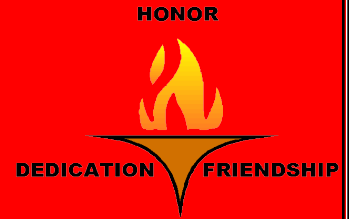


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## President's Report by Rose KL7FQQ

Greetings from the State of Washington

### AWARDS

The following Awards were issued in May. The New Members Award went to Nancy, K9DIG. The Veteran's Award went to Steven, VE3JPJ. The Spring-time Award went to Joan, W4JMJ. And, the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Old Timer's Award went to: Joan, W7JMJ; Nancy, K9DIG; Judy, KC7KPG; Rose, KL7FQQ; Keith, K5BOO and Marv, Ve5ADO. Congratulations to all!

### CONVENTION 2013

The Convention will soon be upon us, and a fun time it is going to be. We hope you can all come, but if you can't, you can participate by sending an item for the Boutique. All revenues raised by the Boutique will go towards scholarships in the upcoming years. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, just something that you believe someone would like to take home with them. You can send your items to Alan Russ at P.O. Box 673, Saint Francis, KS 67756, or you can send him an e-mail at [alanruss@eaglecom.net](mailto:alanruss@eaglecom.net) if you want more information.

### INFORMATION SESSION

Don't forget that on Monday mornings, we have the Information System on 14.332. This is where new member numbers 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. So, if you have any time to assist, please contact either Nancy or Jda (Jda can be reached through Judy, at [nurentj@wildblue.net](mailto:nurentj@wildblue.net)).

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

# SYSTEM INFORMATION

NEW MEMBERS			
16813	KA4WWN	JACK	SC
16814	WØGUS	GUS	SD
16815	KG4WOV	HOBERT	AL
16816	KD4EYU	JERRY	TN
16817	WL7SO	JOHN	UT
16818	WM6V	FLO	TX

JUNE BIRTHDAYS	
6/01 N6LFJ	6/18 VE9RC
6/03 KF9XX	6/18 KL7FQQ
6/05 AC5PW	6/20 KE4VRW
6/05 KB3ITJ	6/21 KC4VBS
6/08 NF2J	6/21 KF4CUJ
6/13 N5OTR	6/24 KL7FQR
6/13 KC8WPJ	6/29 KA9W
6/17 KA5ZVS	6/30 KH6OE

SILENT KEYS			
9002	K6PEA	WALT	CA
9969	WA6QKC	JOAN	CA
10602	WBØOVF	GLEN	CO
11861	KAØBCB	SHIRLEY	NE
12453	KA7EOG	ROGER	OR
12613	KB5DN	MELVIN	AR
13224	WB3EWB	WILBUR	PA
15318	AA5Q	JAMES	TX
15343	KO6CS	BILLY	CA
15594	W7RMC	GENE	SD
15940	KQ6RE	BETTY	CA
16019	K7PVZ	BOB	WA

ANNIVERSARIES
6/06 WAØPFV REV JIM & MEG
6/07 KI4IRH TOM & BECKY 45
6/15 NØTWV MARIA & KCØCRS MACK 61
6/19 N5OTR KEN & LIZ
6/24 N4YYV STEVE & KC4UBE JESSIE 52
6/28 VE9GU RON & DIANE

**CONVENTION 2013**

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 Colorado Springs, CO  
 June 13 - 16  
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Marriott Hotel  
 1-800-932-2151  
 Use Group Code "YLISSB"



← Hold on there. You've made your two contacts. Now you need to get on the bottom of the log to make more calls...

**FROM: NANCY K9DIG:**

Control help needed for the Moonbeam. Please contact K9DIG Nancy [nancyyoshida@live.com](mailto:nancyyoshida@live.com) for more information.

**CALLSIGN CHANGE:**

John, 16711 KB1SWI has changed his callsign and it is now NØVVV.

**FROM BETH KC5RWW:**

March 2 and 3 were big days for me on 10 and 15M: Chile, Barbados, Virgin Islands, Turks & Caicos Islands, French Guiana, Ecuador and Brazil. The 3905 Century Club continues to provide 80M contacts for me. The local repeater owner now has a 70cm repeater operating. It's my first experience with 70cm. No snow here. Two days of rain brought the pond level up some.

Our church had a girls' night out. As an ice breaker each one of us were given a word or phrase and had to find the person with the connecting word or phrase. Mine was "Greta." I immediately thought "Garbo." I soon found my (younger) partner that didn't have a clue who or what Greta Garbo was.

At a county political party meeting I had a QST

magazine with me. The young man beside me ask about it thinking it had something to do with aviation. After I told him what it was he said that his father was a ham and wasn't amateur radio a dying hobby. I quickly told him we had over 700,000 thousand members and were bouncing signals off the moon and using satellites. He's always wanted to join but I guess his dad is inactive. I gave him the magazine and told him I'd be pushing him to get licensed.

The guest speaker mentioned that many counties across the country were probably meeting and that there must be at least 100,000 counties in the U.S. I got my QST magazine hoping to find the right number. Unfortunately the information was not in that issue. I sent her the correct number because she probably speaks in all 77 counties of Oklahoma eventually.

**WAØPFV REVEREND JIM:**

We would like to know if anyone has talked with or heard Reverend Jim on the radio recently. We have asked a number of people but so far have not been able to find out anything about him. The Communicators emailed to him and other emails have been returned undeliverable.



Remember the Facebook listing last winter when Santa, his sleigh and the reindeer were hit by a fighter jet and were down in a field between St. Michael's and Easton Maryland? That was just a Christmas display and a great one.

Now, in the same location, just a few miles from our daughter's home, there is a Memorial Day display and this one includes a tank, helicopter, tower of a nuclear sub, and George Washington, General MacArthur and more. We stopped and took this picture on the way home from our daughter's.

YLSYSTEM JUNE 2013 REPORT  
10,15.40 AND 80M

Well summer is here. Hoping that everyone has a great and fun filled summer.

The 10M session is shut down for now. As of this writing 15M is also closed for the summer. We do have plans to start up again in the Fall.

75M is going strong on Wed evenings at 0030z - frequency 3.833 or there about. Stop by and say HI.

Yes, 40M is still going strong. Of late, we have been using 7.265 on Mondays and Fridays. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday we are on 7.268. Please listen up for the exact location. We are still looking for a replacement for Fridays come on folks there has to be someone out there that would love to do it. Believe me it is FUN and easy.

Another reminder that we do use NetLogger as do most of the other System sessions. For those that have not used it check out our web site for downloading and installing it. It is easy and is becoming more and more useful every day.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER !!!!!

Be Safe Be Happy

73

Jay KI4TXP

### **SPECIAL DAY ON THE SYSTEM**

**JUNE 10, 2013**

### **CORONA BOREALIS - 2013**

Our Birthday Celebration continues with Corona Borealis - 2013, on June 10. Contact 6 holders of the SSB'ers USA Award or the Club Call, K4ICA (which will be worth 1 contact). A somewhat more current list of active members that hold the USA Award will be posted on the Web Page.

All logs are to be sent to: Barbara Neiman, KE5ZI, 4257 SW 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Rd., Ocala, FL 34471-7497, with your check for \$5.00. Remember that any member that qualifies for all 12 of our special days will receive a surprise at the following convention.

RECEIVED FROM - Bill W7AJP: Jim Curran, KA4OJN, #16801, helped me while I was on my vacation trip to Louisiana. He forwarded me a copy of the "Welcome to the YLISSB" that I sent to him when he joined. It was the ONE FORM that I forgot to load on my laptop as I headed South. He and two others responded overnight with copies as I realized my oversight. This morning, Jim, wrote the following remembrances of the early days of the YLISSB before he became a member. DICK, I thought this might be an interesting issue or article for the Communicator next month. Jim finally joins after visiting with us over a period of nearly 40 years! Sounds like we continue to leave good impressions.

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Hi Bill,

The YLISSB has sure changed over the years. During the early 70's I used to check in with the call WB9EGX once in a while. Back then they used to get lots of DX and some of it was quite rare. They would go through the 10 call areas and ask if anyone from that call area would like to make a call. It usually took a couple of hours to get back to the 9's after they left. They never had to put out a call asking for check ins as they had plenty.

I lived in the Chicago area at the time and had a 60 foot tower with a TA-33, a Signal One, and a BTI linear so I had no trouble hearing or working the DX. Now I am restricted to a vertical so there is a lot of DX and stateside for that matter that I do not hear. I now use a Flex-5000 and an Alpha 8100 so what I can hear I can usually work.

I think that I got another email from you so if I did not send you the right one let me know and I will try and dig that one out. I never did get the snail mail that you were talking about.

73,  
Jim KA4OJN

From the Historian

Hello, Everyone. As we sit down to another general membership meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado, it would seem like just another yearly meeting. That is not the case this year....This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the YL System. That is monumental, in that there are very few Amateur Radio Organizations that claim such a long period of History of solid and continuous operation!

Those of us who have been around for a few years on the YL System are patting ourselves on the back for this admittedly great accomplishment, yet, the ones who should be most congratulated, unfortunately, are no longer with us. Of course, I mean K4ICA, V. Mayree Tallman, and her small cadre of ladies who had a vision, came up with a plan, and carried it through to fruition!

As your Historian, I have the privilege of getting to perceive a deeper insight to those early years, and I am honored to be the repository of the historical record which documents those beginnings of our beloved YL System! Now, it's on to the next 50 Years of our family which we know as the YL International Single Side Band System!

73, and Best Wishes,  
Kevin (KN4AA)

RECEIVED FROM BILL W7AJP:

## MAKE YOUR VACATION A YLISSB ADVENTURE

While on a recent trip, one of our YLISSB members got the idea about visiting other members as he passed through their areas. He was a "bit off" when he phoned N0MMR (Perry) and found out he was about 300 miles in the wrong direction. But other calls were right on target:

Just North of Dumas, Texas: A quick e-mail followed up by a phone call, and W7AJP (Bill) and wife (Joan) made a scheduled stop at the home of K5BOO, Keith, #16617, and new TFO #512. The brief 35 minute visit was a fun time, learning that before retirement, Keith had been a police officer and an exterminator (of bugs, not people).

His shack was right off his living room and well set up to make his time as a System Control and easier task. As they parted, Keith said, "Don't make yourself a stranger...stop by every time you come through the Texas panhandle!" And that Panhandle location is locked in on the GPS!

Climbing a hill in Colorado: The next stop was only a day away in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Last January, long time YLISSB Member, Maria, N0TWV, #12317, TFO #308, injured her spine and had major surgical repair in late March. In mid-April, W7AJP and wife Joan visited Mack (KC0CRS, #14429) and Maria. One part of the visit was to deliver frozen "Southern staple foods" of mustard greens, turnip greens, purple hull peas and speckled butter beans to the Mississippi natives who decided to retire to the mountain of Colorado. The Phillips and the Jones first met in 1968 in New Orleans, and were enlisted by Maria to join the YLISSB when Phillips finally became a ham in 2007.

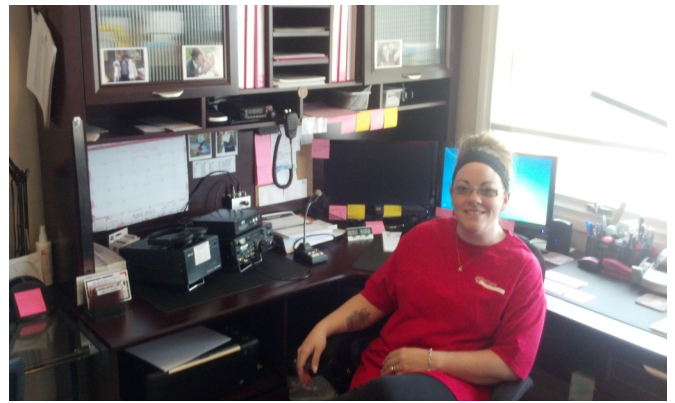
Visiting with Mack and Maria was a big plus as we crammed hours of visiting into an hour and a half so Maria would not become overly tired. While that did not work, we all still had a great time.

### "Hello, We are in town!:"

The phone call to Jodee went something like this: "JoDee, this is Bill, W7AJP member of the YLISSB and my wife and I are in Cody. We want to meet you and see what you look like!" After the initial laughs all around, JoDee, KB7CSX, #16505, new TFO #514, said, "Let me call my Dad and get him over here, too."



Earl, KB7CSV, #16464, made his way quickly to JoDee's house and new "face-to-face" QSOs started right away. Meeting in JoDee's home was a pleasure, and as we visited, JoDee's husband and son came in. During the conversation, a large deer sauntered across the back yard, eating and meandering through Cody's neighborhoods.



The fifteen minute visit was a "YL System Touch" that made the on-air contacts become even more real and made friends of Father-Daughter Sidebanders.

"Just a few miles from our son's house. When you are on vacation, a surprise visit to your children can be fun. So, after being in Cody, Bill & Joan headed north to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to visit their son and his family. As they left the following day, they were only eight miles from Newman Lake, WA, summer home of Stan, KL7FQR, #6194, and Rose, KL7FQQ, #6098, TFO #19.



Rose, KL7FQQ, is our current YLISSB President. And, what a pleasant surprise to finally meet Rose's mother, Dorothy Bloom, who was there visiting. The brief stop-by is often repeated when the Phillips go through the area, excited to see the progress of Stan's garden or Rose's growing collection of piano music books. Always a gracious host and hostess, the 25-minute pop-in visit was fun as we shared a few photos from our trip and wished them well

Every YLISSB member who travels often passes within a few miles of a fellow member. The next time you plan a trip, take a copy of the membership list and make a visit to a YLISSB member. Plan by dropping a card, or send an e-mail to make sure they will be home. That keeps the excitement of the System alive and dynamic.

And, one more thing: W7AJP planned to visit another Wyoming member, Carl, K7OUO, #16363. But when they were near him, a Spring Wyoming blizzard closed I-25 and I-80, stranding the Phillips in Cheyenne. Carl lives 8 miles off the freeway. A phone call and a bunch of

laughs had Carl saying, "Well, I could saddle up that old nag outside and try to ride her through the snow bank to see you when you get rolling again!" Though they did not get to meet, the next time through...they will probably get together for a "face-to-face" meeting.



K5BOO - Keith's Shack



Maria & Mack with Bill's wife Joan

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### **From the Editor:**

Preparing this issue of the Communicator has been another interesting and challenging experience. As many of you know, I make Adirondack Chairs and a couple weeks ago I carelessly reached for a piece of cut wood before the blade had stopped turning on my table saw and ended up in the emergency room receiving a number of stitches in three serious cuts.

So, typing this issue both with and without bandages has been quite an experience. The tips of two fingers that were also cut are very sensitive and have made this difficult.

Never the less, we got through it and hope this issue finds everyone well and ready for summer. We have had no summer here and even had frost in Maryland this month. Has been a very unusual spring to say the least. We are ready for summer!

**Spotlight On:** Sorry but no Spotlight candidates for this month. Sure wish some of you members would send us some information and a photo for this section. How about some of you who have more than one amateur in the house or a relative who is a member of the System. How about surprising that person by sending us a bio and other information plus a photo that we can publish about them. Come on now, we are counting on YOU to do that... Judy and Richard



Who is going to split the logs? Kevin or Sally?  
This must have been a winter photo, Hi, Hi...



**Remember Our Veterans**

V. Mayree, K4ICA (SK) 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.