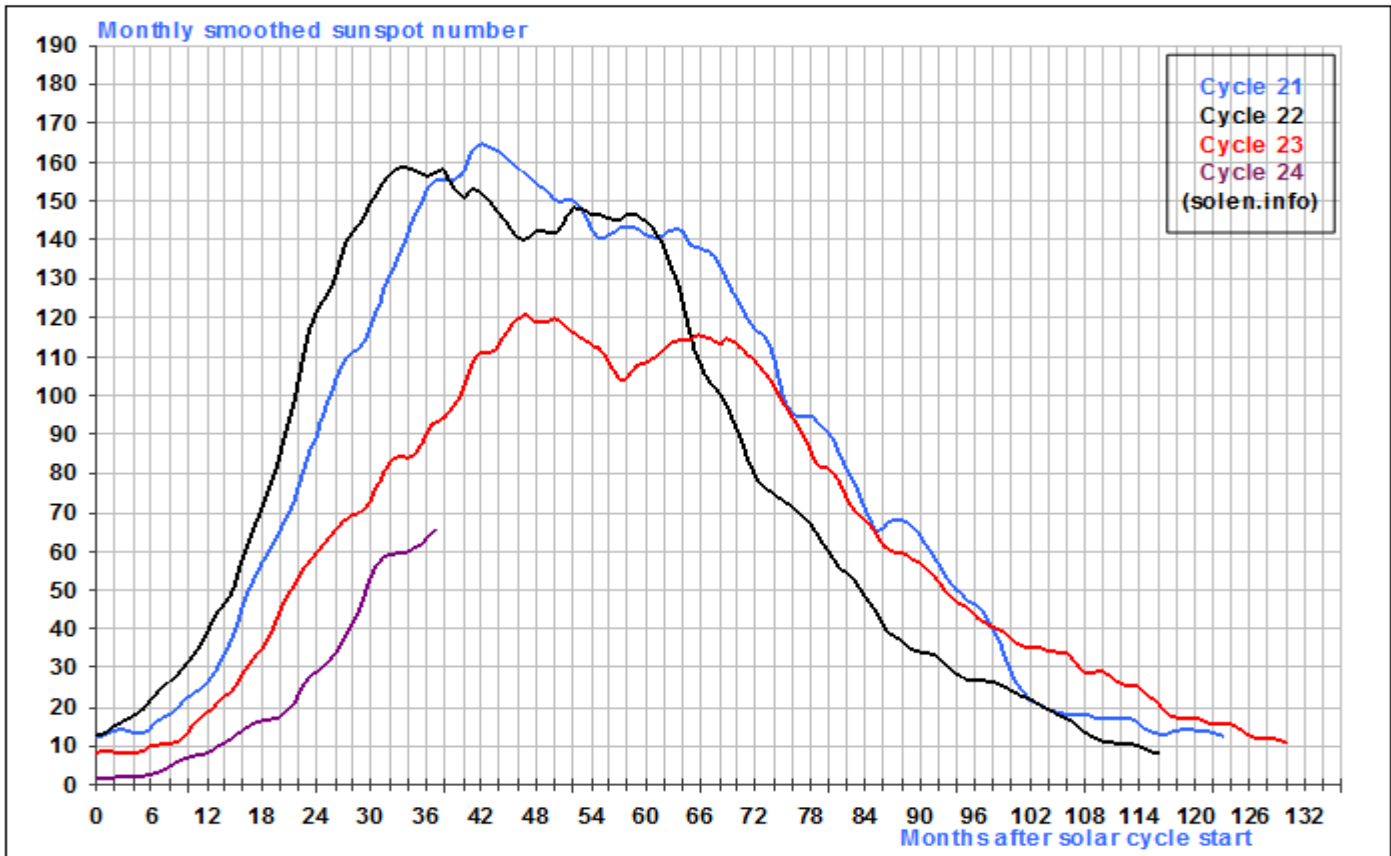
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From the Editor:

To our many members, especially our newer and most welcome members, we ask that you remember we are The YL System, not the YL Net and we have System Controls, not Net Controls and we each have a Sideband Number, not a YL number. We especially ask our System Controls to remember this and to remember to use the term System when operating.

What's the big deal? Well, it really isn't a big deal but it is tradition and these are things that our founder V. Mayree K4ICA asked all of us, on the air, to remember and practice. She almost made it to 100 and I vividly remember her asking while in her 90s to please remember these things "when I am gone!"

For those of you who would like to know more about V. Mayree, you can go to the System website and look up the Special Edition of the Communicator, or you can email me and ask me to send it to you via email.



- Cycle 21 started in June 1976 and lasted 10 years and 3 months.
- Cycle 22 started in September 1986 and lasted 9 years and 8 months.
- Cycle 23 started in May 1996 and lasted 12 years and 6 months.
- Cycle 24 started in December 2008.