

# THE COMMUNICATOR

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## President's report

### GREETINGS FROM TEXAS

**AWARDS** DOUG, K5ZMX HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED HIS 3<sup>RD</sup> ONE IN A MILLION AWARD...WAY TO GO, DOUG. THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE ISSUED SINCE OUR LAST REPORT. THE SNOWY JANUARY WENT TO: K4KRK, K5ZMX, KN4AA, WK8Y, VE1OCH, KF6JG AND KA1EPT. THE SNOWFLAKE WENT TO: VE3JPJ, K4ZMX AND VE20CH. THE BIRTHDAY AWARD WENT TO: W4JMJ, W7DZX, K1MTD, K9DIG, KC8VRT, KL7FQQ AND K4KRK. THE MONTHLY BIRTHDAY AWARD WENT TO: KL7FQQ AND KC8VRT. THE REGULAR KNA WENT TO WK8Y, THE REGULAR STARS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS WENT TO VE3JPJ AND THE REGULAR BELT OF ORION WENT TO K4ADY. CONGRATULATIONS ALL.

### SPECIAL DAY

OUR 51<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY WAS CELEBRATED ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9. MANY PEOPLE PARTICIPATED, AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. A SPECIAL THANKS GO TO OUR CONTROL OPERATORS WHO GAVE UP THEIR SUNDAY TO CONTROL THE SYSTEM.

### ELECTION

THE ELECTION IS OVER, AND THE BALLOTS HAVE BEEN COUNTED. 133 BALLOTS WERE RECEIVED. ROSE KL7FQQ AS PRESIDENT, JOAN W4JMJ AS VICE- PRESIDENT, AND SALLY KK4YL AS DIRECTOR ALL RECEIVED 133 VOTES. THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS PASSED WITH 116 YES VOTES.

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### **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. 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.

### **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 RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE, PLEASE CONTACT JIM, VE1JIM AT [VE1JIM@NS.SYMPATICO.CA](mailto:VE1JIM@NS.SYMPATICO.CA). AND, IF ANY PAID-UP MEMBER WOULD LIKE A CERTIFICATE SENT TO THEM VIA E-MAIL, PLEASE CONTACT JIM. HE HAS DONE A FANTASTIC JOB IN DESIGNING THE CERTIFICATE.

### **HELP NEEDED**

LAST MONTH, I ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS ASSISTANT COORDINATOR FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> PERIOD, FOR MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY. GLORIA, K4DXM, HAS TENTATIVELY VOLUNTEERED TO SET IN, AND SEE HOW IT GOES. WK8Y HAS VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE THE POSITION FOR TUESDAY AND THURSDAY. THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS.

AND, IF YOU FEEL YOUR CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING, AND YOU ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT GRAPHICS, OUR AWARDS MANAGER IS HAVING SOME HEALTH PROBLEMS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN ASSISTANT TO HELP HIM. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE ASSISTANT COULD STEP INTO THE POSITION OF AWARDS COORDINATOR IN THE FUTURE, WHEN BUD (WD1Z) DECIDES THAT THE TIME IS RIGHT TO RETIRE. SO, AGAIN, IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST, CONTACT ME AT [KL7FQQ@YAHOO.COM](mailto:KL7FQQ@YAHOO.COM).

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

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WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT YOU. PLEASE SEND INFO TO  
[NANCYYOSHIDA@LIVE.COM](mailto:NANCYYOSHIDA@LIVE.COM) FOR NEXT MONTH'S COMMUNICATOR

**SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM**

**MARCH 17TH IS ST. PATRICK'S DAY, AND ALSO OUR ST. PATRICK'S DAY AWARD 2014. CONTACT 15 MEMBERS WHOSE SIDEBAND NUMBERS END WITH A 1 OR A 7, OR ANY STATION IN IRELAND, AND QUALIFY FOR A DELIGHTFUL AWARD. K4ICA COUNTS AS 5 CONTACTS....**

**FROM MARCH 1-31 WE HAVE OUR MARCH IRISH AWARD - 2014. CONTACT 20 MEMBERS WHOSE FIRST NAMES SOUND IRISH, OR ARE LOCATED IN IRELAND, OR WHOSE BIRTHDAY FALLS ON MARCH 17, TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SPECIAL AWARD. THERE WILL BE A LIST OF SOME IRISH SOUNDING NAMES IN THIS COMMUNICATOR, AND A WEB SITE THAT YOU CAN GO TO FOR FURTHER NAMES.**

**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 OUT TO BARBARA.**

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**I RECEIVED THIS FROM GHIS # 9508**

**I AM IN PORTO ALGRE/PY3 RIGHT NOW.**

**LOOK FOR ME FEB 21-26 FROM CW5F. ALL INFO ON  
[WWW.QRZ.COM/DB/CW5F](http://WWW.QRZ.COM/DB/CW5F) .**

**I MIGHT TRY TO BE QRV WITH MY OWN CALL SIGN CX5DNT FROM  
MONTEVIDEO ON FEB 20 AND/OR 27.**

**BACK HOME ON MARCH 12.**

**73/88, GHIS-ON5NT/CX5DNT**

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**I RECEIVED THIS FROM CARRIE W9FML #16734**

**HI NANCY!**

**I HAVE BEEN HOME FOR A FEW DAYS BUT FINALLY HAVE A MINUTE TO EMAIL YOU  
AS PROMISED.**

**ON FEB 12, 2014, AT 7:24 AM, MY HUSBAND, DARREN AND I WERE BLESSED WITH  
OUR DAUGHTER ADRYANA GAIL KRUEGER. SHE WEIGHED 7 LBS, 4 OZ AND 20  
INCHES LONG. WE WERE ABLE TO COME HOME ON VALENTINES DAY. WE HAVE  
BEEN SETTling INTO A ROUTINE AT HOME WITH OUR OTHER TWO GIRLS, ONE IS 20  
AND THE OTHER IS ALMOST 10, BOTH OF WHICH ARE ENJOYING EVERY SECOND WITH  
THE BABY.**

**I LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING BACK ON THE AIR SOON. I AM MISSING CHECKING IN  
TO THE NETS AND THE YLSYSTEM.**

**THANKS FOR THINKING OF ME!**

**CARRIE**

**ELEPHANT STEW RECIPE**

3-7-81

THIS HAS BEEN A FAMILY FAVORITE FOR A LONG TIME.

1- MED SIZE ELEPHANT

400 LBS CARROTS, CHOPPED

300 STALKS CELERY, CHOPPED

1 CARTON EACH, SALT AND PEPPER

500 LBS POTATO'S

600 LBS ONIONS

6 BUSHELS GREEN PEPPERS

CUT ELEPHANT INTO BITE CHUNKS ( THIS TAKES ABOUT 28 DAYS)

ADD ALL INGREDIENTS.

MAKE GRAVY WITH JUICE

THIS WILL SERVE ABOUT 2800 PEOPLE.

IF MORE STEW IS REQUIRED, ADD A FEW RABBITS. ONLY DO THIS IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY

BECAUSE NOT EVERYONE LIKES A HARE IN THEIR STEW !

BON APPETITE,

JOHN W5PDW #4076 TFO 463

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**UPDATE ON BERNARD AB7HB # 15795**

I SPOKE WITH BERNARD AND HE SAID HE DID NOT HAVE SURGERY. THE DOCTORS FELT IT WOULD DO MORE DAMAGE TO HAVE SURGERY.

HE IS GOING TO REHAB AND HOPEFULLY ON THE WAY TO A GREAT RECOVERY.

WE ALL WISH YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY BERNARD!



VE1JIM  
#15059

IN HAWAII

THE DATE ON  
THE PHOTOS IS  
WRONG. JIM  
WAS THERE IN  
JAN. '14





**K9DIG #16336 AND N3KN KAY CRAIGIE # 15219 AT  
THE ORLANDO HAMCATION  
KAY IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE ARRL**

**SUGGESTIONS FOR THE MARCH ST. PATRICKS AWARD 2014**

**FOR OUR IRISH MARCH I HAVE INCLUDED 50 OF THE MOST POPULAR IRISH  
GIRLS AND BOYS NAMES ON THE NEXT TWO PAGES. HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK.**

BOYS IRISH NAMES

- |             |             |                 |               |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. JACK     | 26. NOAH    | 51. ALEXANDER   | 75. SHAY      |
| 2. SEAN     | 27. EVAN    | 52. OLIVER      | 77. JASON     |
| 3. DANIEL   | 28. BEN     | 53. CIARAN      | 77. ODHRAN    |
| 4. JAMES    | 29. EOIN    | 54. RIAN        | 79. JACOB     |
| 5. CONOR    | 29. NATHAN  | 55. EOGHAN      | 79. LUCAS     |
| 6. RYAN     | 31. JAKE    | 56. LEON        | 81. BRIAN     |
| 7. ADAM     | 32. CALLUM  | 57. RORY        | 81. LEE       |
| 8. ALEX     | 33. SHANE   | 58. ANDREW      | 83. MARTIN    |
| 9. LUKE     | 34. ETHAN   | 59. CORMAC      | 83. PETER     |
| 10. DYLAN   | 35. FIONN   | 60. JAKUB       | 83. TYLER     |
| 11. JAMIE   | 36. JOSHUA  | 61. OSCAR       | 86. ANTHONY   |
| 12. MICHAEL | 37. JOSEPH  | 62. BENJAMIN    | 86. TOMAS     |
| 13. AARON   | 37. KYLE    | 62. KILLIAN     | 88. RUAIRI    |
| 14. CIAN    | 39. SAMUEL  | 64. BOBBY       | 88. STEPHEN   |
| 15. LIAM    | 40. TADHG   | 65. TOM         | 90. PAUL      |
| 16. DARRAGH | 41. SAM     | 66. RHYS        | 91. NIALL     |
| 17. OISIN   | 42. CATHAL  | 67. KEVIN       | 92. SEBASTIAN |
| 18. PATRICK | 43. ROBERT  | 68. ALAN        | 93. CALUM     |
| 19. CHARLIE | 44. MARK    | 68. JOSH        | 94. DAITHI    |
| 20. HARRY   | 45. WILLIAM | 70. CHRISTOPHER | 95. PATRYK    |
| 21. CILLIAN | 46. FINN    | 71. DARA        | 96. LEO       |
| 22. JOHN    | 47. JAYDEN  | 72. FILIP       | 97. ALFIE     |
| 22. THOMAS  | 48. AIDAN   | 73. SCOTT       | 98. CAMERON   |
| 24. MATTHEW | 49. MAX     | 74. SENAN       | 99. LORCAN    |
| 25. DAVID   | 50. RONAN   | 75. ORAN        | 100. DAIRE    |

MORE BOY'S NAMES CAN BE FOUND AT

[HTTP://WWW.BEHINDTHENAME.COM/TOP/LISTS/IR/2010](http://www.behindthename.com/top/lists/ir/2010)

## IRISH GIRLS NAMES

1. SOPHIE	26. ISABELLE	51. CARA	76. AOIBHEANN
2. EMILY	27. OLIVIA	51. ISABELLA	76. LILLY
3. EMMA	28. ELLIE	53. MARIA	78. EIMEAR
4. SARAH	29. JESSICA	54. MAJA	79. AOIBHE
5. LUCY	29. RACHEL	55. EABHA	80. SOFIA
6. AVA	31. MOLLY	56. FAYE	81. ISOBEL
7. GRACE	32. ROISIN	57. AIMEE	81. NATALIA
8. CHLOE	33. SOPHIA	58. AINE	83. LENA
9. KATIE	34. AMELIA	59. EVE	84. MAYA
10. AOIFE	35. JULIA	60. MARY	85. MILLIE
11. ELLA	36. ERIN	61. FREYA	85. ORLA
12. ANNA	37. MEGAN	62. ELIZABETH	85. SHAUNA
13. LILY	38. LAURA	62. ISABEL	88. SARA
14. AMY	39. CLODAGH	62. TARA	89. ZARA
15. CIARA	40. NICOLE	65. SADHBH	90. ALEXANDRA
15. LEAH	41. KAYLA	66. ALANNAH	90. KAYLEIGH
17. HOLLY	42. AISLING	67. AOIBHINN	92. ALICIA
18. SAOIRSE	43. ROBYN	68. KATELYN	92. EMILIA
19. KATE	44. EVA	69. CHARLOTTE	94. CLARA
20. MIA	45. ABBIE	70. ALICE	94. ORLAITH
21. LAUREN	46. ZOE	71. AMBER	96. VICTORIA
22. HANNAH	47. ELLEN	71. DAISY	97. JENNIFER
23. RUBY	48. REBECCA	71. ZUZANNA	97. SINEAD
24. CAOIMHE	49. ABIGAIL	74. BROOKE	99. HOLLIE
25. NIAMH	50. LAYLA	75. CAITLIN	100. MADISON

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**NEW MEMBERS THROUGH 2/17**

**16913 - KD0RIR - MIKE IN MISSOURI**

**16912 - KK5E - RUSS IN TEXAS**

**16911 - K4NOY - MICHELLE IN VIRGINIA**

**16910 - K4TFJ - TIM IN VIRGINIA**

**16909 - AC4TM - TOM IN FLORIDA**

**16908 - KD0WYO - DAVE IN MISSOURI**

**16907 - KD0RMF - RICHARD IN NORTH DAKOTA**

**16906 - KA0FOG - BOBBIE IN ARIZONA**

**16905 - WD7WW - MIKE IN ARIZONA**

**SILENT KEYS**

**9452 W2SY JAMES B. O'KEEFE,  
SYRACUSE, NY**

**15424 WA4GGO WILLIAM T. HAYNES,  
KINGSPORT, TN**

**12008 K9HKF ERNEST W. MOUNTJOY,  
HEYWORTH, IL**

**HELP NEEDED**

**HELP NEEDED ON THE YL SYSTEM MOONBEAM. PLEASE THINK ABOUT JOINING THE FAMILY OF SYSTEM CONTROLS.**

**IT IS TRULY A LOT OF FUN. YES IT IS A COMMITMENT BUT IT ALSO REALLY HELPS YOU TO KNOW MORE OF THE MEMBERS AS YOU CHECK THEM IN.**

**WE WILL HELP YOU GAIN THE KNOWLEDGE NEEDED TO BE A GREAT CONTROL.**

**PLEASE EMAIL  
NANCYYOSHIDA@LIVE.COM IF INTERESTED.**

**YOUR EDITOR WORKING IN SHAGELUK  
LAST YEARS DURING IDITAROD**



HELLO TO ALL,

WELL HERE WE ARE IN FLORIDA AND IT IS IN THE MID 30'S GOING TO THE 70'S PLUS OVER THE NEXT WEEK. LOVE IT.

ALL OF YOU IN FLORIDA, THANKS FOR THE WARM GREETING. THOSE IN THE COLD DON'T WORRY IT WILL WARM UP.

SUE AND I WILL BRING SOME WARMTH NORTH SOME TIME IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO.

MY DEAR NAT FANS I WENT TO THERE FIRST LIGHT WORK OUT ON FRIDAY. THAT WAS FUN BUT NOT MUCH HAPPENING. MY PLAN IS TO GO BACK TO VIERA THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK AND GET SOME MORE BASEBALL IN. WE WILL SEE. MAYBE A DAY OR TWO THEIR WILL GET ME THROUGH UNTIL THE SEASON BEGINS.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE TAKEN OVER IN MY ABSENCE.

REPORTS THAT I HAVE RECEIVED SAY THAT ALL IS FINE AND I AM NOT MISSED AT ALL. ONE REPORT FORGOT MY NAME AND CALL

JAY KI4TXP #16251

THIS WAS TAKEN  
BY W5PDW  
# 4076



**WE RECEIVED THIS THIS FROM JOAN W4JMJ #16249**

**HI JOAN, A VERY SHORT ONE AS I CAN JUST BARELY SIT HERE AND TYPE. THEY TOOK MY GALL BLADDER OUT AND NATURALLY AS WITH ME IT WAS WITH COMPLICATIONS. I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR 6 DAYS. I GO BACK TO THE SURGEON IN AMARILLO TOMORROW, WE WILL SEE. I STILL HAVE A STINT IN MY BLADDER, TRYING TO GET THE KIDNEY STONES OUT WITHOUT TO MUCH PAIN. IT WILL HAVE TO COME OUT, I ALSO HAVE A CATHETER THAT IS STILL IN THAT WILL HAVE TO COME OUT.**

**AS SOON AS I GET ALL THIS FIXED I AM OFF TO A NEUROSURGEON TO CHECK MY NECK OUT AND ALSO THE SPONDYLOSIS OUT AS IT IS GETTING WORSE. I CAN NOT HOLD MY HEAD UP AT ALL, I WEAR A NECK BRACE ALL THE TIME I AM UP.**

**SO THAT IS WHERE I AM AT, I DO HOPE YOU ARE WELL.**

**IF ANY NEWS PLEASE LET ME KNOW CAUSE LIKE I SAID I CAN'T SIT AT THE COMPUTER LONG. MY RADIO HAS NOT BEEN ON FOR OVER TWO MONTHS NOW. IT HAS TO GET BETTER GIRL. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO LET THE SYSTEM KNOW I AM STILL AROUND.**

**I DOUBT I WILL EVER CONTROL AGAIN BUT WILL GET BACK ON AS SOON AS I CAN.**

**ALSO PLEASE LET EVERYONE KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THE CARDS AND EMAILS WITH GOOD WISHES. I KEEP ALL OF THEM IN A BOX BY MY CHAIR AND LOOK AT THEM A LOT.**

**EXCUSE MY SPELLING AND SUCH, NOT EVEN TAKING TIME FOR SPELL CHECK SO ANY CORRECTIONS YOU MAKE BEFORE SENDING IT OUT WOULD BE APPRECIATED.**

**SAY HI TO PHILLIP, I HOPE HIS BACK IS HEALING.**

**THE VERY BEST TO ONE OF MY BEST FRIENDS!!!**

**73'S BOO K5BOO #16617**

**GOD AND COUNTRY**

**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> THE START OF  
IDITAROD**



**KB9OC #7901 SUS SENT THIS**

**WE HAVE MOVED BECAUSE OF GRACE'S BAD HEALTH. SHE BECAME ILL LAST YEAR AND HAS BEEN IN HOSPITAL AND IN A REHAB CENTER AND ASSISTED LIVING SINCE THE MIDDLE OF JAN. WE WILL MOVE TO THE NEW PLACE SO WE CAN BE TOGETHER AGAIN. SHE WILL BE ON THE SAME TYPE OF PROGRAM TO TRY TO GET HER HEALTH NORMAL AGAIN. THE STATE DEPT OF AGING HAS FOUND A PLACE SHE CAN GET THE NEEDED CARE AND I CAN SHARE A ROOM WITH HER I WILL BE MOVING IN SOMETIME NEXT MONTH. GRACE HAS BEEN THERE A COUPLE WEEKS NOW.**

**OLD AGE IS CATCHING UP WITH ME. THE WHOLE BODY IS TAKING A BEATING, SORE BONES AND MUSCLES ARE GIVEN LOTS OF TROUBLE.**

**LOVE TO ALL MY FRIENDS**

**SUS AND GRACE**

**6801 WEST LOOMIS RD. APT 22**

**GREENDALE, WI 53129**

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**AMATEUR RADIO FUN IN ARIZONA**

**WE STARTED THE WINTER CAMPED WITH SYSTEM MEMBER CRAIG N4UOG 15482 ON BLM LAND NEAR EARP. CRAIG BOUGHT A NEW RV AND TOOK TIME TO CHANGE OVER RADIO AND SOLAR EQUIPMENT TO THE NEW ONE BEFORE SELLING HIS OLD TRAILER.**

**AFTER OUR 14 DAY STAY LIMIT AT EARP, WE MOVED TO BLM LAND AT DOME ROCK NEAR QUARTZSITE. SYSTEM MEMBER JERRY KG7EFA #16882 CAME FOR A VISIT. THAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR STAY AT DOME ROCK. HE WAS CAMPED NEAR PARKER AND HAD VISITED CRAIG TOO.**

**OUR 14 DAY STAY LIMIT AT DOME ROCK ENDED AND IT WAS TIME FOR QUARTZFEST 2014. PETER W7PRG #16485 WAS THERE THE DAY BEFORE THE EVENT STARTED, BUT HAD TO RETURN HOME TO PRESCOTT SO I DIDN'T GET HIS PICTURE. THE PICTURE OF PETER IS FROM HIS QRZ BIOGRAPHY. WE DID GET A PICTURE OF CLIFF KD4ZBP # 15480 AND VIRGINIA KE4VRW # 15481 WHO NEVER MISSES A QUARTZFEST AND WERE HOST OF THE EVENT IN PAST YEARS.**

**QUARTZFEST WAS 7 DAYS OF SEMINARS, DESERT OFF ROAD TRIP, POTLUCKS, HOBOSTEW, BEEF BRISKET, MOVIES, EVENINGS AROUND THE CAMPFIRE AND HAM RADIO FELLOWSHIP. THERE WERE 550 HAM RADIO OPERATORS CAMPED TOGETHER FOR THE WEEK. THERE WERE 2 VE SESSIONS WITH MOST PASSING THEIR EXAMS.**

AMATEUR RADIO FUN IN ARIZONA CONTINUED

YOU CAN SEE VIDEOS AND PICTURES OF THE EVENT AT [QUARTZFEST.ORG](http://QUARTZFEST.ORG) AND ON HAM NATION AT [TWIT.TV/HN](http://TWIT.TV/HN). GORDON WEST HAD THE HAM NATION CAMERA GOING ALL DAY EACH DAY. WE WERE SAD TO SEE QUARTZFEST END, BUT PLANS HAVE BEGUN FOR QUARTZFEST 2015.

IT WAS A FEW WEEKS UNTIL THE YUMA HAMFEST AND ARIZONA ARRL CONVENTION. MANY OF THE QUARTZFEST GROUP CAMPED AT THE YUMA FAIRGROUND FOR THE EVENT AND GOT TOGETHER FRIDAY NIGHT FOR A QUARTZFEST REUNION AND POTLUCK BBQ. THERE WERE ABOUT 45 OF US ATTENDING.

THE TAILGATE OFFERED USED EQUIPMENT AT GREAT PRICES WHILE THE MANUFACTURERS AND VENDORS WERE INDOORS. SEMINARS TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT THE DAYS AND A BALLOON LAUNCH WAS SATURDAY MORNING REACHING 79000 FEET LANDING 40 MILES AWAY FROM ITS LAUNCH.

THE BEST PART OF THE YUMA HAMFEST WAS SEEING MANY OF OUR YL SYSTEM MEMBERS. BILL KOUB 14817 AND IRENE WDODAW # 14816, STAN WDODAJ # 1575 BETTY KBONVT # 16035. WE DID GET A PICTURE OF LYNN WOND TALKING TO NANCY K9DIG # 16336 ON HIS CELLPHONE.

YUMA HAMFEST CONCLUDED WITH THE BUZZARD BBQ SATURDAY EVENING. BETTY WON A BASKET AND A COUPLE OF THE QUARTZFEST GROUP WON RADIOS.

NOW IT IS ALMOST TIME TO GO HOME. WINTER WAS MILD AT THE HOME QTH, THE VERY LITTLE SNOW WE HAD IS GONE, THE TEMPS ARE IN THE 50S AND 60S AND THE WIND CAUSES RED FLAG WARNINGS THIS EARLY IN THE YEAR. IT WAS A GREAT HAM RADIO WINTER. THANK ALL CONTROLS FOR TAKING MY CALLS TO THE SYSTEM. I HOPE MY YL SYSTEM GOODWILL WILL BRING NEW MEMBERS TO THE SYSTEM.

73,  
JUDY KC7KPG

JUDY'S WONDERFUL PICTURES FOLLOW ON THE NEXT THREE PAGES.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR SHARING WITH ALL OF US.



**STAN WDODAJ #  
1575 BETTY  
KBONVT #16035**

**BILL KOUB 14817  
AND IRENE  
WDODAW #  
14816**



**CRAIG N4UOG  
15482**



**JERRY KG7EFA  
#16882**



**CLIFF KD4ZBP #  
15480 AND  
VIRGINIA KE4VRW  
# 15481**

PICTURES OF THE YUMS HAM FEST BY KC7KPG



**BETTY  
KBONVT  
#16035**



**LYNN WOND TALK-  
ING TO NANCY  
K9DIG # 16336 ON  
HIS CELLPHONE.  
LYNN IS THE ND  
SEC MGR. THEY  
WERE TALKING  
ABOUT OFFICIAL  
BUSINESS. HI HI !**



**PETER**

**W7PRG YL  
#16485**

**THIS IS AT THE  
QUARTS  
FESTIVAL**



**VE2OCH #16827**

**THE COMMUNICATOR**

**SEE ARTICLE ON THE NEXT  
PAGE.**

**BORN A COMMUNICATOR**

**HELLO EVERYONE, PLEASE APOLOGIZE MY WRITING AS I AM NOT USED TO WRITING IN ENGLISH. I JUST WANTED TO INTRODUCE MYSELF TO THE YL FAMILY. I WAS TOLD MANY YEARS AGO I WAS A BORN COMMUNICATOR. I ALWAYS WONDERED WHY.....**

**AT THE AGE OF 12, GOT A HEATKIT BUILD IT YOURSELF RADIO. IT WAS A SMALL TOY BUT ONCE ASSEMBLED, MY NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR AND I WOULD TALK AND PUSH ON A STRAIGHT KEY AND PRETENDED TO SEND MORSE CODE...ONCE I GOT IN TO SCOUTS, THIS BECAME A BIT MORE INTERESTING AS ONE OF MY LEADERS WAS ALSO A RADIO AMATEUR. LATER ON, I GOT THE BUG ON RADIOS SO I BOUGHT AN OLD RECEIVER FROM THE ARMY SURPLUS AND STARTED LISTENING IN TO THE WORLD. THIS LED ME TO TAKE MY FEDERAL COURSE AS AN ADULT TO BECOME A RADIO OPERATOR FOR TRANSPORT CANADA, NOW NAVCAN. UNFORTUNATLY MY PATH LED ME TO START WORKING FOR A LOCAL POLICE FORCE AS A POLICE DISPATCHER WITCH EVIDENTLY LEAD ME TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER. BUT IT WASN'T FOR LONG, A BAD ACCIDENT FORCED ME TO GO BACK INSIDE AND THEN ON BECAME A TRAINING OFFICER FOR THE AGENCY AT THE DISPATCH CENTER, AND RETIRED AS C/O OF THE POLICE DISPATCH CENTER. HAM RADIO OF COURSE WAS MY DREAM BUT IT TOOK SO LONG TO GET THE TICKET, I HAD MY MORSE CODE SINCE AGE 15 AND WAS HELPING ALL MY FRIENDS LEARN IT FOR THERE TICKETS BUT IT WAS ONLY IN 1992 THAT I GOT MINE. THEN ON I ALSO GOT INTERESTED IN TRAINING FOR COMMERCIAL LICENCES, MARITIME, AIR, AND TERRESTRIAL RADIO OPERATOR CERTIFICATS. THAT WAS ALOT OF FUN...I WAS NOT SO ACTIVE WITH HAM RADIO UNTIL I RETIRED IN 2011. I WAS ALWAYS INVOLVED INTO VOLUNTER WORK, WE CREATED THE FIRST ARES GROUP IN MY TOWN, ACTUALY IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. BECAME EC, THE SEC FOR QC. ALL THIS WITH A FULL TIME JOB, AND MY PART TIME ONE ALSO, TEACHING AT A LOCAL COLLEGE.**

**SO I GUESS THIS IS WERE I THINK THAT IT MIGHT BE TRUE ABOUT ME BEEN A COMMUNICATOR.....**

**I AM GLAD I JOINED THE YL BECAUSE I GET TO TALK TO NEW FRIENDS AND ONE DAY HOPE TO MEET SOME OF THEM. I WANT TO THANK JIM, VE1JIM FOR INTRODUCING ME TO THIS GREAT BIG FAMILY.**

**SO THAT'S IT FOR NOW, HOPE TO CATCH U ON THE BANDS!!!**

**MICHEL**

**VE2OCH...#16827**

**P.S. I HOPE THE PHOTO SAYS IT ALL!!!!**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

3/01 W6UNT  
3/02 WN3W  
3/02 WA5YNE  
3/05 N4ZGH  
3/05 DONNA  
XYL OF VE7AAV  
3/05 MARY LYNN-  
XYL OF W9DTR  
3/05 AD5D  
3/06 BARBARA  
XYL OF K0MSR  
3/06 W2EO BILL  
3/06 W6UNT  
3/06 N0DFP  
3/06 WB4YTN  
3/10 KB5YQ JDA  
3/10 W7DZX  
3/10 KE4CAX  
3/10 KL7YK  
3/11 N9EXM  
3/11 W5VBD  
3/11 KJ8F  
3/11 N0EYZ  
3/11 KG6NXX  
3/12 W7JAM  
3/12 W8XC  
3/12 K7ZNO

3/15 K6STX  
3/15 VE9MSD  
3/15 KI4WPL  
3/16 N6QIC  
3/16 N8ZOR  
3/17 N1PVT  
3/17 W7COZ  
3/18 KL7H  
3/18 KF5V  
3/19 WV9B  
3/21 KK4YL  
3/22 KE7LSF  
3/23 WN3Z  
3/24 KA9LYH  
3/25 N4HMP  
3/25 KF5FSK  
3/26 W0BIZ  
3/26 KA2MQX  
3/26 W9DCS  
3/27 KE5VPJ  
3/27 KB1YOG  
3/30 KAØAK  
3/30 K7BUM  
3/31 KQ7Y  
3/31 KD4AIS  
3/31 AC5XB  
3/31 W3DSO  
3/31 N4XXO



**ANNIVERSARIES**

3/01 ZL1AMN DAVE &  
ZL1ALE AOLA  
3/16 KG4CNA ALLEN &  
NITA  
3/18 KF5V Tom & XYL  
3/27 KB9OC Sus &  
GRACE  
3/29 KC8TDC GERALD &  
KC8VRT AMY

I RECEIVED THIS FROM GLORIA K4DXM #16780

Hi NANCY,

THESE ARE JUST A FEW PICTURES FROM OUR TRAIN LAYOUT WE ARE BUILDING.

WE LOVE TRAINS AND ADD TO THE FACT THAT WE PAINT, SCULPT AND WOODWORK AND I HAVE AN ELECTRONICS BACKGROUND THIS HOBBY FITS US TO A "T" AS THEY SAY. OUR LAYOUT NOW RESIDES IN WHAT USED TO BE MY BEDROOM AND IT IS 9X9X7 IN THE SHAPE OF A MODIFIED "U". THE GAS STATION YOU SEE IS A MODEL OF THE GAS STATION OUR FATHER RAN BACK IN THE EARLY 50'S. WE MODEL OUR LAYOUT LOOSLY ON THE L&N, CLINCHFIELD ROAD NAMES. THIS IS OUR 4TH LAYOUT. WE HAVE FINALLY FOUND A SHAPE WE LIKE BUT AS THEY SAY WE WILL NEVER FINISH IT. YOU ALWAYS FIND LITTLE THINGS TO ADD. WE WILL SEND MORE PICTURES AS WE PROGRESS.

GLORIA K4DXM#16780 AND DIANE K4DMW # 16779

AKA "THE CRAZY WELLS GIRLS"







**MY TRANSPORTATION WHILE IN ALASKA. THIS IS ONE OF THE IDITAROD AIR FORCE MEMBERS PLANES**

**SITTING ON THE RIVER IN FRONT OF YENTNA STATION, ON THE YENTNA RIVER.**

**PILOT: PHIL MORGAN**

**ALSO THE PILOT THAT RESCUED NIGEL!**

**NIGEL'S CHOICE MY IDITAROD ADVENTURE**



**NIGEL'S CHOICE MY IDITAROD ADVENTURE WILL BE ON THE BOUTIQUE TABLE AT CONVENTION IN JUNE.**

**A TEAM ARRIVING AT THE SECOND CHECKPOINT I WILL BE AT. IT IS TAKOTNA, ALASKA**

**SEE YOU ALL WHEN I GET HOME.**

**NANCY K9DIG #16336**