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President's Report... by Rose KL7FQQ... January 2013

Greetings from Texas

AWARDS

VE5ADO has earned the Statehood Award. K5BOO has earned the USA 20 Meter Award. K9DIG has earned the Newcomer Award. W9DTR has earned the Belt of Orion Award. And, W4JMJ has earned the Autumn Award. Congratulations to all.

VOICE

The 2012-2013 Voice is in the mail, and an excellent publication it is. IF you have paid your 2012 dues, and do not receive your copy of the Voice by January 1, please let us know.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Review and rewrite of the Policy and Procedures Manual is under way. Thanks to those that Volunteered to help with this project

CONVENTION 2013

The 2013 Convention in Colorado Springs is shaping up to be very special. Look for the information in the Voice, and check out the web site.

CONVENTION 2014

Still looking for someone to host the 2014 Convention. Want to try? Send an e-mail to any Board member.

NEW AWARD AND CHANGES

The name of the Mobile 18 Wheeler Award has been changed to the Big Rig Award. A new Award starts January 1, the One in a Million Award. Work members on any System Frequency on SSB, add their member numbers to total one million, and earn this award.

I hope you have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

33's, 73's and 88's Rose

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS

16762	AC9DK	MIKE	IN
16763	NØGNR	GLENN	CO
16764	KAØTCI	WESLEY	NE
16765	KAØENU	JOE	TN
16766	KØHHZ	DON	SD
16767	NØAAH	STEPHEN	MO
16768	KDØMEO	DALE	MO
16769	KØBGS	BOB	MO
16770	KC2ICX	CARL	NY

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/01	N7AEB	1/12	NØUOD
1/02	KI4TXP	1/13	NØEFV
1/02	KCØCRS	1/20	AK1X
1/02	K8NQC	1/20	N1DL
1/02	NC4MI	1/22	ZL1ALE
1/02	VE9RMD	1/28	ND5G
1/03	KM5OA	1/29	KCØECK
1/03	KV5S	1/30	N3RF
1/11	VE4DS		

SILENT KEYS

6084	K5LIZ	NORMAN	OK
9266	W6SMW	DEE	CA
12521	K9LJP	JOSEPH	IN
12915	KV4IC	LOUIS	VI
13195	VP5RW	RENE	IN
14113	N7COA	DAVE	WY

ANNIVERSARIES

WE ARE SORRY THAT WE DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION ON JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES. IF YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IS IN JANUARY, PLEASE SEND US INFO FOR NEXT YEAR AND IF YOU LIKE, YOU MAY TELL US HOW MANY YEARS.

From: Gene K9WFE

While updating my index card file I noted the following errors I made in preparing the Silent Key page for the recent Voice:

K4BJO 12296 should be KB4JO

W9IJZ 15549 should be W9JLZ

W9OSP 4276 should be W0OSP

ZS6TZ 1060 should be ZS1TZ

My apologies if this has caused any problem or inconvenience..

73,
Gene Delaney K9WFE
YLISSB Information Officer

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM

Earn a special award on January 10, 2013. For that one-day only, contact 5 holders of the Double King Neptune Award (D-KNA) and you will qualify for a special Anniversary Award. The holders of the D-KNA are listed in the Voice. Send your application to Barbara, KE5ZI, along with a check for \$5 to obtain this beautiful award.

Each month during 2013, the System will be offering a special award for one day only. Try to get all 12 Awards, and earn a special "surprise" to be awarded at the 2014 Convention. Happy Hunting!

ANNUAL QSO PARTIES:

SSB: January 19, 0000 UTC
to January 20, 2359 UTC

CW: February 9, 0000 UTC
to February 10, 2359 UTC

All members are encouraged to participate in both QSO Parties and to not shy away from the CW Party which can be a lot of fun.

You do not have to be a CW wonder. All members will slow down for you if that is required. If a member hears you sending slowly, he/she will respond to you slowly. Get out those keys, dust them off and let's have a little fun. Even laugh with and at each other if that is what it turns out to be, but have fun.

During the SSB QSO Party, contacts should be made away from 14.332. If you are competing for an award, mini nets, and control stations are prohibited. Each person should make their own contacts without the help of others or controls. If you are participating just for the fun and enjoyment, and not competing, procedures may be much more relaxed.

DX may work members on 14.332 but stateside members cannot count those contacts. Only the DX station may count contacts on 14.332. Shown below are suggested frequencies:

CW: 40 to 60 KHz up from the bottom of 10, 15, 20, 40, and 75/80.

Phone: 75m - 3.873 to 3.888
40m - 7.273 to 7.288
20m - 14.273 to 14.299
15m - 21.573 to 21.388
10m - 28.573 to 28.588

In a recent QSO with one of our members, I commented that the bands sound like Cycle 24

peaked last month. Little did I know that I could have been correct. Check out this website and look at the chart on page 12. This chart indicates this Cycle might have already peaked.

<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly/pdf/prf1940.pdf>

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K9DIG was the top op in the Museum Ships weekend event by contacting 52 ships.

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Recently, one of our members attempted to email a number of our members using the email address the member gave us for the YL System website. He mentioned how frustrating it was to have well over 50% of the emails come back undeliverable due to an incorrect address. Please go to the System webpage and see if the address listed for you is correct and if not, send Jim your new address. This means you, me, all of us.

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Here is a little tip for you. When I find it is important to reach someone and their email address does not work, I always try again by sending an email to their callsign at arrl.net. Many members sign up there and most times, my emails to the ARRL address do go through.

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http://www.flixxy.com/best-christmas-lights-display.htm?utm_expid=1298512-10

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=GBaHPND2QJg&feature=youtu.be

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Thoughts and prayers go out to Jodie ABØEG who has been in the hospital having a pacemaker installed and with pneumonia. Also, Margaret, KB7ITR went through surgery after breaking her elbow in a fall. Wishing you both well and hoping you will be back home for Christmas.

Beautiful Train Ride Christmas Card
<http://www.openmyeyeslord.net/Train%20Ride.swf>



Darlene W7DZX Sidebender #12700
XYL of Harry K7HK Sidebender #6060



Karen KB8NSA, TFO Awards Manager
with Kevin Mills KC8LNE #15971



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM JUDY, RICHARD AND OUR FAMILY

NEWCOMERS AWARD

Members who have been working for this award during 2012 must complete it before 2013. The object was to work fifty-two new members as shown in the twelve 2011 Communicators.

Beginning 1/1/2013, new members shown in the twelve 2012 issues may be worked for the award and fifty-two of them must be worked before the end of 2013.

As for the new members shown in the 2012 Communicators, you too may work for the award, just work your peers who joined as you did in the year 2012



Bob K7PVZ has cancer and has only a few months to live and his YL Phyllis recently became an SK. Cards and notes to: Robert Linderkrantz 10000 S. 5th Ave. Sequim, WA 98382 360-808-2317



Carl N9JXB, Mascot Bernie Brewer and Marilyn



Cooper, Grandson of W7AJP and future System Control!

Earl W7WTQ and wife Barbara



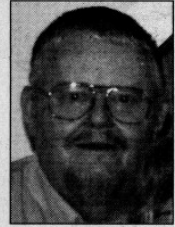
DAVE N7COA

WEEKLY OBITUARY

DAVID LEE GREGORY

GREEN RIVER — A memorial service for David Lee Gregory was conducted Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, at the Hilltop Baptist Church, Green River. Interment took place at the Green River Municipal Cemetery following the services.

Mr. Gregory, 68, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012, at his home in Green River.



He was born June 23, 1944, in Grand Forks, N.D., to David Gregory and Patricia (Tisdale) Gregory. He attended Glasgow High School in Glasgow, Mont., and graduated with a degree in geology from University of Montana.

He was a member of the U.S. Army, 1st Aviation Battalion and served two tours in Vietnam from 1965-66 and 1970-71 as a UH-1 helicopter crew chief.

He married Margaret (Reimer) Gregory on Nov. 25, 1967.

He lived in Green River for more than 34 years and worked in Green River and Rock Springs until retiring in 2008.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2321, Sweetwater Amateur Radio Club, ARRL, OMSS and SKCC. He contributed to the VFW leadership and worked through the ARRL to connect military personnel with their families.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Margaret R. Gregory of Green River; sons, David C. Gregory and wife Jenny of Middleburg, Fla., and Michael D. Gregory and wife Becky of Pinedale; mother, Patricia E. Gregory of Billings, Mont.; sister, Patricia A. Gregory of Portland, Ore.; brothers, John R. Gregory of Billings, Mont., and James T. Gregory of Greensboro, N.C.; and six grandchildren, Nicholas J. Gregory, Nathan M. Gregory, Haley L. Gregory, Jacob A. Gregory, Carson D. Gregory and Allison C. Gregory.

He was preceded in death by his father, David Gregory; sister, Mary M. Gregory; and brother, Thomas G. Gregory.

SPOTLIGHT ON: JOHN KE7VSC ISSB# 16371

In 1956, the age of 19, I left our farm near Lebanon Oregon to join the Navy. Boot Camp was luckily in San Diego where the weather was usually nice, unlike those that went to boot camp in Great Lakes. We got sunburns while they got snow burns! We had an incident that most people do not remember happen while I was in boot camp. We invaded Lebanon by putting troops on the beach and they backed down so a war did not break out. We went on to finish boot camp.



CTMC J. Doughton
EMO

After leave in Oregon, I was off to my first duty station as a SEABEE at Litchfield Park, Arizona, which was a Naval Air station. We had Airplanes from World War II and up. A veritable treasure trove for a young man to see all those old planes. Our base would redo some of the old planes for other countries. We sent Corsairs (Same planes as in Black sheep) to France for a dollar apiece for them to use in Vietnam ! Also sent the SNJ trainers to the Dominican Republic. Planes were sold surplus also. We had a movie film at our station that was about sales of surplus planes. This starred Jeff Chandler and Lana Turner along with Allen Hal (the skipper on Gilligan's Island) and Richard Denning. I took a couple of days off to be on set and it was interesting. The last day they had a party at the Officers club and I waited outside with Lana Turner's Chauffeur for her to come out, which leads to my seconds of fame! She came out and I asked if I could take her picture. She asked to see my camera, a little old brownie, and she flipped it to the driver, snuggled up to me and said take "our" picture. Quite a thrill for a young guy like me! (Photo with Lana Turner below)

After a year I was off to Midway Island. On the way to Midway we stopped off at Honolulu, which would turn out to be one of many times I would see Hawaii. Midway was a small Island about a mile by a mile and a half and sure seemed small as we approached by plane. In 1958 there were still signs of the battle of Midway around. It still had WWII bunkers and the old hangar as well as the barracks, which had some 20 MM Shell holes in the framing. I worked in public works where we did base maintenance and transportation. Midway is famous for the Goony birds (Laysan Albatross) of which we had over half a million!

My next assignment was a project on Okinawa. Now Okinawa had taken some of the heaviest bombing and bombardment doing WWII so we saw the results of that. At the rock crusher guys would tell of throwing out rockets before they got mashed up and also one man running a Cat looked off to the side and saw that he had just cut off part of a bomb with the tractor. He jumped off and got out of there! Probably if it was going to go off it would have done so when he cut the top off of it! After a couple of months, it was back to Midway, where I could bring a wife. So, we hurriedly got married, and in a few months my new bride Alice arrived. Our daughter was born in Midway and had her Goony bird birth certificate. I had an aptitude for electronics, so soon converted to electronics in the Naval Security group, and completed Crypto school.

My first duty station in Naval Security Group was at San Miguel, Philippines and quite different. This was the land of Cobra's and although I had no encounters with them, our neighbor had to dodge one in the road on her bike after it got bopped by the patrol truck just ahead of her! Also another wife opened her back door to see a cobra looking at her. We all had yard boys come in to keep our lawns neat which kept down the places snakes could hide.

Our next stop was Adak, Alaska. It was quite a change from the Philippines. Summer temp averaged 50 degrees and winter 30 degrees. You had the Bering sea on the North side of Island and Pacific Ocean on South side, so always had lots of wind. My job was mostly the same, taking care of

the equipment to monitor others. Interesting to learn that the project I had worked on at my last base, as well as here, daily ended up on the Presidents reading board. We had quite a few earthquakes and we would tell the kids when the walls creaked, that it was just the wind blowing. We also had the Adak National Forrest which was a bunch of Christmas tree sized trees that had been growing for a long time! Fir trees didn't grow much there. They told sailors going to Adak that it was a good Liberty place with a woman behind every tree! Trouble was there were no trees. Our next stop was the Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon in Washington DC. DIA was a joint service agency and had to run their own security clearance on me but other than bothering my old friends and all with FBI visits, I passed with flying colors. We had a cross-country trip with the two kids and had a short stop for another Crypto school in Portsmouth Virginia. During our time in DC we did get a chance to see many of the historical sites including Philadelphia with all historical sites, Gettysburg, Mount Vernon, Jamestown, the Virginia Caverns, Ben Franklin's house, Williamsburg and many other places.

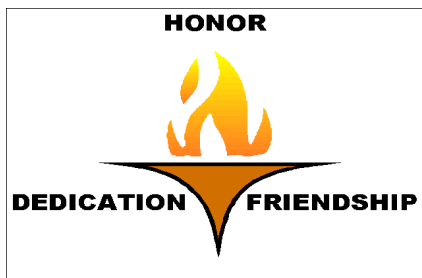
After three years we had orders for Edzell Scotland. Here we had a chance to spend a month in a local hotel and six months in a small village called Auchenblae, where we made many friends. We then moved on to base-housing but kept contact with our Scottish friends. When we left we stayed the last week in a pub with rooms to rent and the morning we left half the village came out to see us off. Lots of friendly people and plenty history.

In 1971 we received orders to CINCPACFLT at Pearl Harbor Hawaii (commander in Chief Pacific Fleet) and after a cross country from New Jersey with visits to families we were off to Hawaii. Of course I had been thru Hawaii many times but this was the first time we would be stationed there. I ended up working at a shop that handled installs for boats and ships. Almost all ships going to Vietnam had spaces and equipment on them. Myself and another technician would go to the West coast to check on the gear, and it better be fixed by the time we got to Hawaii. I made about 15 trips to the west coast and one to the Philippines and Japan. All in all probably traveled 150,000 miles plus by air. Not a great lot by flight stewardess's and pilot's standards but a lot for an old farm boy.

We bid Hawaii good-bye in September of 1975 and on to our next duty station at Skaggs Island in California. Skaggs Island was an Island made by digging a ditch around the base to drain the wetlands to keep it dry. You could say that we had a moat around the base! Most of my time as a chief was spent in the office so I enjoyed my two years at Skaggs. However, when I was given orders to Okinawa, where I would not be able to take family and both kids were due to graduate in the next two years, I had little regret in retiring. After 21 years, I was out of the Navy, and on my way home, back to where I had started in August 1956.

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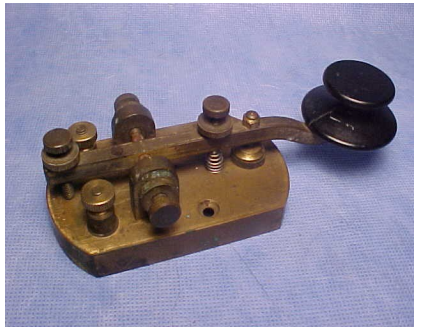


JOHN KE7VSC ON MIDWAY ISLAND

When it comes to bringing the System membership database up to date no one in the entire life of the System has done more than Gene K9WFE . For years, Gene has worked with the original 3X5 cards dating back to 1963 and now has the DB more up to date than it has ever been.

Recently, Gene and I traded emails back and forth as we talked about bringing the “awards received information” in the VOICE up to date. There will be significant work involved in doing this and if we decide to go with it, we would like to ask all the awards managers to work with us and let us, or the member Gene designates, know when ever a new award is issued. Awards managers, if you have comments on this, please contact Gene K9WFE or me K3CDQ with your comments or suggestions.

As for the membership, Gene and I would appreciate it if you would let us know if you have any of these awards. Belt of Orion, North Star, Double KNA, or the USA 20 Meter. Send your info or comments to K9WFE or K3CDQ.



Antique Brass Key belongs to George AA4GT



2012 Top Flight Operator of the Year

Congratulations from all to Nancy K9DIG on being selected as the 2012 TFO of the year by her peers.

We all thank you for your service to the System.

