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President's report

Greetings from Texas

AWARDS THE AWARDS ISSUED SINCE THE LAST REPORT ARE: ST. PATRICK'S DAY IRISH AWARD, 2014 WENT TO K4KRK, NOVVV, VE2OCH, K9DIG AND KL7FQQ. THE MARCH IRISH AWARD FOR WORKING 20 MEMBERS WHOSE NAME SOUNDS IRISH WENT TO: KC7KPG, KC8VRT, K4KRK, VE20CH, KL7FQQ AND K4TCP. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.

SPECIAL DAY

WE CELEBRATED ST. PATRICKS DAY ON MARCH 17, WITH A LOVELY AWARD FOR WORKING MEMBERS WHOSE NUMBERS END WITH A 1 OR 7. SPECIAL THANKS GO TO ALL THOSE MEMBERS THAT MADE IT A POINT TO SPEND TIME ON THE SYSTEM SO PEOPLE COULD QUALIFY FOR THE AWARD. WHAT A LOVELY TURN OUT! HOPE YOU GOT YOUR AWARD.

HOW TO HANDLE RECHECKS

PLEASE, WHEN YOU RECHECK INTO THE YL SYSTEM, GIVE YOUR CALL SIGN ALONG WITH THE RECHECK. IF YOU ARE A CONTROL, AND HEAR A RECHECK MIXED IN WITH OTHERS CHECKING IN, IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO PICK UP THE RECHECK FIRST. JUST PUT THE RECHECK INTO YOUR LIST, AND CALL THEM AS YOU WOULD ANY OTHER STATION CHECKING IN.

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. ALSO, A REGISTRATION FORM IS ENCLOSED WITH THE VOICE. THE REGISTRATIONS ARE COMING, AND IT WILL BE A WONDERFUL TURNOUT. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

CONVENTION 2015

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HOST THE 2015 CONVENTION, SO IF WE CAN TWIST YOUR ARM A LITTLE, PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. CHECK OUT THE WEB PAGE FOR E-MAIL ADDRESSES.

AGENDA FOR CONVENTION

I WILL SOON BE PUTTING TOGETHER THE AGENDA FOR THE CONVENTION. IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE DISCUSSED, PLEASE SEND ME YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SEND TO KL7FQQ@YAHOO.COM.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN SENT TO EVERY NEW MEMBER THAT JOINED IN 2014, AND THOSE THAT JOINED AFTER JULY 2013. IF YOU JOINED BETWEEN JULY 1, 2013 AND THE PRESENT DAY, AND DIDN'T RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE, PLEASE CONTACT JIM, VE1JIM AT VE1JIM@NS.SYMPATICO.CA. AND, IF ANY PAID-UP MEMBER WOULD LIKE A CERTIFICATE SENT TO THEM VIA E-MAIL, PLEASE CONTACT JIM.

SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM

APRIL 9TH IS OUR PRESIDENT'S DAY 2014 AWARD. CONTACT 5 OF THE YLISSB PAST OR CURRENT PRESIDENT'S OR VICE PRESIDENTS. KE5ZI, KL7FQQ, N1PVT, NF2J, W4JMJ. K4ICA COUNTS AS 2 CONTACTS.

APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 30TH, WE HAVE OUR PRESIDENT'S AWARD 2014. CONTACT 25 MEMBERS WHO HAVE THE SAME NAME AS ONE OF THE US PRESIDENT'S, EITHER FIRST OR LAST NAMES. A LIST OF THE US PRESIDENT'S WILL BE PRINTED IN THE COMMUNICATOR.

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 PER AWARD, MADE PAYABLE TO BARBARA NEIMAN.

PRESIDENTS LIST ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

LIST OF PRESIDENTS 1-44

#1 GEORGE WASHINGTON

#2 JOHN ADAMS

#3 THOMAS JEFFERSON

#4 JAMES MADISON

#5 JAMES MONROE

#6 JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

#7 ANDREW JACKSON

#8 MARTIN VAN BUREN

#9 WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON

#10 JOHN TYLER

#11 JAMES K. POLK

#12 ZACHARY TAYLOR

#13 MILLARD FILLMORE

#14 FRANKLIN PIERCE

#15 JAMES BUCHANAN

#16 ABRAHAM LINCOLN

#17 ANDREW JOHNSON

#18 ULYSSES S. GRANT

#19 RUTHERFORD B. HAYES

#20 JAMES A. GARFIELD

#21 CHESTER A. ARTHUR

#22 & 24 GROVER CLEVELAND

#23 BENJAMIN HARRISON

#25 WILLIAM MCKINLEY

#26 THEODORE ROOSEVELT

#27 WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT

#28 WOODROW WILSON

#29 WARREN G. HARDING

#30 CALVIN COOLIDGE

#31 HERBERT HOOVER

#32 FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

#33 HARRY S. TRUMAN

#34 DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

#35 JOHN F. KENNEDY

#36 LYNDON B. JOHNSON

#37 RICHARD NIXON

#38 GERALD R. FORD

#39 JIMMY CARTER

#40 RONALD REAGAN

#41 GEORGE BUSH

#42 BILL CLINTON

#43 GEORGE W. BUSH

#44 BARACK OBAMA



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/01 K4HCB
4/02 AG5AS
4/03 KB9IFD
4/05 KG4YNI
4/05 BARBARA "HOLLY" XYL OF W4ZGH
4/05 W1BVV
4/06 KF7MRG
4/06 AA9FC
4/09 KD0RMF
4/09 WD1Z
4/10 KD8OKO
4/10 KC0WCG
4/10 WA9JMU
4/10 KI4JQB
4/11 KB3TBS
4/12 W7AJP
4/12 KD0NEZ
4/12 KW8T
4/13 W7CB
4/13 K3CDQ
4/14 N5OKU
4/14 PAT XYL OF 8P6OP
4/15 K0MAF
4/16 KB9GFX
4/16 K9ABL
4/17 KD2DNJ
4/17 VE3OWS

4/18 KQ4U
4/19 KE8UD
4/21 KC9MDY
4/21 UA1ZO
4/22 KN4AA
4/23 W4KRN
4/26 K8RLD
4/26 KB5FLA
4/26 AD7SN
4/26 KI4VCT
4/27 VE2XMP
4/28 KB7CSX
4/28 K0MSR
4/29 N5COO

ANNIVERSARIES

4/06 K8NQC BILL & N8UOO JOYCE
4/10 KC7KPF TOM & KC7KPG
JUDY
4/13 AD7SN AND XYL
4/16 KA0ENU JOE AND XYL
4/16 WB9KMW LARRY AND XYL
4/20 W7BBA JIM AND KF7MRG
MYRA
4/22 KD0WYO DAVE AND XYL
4/23 KK6XR DEAN AND XYL

IF YOU KNOW THE NAMES OF THE XYLS
PLEASE EMAIL KK4YL@YAHOO.COM AS
SHE WILL BE SENDING OUT E-CARDS ON
THEIR DATES.

I RECEIVED THIS FROM JUDY KC7KPG

JDA KB5YQ # 12073 IS AT HOME NOW, AND HAS APPARENTLY BEEN OUT OF THE NURSING HOME SINCE MARCH 8. THE STROKE HAS LEFT HER WITH A SPEECH IMPAIRMENT, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT GET ANY BETTER. SHE IS UNABLE TO SPEAK ON THE PHONE OR RADIO. SHE WOULD LOVE TO RECEIVE CARDS AND LETTERS FROM HER YLISSB FRIENDS.

FROM BETH, KC5RWW #16391

THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 2, I MADE 43 CONTACTS WITH ABOUT 25 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES GAINING 3 NEW ONES, MOSTLY ON 10 AND 15M. MY SON CAME HOME THE WEEKEND BEFORE TO HUNT AND FISH. HE AND HIS FRIEND WENT BACK WITH A RABBIT AND A SQUIRREL. THE FISHING WAS CATCH AND RELEASE. A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THAT WE HAD SNOW AND ICE THAT KEPT US AT HOME FOR A FEW DAYS.

MY OM IS STILL STUDYING FOR HIS CDL, COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE. I STARTED SEWING AGAIN DURING THE SNOW DAYS. HOPEFULLY I'LL FINISH THE PROJECT BEFORE THE NEXT SNOW DAY. TOMORROW, MARCH 11, I'LL APPLY FOR A BACKGROUND CHECK. THEN MAYBE I CAN START SUBSTITUTE TEACHING IN A LOCAL SCHOOL.

I UPGRADED MY LICENSE FROM GENERAL TO EXTRA AND CHANGED MY CALL FROM KC3ANC #16871 TO AB3TY

LARRY

ON WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH I WILL BE MOVING TO THE IDAHO STATE VETS HOME IN BOISE IDAHO TO ASSISTED LIVING FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. I WILL NO LONGER BE ON HF FOR CONTACTS. IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO KNOW ALL OF YOU ON THE AIRWAVES. 73'S TO ALL AND GOOD LUCK JOHN GARNER K7ZNO

INVITATION TO THE CONVENTION?

RECENTLY WHILE TALKING TO A MEMBER ON THE YL SYSTEM, I RECOGNIZED THE MEMBER LIVED IN FLORIDA. I ASKED IF THEY WERE CONSIDERING COMING TO THE YLISSB IN SARASOTA. THE MAN SAID, "I HAD NOT HEARD IT WAS GOING TO BE THERE! I WANT TO COME."

REMEMBER THAT IF A MEMBER FAILS TO PAY THEIR ANNUAL DUES, THEY DO NOT RECEIVE A COPY OF THE VOICE. THEY MAY NOT REALIZE THE CONVENTION WILL BE NEAR THEM. SO, HELP PROMOTE ATTENDANCE TO THE CONVENTION SIMPLY BY REMINDING PEOPLE ABOUT IT BEING THERE THIS SUMMER.

GUESS WHO THIS IS...

ON TUESDAY, 2/25/14 AS THE 2ND SESSION OF THE YL SYSTEM WAS DRAWING TO A CLOSE, SYSTEM CONTROL, KE7VSC HEARD A STRONG SIGNAL CHECKING IN. HE ASKED THE NAME AND LOCATION. THE RESPONSE WAS, "BILL, AND IN YOUR DRIVEWAY!" ON HIS WAY BACK FROM A MEETING IN WASHINGTON STATE, W7AJP MADE A STOP IN PORTLAND TO VISIT JOHN, KE7VSC. THEY HAD A GOOD TIME TALKING ABOUT JOHN'S NAVAL DAYS, HIS ADJUSTMENT TO LOSING HIS WIFE, AND HIS TRAVELING COMPANIONS, HIS DOGS.

THE PHOTO IS IN JOHN'S SHACK, A DEDICATED BEDROOM FILLED WITH THE WONDERFUL THINGS THAT MAKE "HAMMING" SO MUCH FUN. HE GAVE A TOUR, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO GET RID OF BILL. THEY ARE PLANNING A RETURN TRIP TO PORTLAND FOR LUNCH OR DINNER AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH A SCHEDULED CONTROL TIME ON THE YLISSB,

- AS YOU TRAVEL: LOOK OVER OUR MEMBER LIST AND FIND A NEARBY MEMBER'S LOCATION AND PLAN A DROP-BY VISIT. IT BUILDS FELLOWSHIP....AND HELPS YOU KNOW "WHAT THE DICKENS THEY LOOK LIKE!" IT'S THE YLISSB THING TO DO IN 2014!



GEORGE, AA4GT, SENT THIS PHOTO OF MACK, KCØCRS, AND ME BEFORE MACK GOT SO BENT WITH SCOLIOSIS.

MARIA, NØTWV



**DON'T FORGET APRIL 15TH
TAX DAY**

HELLO EVERYONE,

DUNCAN KC8UPU WILL START THE 15M YL SYSTEM 3/17/14 AT 14:00Z ON 21.373. HE WILL BE THERE EACH MONDAY TAKING CHECK INS. PLEASE SUPPORT DUNCAN RUNNING THE SYSTEM ON THIS BAND.

TOMORROW, ST. PATRICK DAY IS ANOTHER YL SYSTEM BIRTHDAY AWARD DAY. MAKE 20 CONTACTS WITH SIDEBAND NUMBERS ENDING IN 1 AND 7. GOOD LUCK.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE YL SYSTEM THE FRIENDLIEST FREQUENCY ON THE BAND.

73,88,33,

JUDY KC7KPG



I RECEIVED THIS FROM AA4GT #14085



NV4Z # 12657

MARY NV4Z V26Q AND GEORGE AA4GT V26I HAD OVER 3100 CONTACTS IN 166 COUNTRY'S WHILE AT THE FRANKFORT RADIO CLUB IN ANTIGUA.

WHILE WE WERE THERE MARY NV4Z V26Q AND ME GEORGE AA4GT V26I HAD OVER 3100 CONTACTS IN 166 COUNTRIES.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS TO GET IN A PILEUP UNTIL YOU GO TO A DX STATION. IT WAS REALLY FUN.

73 GEORGE AA4GT & MARY NV4Z



THIS WAS SUBMITTED BY W7AJP #16190 BILL

TAKING A TOUR OF CREATIVE CLOCK AT THE CONGER STREET CLOCK MUSEUM,

W7AJP (BILL) AND WIFE (JOAN) WERE INTERESTED IN THE ENTIRE MUSEUM OF INNOVATIVE, ANTIQUE, RADIO TELEGRAPH RELATED, AND SHIP-TO-SHORE PHONE

AND CLOCK SETUPS. ADDITIONALLY, CREATIVE CLOCK OWNER, J.D. OLSON HAD

INSTALLED A PIPE ORGAN IN THE CORNER OF THE MUSEUM. THE TRIO HAD A DELIGHTFUL TIME SEEING THE ORGAN AND HEARING HOW HE MOVED, RESTORED AND

INSTALLED THE BEAUTIFUL INSTRUMENT. AFTER GIVING HIM A CALLING CARD, OLSON ASKED, "ARE YOU AN ADVANCED?"

IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT HE KNEW A LOT ABOUT AMATEUR RADIO. IT WAS SOON DISCOVERED THAT HE HAD BEEN A HAM FOR A LONG TIME AND THEN HE HAD DECIDED TO JUST QUIT. BUT THE QUEST HAD NEVER LEFT HIM AND HE WAS CONSIDERING GETTING BACK INTO THE HOBBY. OH, BOY, THAT STARTED A LOT OF

CHATTING. EVENTUALLY, HIS EDUCATION CAME UP AND HE SAID, "OH, I GOT MY EDUCATION IN TEXAS, IN WAXAHACHIE.

WAXAHACHIE? I KNOW SOMEONE FROM WAXAHACHIE....OUR OWN YLISSB MEMBER,

N5WC, REV. WENDELL. RELUCTANTLY, I SAID I HAVE A FRIEND WHO LIVES IN WAXAHACHIE. HE IS A PREACHER. HE IS A HAM. HIS NAME IS REV. WENDELL ..." AND, OLSON CAME UP WITH THE NAME, "CARRINGTON!" YES, IT WAS THE VERY SAME MAN, AND THEY PROBABLY HAVE NOT SEEN EACH OTHER SINCE THE LATE

60's TO MID 1970's.

YES, INDEED, I RUSHED HOME, CALLED REV. WENDELL ON THE PHONE (I JUST COULD NOT WAIT UNTIL HE CAME ON THE MOONBEAM!). AND, WITHIN MINUTES, REV. WENDELL WAS POURING THROUGH THE COLLEGE YEARBOOK....AND EXCLAIMED,

"YES, JOHNNY, HIS NAME IS LISTED AS JONATHAN...BUT I DO REMEMBER HIM.

SO, WHILE REV. WENDELL WILL BE RECONNECTING WITH A COLLEGE FRIEND, W7AJP

PLANS TO DO SOME CULTIVATIVE VISITS AND GET J. D. BACK IN TOUCH WITH HIS AMATEUR RADIO ROOTS. WE MIGHT JUST HAVE A MAN BACK ON THE AIR AGAIN ONE OF THESE DAY.

HEY, THEY ARE EVERYWHERE....OUT THERE...LURKING...WISHING THEY WERE BACK ON THE AIR. HELP FIND THEM!



ON5NT # 9508 /CX5DNT

SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR ARTICLE.

ATTACHED A PICTURE OF THE CW5F TEAM. WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE QRV FEB 21-26, BUT THE WEATHER MADE US DROP THE LAST DAY.

THIS WAS AN IOTA DXPED TO TIMOTEO DOMINGUEZ ISLAND IN THE RIO DE LA PLATA (IOTA SA-057). THIS ISLAND IN THE GROUP COUNTING

FOR SA-057, IS THE MOST CHALLENGING ONE TO REACH AND OPERATE FROM.

THE CW5F TEAM, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: PACO-CX3BV, MARIO-CX4CR, GHIS-CX5DNT/ON5NT, GUSTAVO-CX2AM, OSCAR-CX2FR (SITTING), WILSON-CX2RU (STANDING), MARCELO (CX2RU'S SON) AND BETO-CX3AN. NOTE: ALL LOOKING PRETTY TIRED AND NOT HAVING SHAVED FOR 4 DAYS, HIHI!

DURING THE NIGHT OF FEB 24/25, EXTREME HIGH TIDE TOGETHER WITH VERY STRONG WINDS FROM THE SE RESULTED IN THE WATER BEING PUSHED BACK INTO THE RIO DE LA PLATA AND ONTO THE ISLAND. IN VERY SHORT TIME THE WATER LEVEL ON THE ISLAND INCREASED BY 5 FEET. THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF THE ISLAND IS ONLY ABOUT 8.5 FEET ABOUT SEA LEVEL. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT WE HAD TO MOVE ALL OUR TENTS TO A HIGHER LOCATION. WE HAD NO SLEEP AT ALL THAT NIGHT AND LOST ALL OUR ANTENNAS ON THE BEACH. ONLY A 2 ELEMENT CUBICAL QUAD FOR 15/10M A BIT HIGHER ON THE ISLAND SURVIVED. WE MADE A LAST RUN ON 10M ON FEB 25. THE LAST QSO WAS MADE AT 13:33UTC. WE ENDED UP WITH 3122 QSOs. THE FORECAST FOR THE NIGHT TO FOLLOW WAS THE SAME, SO FOR SAFETY REASONS WE DECIDED TO LEAVE THE ISLAND. WE ARE ALL BACK IN MONTEVIDEO. THE DAY AFTER WE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE RIO DE LA PLATA AREA THAT THE WINDS AND WAVES DURING THE NIGHT OF FEB 25/26 WERE EVEN WORSE THEN THE NIGHT BEFORE, SO IT LOOKS LIKE WE MADE THE GOOD DECISION TO LEAVE THE ISLAND ONE DAY EARLIER. THE ONLY TWO ISSBER'S THAT I KNOW OF, WHO MADE IT IN THE LOG, BREAKING THROUGH THE PILE UP WERE MARILYN-WN9MFC # 9295 AND MARIANA-CX1JJ.

I DESPERATELY TRIED TO CHECK INTO THE NET AS CW5F ON 14332 ON FEB 24. THERE WAS A LOT OF FLUTTER ON THE US STATIONS' SIGNALS, INCLUDING THE NET CONTROL, WHO KEPT TAKING MY CALL SIGN AS DW5F, AND TRYING TO FIND OUT WHERE THIS CALL SIGN MIGHT COME FROM. WELL, IT WAS COMING FROM THE SOUTH. I GUESS MY SIGNAL ALSO HAD SOME DISTORTION DUE TO THE FLUTTER.

AFTER SEVERAL TRIES I GAVE UP. ON FEB 26, I WAS ON 14332 TOO FROM MONTEVIDEO WITH MY CX5DNT CALL SIGN. GUESS THERE WAS NO NET GOING ON AS I DID NO HEAR ANYTHING ON THE BEAM. BUT I TRIED!

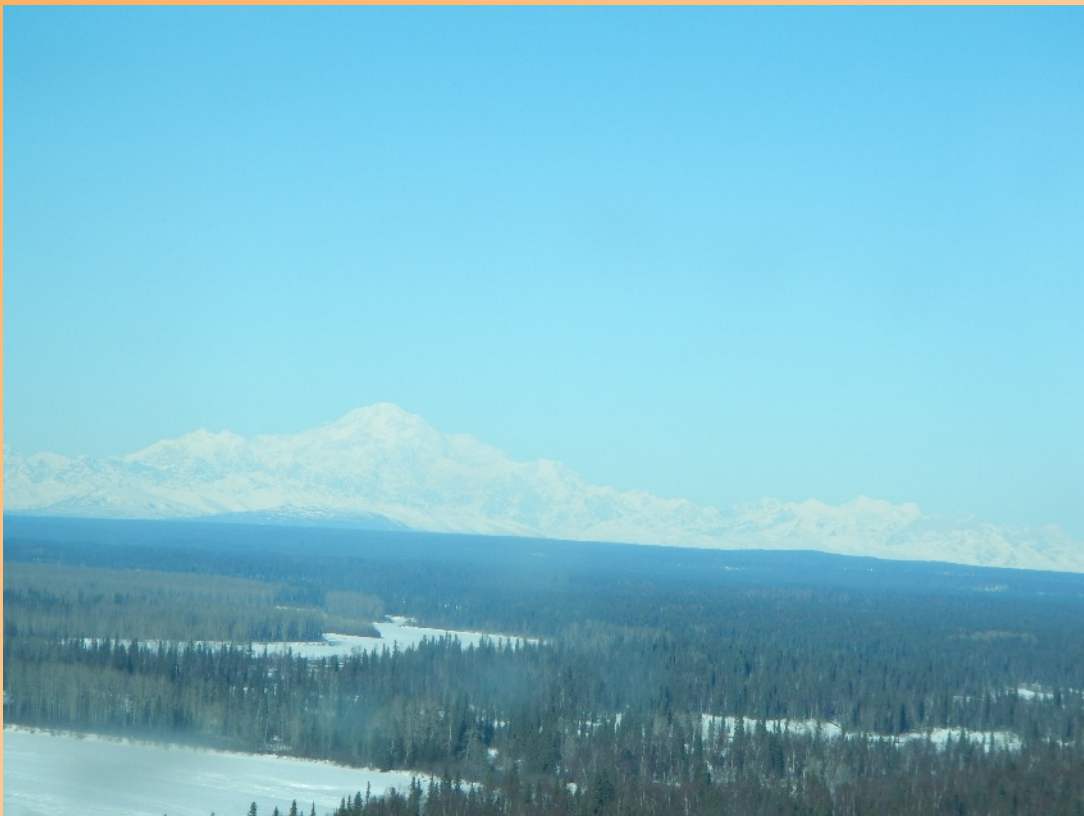
IDITAROD PICTURES FROM K9DIG #16336



TOP PICTURE ONE OF MY FAVORITE IDITAROD PILOTS JOE PENDERGRASS

BOTTOM PICTURE IS AFTER TAKING OFF FROM YENTNA STATION

LOOKING AT DENALI





MITCH SEAVEY'S TEAM BEING EXAMINED BY THE VETS IN TAKOTNA
RAY REDINGTON'S DROP BAGS TAKOTNA





WHAT THE DOGS DO AT THE CHECKPOINTS

NANCY K9DIG #16336 AND '89 IDITAROD CHAMPION JOE RUNYAN



ON MARCH 18, I WAS MOBILE/PORTABLE IN MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK. THOSE WHO CONTACTED ME SHOULD SEND ME A QSL INDICATING THE NATIONAL PARK CONTACT FOR A SPECIAL QSL CARD. WHILE I WAS THERE, I PHOTOGRAPHED SOME OF THE PARK DENIZENS, WHO WERE NOT THE LEAST BIT AFRAID OF ME.

73,

RANDY K4KRK #16721

ABOUT MAMMOTH CAVE

MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK, PRESERVES THE CAVE SYSTEM AND A PART OF THE GREEN RIVER VALLEY AND HILLY COUNTRY OF SOUTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY. THIS IS THE WORLD'S LONGEST KNOWN CAVE SYSTEM, WITH MORE THAN 400 MILES EXPLORED. EARLY GUIDE STEPHEN BISHOP CALLED THE CAVE A "GRAND, GLOOMY AND PECULIAR PLACE," BUT ITS VAST CHAMBERS AND COMPLEX LABYRINTHS HAVE EARNED ITS NAME - MAMMOTH.





**BOTH OF THESE PICTURES WERE TAKEN AT MANMOUTH BY
RANDY K4KRK #16721**



Dad & Mom



September 13, 1986

**BEFORE AND AFTER FROM
JERRY K3JWK #16837**



TEXT ON FOLLOWING PAGE

THIS IS A BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURE OF ME AND MY WIFE. SHE DIDN'T WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE "AFTER" PICTURE. I WAS BORN IN WARREN CO. VIRGINIA AND RAISED ON A COUPLE OF FARMS IN RURAL VIRGINIA. AS A YOUNG BOY MY EXCITEMENT WAS GOING TO A SMALL TOWN MAYBE ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS. AS I GOT OLDER MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME A FEW NOTES ON THE GUITAR AND FROM THERE I BEGAN TO LEARN TO PLAY GUITAR AND SOON MET WITH A PERSON WHO FURTHERED MY KNOWLEDGE OF A GUITAR.

I SOON BEGAN TO GET A BAND TOGETHER AND WE PRACTICED SEVERAL DAYS A WEEK. AS WE GOT BETTER AND BETTER WE TRIED OUT FOR A NIGHT CLUB SPOT AND GOT IT. BEFORE THAT THOUGH I USE TO SING WITH OTHER BANDS IN NITE CLUBS. I HAD MET MY WIFE IN SCHOOL AND BY THAT TIME WE WERE STARTING TO PLAN MARRIAGE. I KNEW OUR MARRIAGE WOULD NOT LAST IF I CONTINUED IN THE NITE CLUBS SO I GAVE IT UP. THE BAND BROKE UP AND I'M GLAD I MADE THAT DECISION. MY WIFE IS A WONDERFUL WOMAN.

AS WE BEGAN TO HAVE CHILDREN, MY YOUNGEST SON DEVELOPED A LUNG PROBLEM AT A EARLY AGE. HE WOULD GET A SIMPLE COLD AND WOULD GO INTO PNEUMONIA RIGHT AWAY. WE ASKED THE DOCTOR ONE DAY IF MOUNTAIN AIR WOULD HELP AND HIS COMMENT WAS...IT WON'T HURT. SO WE HAD A OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE TO THE MOUNTAINS OF MARYLAND. WE FOUND THE WINTERS HERE ARE VERY ROUGH BUT THE AIR IS CLEAN. I MET FRIENDS THAT WERE INTO HAM RADIO AND LOVED IT BECAUSE I USE TO USE CB RADIO BEFORE WHERE THERE WAS A EMERGENCY HANDLER ON CHANNEL 9. I GOT MY TICKET AND GOT INVOLVED IN "MARS" RADIO PASSING TRAFFIC FOR MILITARY AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. I AM STILL A INACTIVE MEMBER OF MARS.

I HAVE A GOLDWING MOTORCYCLE AND LOVE RIDING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THOUGH THE WINTERS ARE VERY LONG HERE. MY BUCKET LIST IS TO SEE AS MUCH OF THE USA AS POSSIBLE.

THERE IS SO MUCH MORE TO TELL BUT IT WOULD TAKE UP THE WHOLE COMMUNICATOR. I SING REGULARLY NOW IN CHURCH AND NURSING HOMES. WHEN I MET JDA ON THE YLSYSTEM I ALWAYS THOUGHT WHAT A WONDERFUL FAITHFUL WOMAN SHE WAS. SHE WAS MY MENTOR AND INSPIRER TO JOIN THE YLSYSTEM. I THINK THE YLSYSTEM IS THE BEST SYSTEM AND "NET" ON HAM RADIO, OH AND ALSO THE FRIENDLIEST ONE.

JERRY K3JWK #16837

MY DAD WAS BORN IN 1902. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN RADIO AS A YOUNG MAN BUILDING AND REPAIRING RADIOS. ELLIS RADIO SOON TO BE BORN, HAD REFRIGERATORS AND WASHING MACHINES AND LATER BECAME ELLIS RADIO & TV. DAD STARTED TEACHING ME THE ROPES AT AN EARLY AGE AS THIS 1942 PHOTO ATTESTS.

DAD WAS A GOOD TEACHER AS YOU CAN SEE BY MY FIRST NOVICE STATION. THIS STATION WAS CONSTRUCTED ENTIRELY FROM JUNK BOX PARTS, MILITARY SURPLUS AND AN OLD WASHING MACHINE. THERE WERE NOT MANY NOVICES STATIONS LIKE THIS ONE OR DAD'S LIKE MINE.

I HOPE THIS WILL INSPIRE SOME TO EMBARK ON A SIMILAR PROJECT. HAVE A WONDERFUL APRIL FIRST. JOHN W5PDW #4976



HERE ARE A FEW MORE PICTURES OF GLORIA K4DXM'S # 16883 OTHER HOBBY. SHE SAYS TO NOT MISS THE DRAMA UNFOLDING ON THE WATER TOWER.





RADIO SCOUTING BY SKIPPER, W4VTH # 16532

HI ALL FROM TENNESSEE. ONE MORNING ON THE SUNRISE PORTION WE WERE COMMENTING ON THE NECESSITY OF GETTING YOUNGER OPERATORS INTO THIS GREAT HOBBY TO KEEP IT ALIVE. I REMARKED THAT THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA HAVE SEVERAL PROGRAMS RELATING TO AMATEUR RADIO IN WHICH WE COULD BECOME INVOLVED. I WAS ASKED TO PASS ALONG THE INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNICATOR, SO HERE IT IS. AN ANNUAL EVENT WHICH OFFERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES IS CALLED JOTA, OR JAMBOREE ON THE AIR, THAT IS HELD THE THIRD WEEKEND EVERY OCTOBER. YOU CAN INVITE LOCAL UNITS, CUB SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS (AND OF COURSE GIRL SCOUTS LIKE TO GET INTO THE ACTION AS WELL) TO VISIT YOUR STATION TO TALK TO OTHER SCOUTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THIS PAST NOVEMBER 13,866 SCOUTS AND 1,294 AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS PARTICIPATED, AND EACH RECEIVED A BADGE THEY MAY WEAR ON THEIR UNIFORMS DEPICTING INVOLVEMENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND PHOTOS ON THIS ACTIVITY, GO TO THE WEBSITE AT [WWW.K2BSA.NET](http://www.K2BSA.NET). ANOTHER MEANS OF BECOMING INVOLVED IS AS A RADIO MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR.

BOYSCOUTS CONTINUED

IN ORDER TO GIVE THIS SERVICE,
YOU MUST REGISTER WITH THE BSA AS A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR, AND TAKE
THEIR YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
COURSE AVAILABLE ON LINE AT MYSCOUTING.ORG. CREATE YOUR ACCOUNT WITH A
USER NAME AND PASSWORD, AND
THE PAGE WILL GIVE YOU INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO TAKE THE COURSE, WHICH IS
ABOUT 40 MINUTES LONG. IN THE
UPPER RIGHT SEARCH BOX ON THE SAME PAGE, TYPE IN “MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR”
TO OBTAIN FULL INFORMATIONAL
ARTICLES. ON THE SIGN IN PAGE, SELECT SCOUTING IN MY AREA TO FIND YOUR
LOCAL COUNCIL WHICH CAN DIRECT YOU
TO THE UNITS IN YOUR VICINITY AND GIVE YOU INSTRUCTIONS ON COMPLETING YOUR
APPLICATION, FOR WHICH THERE IS
NO FEE. BY THE WAY, THE MERIT BADGE IS NO WALK IN THE PARK, SEE THE
REQUIREMENTS AT
[HTTP://USSCOOTS.ORG/MB/WORKSHEETS/RADIO.PDF](http://USSCOOTS.ORG/MB/WORKSHEETS/RADIO.PDF), YOU MAY EVEN LEARN
SOMETHING. WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, CHECK
AND NOTE ANY OTHER MERIT BADGE AREAS YOU MAY MENTOR, THERE ARE
CURRENTLY 121. ONE LAST THING, CONTACT
THOSE UNITS IN YOUR VICINITY TO LET THEM KNOW YOUR AVAILABILITY.
THEN, FOR A FUN ACTIVITY TO BRUSH UP ON YOUR SKILLS, THE SCOUTS MAY EARN A
MORSE CODE INTERPRETER STRIP
TO WEAR ON THEIR UNIFORM WHICH IS BASICALLY ACQUIRING THE SAME CODE
SKILLS AS THOSE ORIGINALLY REQUIRED
FOR THE NOVICE/TECHNICIAN LICENSES. SEE: [HTTP://WWW.K2BSA.NET/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2012/05/MORSE-CODE-INTERPRETER-STRIP-W-PATCH.PDF](http://WWW.K2BSA.NET/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2012/05/MORSE-CODE-INTERPRETER-STRIP-W-PATCH.PDF).
FINALLY, IF YOU CAN MENTOR A SCOUT TO OBTAIN A TECHNICIAN OR HIGHER CLASS
LICENSE, HE MAY WEAR A
“AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR” STRIP ON HIS RIGHT SLEEVE.
SO THERE YOU HAVE IT, THE SEVERAL WAYS YOU CAN HELP THIS HOBBY/AVOCATION
GROW AND STAY HEALTHY. IF YOU
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ME.
WHO KNOWS, YOU MAY EVEN
DECIDE TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED AS A COMMITTEE MEMBER OR EVEN A
SCOUTMASTER, AND I SHOULD ADD THAT
ALL THE POSITIONS I HAVE DESCRIBED ARE OPEN TO YLS AS WELL AS OMS.
SUBMITTED BY H. B. “SKIPPER” DELIUS, W4VTH # 16532, SERVING AS CHARTERED
ORGANIZATION
REPRESENTATIVE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN OF BSA -TN TROOP 641 AND
CUBPACK 591, SCOUTING
MINISTRIES SPECIALIST OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF UNITED METHODIST MEN.
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FROM THE HISTORIAN

HOW MANY OF YOU REMEMBER THE 16MM MOVIE DAYS? WELL, AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE BEEN HAVING OUR ANNUAL CONVENTIONS SINCE 1964, AND BACK IN THOSE DAYS, 16MM AS WELL AS 8MM WERE THE ONLY WAYS TO GET THE HISTORY OF THE YL SYSTEM RECORDED OTHER THAN BROWNIE STILLS. PERHAPS THAT IS WHY I HAVE NO VIDEO HISTORY ON FILM OF OUR CONVENTIONS OTHER THAN VHS FORMAT AND DVD.

I GUESS IT'S A SIGN OF THE TIMES, BUT IF ANY OF YOU OLD TIMERS OUT THERE HAVE ANY 8MM OR 16MM THAT WOULD FIT INTO OUR HISTORICAL RECORD FOR THE YL SYSTEM, AND WOULD NOT MIND PARTING WITH IT, BY ALL MEANS SEND IT TO ME. I WILL ENTER IT INTO THE RECORD AND TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT. ALSO, I AM TRYING MY BEST TO CONVERT THE OLDER VHS TAPES I HAVE OF OUR CONVENTIONS INTO THE MORE DURABLE AND EASIER TO MAINTAIN DVD FORMAT BUT IT IS A LONG AND TEDIOUS PROCESS.

I LOOKED BACK AT SOME OF OUR COMMUNICATOR CONVENTION PHOTOS THIS MORNING. A LOT OF NOSTALGIA AND GREAT MEMORIES CAN BE FOUND THERE. JUST GO TO WWW.YLSYSTEM.ORG, CLICK ON THE TORCH, AND THEN WHEN YOU SEE THE DROP DOWN MENU APPEAR ON THE LEFT, CLICK ON CONVENTION PICS. I GUARANTEE IT WILL BRING BACK SOME NEAT MEMORIES AND IF YOU ARE A NEWER MEMBER, IT WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF WHAT SOME OF US WHO YOU HAVE ONLY MET ON THE AIR, LOOK LIKE. WELL, MAYBE LOOKED LIKE BACK THEN, HIHI.

UNTIL NEXT TIME....

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