



# THE COMMUNICATOR



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## Spring & Summer Award Results

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**Congratulations  
Award holders!**

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To  
All our members born in  
JULY

### INFORMATION UPDATE

**New Callsign**  
K6EZY 16205 is now N5EZE

**New E-mail address for**  
2E0EYC - hawkwind@hotmail.co.uk

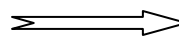
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|---------|----------|----------------------|-----|
| #16210  | VE3LRK   | Kenneth R Laker      | ONT |
| 16211   | KD5MSU   | John P. Lay          | TX  |
| 16212   | N00OZ    | (Jeff) H Miller      | MN  |
| 16213   | KB0VHW   | James F Platt        | IA  |
| 16214   | N2PKN    | Anthony Pitale       | NJ  |
| T16215  | W8FQ     | (Rick) A Farquhar    | OH  |
| T16216  | NA8N     | Nancy J Farquhar     | OH  |
| 16217   | KI6ADR   | (Don) P Pullens      | CA  |
| 16218   | KI4VLX   | (Chase) Ambler       | NC  |
| 16219   | KB1MNN   | kyle Ebersold Jr     | MA  |
| 16220   | KCOMEY   | (Mike) Cox           | CO  |
| 16221   | W1MAD    | Mark A. Duba         | VT  |
| 16222   | KE7NBG   | (Frank) E. Bliss     | WY  |
| *T16223 | KB8CCN   | (Patty) Simmons      | MI  |
| 16224   | N5PED    | (Art) C. Campbell Jr | LA  |
| 16225   | KI4NSK   | James B Holley Jr    | NC  |
| 16226   | W1TAM    | Todd A Myers         | VT  |
| 16227   | KI4SHY   | Peggy C Sharer       | NC  |
| 16228   | WA2HFH   | George R. Halpin     | NJ  |
| 16229   | KC2KYX   | Harry M. Comet       | NY  |
|         | T = TEAM | * xyl de WD8YLB      |     |

### In Memoriam...Silent Keys

In an e-mail from her granddaughter we have been informed that **KU7F, Flo Reitzel**, # 12257 became a Silent Key on July 13, 2007.

Please remember her and her family in your thoughts and prayers. ~ Gene

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT July, 2007

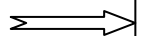
Greetings from Washington State. After our big whoop-de-doo in Colorado, things have been pretty quiet. We have been working on clarifications and small changes to the Awards program, and there may be a new award in the works. Other than that, most everything seems to be going smoothly.

### 2008 CONVENTION:

Our 2008 Convention will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, sponsored by Jim, VE1JIM. Information about this convention will be presented later. Remember, you will may need a passport to cross into Canada

### AWARDS:

The following awards were earned in May:  
Spring Award to John, N5WQ #15840  
Spring Award to Steven, VE3JPJ #13145  
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**THE COMMUNICATOR**



**.20 Meter System**

Daily Schedule

KB5YQ – System Coordinator

Early A.M Warm-up Everyday

1200z – 1500z

1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> Period Mon -Fri

1<sup>st</sup> Period

1500z -1700z

2<sup>nd</sup> Period

1700z – 1900z

3<sup>rd</sup> Period

1900z – 2100z

Moonbeam

K3CDQ – Coordinator

2100z – Band closes Mon – Fri

This column is in need of a Field Reporter!

Help Jda spread the word 8>

The 20 meter system is a vital hub for the YLISSB. With that said, there should be plenty of news and info to share. This is where our DX friends come regularly, as well many 18wheelers or weary travelers looking for a familiar voice or call.

Propagation has been typically sporadic, with opening well into the night on the east coast.

A huge thanks to all those who help during the daytime operation!!

73/33

**SUMMER AWARD**

JUN, JULY AUG 20m 1500Z-1900Z M-F

Award Mgr KJ5Q

**20 METER MOONBEAM**

De

Dick K3CDQ

Well, the OM here was absent from the Moonbeam for the first eight days of the month, so not much to report here except to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who covered while I was away. I am told the Moonbeam never missed a beat.

Judy and I spent a wonderful week with Amy, Kenny and granddaughters Rebecca, Katie and Morgan.

I never knew there were so many unpaved roads in the US. We turned off of US 50 to head up 10,000 feet to their cabin it was about forty minutes of twisting, turning, bumping and looking down.

It was a great vacation and we visited the top of a half dozen mountains, threw snowballs at our three granddaughters on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and went to the towns of Montrose, Gunnison, Silverton, Quarry and Lake City.

The "All American" 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at Lake City lasted all day and made one proud to be an American. Firemen's parade, school bands, sack races, kids games, dancing in the streets to country music and just

enjoying and loving the good Ole USA. All capped off with a fireworks display.

Wildlife included momma grouse and her young ones, momma deer also with her young ones, large bucks, and chipmunks. When Amy and I were fly fishing, she thought she saw a large cat, maybe a mountain lion. We kept our eyes open and stayed near the Tahoe just in case. Early one morning, a pack of coyotes woke us.

We took nearly five hundred photos in towns, mines, snow, etc. I am in the process of posting them on my web page but it will be weeks before I get them all on there – not 500 – HI!

Nice to be back home though!

**Tips from the Field**

Here is the order in which to check DX during formal operations on the YL system.

1. Europe, Asia, or Africa
2. Mexico, Central or South America, or the Caribbean
3. VE1, 2, 3, 9, or VY2; VE4, 5, or 8; VE6, 7, Alaska, Hawaii, or VY1
4. Then ask if you have missed any DX anywhere.

Eastern US stations start in Europe, central US stations start with South America, and western stations start with Canada.

73, John  
KI4JQB

The compiling and publishing of The Voice #57 2008 has Begun. Tentative Press/Publish Time is scheduled for September 2007. Members wishing to submit JPG, images, articles, and material for publication, have until Aug. 31. All Material will be considered. Thank you for contributing!

## 10 & 80 Meter Systems

by WZ1F ssb# 15988

Informal 10M 28.573 0000z  
3.821 0000z – 0030z M-F

The 80 Meter Portion of the ysystem is on hold for the summer. So I want to thank John (KC2ATK) for the great job he did there. We will be keeping a close eye on band conditions so we can resume 80 as soon as possible. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need contacts on 80 for your awards, we can still go there and make necessary contacts to help you. I myself will go on any of the bands whenever you want, just send me an email.

The 10 Meter portion of the ysystem has started and is on 28.573MHz nightly at 00:00z. The band is just started opening up so be patience with us. Some nights its really great with good checkins and other times we only hear a couple of people.

John (KI4JQB) has been starting up the 10 Meter band nightly. He is in need of help from other members so give him a hand.

It going to be a challenge this summer as band condition are changing very quickly due to heat waves, storms and solar flares. Hang in there with us its only going to get much better in the coming months.

If you would like to help us with any of the systems please send me an email.  
Thanks again and continue to enjoy your summer. It doesn't last long as it is.  
73. Good DX, And Happy Award Hunting.

Lee WZ1F  
ssb # 15988 tfo # 446

Paula has had her problems with her radios lately however she has done what needs to be done and that is get the hardware out and tare them apart and fix them. She has no problem with getting into that. Great job Paula.

I hope everyone is enjoy their summer . 73s. Good DX

Lee WZ1F  
ssb# 15988 TFO # 446

## 40 Meter News

The 40 Meter system is still going quite strong. Despite rough band conditions and major solar flares this summer, we are continuing go get around 20 check-ins each night. My sincere thanks go to all the members and especially all the controllers who are helping keep the system going. We continue to have all our regular check-ins and we are getting many new check-ins that are awaiting their new ssb numbers.

I have put two of our controllers in for the service award due to the amount of hours they have given us and for going above expectations during these poor band conditions.

I for one really appreciate their time and efforts for making this portion of the yl system a big success. I personally wanted to take this time to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to them.

We are pleased to have Paula (AK1X) back with us on the 40 meter system.

## President Report cont from pg1...

### AWARDS

The following awards were earned in June:

Summer Award to John, N5WQ  
#15840

Summer Award to Jda, KB5YQ  
#12073

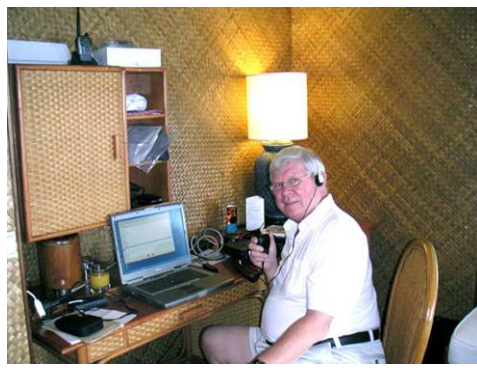
Summer Award to Millie, KD5SXH  
#15879

Hope you had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and hope that the weather is being nice to you.

73's Rose

40 Meter Awards page 6

Join us on **Echolink**  
during the 40meter  
system operation!  
2300z 7.273 MHz



2 days later the French Polynesia National Holiday was celebrated and outrigger canoes from all the islands had races. I am including some pictures of this colorful event.



Papeete is a busy town and the center of administration for the islands. However once you get out of town the island is beautiful but not as much as some of the others we visited. (more pics later).

73  
Karl FO/N1DL



### My Trip to Polynesia De Karl N1DL

The rig a YAESU FT-857D arrived just in time when we checked into our hotel at LAX airport after having missed the delivery in Naples/FL. So next day we boarded the Air Tahiti Nui flight to Papeete and arrived late at night on the island and checked into our over water bungalow at the Intercontinental Hotel in Papeete.

As we were very tired, I waited until next morning to install the antenna and get the station ready. But first we had to take a taxi and find the licensing authority in Papeete and pick up our FO license (surprisingly it took only 2 minutes - everything was ready for us). That got me on the air as FO/N1DL.

So in between sightseeing and resting I worked all continents except Africa. Most active bands were 20 and 17 meters. Modes split about half CW and half SSB.

**Got something for publication?**  
Send to AK1X 62 White Mtn Hwy  
Milton NH 03851 or email  
pmdunn59@metrocaster.net  
Attn: "4Communicator" in subject line

### Special Days on the System

AUGUST 22 Belt of Orion Day



Check Page 77 of VOICE #56 for info. And pg 5 of this July issue.

### Chicken Pie Recipe for Low or High Altitude by Marie Martin Jones

1 pkg. skinless, deboned chicken breasts—4 halves of breasts.  
**COOK THE A DAY OR TWO AHEAD AND STORE IN REFRIGERATOR.**

- 1 cup chicken broth
- 3 cans soup--2 Cream of Mushroom & 1 Cream of Celery
- 1 cup SELF-RISING flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 stick butter
- 5 boiled eggs sliced (Boil ahead)
- 4 ribs celery, chopped
- 1 whole onion, chopped in small hunks
- 1 can water chestnuts (drained)
- ½ Carrot, sliced in thin rounds or smaller, if you wish.
- Optional:** 1 Tablespoon small green peas (English peas) I usually don't put these.
- 1. **COOK CHICKEN THE DAY BEFORE IN PRESSURE COOKER -- 15 MIN (or boil in regular pan until done)**

- ❖ Measure 6 cups water in cooker, 3 teaspoons salt, ¼ garlic salt.
- ❖ Cook for 15 min. after top starts jingling.
- ❖ Refrigerate chicken in airtight container **without liquid.**
- ❖ Save liquid in other airtight container. Use **1 cup for the chicken pie and save the other for chicken soup.**

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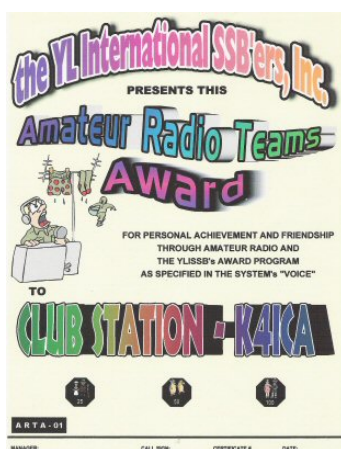
## ALL YLISSB PRESSMEN

### THANK YOU!

We love the stories, news, images and articles.

It is your contribution that makes this publication so fun and informative!

~ Editing Staff



## The Sidebender's Award Program

De Bud WD1Z

1. The Sidebender's Award Program is an HONOR SYSTEM. This means that as a member of Sidebender's you are on your honor when you say that you have met the requirements submitted on any application – that's it!

QSL cards are NOT required – only log extracts. The minimum information required is Date, Time, Call Sign, Member Number, and Band. Additional information is acceptable, but not essential.

2. Each award is administered by an Award Manager. Upon completion of your application, send it and any fee to the appropriate manager.

3. Forms that facilitate record keeping are available for downloading on Sidebender's web site – <http://www.ylssystem.org> under the Awards TAB. Print as clearly as possible so that there will be no question as to your meaning of an entry. PLEASE !!! use only one side of the paper. Use of these forms – though preferred by Award Managers – is not required and is fully optional for each member.

4. Make fees payable to the appropriate Award Manager.

5. Award Managers will NOT facilitate request requiring research of prior certificates or numbers. Once issued, it is also each member's own responsibility to maintain records for future application of awards requiring the submission of certificate dates and numbers – such as the Pegasus.

6. Unless SPECIFICALLY STATED within the requirements of any individual award, that award is intended to be completed on the System's 20 Meter frequency only. Any award can then be reworked and endorsed for 80 – 40 - 15 – 10 Meters upon completion of all requirements in their entirety on the 20 Meter System.

### CERTIFICATES

Preview a few of the Certificates offered by the YLISSB. The Corrected Full listing will be available in the upcoming VOICE #57

### CERTIFICATES - 8 ½ by 11 INCHES SUITABLE FOR FRAMING

ALL STATES – ( 5 ) Fee - \$5.00 US  
each – *Beginning January 20, 1969*

This program consists of 50 separate certificates.

Each State Award is achieved by contacting 10 member stations in that State.

ARTA – ( 10 ) – AMATEUR  
RADIO TEAM AWARD - Fee  
- \$5.00 US

Start date August 1, 2006 -  
Contact 25 member teams.

A team consists of a husband & wife, brother & sister, mother & son, father & daughter.

Upon completing this award 4 times totaling 100 different teams, you become eligible for an ARTA plaque.

Costs of an ARTA Plaque will be determined at the time of the application.

AUTUMN AWARD ( 10 ) Fee  
\$5.00 US *Start date*  
*September 1, 2006*

This award is earned by working any 50 members during the Second and Third daily periods and ONLY during the months of September, October, and November.

BELT OF ORION ( 10 ) \$5.00  
US *Start date – Annually as of*  
*August 1<sup>st</sup>.*

Three new call signs will be added each year and three will be removed each year to insure currency and provide new operating challenge. Contact 10 of the following 12 members.

K3CDQ – KA4NWS - KB5YQ  
KE5ZI – N5BYF – W5VTM  
KL7FQQ - W7K0I – K8NQC -  
KB8NSA – K9WFE - VE1JIM

CORONA BOREALIS – ( 25 )  
Fee - \$5.00 US Award is  
issued for contacting 10  
member stations that hold  
the 20 Meter – USA Award.



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Chicken Pie Continued from pg 4

2. TURN OVEN ON TO 350 (lower altitude) or 450 DEGREES (higher altitude) F. TO PRE-HEAT.

3. Spray a 13 x 9 pan (heavy aluminum is better) with Pam and place the chicken. Break or tear it into medium or small pieces. I fill the bottom entirely w/chicken.

4. Add over chicken:  
chopped celery  
chopped onion  
water chestnuts which have been drained  
boiled eggs  
sliced carrots (Too many overshadow the taste.)  
English peas

5. Mix the chicken broth and soups together and stir until smooth.

POUR THIS MIXTURE OVER CHICKEN.

6. In a small sauce pan:  
❖ Melt butter completely (slowly on low).  
❖ Add milk and flour.  
❖ Mix until smooth.  
(This doesn't have to be heated--just get butter fully melted

before adding milk and flour.)

7. POUR THIS MIXTURE OVER CHICKEN MIXTURE!

Spread it over the top of the chicken mixture. It barely covers the mixture but TRY TO COVER IT ALL. This forms a wonderful crust! (Can use for fruit cobblers also.)

8. At sea level, bake at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes.  
FOR HIGH ALTITUDE-7,000 FEET PLUS or maybe 3000, you MUST use 450 degrees for 40 minutes. (Check and see if crust is brown.)

ENJOY AND SHARE THIS DELICIOUS RECIPE!  
AN ORIGINAL FROM THE KITCHEN OF NØTWV-"MARIA"  
Marie Martin Jones

40 METER AWARDS ISSUED

CONGRADULATIONS TO KI4KTA CHRIS SSB# 16108, AND WILL WD8LYB SSB# 16173 FOR EARNING THE SYSTEM CONTROL AWARDS ON THE 40 METER SYSTEM. THEY HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB KEEPING THE SYSTEM GOING UNDER ADVERSE CONDITIONS. I WISH TO THANK THEM FOR MAKING THIS PORTION OF THE YL SYSTEM SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS.

IF YOU CHAT WITH THEM PLEASE GIVE THEM A LITTLE THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE EVERY NIGHT. GREAT JOB GUYS AND KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK .

FROM ALL THE YLISSB MEMBERS , TNXS  
Lee WZ1F

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Let's Be Prepared!

I am thinking of another possible follow-up to the session at Branson concerning emergency communications. If anyone might have ideas as to what a member should know or have written access to in preparation for an emergency communication - please share it with me.

Bud - WD1Z

EDITORIAL

Hello fellow sidebanders well folks, #57 of our Annual Newsletter, THE VOICE, is well under way. I am poised to purchase the new printer, and supplies needed for production. I am filling my computer folders with the received material that is progressively filling my email box. I have some great images, stories, and information along with the

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Send your latest images, time-sensitive announcements, stories and information to Our Website webmaster Jim, VE1JIM  
www.ylssystem.org  
Visit us often for latest YL system News.



FROM NØTWV, MARIA—  
CHOCOLATE RECIPE FROM THE  
2007, YLISSB CONVENTION

**GENNY DOUGLAS' PEANUT  
BUTTER CHOCOLATE BARS  
PAGOSA SPRINGS,  
COLORADO**

Ingredients:

- Crunchy Peanut Butter
- Graham Crackers
- Plymouth Pantry ALMOND  
BARK 24 oz. (1 lb.8 oz)
- Chocolate Flavored Coating

Prepare Graham Crackers and Peanut  
Butter FIRST.

Sandwich two crackers together with a  
generous amount of peanut butter.  
(You can carefully cut two crackers to  
make the bar. You might break some  
but with a sharp knife, it works.) Press  
together so peanut butter spreads to  
edge.

This makes about 33 to one whole  
Almond Bark Chocolate bar.

WHEN CRACKERS ARE READY  
ONLY,

Melt the Almond Bark Chocolate in a  
DOUBLE BOILER. Melt on LOW  
HEAT STIRRING CONSTANTLY  
WITH A WOODEN SPOON. Melt  
completely.

With tongs, dip the crackers into  
melted chocolate mixture.

Cover with chocolate completely.  
Place on foil or waxed paper to harden.

**YUM!!**

**Update FROM W7KFI  
SSB# 16016  
AS OF JULY 17, 2007**

Susan, W7KFI, should be on her way  
again this week to KH3 Johnston  
Island. Her delay this time was do to  
an emergency operation and that is  
done , she had to wait two weeks to  
get the doctors ok to continue, then it  
was her boat documentation from the  
USCG.

Her documentation done and  
clearance from her doctor she will be  
on her way sometime around the  
17th of July.

I will try to let everyone know on the  
system when I hear her. She will  
most likely be on cw at first, and then  
she will do some ssb work with  
members.

Lee wz1f

**SK continued from pg 1...**

The following YLISSB Members are listed as  
Silent Keys in the July 2007 issue of QST.

8303 W3GAM, Ed Williams, McKeesport,  
PA

15427 KD4SRB, Lemuel Arnold, Kingsport,  
TN

15776 KD7BCQ, Carmelo Grassia,  
Port Townsend, WA

Please remember them in your thoughts  
and prayers.

73,

Gene Delaney, K9WFE  
YLISSB Information Officer

Editorial Continued from pg 6  
extremely important  
information.

I have been in contact with  
VE1JIM, our webmaster to  
coordinate the details of  
making this year's publication  
available through  
downloadable files in addition  
to the printed format. More  
details will be worked through  
as we approach our target  
publication date. WZ1F and I  
will share the compiling.

Aside from system business, I  
have missed being on the air,  
and especially miss my  
contacts on 20m. Between the  
Wx, propagation, a few radio  
glitches and/or antennas,(take  
your pick.hihi), it seems I am  
going against the tide. Rest  
assured though, I will be back  
on the air as soon as possible.  
I have been trying to keep my  
ear to the speaker as well as  
checking into 40m many  
nights, and occasionally the  
Moonbeam.

I am saddened to hear of  
KU7F being a SK. I remember  
spending Tuesday afternoons  
with Flo, Minnie and Oly  
second period.

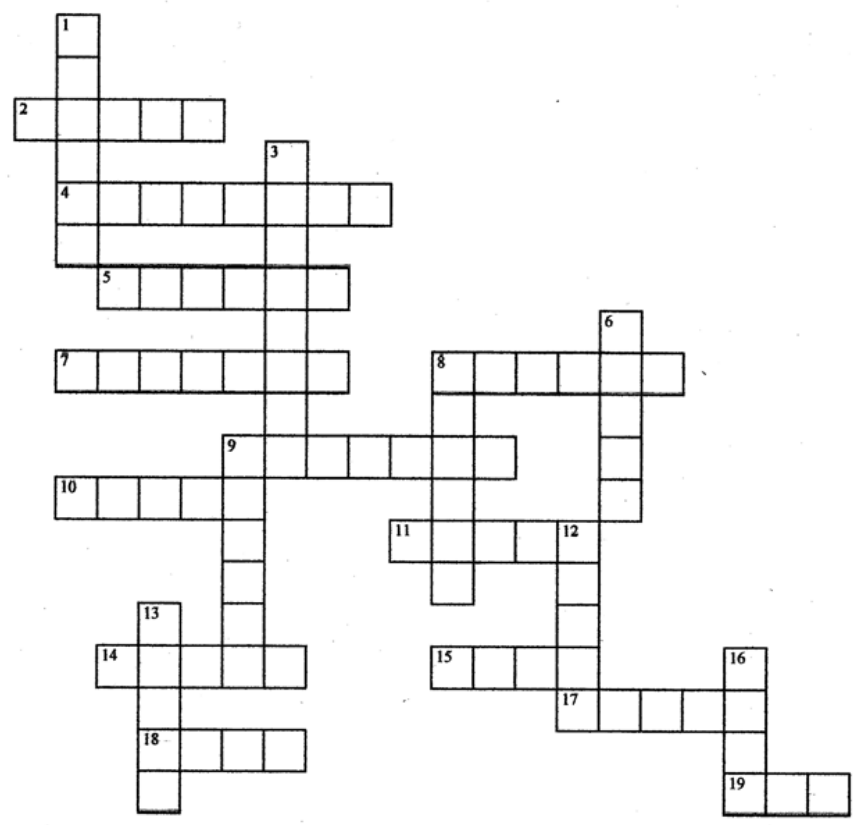
She was an example to any  
system control recruit and ran  
a tight ship.

Let me know how you like the  
Crossword Puzzle, I was  
thinking how fun and  
informative it could be to have  
this feature each month.

Have a great Summer!  
73/33  
Paula AK1X



# The Communicator Crossword Challenge # 1



### ACROSS

- 2 July Birthday boy named Earl
- 4 A "Must have" in order to attend convention 2008
- 5 This Award is earned for Contacts from 1700z-1900z after Winter
- 7 Zulu one foxtrot
- 8 KB5YQ, KD5SXH, & N5WQ hold this "Hot" Award
- 9 This YL started it all
- 10 Wisconsin is the QTH of this Knowledgeable member
- 11 Jda's QTH
- 14 Hunts for mobile YI members from his Germany QTH
- 15 Scotia Convention 2008
- 17 Call sign changed from K6EZY
- 18 Spring Award holder
- 19 It takes 10 votes to secure this number

### DOWN

- 1 A NM YL often found Assisting Jda
- 3 Favorite hangout on 20 meters for the nightowls
- 6 Editor of Publications 2006
- 8 Spring Award Winner from Canada
- 9 YLISSB WebMaster
- 12 YL member maritime Mobile in the South Pacific
- 13 Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana
- 16 Of Orion

Solution to this month's Crossword Challenge will be published next month It is also available by sending a request by email, mail or on the air.  
Many of the Answers are within this July issue!

YLISSB System was founded by K4ICA, V. Mayree Tallman as a worldwide emergency communications system and advocates the promotion of International good will through Amateur Radio. V. Mayree, Sidebander #1 (ISSB#1) became a Silent Key on June 19,2001, but "Her System" lives on!  
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