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## PRESIDENTS REPORT KL7FQQ

### GREETINGS FROM TEXAS AWARDS

THE AWARDS ISSUED SINCE THE LAST REPORT ARE:  
PRESIDENT'S DAY AWARD WENT TO: W4MJM, KC8VRT,  
KC7KPG, K5BOO, K9DIG, VE3JPJ, K5ZMX, KL7QQ AND  
VE20CH. THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND MONTHLY AWARDS  
BOTH WENT TO K5ZMX. AND, THE FIRST NEW MEMBER AWARD  
FOR 2014 WENT TO K9DIG. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.  
LAST MONTH I MISREPORTED THAT KC7KPG HAD EARNED THE  
MONTHLY AWARD FOR IRISH NAMES, BUT INSTEAD SHE  
EARNED THE DAILY AWARD. SORRY ABOUT THAT!

### NET LOGGER

SEVERAL OF OUR CONTROLS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE TASK OF  
OPERATING NET LOGGER FOR THE VARIOUS PERIODS.  
SOMETIMES THOSE THAT ARE OPERATING NET LOGGER ARE  
NOT ABLE TO HEAR ALL THE CONTROLS, SO IT IS NEARLY  
IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO KEEP THE LOG ACCURATE.  
THEREFORE, IF YOU AS A CONTROL DO NOT HAVE NET LOGGER  
CAPABILITY, AND ANOTHER STATION IS HELPING BY OPERATING  
NET LOGGER, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE LOGGER IS ABLE  
TO RECEIVE ALL THE CALLS. THIS COULD MEAN THAT YOU HAVE  
TO SET UP A RELAY STATION TO ENSURE THAT THE NET LOGGER  
IS ACCURATE.

### 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. REMEMBER THAT YOUR REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY W4JMJ NO LATER THAN MAY 21, 2014.

### 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.

### HELP NEEDED

OUR AWARDS COORDINATOR IS EXPERIENCING SOME SERIOUS HEALTH ISSUES, AND WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PASS THE REINS OVER TO SOMEONE ELSE. SO, IF YOU HAVE ANY BACKGROUND IN DESIGNING AWARDS, AND WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT [KL7FQQ@YAHOO.COM](mailto:KL7FQQ@YAHOO.COM).

### 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](mailto:KL7FQQ@YAHOO.COM). THE AGENDA WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEB SITE IN EARLY MAY.

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## SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM

MAY 14TH IS OUR SPECIAL MAY DAY AWARD DAY. CONTACT 10 MEMBERS OF THE YLISSB THAT HAVE SSB NUMBERS 14,500 OR LOWER TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD. K4ICA COUNTS AS 2 CONTACTS.

MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 31 IS OUR OLD TIMER'S AWARD, 2014. CONTACT 30 MEMBERS WITH SIDEBAND NUMBERS OF 14,500 OR LOWER TO QUALIFY.

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.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

5/01 KC8TDC

5/01 KI4NSP

5/01 K1RAA

5/01 W0GUS

5/02 W5CAP

5/02 W4YL

5/03 KF7KIN

5/04 KD8KBX

5/04 WB7VNL

5/04 2M0DDS

5/05 N6JUA

5/05 KL3IH

5/05 VE9ZZ

5/05 AB3TY

5/05 KL3IH

5/06 W5GQW

5/06 SHEILA XYL OF  
KD0MEO

5/06 N3MAV

5/07 K5PCS

5/09 KC2ZWP

5/09 AC0YX

5/10 KE6GTR

5/11 WAØPFV

5/11 AE5FK

5/11 WA4KSO

5/12 W8SWT

5/12 W8SWT

5/12 WA5JDV

5/12 KB4RDH

5/12 KK4EGZ

5/12 KD8EVN

5/13 K7OUO

5/14 WB7VNL

5/14 KD0VEP

5/15 N4UOG

5/16 VE1GFG

5/16 KB6NOX

5/17 WA0AAM

5/17 N3BPM

5/17 W9FML

5/17 W6BQZ

5/17 WA0AAM

5/18 W3RIP

5/19 KD8HDK

5/19 K3UMW

5/19 N7EG

5/20 KD0VBK

5/21 N0JSP

5/22 W1ELM

5/23 N2RXX

5/24 KB8ESY

5/24 K4NSX

5/26 KI4P

5/26 KC2ATK

5/26 AA9BB

5/26 PJ7BK

5/26 WA2CG

5/26 N6RXV

5/28 KV7N

5/28 KL1V

5/28 KC4UBE

5/30 VY2DS

5/31 AB7HB

**ANNIVERSARIES**

5/11 VE1JIM JIM &  
JOANNE

5/13 N5OKU MICHAEL &  
JULIE

5/14 N5YHM BRIAN AND  
XYL

5/15 KB0JIT PAUL AND  
XYL

5/22 AC0KV GLORIA AND  
AARON

5/28 NJ5G PAT AND XYL

FROM THE HISTORIAN

HELLO EVERYONE,

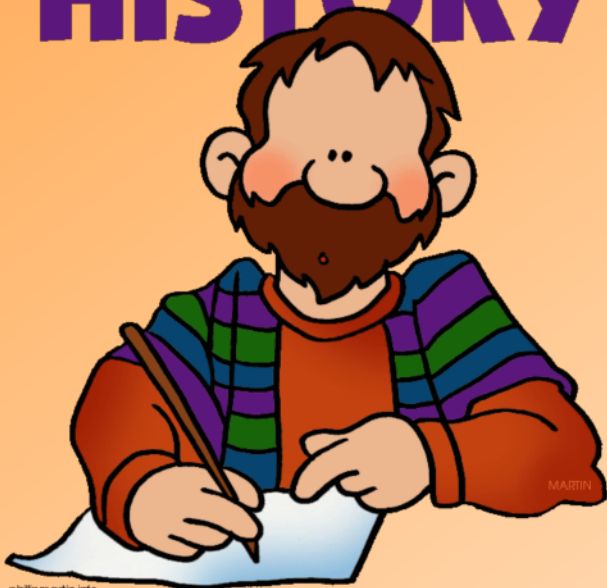
LOOKING THROUGH SOME OF THE VERY OLD "VOICE" PUBLICATIONS FROM THE YL SYSTEM, I NOTICED HOW VERY OFTEN OUR MEMBERS WOULD SUBMIT LITTLE SAYINGS OR ANECDOTES FOR OUR READING PLEASURE. ALTHOUGH I VERY RARELY DRAW UPON THOSE NEAT LITTLE TIDBITS FOR ENTRY INTO THE COMMUNICATOR, I HAVE TO BREAK MY OWN RULE THIS ONE TIME.

ONE OF OUR LONGTIME MEMBERS, WA0AAM, FLORA, WHO IS NO LONGER ACTIVE ON THE HAM BANDS, TURNS 90 YEARS YOUNG THIS MONTH. IN HER QRZ.COM BIOGRAPHY, THERE IS THE NICEST PHRASE, AND IT GOES LIKE THIS: WHY A HAM? TODAY'S WORLD IS FULL OF ADVENTURE EVERYWHERE YOU TURN. EXCITING, REWARDING, HEARTWARMING ADVENTURE. THE KEY TO ADVENTURE IS "PEOPLE" THE WAY TO PEOPLE, OPENS WIDE ONLY WHEN YOU CRACK THROUGH THE SHELL OF YOUR OWN SOLITUDE AND DARE TO VENTURE FORTH AMONG STRANGERS. THAT PRETTY MUCH EXPLAINS WHY WE ALL ARE NOW HAM RADIO OPERATORS, AND AS MEMBERS OF THE YL SYSTEM, IT REALLY FITS US TO A T.

JUST SOME MUSINGS FROM YOUR HISTORIAN, AND WE CERTAINLY WISH FLORA A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH.

73,  
KEVIN  
KN4AA  
YL SYSTEM HISTORIAN

**HISTORY**



FROM KC5RWW # 16391

ON THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 29TH I GAINED 3 NEW COUNTRIES AND 7 ON NEW BANDS. CYPRUS, EL SALVADOR AND IRELAND. I HAVE A GROUND MOUNTED VERTICAL. HEIGHT IS NOT ALWAYS REQUIRED. I THINK I HAVE 90 COUNTRIES NOW.

THE OM HAS BEEN RETIRED MORE THAN 6 MONTHS NOW. HE STILL RESTS A LOT AFTER WORKING AN AVERAGE OF 60 HOURS A WEEK FOR 30 YEARS. WE CUT DOWN A HUGE COTTONWOOD TREE AND HAULED IT IN PIECES TO A BRUSH PILE. WE PULLED UP THE CHICKEN YARD FENCE (NO CHICKENS FOR OVER 10 YEARS.) THE YARD HAD TALL CEDAR TREES IN IT AND A FEW ELMS. WE CUT ALL THOSE DOWN BUT THREE.

BOUGHT A NEW WASHING MACHINE. TOOK THE OLD ONE TO OUR SON 35 MILES AWAY. HE LIVES ON THE SECOND FLOOR SO IT WAS QUITE A CHORE MOVING A 200 POUND WASHER UP STAIRS. THAT FRONT LOADING WASHER WOULDN'T WORK CORRECTLY WITH OUR SOFT WATER. IT OVERFLOWED MANY TIMES.

OUR DAUGHTER PLANS TO SPEND EASTER WEEKEND WITH US. BY THEN HER DOG SHOULD BE CERTIFIED AS A THERAPY DOG. IT'S A CUTE LITTLE MUTT.

SINCE I MODIFIED MY 80M ANTENNA I'VE BEEN ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TEXAS YOUNG LADIES ROUND UP NET. THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 3 REGULARS ON THERE NOW. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US IT IS THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 8:00CST, 1300 UTC UNTIL DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.

BETH, KC5RWW

SEEMS THAT NOWADAYS FOLKS JUST WORK CONTESTS, CHASE DX OR RUN NETS. HERE IS A LITTLE TECHNICAL INSIGHT AS TO HOW OUR RADIOS WORK.



JOHN W5PDW #4076



YOU SEE, WIRE TELEGRAPH IS A KIND OF A VERY, VERY LONG CAT. YOU PULL HIS TAIL IN NEW YORK AND HIS HEAD IS MEOWING IN LOS ANGELES. DO YOU UNDERSTAND

THIS? AND RADIO OPERATES EXACTLY THE SAME WAY: YOU SEND SIGNALS HERE, THEY

RECEIVE THEM THERE. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT THERE IS NO CAT.

-ALBERT EINSTEIN (1879 - 1955), WHEN ASKED TO DESCRIBE RADIO

**HELLO AGAIN TO SYSTEM MEMBER #6299, PHILLIP, K0BF**

**RECENTLY THE TREASURER RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE FROM PHILIP COKER SAYING**

**HE WANTED TO RE-JOIN. HE WAS ALREADY A MEMBER! HE HAD JOINED IN MARCH 1967 AND THEN THROUGH A SERIES OF CAREER CHANGES, LEFT AMATEUR RADIO FOR A "SEASON."**

**HERE IS HIS STORY FROM QRZ:**

**"FIRST LICENSED OCTOBER 15, 1956 AT SACRAMENTO CA AS KN6UVJ WHICH I SOON UPGRADED TO K6UVJ. WHILE IN THE US AIR FORCE IN GERMANY I HELD DL5MW 1963-1964. BACK IN THE STATES AND STATIONED AT CHEYENNE WYOMING I WAS VERY ACTIVE WITH THE COUNTY HUNTERS 1964-1970, FIRST AS**

**K6UVJ/7 THEN AFTER UPGRADING TO EXTRA WHILE THERE AS WA7KTW. UPON RETIRING FROM THE AIR FORCE IN 1976, I MOVED BACK TO SACRAMENTO AND OPERATED AS K6UVJ UNTIL MARCH 1979. AT THAT POINT I STARTED A NEW CAREER AS AN ATTORNEY AND DROPPED OUT OF AMATEUR RADIO.**

**"NOW, SEMI-RETIRED, I AM BACK AS OF DECEMBER 19, 2012 WHEN I WAS ASSIGNED AD0CR. AND UPON APPLICATION, I WAS ASSIGNED K0BF ON FEBRUARY 12, 2013. I DID A LOT OF CW IN MY EARLY DAYS, EVEN TAUGHT CODE CLASSES IN CHEYENNE, AND COULD CRUISE ALONG COMFORTABLY AND 25WPM OR SO BACK THEN. ON MARCH 17, 2014 I DECIDED TO GIVE GOOD OL' CW A TRY ONLY TO LEARN THAT 33 YEARS OFF THE AIR HAS ITS PRICE. PROBABLY THE WORST 10WPM THAT HAS EVER GONE OVER THE AIRWAVES BUT THE TWO STATIONS I INFLICTED MYSELF UPON BOTH MANAGED TO COPY. I AM DETERMINED TO GET BACK TO MY FORMER LEVEL, HOWEVER, AND OFFER MY APOLOGIES TO ANY WHO MAY HAVE ARRIVED HERE DURING OR AFTER A CW CONTACT WITH K0BF. "**

**WE ARE THRILLED TO HAVE PHILIP, #6299 BACK ON THE AIR AND TAKING PART IN**

**THE YLISSB. LISTEN FOR HIM.**



**DEAR FRIENDS**

**IT IS FINALLY OFFICIAL. WE GOT THE HOUSE (SECOND ONE THAT WE FINALLY FOUND THAT WE LIKED)—THERE WERE MULTIPLE OFFERS. (SEE PICTURE)**

**SO MUCH WORK TO DO BUT I DID WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE PRAYED FOR US THAT THE RIGHT HOUSE WOULD OPEN UP FOR US. THIS IS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF HATTIESBURG AND/OR PURVIS, SO WE CAN PUT UP OUR TOWER AND ANTENNA. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR US BECAUSE THERE IS SOOOOOOOO MUCH TO DO. DATES TO REMEMBER: (THERE ARE OTHER THINGS GOING ON ALSO BUT THESE ARE SOME YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN)**

**MAY 5—MACK, ERV WERTZ (FROM OUR CHURCH IN ARBOLES), BUTCH BOWMAN, OUR ALL TIME HANDY MAN, AND HIS HELPER, RYAN, WILL BE TAKING DOWN THE GEM QUAD ANTENNA AND GETTING THE TOWER SEPARATED.**

**MAY 20 FOLLOWING—PACKERS WILL BE PACKING UP ALL OF OUR THINGS.**

**MAY 23—CLOSING OF OUR HOUSE HERE OVER TO THE NEW OWNERS**

**MAY 28—CLOSING OF THE HOUSE (OUR NEW HOME) IN MISSISSIPPI**

**MAY 29—KATHY, MY NIECE, AND HUSBAND, KEN WRIGHT, FLYING INTO DURANGO FROM HOUSTON AND WILL DRIVE OUR CARS BACK TO MS.**

**MAY 30—MOVING VAN WILL LOAD UP.**

**MAY 31—(1) MOVING VAN LEAVES OUT.**

**(2) MACK AND MARIE/MARIA FLY OUT OF DURANGO FOR JACKSON, MS**

**JUNE 2—MOVING VAN UNLOADS AT 439 BROWNS BRIDGE RD., PURVIS, MS 39475**

**ALL OF THIS HAPPENS IF THE LORD WILLS. THERE CAN BE CHANGES BUT THIS IS HOW IT STANDS NOW. WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND THAT THE LORD WILL CONTINUE TO BLESS US IN THE WAY THINGS ARE MOVING FORWARD.**

**IF WE HAVEN'T WRITTEN OR PHONED YOU PERSONALLY, PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SURVIVE JUST DOING ALL OF THIS. WE WERE EXTREMELY FORTUNATE TO HAVE A REAL ESTATE AGENT WHO WAS GREAT PLUS ONE HERE ALSO WHO IS TERRIFIC. BETWEEN THE TWO, WE ARE BLESSED.**

**WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED AS WE CAN. AND AS OF JUNE 2, WE WILL RECEIVE MAIL AT: 439 BROWNS BRIDGE RD., PURVIS, MS 39475 (IT IS IN FORREST COUNTY WHICH IS THE COUNTY HATTIESBURG IS IN.)**

**33/73, LOVE,**

**MARIA, NØTWV**



**NOTWV'S NEW HOME IN MS**

**SOON THERE WILL BE A TOWER THERE.**



HERE IS THE NEWEST UPDATE ON THE LAYOUT. WE WE ARE DOING MAJOR WORK ON THE TRESTLE BUT THAT WILL ALLOW TRAINS TO RUN THE COMPLETE LAYOUT SO ACTION PICTURES TO FOLLOW.

GLORIA K4DXM #16883



KIDS AT PLAY IN SHAKTOOLIK, AK

BY K9DIG # 16336



DEAR YL MEMBERS

THE CONVENTION IS GOING TO BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT. WE ARE ALL  
LOOKING FORWARD TO A GRAND TIME WITH OUR YL FAMILY.

ROSE HAS ASK ME TO TAKE ON THE BOUTIQUE THIS YEAR AND HOPEFULLY MAKE IT  
A GREAT SUCCESS.

AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, EACH YEAR WE HAVE A BOUTIQUE AND AUCTION  
FOLLOWING OUR BANQUET ON SATURDAY EVENING.

THE PROCEEDS FROM THE BOUTIQUE AND AUCTION ARE USED TOWARD THE  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND THAT IS GIVEN TO A RECIPIENT EACH YEAR. THE SUCCESS  
OF THE BOUTIQUE AND AUCTION IS DUE TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR MEMBERS.  
EACH YEAR WE TRY TO BRING AN ITEM THAT IS BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF  
YOU ARE ABLE TO BRING AN ITEM TO THE CONVENTION OR MAIL AN ITEM, IT WOULD  
BE WELCOME. THE MORE ITEMS WE HAVE, THE MORE FUN IT IS AND IT HELPS ONE  
OF OUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN OR A DESERVING PERSON WHO WISHES TO  
FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION. IF UNABLE TO BRING OR SEND AN ITEM PLEASE  
COME AND ENJOY THE FUN.

IF YOU ARE NOT COMING TO CONVENTION AND WISH TO SEND AN ITEM, YOU MAY  
SEND IT TO MY ADDRESS IN FLORIDA.

BOBBIE LIVINGSTON

2160 IVY STREET

PORT CHARLOTTE, FL. 33952

941 627 8753

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP,  
BOBBIE K4ZGH



ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPH BY JOHN W5PDW # 4076 TFO 463



**HELP NEEDED ON THE MOONBEAM**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TRY BEING A CONTROL ON THE MOONBEAM PLEASE  
NOTIFY K9DIG AT [NANCYYOSHIDA@LIVE.COM](mailto:NANCYYOSHIDA@LIVE.COM)**

**SHE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU AND GET YOU ON THE SCHEDULE.**

**BIRTHDAYS**

**IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY LISTED PLEASE EMAIL  
SALLY AT [KK4YL@YAHOO.COM](mailto:KK4YL@YAHOO.COM)**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE ALL OUR MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS REMEMBERED**

**COMMUNICATOR**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE SOMETHING ABOUT YOU IN OUR NEXT ISSUE. PLEASE  
SEND ARTICLE TO K9DIG NANCY AT**

**[NANCYYOSHIDA@LIVE.COM](mailto:NANCYYOSHIDA@LIVE.COM)**

## MEMORIAL DAY

**MEMORIAL DAY IS A US FEDERAL HOLIDAY WHICH IS CELEBRATED EVERY YEAR ON THE FINAL MONDAY OF MAY. MEMORIAL DAY IS A DAY OF REMEMBERING THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO DIED WHILE SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. FORMERLY KNOWN AS DECORATION DAY, IT ORIGINATED AFTER THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR TO COMMEMORATE THE UNION AND CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN THE CIVIL WAR. BY THE 20TH CENTURY, MEMORIAL DAY HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO HONOR ALL AMERICANS WHO HAVE DIED WHILE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE.**

### REMEMBER OUR FALLEN HERO'S

