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CONVENTION 2014

THE CONVENTION IS NOW HISTORY...AND WHAT A MEMORABLE HISTORY IT IS. JOAN, W4JMJ, DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB AS CONVENTION CHAIRMAN. SHE THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING TO MAKE THE CONVENTION A SUCCESS...AND A SUCCESS IT WAS. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND, YOU REALLY MISSED A WONDERFUL SHINDIG. NOT ONLY DID THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND JUMP BY OVER \$2000, THE CONVENTION ITSELF PUT OVER \$1200 INTO THE YLISSB COFFERS. THANKS SO MUCH TO JOAN, AND EVERYONE THAT ATTENDED.

AWARDS

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS HAVE BEEN ISSUED SINCE THE LAST REPORT. MAY OLD TIMERS, KL7FQQ; JUNE CONVENTION: K4KRK, WK8Y. CUATRO AWARD: VE1JIM, KL7FQQ, KC8VRT, KC7KPG, VE3JPJ, VE5ADO. TEXAS STATE, K4YCF. AND, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OUR RECORDS, A MEMBER HAS EARNED THE 18 WHEELER WAS AWARD...CONGRATULATIONS GO TO KC8VRT....THIS WAS A TOUGHIE! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE AWARD WINNERS.

CONVENTION 2015

CONVENTION 2015 WILL BE HELD IN ERWIN, TN, JUNE 17-21, 2015. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING OUT SOON. PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR, AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. ERWIN IS ROUGHLY 25 MILES FROM THE TRI CITY AIRPORT IN KINGSFORT.

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AWARDS GIVEN AT CONVENTION

THE FOLLOWING TROPHIES WERE PRESENTED AT THE CONVENTION: FOUNDERS TO JUDY, KC7KPG; CORNERSTONE TO JIM, VE1JIM; RIGEL TO AMY, KC8VRT; SILENT SERVICE TO BILL, W7AJP, AND THE TFO OF THE YEAR WAS PRESENTED TO JUDY, KC7KPG. THE 12/12 AWARD, FOR SUCCESSFULLY QUALIFYING FOR ALL 12 OF OUR SPECIAL DAYS IN 2013 WAS GIVEN TO JUDY, KC7KPG AND ROSE, KL7FQQ. THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE ISSUED: RASCAL AWARD GIVEN TO CA, W5CAP; THE BELLE AWARD TO MARIA, NOTWV; THE BAFFLER AWARD TO BILL, W7AJP; AND ROOKY OF THE YEAR AWARDS WERE GIVEN TO: WK8Y, K4DXM, KC8UPU AND KDOUAG. CONGRATULATIONS ONE AND ALL.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

TWO ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED: ONE TO EMILY COCHRAN, DAUGHTER OF CURT, WA4KSO AND ONE TO SKYLER IVES, GRANDSON OF JAY, KI4TXP. CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH.

QSO PARTY WINNERS

THE 2014 QSO PARTY WINNERS WERE ANNOUNCED. 1ST PLACE FOR SSB WENT TO SALLY, KK4YL, AND 2ND PLACE TO JIM, VE1JIM; 1ST PLACE CW WENT TO DOC, KB9GFX; 2ND PLACE TO GEORGE, AA4GT AND 3RD PLACE TO HAROU, JA1CG. CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

NEW OFFICERS

INDUCTED FOR A 2-YEAR TERM WERE ROSE, KL7FQQ AS PRESIDENT, AND JOAN, W4JMJ AS VICE PRESIDENT. INDUCTED FOR A 3-YEAR TERM AS DIRECTOR WAS SALLY, KK4YL. ROSE, JOAN AND SALLY THANK THOSE THAT VOTED FOR THEM, AND PROMISE TO DO THEIR VERY BEST TO SUPPORT THE YL SYSTEM.

NEW AWARDS COORDINATOR

WE ARE PROUD TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW AWARDS COORDINATOR TO YOU. SKIPPER, W4VTH, HAS GRACIOUSLY AGREED TO TAKE ON THIS DAUNTING TASK. SKIPPER RESIDES IN CHARLOTTE, TN.

AWARDS BEING PHASED OUT

THE YL SYSTEM WILL NO LONGER ISSUE THE FOLLOWING AWARDS AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2014. STARS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS; SOLITUDE AND CORONA BOREALIS. IF YOU ARE WORKING TOWARDS THESE AWARDS, PLEASE COMPLETE BY DECEMBER 31, 2014.



FREQUENCY CHANGE

FOR MANY YEARS, THE YL SYSTEM HAS MOVED OFF OF OUR NORMAL OPERATING FREQUENCY OF 14.332 DURING THE SECOND HOUR ON SATURDAY MORNINGS, TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE GE NET THAT OPERATES ABOVE. WE HAVE MOVED DOWN 1 KC TO 14.331. STARTING IMMEDIATELY, WE WILL BE MOVING DOWN AT LEAST 2 KC'S. SO, CHECK FOR US ON 14.330 OR LOWER.

SUNRISE ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

JEFF, KD0UAG HAS BEEN OUR SUNRISE ASSISTANT COORDINATOR FOR QUITE SOME TIME, AND DONE A MAGNIFICENT JOB IF IT. HOWEVER, HIS WORK SCHEDULE HAS INCREASED, AND HE WAS FINDING IT MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO CONTINUE AS COORDINATOR. SO, HE HAS STEPPED ASIDE, AND BOBBIE, W4ZGH HAS GRACIOUSLY VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE THAT POSITION. WE THANK JEFF FOR ALL THE WORK HE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE YL SYSTEM, AND WISH BOBBIE THE BEST OF LUCK WITH HER NEW JOB.

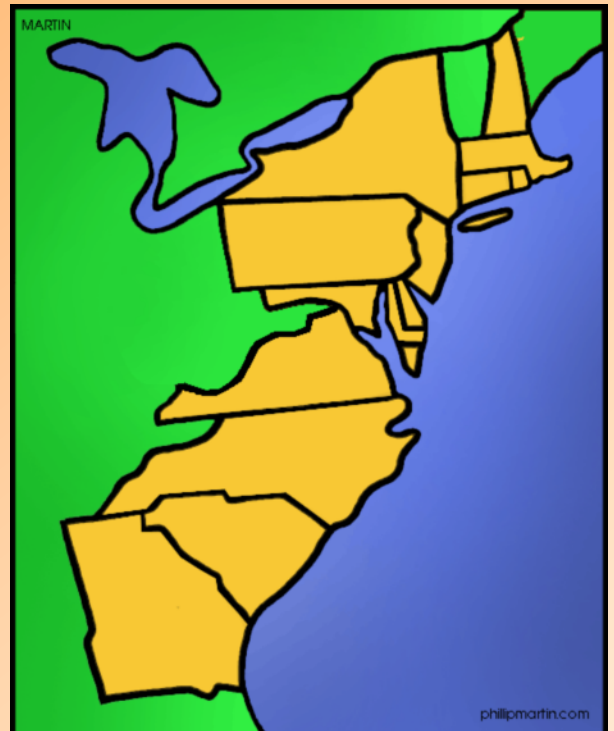
33's, 73's AND 88's ROSE
KL7FQQ YLISSB PRESIDENT

SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM

JULY 4TH IS OUR SPECIAL FREEDOM AWARD 2014 DAY. CONTACT 6 MEMBERS OF THE YLISSB THAT HOLD THE USA AWARD. K4ICA, OUR CLUB CALL, COUNTS AS TWO CONTACTS.

JULY 1-31 IS OUR INDEPENDENCE 2014 AWARD. CONTACT 25 MEMBERS FROM THE ORIGINAL 13 COLONIES TO EARN THIS AWARD. THE ORIGINAL THIRTEEN COLONIES WERE CONNECTICUT, DELAWARE, GEORGIA, MARYLAND, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, PENNSYLVANIA, RHODE ISLAND AND VIRGINIA.

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.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/01 W0QPO
7/04 DU9EK
7/04 KY0TE
7/04 WA5PBR
7/06 W8RQE
7/07 KJ4APD
7/07 KJ4YDI
7/08 KB3OMO
7/08 KA4WWN
7/08 DJ9BK
7/11 KD0RIR
7/11 KC5SAM
7/12 K0BGS
7/13 W3YZL
7/13 KB7CSW
7/13 KA7TXR
7/14 NM5CL
7/15 KC9VVU
7/16 K0UB
7/16 KD0NQM
7/18 K4TFJ
7/18 KA5RUZ
7/18 N9SWM
7/20 KL3QI
7/20 KJ4APD
7/21 K3CJW
7/21 W0GHM

7/22 WD5FQX
7/23 KA0ENU
7/23 WK8Y
7/23 KJ5Q
7/24 K9WFE
7/25 W2CCW
7/26 W6HB
7/26 K0LWT
7/28 VK5ZB
7/29 VE1QT
7/29 W1AES
7/29 W0EWB
7/29 AJ0HH
7/30 N4EPG
7/30 K1TXU
7/30 VE3WWR
7/31 KC8UPU

ANNIVERSARIES

7/04 KI4TXP JAY & SUE
7/10 W9DTR HERB & MARY LYNN
7/10 W8OPA RENE & JEANIE
7/14 VE9MSD MONA & VE9RMD ROBERT
7/23 KA8ULT GREG & XYL
7/23 G3LHJ DERRICK & SYLVIA-58TH
7/23 VE9GU/DIANE RON & DIANE
7/31 AB7HB BERNARD & KRISTI

MISSED JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/01 N6LFJ
6/01 KJ4YMV
6/01 N7PWC
6/03 KF9XX
6/03 KK6CS
6/03 KC2ZUQ
6/04 NT9QZ
6/04 KI4VMK
6/05 AC5PW
6/05 KB3ITJ
6/05 KG7EFA
6/06 KK4AED
6/07 2M0DDS
6/08 NF2J
6/09 VE1QT
6/10 KG4YNI
6/12 W3DSO
6/13 N5OTR
6/13 KC8WPJ
6/15 KD7ADH
6/17 K4ZGH
6/17 HB9MX
6/17 KB9IYO
6/18 VE9RC
6/18 KL7FQQ
6/19 KK4UGY
6/19 KC8OFS

6/20 KE4VRW
6/20 K6ZNL
6/21 KC4VBS
6/21 KF4CUJ
6/22 K4BKC
6/23 W4ZAB
6/23 KK5E
6/23 K7DOJ
6/23 WK8Y
6/23 KL7FQR
6/25 W9LLW
6/25 K7RBO
6/26 KF5QQC
6/27 KF5HVV
6/28 VE2OCH
6/29 N4XXO
6/29 KA9W
6/30 KH6OE

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/06 WA0PFV REV JIM & MEG
6/07 KI4IRH TOM & BECKY
6/15 N0TWV MARIA & KC0CRS MACK
6/16 W9LL LELAND AND XYL
6/19 N5OTR KEN & LIZ
6/23 KE5AJI DYRK AND XYL
6/24 N4YYV STEVE & KC4UBE JESSIE
6/28 VE9GU RON & DIANE

JUST A REMINDER

WE HAVE YL SYSTEM VETERANS BIO'S AVAILABLE AT
[HTTP://WWW.QSL.NET/KK4YL/VETERANS.HTML](http://www.qsl.net/kk4yl/veterans.html)

FOR PICTURES OF K9DIG #16336 IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS CHECK OUT
QRZ.COM FOR ZF2NY

FROM BETH, KC5RWW

I HEARD A HAM IN SIBERIA A FEW DAYS AGO ON 15M AND TRIED VERY HARD TO CONTACT HIM. HE JUST COULD NOT HEAR ME. I'M STILL UPLOADING LOGS TO LOTW. NOW I'M MONITORING 6M BECAUSE IT COULD OPEN UP ANYTIME.

WE WERE FINALLY ABLE TO GIVE AWAY THE 60 POUND BOXER DOG AND GOT A 30 POUND TERRIER MIX, 4 YEARS OLD. SHE IS SO MUCH EASIER TO MANAGE. OUR DOG FOOD EXPENSE HAS DROPPED TREMENDOUSLY. THE 70 POUND CATAHOULA DOG WASN'T SURE HOW TO TREAT HER WHEN SHE FIRST ARRIVED.

WE'VE RECEIVED SOME RAIN BUT NOT ENOUGH TO FILL THE POND. THE COUNTY IS FINALLY REPLACING THE SECOND BRIDGE. THE DRY WEATHER HELPS THAT.

WE TOOK OUR DAUGHTER'S CAR BACK TO HER IN TEXAS 350 MILES AWAY. SINCE WE WERE IN TWO CARS WE TOOK TWO HTS. WE DON'T TALK ON OUR CELL PHONES WHILE DRIVING.

FIELD DAY IS TWO DAYS AFTER OUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR SO I'LL BE ABLE TO STAY AT FIELD DAY LONGER. I HOPE TO LEARN JT65 MODE.

BETH, KC5RWW

THANK YOU!!

THE AWARD PLAQUES FOR FOUNDER, TFO OF THE YEAR AND 12-12 AWARD WERE DELIVERED BY BILL W7AJP AND XYL JOAN TODAY. THANKS TO BILL AND JOAN TO DRIVE ALL THIS WAY TO BRING THEM. IT WAS SUCH AN HONOR TO SEE THEM.

THE AWARDS ARE BEAUTIFUL, BUT I FEEL GUILTY WITH THEM AS THEY SHOULD BE SHARED BY SO MANY OF OUR CONTROLS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS THAT DO SO MUCH MORE THAN I DO. IT IS A TEAM EFFORT THAT MAKES THE SYSTEM WORK SO WELL. THE INCREASE IN NEW CHECK INS AND THE INCREASE IN NEW MEMBERS SHOW THAT TEAMWORK. THE SYSTEM IS A FAMILY. IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO BE PART OF THAT FAMILY. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE AWARDS.

73,88,33, JUDY KC7KPG 15945

A VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY



LOUISE KE7LSF # 16331

**SHE TURNED 105 ON MARCH 22,
2014**

**I AM SURE SHE IS OUR OLDEST
MEMBER.**

**IF YOU FEEL SO INCLINED YOU MAY
WANT TO SEND HER BELATED
WISHES**

LOUISE EVANS

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DEAR YL MEMBERS

I WISH TO THANK ALL OUR YL MEMBERS WHO GENEROUSLY DONATED ITEMS FOR THE BOUTIQUE AND AUCTION AS WELL AS ALL THE YL MEMBERS WHO GENEROUSLY BOUGHT THE ITEMS. THE BOUTIQUE AND THE AUCTION WAS A GREAT SUCCESS DUE TO OUR MEMBERS AND WE HAD LOTS OF FUN PARTICIPATING. THE TOTAL RAISED TOTAL FROM THE BOUTIQUE/AUCTION: \$2,100.48 FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THE YL FAMILY THAT ATTENDED THE 2014 CONVENTION HAD A GRAND TIME CONNECTING WITH OLD FRIENDS AND FINDING NEW ONES. A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PEOPLE THAT VOLUNTEERED TO HELP SET THINGS UP AND SELL THE ITEMS. YOU WERE ALL VERY GIVING OF YOUR TIME AND TALENTS.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING THE BOUTIQUE AND AUCTION A GREAT SUCCESS. HOPE TO SEE MORE YL FRIENDS NEXT YEAR IN TENNESSEE.

BOBBIE LIVINGSTON
K4ZGH 73, 88

CONVENTION PICTURES





W1VCU



W7AJP AND XYL



KE5ZI



KBOTFK



K4HCB



W2GBX



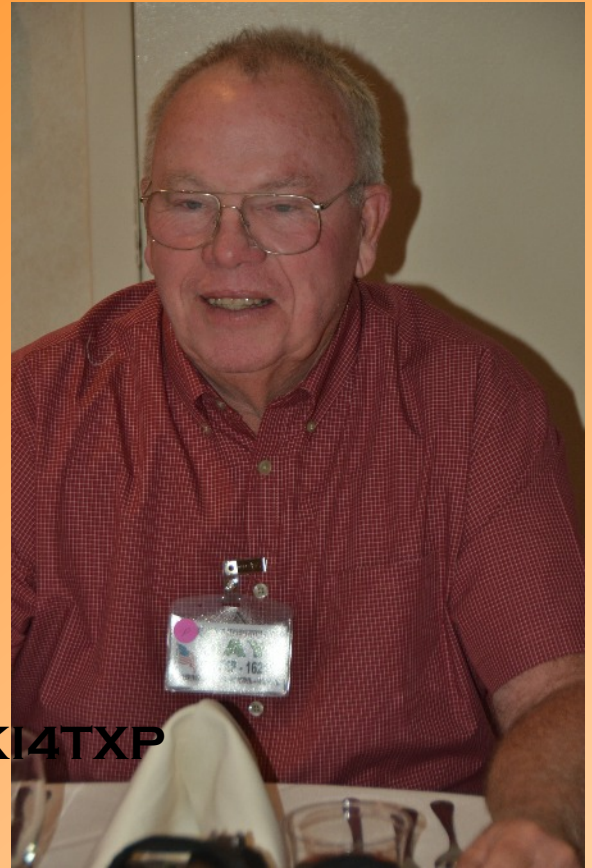
KK4YL



N4ZGH



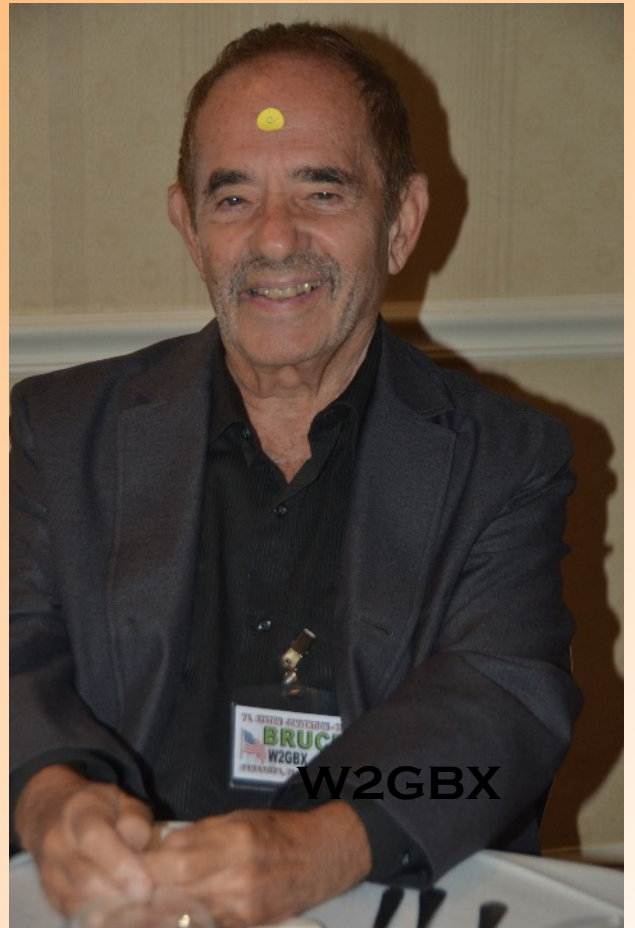
NV4Z AA4GT



KI4TXP



N3MAV

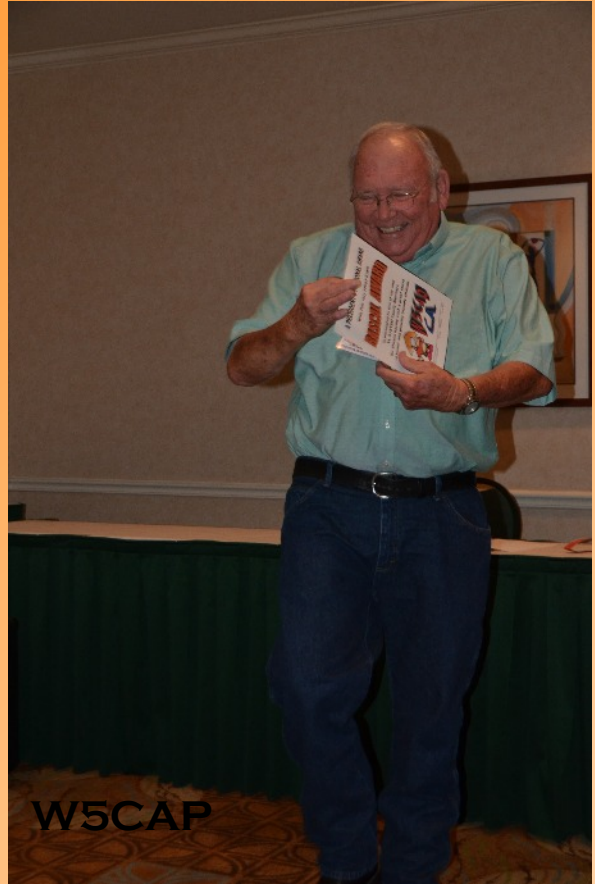


W2GBX



KN2AA

KK4YL



W5CAP



WHAT'S THIS FOR



KN4AA W4ZGH



K4DXM

K4DMW



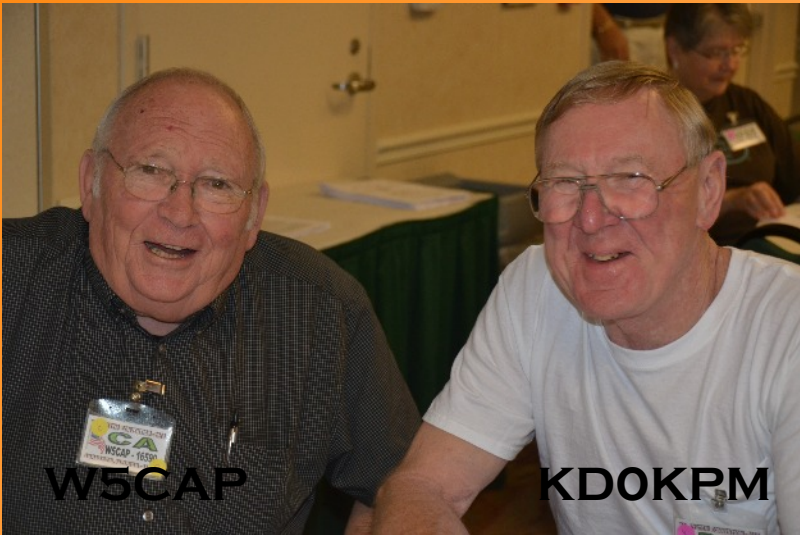
N4ZGH AND XYL



N4ZGH

K4ZGH



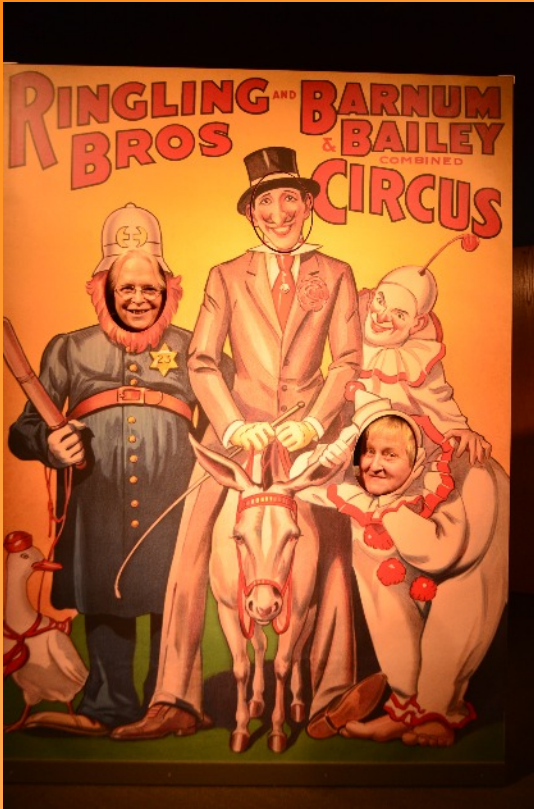


W4JMJ & OM

**W4JMJ AND
HER OM PETER.
VERY
WONDERFUL
HOSTS.**

**THANKS JOAN
AND PETER**

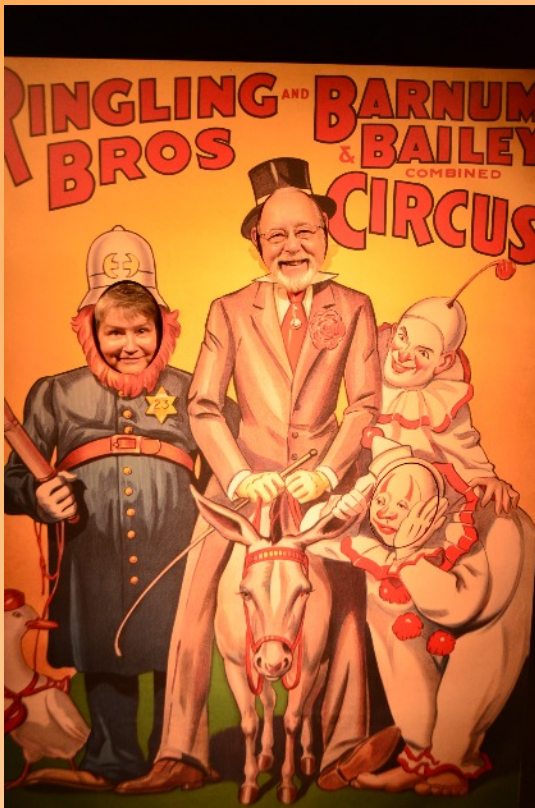
K4DXM & K4DMW



K9DIG



W7AJP & XYL



W5CAP & XYL





KL7FQQ & W4JMJ



KL7FQQ

KK4YL



N1PVT AND NIECE



KE5ZI



W7AJP



XYL W4ZGH



XYL W7AJP

K9VFS & XYL

K4DXM

N3MAV



K9DIG

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS OF THE YL ISSB COMMUNICATION SYSTEM



**CORNERSTONE AWARD RECIPIENT
VE1JIM**

**SILENT SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT
W7AJP**

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH.



FROM THE HISTORIAN

HI EVERYONE,

OVER THE YEARS, I HAVE ATTENDED NUMEROUS YL SYSTEM CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETINGS HELD ON THE SATURDAY MORNING, AND SOME HAVE BEEN RATHER DRAB AND UNEVENTFUL, WHILE OTHERS HAVE BEEN EXCITING AND MEANINGFUL. THIS YEARS MEETING FELL INTO THE LATTER CATEGORY. IT WAS INFORMATIVE, FILLED WITH IMPORTANT TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION, AND YES, EVEN A FEW VITAL CHANGES WERE MADE AND VOTED ON.

WE WERE ALSO MADE AWARE OF AN AWARD THAT CAME ABOUT YEARS AGO, BUT WHICH VERY FEW FOLKS ATTAINED, AND BARBARA, KE5ZI EVEN DONATED SOME NICE PINS THAT WERE LEFT OVER FROM THE AWARD PACKAGE. GEORGE, AA4GT, IT TURNS OUT, WAS ACTUALLY THE PERSON WHO CREATED AND DESIGNED THE PINS FOR THE AWARD. NO ONE ELSE IN THE ROOM (AND THERE WERE QUITE A FEW LONG TIME MEMBERS PRESENT) HAD A CLUE AS TO THE ORIGINS OF THE TCL AWARD UNTIL GEORGE PIPED UP AND EXPLAINED THE ENTIRE SCENARIO TO THE CAPTIVATED AUDIENCE. IT WAS WONDERFUL ACTUALLY HEARING HISTORY FIRST HAND, AND IN A FUTURE ARTICLE IN THIS VENUE, I WILL DESCRIBE MORE ABOUT THE AWARD DISCUSSED. SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WERE SO ENTHRALLED WITH THE HISTORY OF THE AWARD, AND THE LOVELY PINS WHICH WERE NOW IN MY POSSESSION, THAT WE ACTUALLY SOLD QUITE A FEW OF THE PINS AND THE MEMBERS WORE THEM PROUDLY FOR THE REST OF THE DAY AND ALSO AT THE BANQUET ON SATURDAY EVENING! WHAT A GREAT DISPLAY OF YL SYSTEM CAMARADERIE AND FRIENDSHIP. THANKS TO EVERYONE THERE FROM YOUR HISTORIAN!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SENT CONVENTION PICTURES. SORRY I COULD NOT PUBLISH ALL OF THEM. VE1JIM HAS MANY MORE PICTURES ON THE WEBSITE.

THAT WONDERFUL VOICE BY NOVVV # 16711

A DISCOVERY WAS MADE ON A SPRING EVENING IN MAY TWO YEARS AGO. THE UPS TRUCK HAD JUST PULLED AWAY AS I WAS CARRYING MY PACKAGES INSIDE. IN THE FIRST OF TWO BOXES, I REMOVED, WITH A LITTLE DIFFICULTY, A NEW ICOM-7000. THE SECOND PACKAGE CONTAINED AN LG AUTOMATIC ANTENNA TUNER. TWO SEPARATE PACKAGES WERE DELIVERED BECAUSE AFTER ORDERING THE RADIO, I DISCOVERED THAT I ALSO NEEDED AN ADDITIONAL DEVICE KNOWN AS AN "ANTENNA TUNER". ALSO ANOTHER DEVICE CALLED AN AMPLIFIER WAS SOON NEEDED. LIVING ON A FEW ACRES, THREE MILES OUTSIDE OF A SMALL TOWN, IN THE LEAST POPULATED STATE IN OUR GREAT COUNTRY. MEANS THAT ELMERS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN. YOUR ON YOUR OWN. I WAS READY TO TAKE THE GENERAL EXAM WEEKS AGO. HOWEVER, MY LOCAL CLUB, WHICH I DIDN'T DISCOVER EVEN EXISTED, UNTIL AFTER DRIVING 100 MILES TO TAKE MY TECHNICIAN EXAM, ONLY HAS AN EXAM SESSION ONCE A YEAR. LUCKILY, BECAUSE OF MYSELF AND ANOTHER, THE CLUB HAD A SPECIAL EXAM SESSION. THE HF WORLD WAS NOW MINE TO EXPLORE. WHILE WAITING FOR THE EXAM DATE, AND MY NEW RADIO TO APPEAR, MY WIFE GAVE ME A HAND GETTING A G5RV HANGING BETWEEN TWO TREES. ONCE AGAIN WITHOUT HAVING AN ELMER. THINGS LIKE AN "ANTENNA LAUNCHER" ARE YET TO BE DISCOVERED. WE DECIDED TO USE MY 10 FOOT SURF CASTING FISHING ROD. AFTER MANY FAILED ATTEMPTS, AND THREE HOURS LATER, THE ROPES FOR THE ANTENNA WERE IN PLACE. MAYBE..... MY WIFE FAILED TO TIE OFF HER END OF THE HANGING FISHING LINE. YES, WE HAD TO START OVER. AGAIN.....

NOVVV CONTINUED

OK, NOW EVERYTHING IS IN PLACE. IT'S NOW TIME TO PUT ALL OF MY NEW EQUIPMENT TOGETHER AND MAKE A CONTACT. IT'S MAY 21ST, 2012, ABOUT 16:00 UTC. UTC WAS ALSO ANOTHER LESSON I HAD TO LEARN AS WELL. REMEMBER, A LITTLE OVER TWO YEARS AGO.....

IT IS NOW JUNE 2014. MY SHACK CONTAINS TWO RADIO'S. MY MAIN RIG AND A BACK UP. EACH WITH IT'S OWN AMPLIFIER, TUNER, SIGNALINK, THE WORKS. FOUR WORKING ANTENNAS, A SPARE RADIO AND AMP, JUST IN CASE. LOGGING PROGRAMS, REMOTE RADIO CONTROL, KEYBOARD FOR CW, TWO COMPUTER'S WITH INTERFACES. THE EQUIPMENT LIST IS LONG. EVERY SO OFTEN, MORE OFTEN THAN NOT. MY WIFE DOES MENTION THE MONEY I HAVE SPENT ON MY NEW HOBBY. BUT WHEN I TELL HER THAT IT KEEPS ME HOME, REAL GOOD ON GAS, AND THE INSURANCE IS LESS THAN A HUNDRED BUCKS A YEAR. SHE SMILES. HOWEVER, SHE DOES STILL COMPLAIN A LITTLE ABOUT MY MANY TRIPS TO BUY STAMPS. HI HI

I NOW DISPLAY MANY AWARDS ON MY SHACK WALL. 6 BAND WAS, DXCC MIXED, DXCC CW MIXED, DXCC 20 METERS, DXCC 17 METERS, DXCC 15 METERS, WAC, AND MANY MANY MORE. HOPEFULLY, MANY MORE TO ACCOMPLISH. SO THAT'S MY LITTLE STORY ABOUT MY BEGINNING WITH HAM RADIO. I HEARD THAT "WONDERFUL VOICE" A FEW HOURS LATER ON THAT DAY IN MAY 2012. I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE A YL AS MY VERY FIRST CONTACT. THE CONTACT THAT STARTED IT ALL.....

AT 21:45 UTC, ON THE FREQUENCY OF: 14.332, MAY 21ST, 2012. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF TALKING TO K9DIG, NANCY FROM NORTH DAKOTA.

JIM, NOVVV





INDEPENDENCE DAY, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE FOURTH OF JULY, IS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY IN THE UNITED STATES COMMEMORATING THE ADOPTION OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ON JULY 4, 1776, DECLARING INDEPENDENCE FROM THE KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN (NOW OFFICIALLY KNOWN AS THE UNITED KINGDOM). INDEPENDENCE DAY IS COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH FIREWORKS, PARADES, BARBECUES, CARNIVALS, FAIRS, PICNICS, CONCERTS, BASEBALL GAMES, FAMILY REUNIONS, AND POLITICAL SPEECHES AND CEREMONIES, IN ADDITION TO VARIOUS OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EVENTS CELEBRATING THE HISTORY, GOVERNMENT, AND TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES. INDEPENDENCE DAY IS THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE UNITED STATES.

DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, THE LEGAL SEPARATION OF THE THIRTEEN COLONIES FROM GREAT BRITAIN OCCURRED ON JULY 2, 1776, WHEN THE SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS VOTED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF INDEPENDENCE THAT HAD BEEN PROPOSED IN JUNE BY RICHARD HENRY LEE OF VIRGINIA DECLARING THE UNITED STATES INDEPENDENT FROM GREAT BRITAIN. AFTER VOTING FOR INDEPENDENCE, CONGRESS TURNED ITS ATTENTION TO THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, A STATEMENT EXPLAINING THIS DECISION, WHICH HAD BEEN PREPARED BY A COMMITTEE OF FIVE, WITH THOMAS JEFFERSON AS ITS PRINCIPAL AUTHOR. CONGRESS DEBATED AND REVISED THE WORDING OF THE DECLARATION, FINALLY APPROVING IT ON JULY 4. A DAY EARLIER, JOHN ADAMS HAD WRITTEN TO HIS WIFE ABIGAIL:

THE SECOND DAY OF JULY, 1776, WILL BE THE MOST MEMORABLE EPOCH IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICA. I AM APT TO BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE CELEBRATED BY SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS AS THE GREAT ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL. IT OUGHT TO BE COMMEMORATED AS THE DAY OF DELIVERANCE, BY SOLEMN ACTS OF DEVOTION TO GOD ALMIGHTY. IT OUGHT TO BE SOLEMNIZED WITH POMP AND PARADE, WITH SHOWS, GAMES, SPORTS, GUNS, BELLS, BONFIRES, AND ILLUMINATIONS, FROM ONE END OF THIS CONTINENT TO THE OTHER, FROM THIS TIME FORWARD FOREVER MORE.

ADAMS'S PREDICTION WAS OFF BY TWO DAYS. FROM THE OUTSET, AMERICANS CELEBRATED INDEPENDENCE ON JULY 4, THE DATE SHOWN ON THE MUCH-PUBLICIZED DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, RATHER THAN ON JULY 2, THE DATE THE RESOLUTION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS APPROVED IN A CLOSED SESSION OF CONGRESS.

FROM WIKIPEDIA