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PRESIDENTS REPORT KL7FQQ

GREETINGS FROM THE STATE OF CONFUSION
(ENROUTE TO TEXAS)

AWARDS

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS HAVE BEEN ISSUED. THE MOBILE AWARD WENT TO K4ADY; THE AUTUMN, CENTURY AND WAS 20M WENT TO K4KRK; THE CANADIAN SPECIAL AWARD WENT TO: K4KRK; KL7FQQ; K9DIG; KC7KPG; K5BOO; KA1EPT; KC8VRT; K4ADY; K1MTD; K5MX, VE3JPJ AND NOVVV. VE2OCH RECEIVED THE AUTUMN AND THE CANADIAN,

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE AND ALL.

SPECIAL DAY

OUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION CONTINUED WITH THE CANADIAN AWARDS ON OCTOBER 16. WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY IT WAS, THE BAND COOPERATED, AND OUR CANADIAN FRIENDS TURNED OUT IN FORCE. A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED, AND ANOTHER SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CONTROLS FOR KEEPING ORDER.

CONVENTION 2014

PLANS ARE COMING TOGETHER NICELY FOR THE 2014 CONVENTION. IT IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 12-15, 2014 AT THE HILTON GARDENS INN IN SARASOTA, FLORIDA. CHECK THE WEB PAGE FOR THE REGISTRATION FORM WITH INFORMATION.

ASSISTANT SUNRISE COORDINATOR

GIZMO, KC8UPU HAS DONE A FANTASTIC JOB AS THE SUNRISE COORDINATOR, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, HIS WORK IS INTERFERING WITH HIS HAMMING PLEASURE, SO HE HAS HAD TO STEP DOWN. THANKS A MILLION FOR ALL THE WORK YOU'VE DONE DUNCAN. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THAT JEFF, KDOUAG HAS ASSUMED THAT POSITION. I KNOW THAT JEFF WILL DO A MAGNIFICENT JOB. THANKS SO MUCH TO ALL OUR ASSISTANT COORDINATORS FOR KEEPING THE SYSTEM ALIVE AND VIBRANT, AFTER JDA BECAME INCAPACITATED, AND NO LONGER ABLE TO FUNCTION AS DAYTIME COORDINATOR.

ASSISTANT MOONBEAM COORDINATOR

NANCY, K9DIG, OUR MOONBEAM COORDINATOR HAS REQUESTED AN ASSISTANT COORDINATOR, AND KEVIN, KN4AA, HAS AGREED TO SERVE IN THAT CAPACITY. CONGRATULATIONS, KEVIN. WE KNOW YOU WILL DO AN EXCELLENT JOB. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL TEAM IN OUR COORDINATORS AND ASSISTANT COORDINATORS. THANKS TO YOU ALL.

JDA

WE ALL MISS JDA ON THE SYSTEM. AND, THERE HASN'T BEEN MUCH NEW WORD ABOUT HER CONDITION. SHE IS IN A NURSING HOME CLOSE TO HER HOME QTH, AND IMPROVING SLIGHTLY, BUT WILL PROBABLY BE THERE FOR SEVERAL MORE MONTHS. CARDS AND LETTERS CAN BE SENT TO HER AT HER QRZ ADDRESS. SHE IS ALWAYS HAPPY WHEN SHE HEARS FROM A SYSTEM MEMBER.

33's, 73's AND 88's ROSE

SILENT KEYS

#16187, KOICA, GENE, THE SON OF OUR FOUNDER K4ICA

#15880 WB5NNE JOHN

#9909 WA1JYO VERA

#16384 KG4JNX STANLEY

#7867 DJ3HJ RUDOLF

FYI

YL#16830, KB0KXL IS NOW AD0FH

GREETINGS FROM ON5NT #9508



SOMETHING ABOUT MYSELF. BORN DEC 10, 1947. STILL FEELING YOUNG! LICENSED SINCE 1967. RETIRED SINCE 1.1.2008. JOINED THE YL SYSTEM (#9508) SOMEWHERE IN THE 70's. MY "SPONSOR" WAS ELLIE-K4RHL, WHO I THINK HAS PASSED AWAY. STARTED DXING IN 1973. I AM QRV IN CW, SSB AND RTTY. PREFER CW THOUGH. HAVE ALL DXCC COUNTRIES CONFIRMED IN PHONE AND MIXED MODE. ONLY MISS P5/NORTH KOREA IN CW. I LOVE THE LOW BANDS. HAVE 290+ CFMD ON 160 AND 320+ ON 80M. AS I AM LIVING IN THE COUNTRY SIDE, BEHIND MY PROPERTY THERE IS FARM LAND WHICH I CAN USE FROM OCTOBER UNTIL MARCH TO PUT UP BEVERAGE LISTENING ANTENNAS FOR THE LOW BANDS. IN WINTER, I HAVE 4 BI-DIRECTIONAL BEVERAGE ANTENNAS, 1 OF 250M AND 3 OF 200 COVERING THE WHOLE GLOBE.

UNTIL 1981, I WAS REAL HOME PIGEON, NOT INTERESTED IN TRAVELLING, UNTIL I BECAME THE QSL MANAGER OF N4HX, AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT (FIRST ACTING AMBASSADOR AND THEN AMBASSADOR) IN AFRICA. YOU CAN READ HIS FULL STORY (WITH A PICTURE OF ME WHEN I WAS STILL YOUNG, HIHI) IN THE JUNE 2009 QST MAGAZINE (PAGES 66-68). IN 1981, HE INVITED ME TO BENIN/TY. NOT KNOWING THAT THIS TRIP WOULD CHANGE MY LIFE COMPLETELY, I TOOK OFF. MY FIRST DXPEDITION AND FIRST FLIGHT EVER. MADE ABOUT 10000 QSOS. ON MY WAY BACK HOME, IN THE PLANE I TOLD MYSELF "WHAT AM I DOING, ALL DAY LOCKED UP IN BETWEEN FOUR WALLS IN AN OFFICE WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH TO SEE IN THIS WORLD". THAT TIME I WAS WORKING FOR A MULTINATIONAL EUROPEAN COMPANY IN ELECTRONICS.

ONE AND A HALF YEAR LATER, I GOT AN INTERNATIONAL JOB IN THE COMPANY WHICH WOULD TAKE ME TO SOUTH AMERICA, AFRICA, ASIA AND OF COURSE EUROPE. HAMRADIO HAD BECOME THE REAL "RED WIRE" IN MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE. IN MOST COUNTRIES I VISITED, I MET HAMRADIO FRIENDS WHO I HAD TALKED TO OVER THE YEARS. I ALSO ENDED UP WITH SOME EXOTIC CALL SIGNS.

SO FAR MY HOBBY HAD GIVEN ME A LOT BUT I WANTED TO BE PART OF A MAJOR DXPEDITION. THIS HAPPENED IN 1997, WHEN I WAS ONE OF THE OPERATORS OF THE FAMOUS VK0IR HEARD ISLAND DXPEDITION. FIVE WEEKS AWAY FROM HOME, 7 DAYS ON A SHIP TO GET THERE, STAYING IN TENTS FOR 17 DAYS ON AN UNINHABITANT COLD ANTARCTIC ISLAND AND THEN AGAIN 7 DAYS BACK (WITH A STOPOVER AT THE KERGUÉLEN ARCHIPELAGO-FT5X) TO CIVILIZATION. THAT YEAR I ALSO WENT TO DAYTON, TO MEET MOST OF THE OTHER HEARD ISLAND OPERATORS. I TRAVELLED THROUGH FOLLOWING STATES: NY, NJ, WVA AND OF COURSE OH.

FROM 2003 UNTIL 2007, I WORKED FOR THE UN RUNNING SEVERAL PROJECTS. LAST ONE WAS 10 MONTHS IN CONGO WHERE I WAS 9Q1NT. IN AUG 2003, I SURVIVED THE BOMBING OF THE UN HQ IN BAGHDAD, WHERE 21 OF MY COLLEAGUES WERE KILLED. DURING 25 YEARS OF TRAVELLING (WORK, DXPEDS, HOLIDAYS) I USED MORE THAN 50 DIFFERENT CALL SIGNS. SINCE I AM RETIRED, I STILL CANNOT STAY HOME, ALTHOUGH THIS TIME I TRAVEL WITH MY WIFE. HAVE LEFT HER ALONE TOO MUCH, SO NEED TO CATCH UP. IN 2009, WE MADE A 4-WEEKS TRIP THROUGH SOUTH AMERICA, INCLUDING 1 WEEK ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. HAD ON ONE HAND MY WIFE AND IN MY OTHER HAND MY RADIO, HIHI! SHE KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT HAMRADIO, BUT SHE DOESN'T WANT A CALL SIGN AND I DON'T FORCE HER INTO IT, HIHI! DURING THE DAY WE WENT SITE SEEING AND IN THE EVENING I WAS PLAYING AROUND AS VP8DLQ. OUT OF ON5NT, I HOLD 3 OTHER PERMANENT CALL SIGNS: OP5N, VP8DLQ (VALID FOR LIFE) AND CX5DNT. YOU CAN LOOK THEM UP ON WWW.QRZ.COM.

NEXT YEAR IN MARCH, WE WILL GO BACK TO BRAZIL AND URUGUAY. I HAVE A VERY GOOD HAM FRIEND IN URUGUAY, WHOM I MET IN 1986 DURING MY TRAVELS FOR WORK. BOTH MY WIFE AND ME SPEAK SOME SPANISH. MY NATIVE LANGUAGE IS FLEMISH. IT IS A SPOKEN LANGUAGE AND VERY CLOSE TO THE DUTCH LANGUAGE. IF WE NEED TO WRITE FLEMISH WE HAVE TO DO IT IN DUTCH. IN BELGIUM WE HAVE 3 LANGUAGES. NORTHERN PART = FLEMISH, SOUTHERN PART = FRENCH AND A SMALL PART IN THE EAST SPEAKS GERMAN. BELGIUM WAS CREATED IN 1830. THE NORTHERN PART WAS THEN PART OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE SOUTHERN PART PART OF FRANCE, HENCE THE 2 MAIN LANGUAGES. I SPEAK FRENCH, ENGLISH, GERMAN AND CAN MANAGE IN SPANISH. BEING FLEMISH IT IS ALSO EASY TO UNDERSTAND THE SOUTH AFRICAN LANGUAGE WHICH IS VERY CLOSE TO DUTCH.

THE EASIEST TIME FOR ME TO CHECK INTO THE YL SYSTEM ON 14332 IS BETWEEN 2000 AND 2200UTC. WE ARE 2 HOURS OF GMT IN SUMMER (THAT'S NOW) AND 1 HOURS AHEAD OF GMT IN WINTER.

THIS WAS RECEIVED FROM K3CDQ'S GRANDDAUGHTER REBECCA

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE YLISSB,

I AM WRITING TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN GIVING ME A SCHOLARSHIP. I AM INTO MY THIRD WEEK OF CLASSES AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY, AND EFFECTUATING AN EDUCATION THAT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR HELP. MY CLASSES ARE ALL GOING VERY WELL, AND I CAN TELL THAT I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN IMMERSSED INTO A WORLD THAT WILL HELP ME IN SO MANY DIFFERENT WAYS.

I AM SO GRATEFUL AND SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE PEOPLE LIKE YOU IN MY LIFE TO HELP ME ACHIEVE MY GOALS. AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS DOES NOT COME TO EVERYONE, AND I AM BEYOND AMAZED THAT I HAVE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO OBTAIN IT. AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH.



SINCERELY,

REBECCA SCHISLER

REBECCA IS THE
GRANDDAUGHTER
OF K3CDQ



RETIREMENT HOME WITH HAM ANTENNAS

THE START OF OUR MOVE TO A RETIREMENT HOME WAS WHEN MARY NV4Z AND GEORGE AA4GT STARTED TO GO TO THE QCWA LUNCHEES EVERY MONTH. WE STARTED TO LOOK FOR A PLACE SO MARY COULD USE HER WHEELCHAIR WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS. WE HAD LOTS OF OPTIONS, BUT ONLY ONE PLACE ALLOWED US TO HAVE AN ANTENNA. AFTER THREE YEARS OF HAVING QCWA LUNCHEES AT THE RETIREMENT HOME, THE QCWA MEMBERS THAT LIVE THERE, WERE ALLOWED TO HAVE ANTENNAS. THAT STARTED THE WHEELS ROLLING. OCTOBER OF 2010 MARY FELL AND BROKE HER HIP. THE DR. REPLACED THE HIP. WE THEN KNEW THAT THE TIME HAD COME TO MOVE SO IT WOULD BE EASER FOR MARY TO GET AROUND ON HER WHEELCHAIR. WE HAD THREE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE HOME AND THEY WERE VERY ACCOMMODATING. AFTER THE ASSURANCE THAT WE COULD INSTALL OUR ANTENNA, WE MADE THE MOVE. THE BEST POINT WAS THAT I WAS NOT ALLOWED ON THE ROOF, SO THE MAINTENANCE MAN HAD TO PUT THE ANTENNAS UP FOR US. THAT PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE. THE ROOF IS 50 FEET HIGH AND WHEN WE ADDED A THIRTY FIVE FOOT FIBERGLASS PUSHUP THE CAROLINA WINDOM WAS UP 85 FEET. I DON'T NEED A TOWER NOW. WE HAVE A ICOM 756 Pro 3 WITH A AMERITRON AL 811 HD WITH FOUR 572 B,s WITH 800 WATTS OUT. ALSO WE HAVE A KENWOOD TM 281 FOR TWO METERS WITH A J-POLE UP SO THAT HELPS OUT DURING THE STORMS WE HAVE. WHAT MORE CAN A HAM WANT WHEN THEY MOVE INTO A RETIREMENT HOME?

73 MARY NV4Z AND GEORGE AA4GT AA4GT@COMCAST.NET



SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM

DEVOTIONAL – 2013

NOVEMBER 19, 2013

CONTACT 10 DEVOTIONAL MEMBERS ON THE YL SYSTEM FOR THIS SPECIAL BIRTHDAY AWARD. DEVOTIONAL MEMBERS ARE NOT LIMITED TO ANY DENOMINATION, FAITH OR RELIGION. A TYPICAL DEVOTIONAL MEMBER 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, NUM, MISSIONARY, SEMINARY TEACHER, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER, USHER, GREETER OR CHOIR MEMBER. ANY MEMBER THAT IS RETIRED FROM ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTINGS WOULD ALSO QUALIFY AS A DEVOTIONAL MEMBER. THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER IS THE FINAL DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE A DEVOTIONAL. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC CRITERIA THAT WOULD SPECIFICALLY QUALIFY ANYONE.

K4ICA WILL COUNT AS 5 CONTACTS.

ALL LOGS ARE TO BE SENT TO: BARBARA NEIMAN, KE5ZI, 4257 SW 7TH 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.



**MARIA NOTWV RECEIVED THIS FROM
MILLIE KD5SX**

JOHN'S DEATH WAS A SHOCK TO EVERYONE. HE HAD CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE. LESS THAN A YEAR AGO HE WAS RIDING HIS BIKE MILES AT A TIME. LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AGO HE WAS GOING TO THE GYM. BUT HIS HEART WAS WORN OUT. I SHOULD BE THANKFUL HE DIDN'T SUFFER LONG. BUT OH HOW I AM MISSING HIM.

MILDRED A PERRYMAN

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GRAHAM, TX 76450

WB5NNE(SK) AND KD5SXH

MARIA'S VEGETABLE & BEEF SOUP

**MARÍA, NØTWV'S—MARIE MARTIN JONES
PAGOSA SPRINGS, COLORADO**

**1 POUND LEAN STEWING BEEF, CUT IN SMALL PIECES OR WHATEVER BEEF YOU MIGHT
HAVE
ON HAND—OR COOK UP SOUP BONE WITH MEAT ON IT—ADD SHREDDED CHICKEN
IF
YOU HAVE ANY ON HAND
2 BOXES OF SWANSON'S BEEF BROTH (OR 6 CUPS OF WATER IF YOU HAVE COOKED A
SOUP
BONE & USE THE BROTH FROM IT)
2 CANS, 15.5 OZ. OF PEELED TOMATOES (IF YOU LIKE SPICY FOOD, USE 1 CAN OF
PEELED
TOMATOES & 1 CAN PEELED TOMATOES WITH JALAPEÑO PEPPERS)
1 CAN TOMATO SAUCE
1 CUP EXTRA LONG GRAIN RICE (IF YOU LIVE IN HIGH ALTITUDE, BRING BROTH TO BOIL
& ADD
RICE FOR 10 MINUTES.)
2 CUPS POTATOES OR 2 LARGE POTATOES—DICED
1 CARROT—SLICED THIN
2 OR 3 STALKS CELERY (OR 1 CUP)—CHOPPED
1 LARGE ONION, CHOPPED
1 BAG OR BOX FROZEN OKRA—SLICED (OPTIONAL) DELICIOUS, IF YOU ARE A
SOUTHERNER.
2 BAY LEAVES
1 TABLESPOON SALT
1 TEASPOON SUGAR
1/8 TEASPOON BLACK PEPPER
1/4 TEASPOON GARLIC POWDER**

REMOVE ANY BONES IF YOU HAVE COOKED MEAT ON BONES.

**BRING BROTH WITH MEAT TO BOILING POINT. (HIGH ALTITUDE: ADD RICE & BOIL 10
MINUTES BEFORE ADDING OTHER INGREDIENTS.)**

ADD ALL OTHER INGREDIENTS.

**BRING TO BOIL AND COOK 20 MINUTES. CHECK POTATOES TO SEE IF THEY ARE DONE
TO YOUR LIKING.)**

**SERVE WHILE HOT. (SAVE WHAT YOU DON'T USE AND/OR FREEZE. YOU CAN ADD
MORE BROTH WHICH I ALWAYS DO AT EVERY SERVING.)**

I RECEIVED THIS FROM MIKE WB9OKC

HI MIKE

SURGERY ON MY SHOULDER WAS DONE ON WEDNESDAY..ASIDE FROM HAVING A NASTY ROTATOR CUFF TEAR, MOST OF THE LIGAMENTS, TENDONS AND MUSCLE WERE TORN AWAY FROM THE BONE.

SURGERY SHOULD HAVE BEEN 45 MIN TO AN HOUR. INSTEAD, IT TOOK 3 HOURS. IM 65 SO THE HEALING PROCESS WILL TAKE LONGER. BEING A PHYSICIAN IM PRIVILEGED TO SOME INSIDE INFO TO HELP ME REPAIR QUICKER THAN MOST. AS I AM RIGHT HANDED AND THE SURGERY WAS ON THE RIGHT SHOULDER, I WILL BE OUT OF BUSINESS RADIO WISE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. TELL JIM AND MY YL FAMILY HI FOR ME OK MIKE? GOOD LUCK TO YOU ON YOUR SURVERY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON YOUR POST OP CARE, LET ME KNOW. BEST 73 MIKE.

Doc, KB9GFX

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

11/01 KE5ZI
11/04 KB9OC
11/04 K0PTK
11/04 WA5KSC
11/04 KJ4DLP
11/06 WD0DAW
11/07 G4WPW
11/07 K2MGL
11/07 KC0MEZ
11/08 N8UOO
11/08 W7PRG
11/09 N3NI
11/10 N7FSR
11/11 KL7WW
11/11 WA6EBB
11/13 W6ERO

11/14 K3ENV
11/15 KQ4NN
11/16 N4USW
11/18 KC0MEY
11/18 N3CRW
11/19 AB7PS
11/21 W1VCU
11/21 N2YQZ
11/22 KC5EVR
11/23 K5RWB
11/24 KG4CNA
11/24 K8DFA
11/24 K8DFA
11/25 VE9GU
11/28 KC9EAG
11/30 N1FJR
11/30 KD0KPM

NOVEMBER
ANNIVERSARIES

11/04 N8KCJ AND XYL
11/09
K3UMV/K3UMW
11/30 KN4AA/KK4YL
11/30 VE9GU/DIANE

THIS WAS RECEIVED FROM BILL W7AJP #16190

HAVING JUST PUT UP A NEW TOWER (ROHN 45 TO 75 FT), I GOT A LOT OF COMMENTS FROM NON-HAMS ABOUT A GUY MY AGE CLIMBING A TOWER.

WELL, NO, I DID NOT. BUT, IT STARTED ME THINKING ABOUT MY SIX GRANDCHILDREN COMING FOR VISITS. I DREAMED UP THE FOLLOWING:

I WENT TO A LOCAL HARDWARE STORE AND PURCHASED A 4' X 8' SHEET OF VINYL LATTICE WORK (CHOSE A COLOR TO MATCH MY HOUSE TRIM). THEY EVEN OFFER FREE FIRST THREE CUTS!. SO, I ASKED THEM TO CUT THREE 16" X 8' SECTIONS. THOSE TWO CUTS GAVE ME THREE PIECES FOR EACH SIDE OF THE ROHN 45, AND FIT PERFECTLY. I ATTACHED THEM TO THE TOWER USING PLASTIC ZIP TIES. IF SOMEONE NEEDS TO CLIMB THE TOWER, A SIMPLE KNIFE OR PLIERS WILL REMOVE THE SECTION AND UP THEY CAN GO.

BUT, MY GRANDCHILDREN (AND THE TWO BOYS WHO STOP BY TO HAVE THEIR BIKE TIRES FILLED) WILL BE GREATLY DETERRED FROM CONSIDERING A HIKE UP A TOWER!



NEW MEMBERS LAST MONTH

16852 - WD4ESX - TOM IN SOUTH CAROLINA

16851 - KK6BQZ - KEN IN CALIFORNIA

16850 - N8ADB - RAY IN MICHIGAN

16849 - K9VFS - DAVE IN ILLINOIS

16848 - K5PCS - ROGER IN TEXAS

16847 - K5WZS - ZACH IN TEXAS

16846 - W7QHZ - MARTIN IN ARIZONA

16845 - KB4BJM - KEN IN FLORIDA



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**