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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Great progress has been made on the new YLISSB Web Page. We hope to have it operational soon after the 1st of September. We will let you know when it is ready to check out.

SYSTEM

The YL System, which is now celebrating its fifty-fifth year of existence, is a SYSTEM. It is not a NET. Our founder called it a System, and for the past 55 years, that is what it has been...so please, do not refer to it as a net.

CONVENTION 2019

BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW! The hotel has given us a fantastic rate of \$125.00 per night, plus tax, which is about 50% off the going rate for this time of year. This rate is only valid for stays from June 5 through 8. If you wish to come earlier or stay later, they have given us their Government rate, which is \$154.00, plus tax per day. The government rate may only be available for a limited time, so if you are thinking that you might come to the Convention, and there is a possibility you might want to come earlier or stay later, now is the time to book to get that rate. They do charge the first night rent as a deposit for any reservation, but it is fully refundable up to 48 hours before check in.

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President's Report (Cont.)

You can book online at reservations@pikeslodge.com using the code, HAM19. Or, you can call Mandi at 907-374-7170, Monday through Friday.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Communicator, you will find information about some of the fantastic tours that are planned for Convention 2019. I urge you to start saving your pennies so you can attend this fun-filled event in Fairbanks, Alaska. I hope to see you there.

ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER

Bob, NC4RP, is doing an excellent job as our Information Officer as well as our NetLogger Coordinator. The information he is gathering is so important to the System, that we think it would be a great idea if he had an Assistant. So, is anyone interested in acting as an Assistant to Bob? The information officer is responsible for maintaining a master membership database. Bob also keeps the NetLogger profile updated and available. If you are interested, please contact me at kl7fqq@yahoo.com.

MONTHLY AWARDS

September is our beautiful Autumn Eagle Award. From September 1 through September 30, contact 25 members with a membership number ending with either a number 6 or a number 8 to qualify for this stunning award.

73's Rose, KL7FQQ

Awards and TFOs

Congratulations to our latest TFO, Martin Pittmann W7QHZ, YLISSB #16846.

Convention 2019 Tours

Wednesday June 5. (Cost \$40.00 per person)

For those that come to Fairbanks early, we offer a tour that will include a stop at the Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum, plus a stop at the Fairbanks Ice Museum.

The Auto Museum is home to more than 85 antique vehicles, Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum presents the history of Alaska's automobiles prior to World War II. Peruse its sizable collection of motor vehicles, ranging from early convertibles and trucks to motor-powered platforms built before the turn of the 20th century. Don't miss the displays dedicated to specimens of local significance, including the first car ever constructed in Alaska. Join a 90-minute guided tour to find out more about the state's automotive history and engineering challenges. Or, grab an audio set to enjoy a self-guided tour of the exhibits.



The ice museum is billed as the coolest show in town. It is located in the historic Lacey Street Theater on Second Avenue and Lacey Street, and home to the Ice Showcase and Freeze Frame. The Ice Showcase is an 8,000 cubic foot walk-in display case that maintains a constant temperature of 20 degrees. Inside are the results of hours of work on over 40,000 lbs. of world-famous Fairbanks ice. The sculptures can be viewed in a warm comfortable auditorium, through the glass fronted case.

Freeze Frame is a dynamic large screen multi-image presentation that tracks, from start to finish, the process of ICE Art, the International Ice Sculpting Competition held each March in Fairbanks.

The tour will end at the QTH of KL7FQQ, for a Meet and Greet complete with a complementary meal.

For those that are arriving later in the day, arrangements will be made to give you a ride to the QTH of KL7FQQ for the Meet and Greet.

Saving the Day

Note: The YL System does not accept any responsibility for this story. However, it has been almost dependably reported to us that the following conversation was heard on 14.332 one Monday morning.

“This is Kilowatt 4, Delta X-ray Mike, my name is Gloria, and this is the YL System. I am now taking check ins. Please give your call phonetically and state your name.”

“JOKE, Mobile”

“Did you say, JOKE, like in joke?”

“Well, yes, but this is no joke. I’m dead serious. I have a problem.”

“Can you give me your name, please, and your location. And what is the nature of your problem?”

“My name is Jake and I’m mobile in Wyoming. I was driving down this country road, and I came to the top of this hill. There’s a huge black bull standing smack-dab in the middle of the road, snorting, rolling his eyes, tossing his horns, and pawing the ground. I’m towing a mobile home, and I never learned to back up. Can you help?”

“Well, Jake, if this isn’t a joke, can you tell me where in Wyoming you are?”

“I just left a little town called Guernsey. By the way, they have a neat little cafe there! Breakfast was delicious. I’m on Highway 26, just a little North of town.”

“I think I know just the person that can help you. Fortunately, Carl, K7OUO just checked, horseback mobile. I think he’s helping with the Pony Express relay run or something, but I’m sure he’d be happy to take care of your problem. Let me call him. K7OUO, are you there, Carl?”

“Yes, Gloria, I’m here, what can I help you with?”

“I have Jake, JOKE on , and he says he’s on Highway 26, just a little bit North of Guernsey, and he’s facing a mad black bull. Any suggestions?”

Saving the Day (Cont.)

“Gosh, I’m near Highway 26, so he’s probably only about a half mile from where I am. I’ll swing over and see if I can take care of the bull for him. That sounds like a lot of Bull!”

“Thank you Carl, and Jake, never fear. Rescue is on the way. 73’s and please check in again”

There you have another daring rescue provided by members of the YL System. Of course, we have no update as to the effectiveness of the rescue, or the condition of Jake, the bull or Carl. But, the YL System stands ready to aid one and all in their darkest hour.

NOTICE

After March 31, 2019, the Communicator will be available for paid-up members only. If your dues are delinquent, it will no longer be sent to you.

FLASH! Breaking News!

In North Dakota, incumbent Section Manager **Nancy Yoshida, KG0YL**, received 79 votes, and Dave Heintzleman, ND0CW, of Newburg, received 72 votes. Yoshida, of Thompson, will begin a full 2-year term on October 1. She had been appointed as Section Manager on January 1 to complete the term of Lynn Nelson, W0ND, after his election as Dakota Division Vice Director.

[Ed: Congratulations, Nancy!]

Silent Keys

The following YL ISSB members have recently been noted as Silent Keys...

Paul M. Kozar - KI4WLB YLISSB: 16352

Thomas E. Little, Jr. - W5GVP YLISSB: 11171

Ronald J. Smith - K9QAM YLISSB: 13077

New Members

We welcome the following new YLISSB System members...

17469 - N6GR - Brad in Texas

17468 - K7CRR - Bill in Oregon

17467 - WA8LIS - Jan in Illinois

17466 - KI7UWN - Dan in Utah

17465 - KL7EDK - Jerry in Alaska

17464 - N8APP - Greg in West Virginia

17463 - KE5ZQV - Jody in Oklahoma

17462 - KG4RJU - Brian in Alabama

17461 - KM4MQO - Rodena in Georgia

17460 - N5UOV - Jack in Georgia

17459 - K4LCA - Larry in Florida

New Members (Cont.)

17476 - PA2TMS - Tom in Netherlands
17475 - W4WTK - David in Tennessee
17474 - N3QXX - Chris in Maryland
17473 - K7DIP - Bert in Arizona
17472 - WC7F - Jerry in Idaho
17471 - WX1FLY - Jerry in California
17470 - W4WYZ - Donald in North Carolina

September Anniversaries

AK4GE Don & Rhonda	KD8WSL Bill & Mary
N1OIE & Molly	KC1AU Bob & Donna
K5TLE Terry & Maxine	KB1TSE Norm & Lee
WA6EBB Barry & Mary	KZ7I Len & Amy
N5EDG Perry & Marita	K3CDQ Dick & Judy
KK6ABZ Jan & Tricia	K5WZS Zach & XYL
KE0IJN Dave & Sabine	N2XEM Artie & Lorraine
K1GND Jim & Ann	N5UOV Jack & Rodena
KB3SEL Gloria & AK3R John	

September Birthdays

N5IAC	KJ4YMU	K4DXM
WB9KMW	KB8ETA	W7GMF
KA4UVN	K4KRK	N4YYV
KM4RDX	KC5KWI	K8TAS
VA7JSF	KD0USN	WD5COV
KB7TBT	DL1DBF	AA7VE
KV4X	K1FJG	W6FWS
KB0JIT	W9VS	K5TLE
W4CT	KI7UWN	W5PDW
Mary (XYL of WA6EBB)	W4ZGH	W4YJC
KB9QL	ON3BM	K8ALT
KC7AKN	N1LSM	WM6V
KK4HFO	KB7RMG	WD8IIR
W9OO	WL7SO	KF9GS
K5NAA	KE7VSC	K0MBM
KA9OUT	W4LLY	Marilyn (XYL of WA0AVW)
N5EDG		KD0WGB
K5HDV		K3JWK
N8SWC		
KC8VRT		

Keeping Up With Our Members



From George Tomlinson AA4GT...

My antenna system is complete as of 8/21/18. I have a new Carolina Windom, a 20 meter dipole and a 2 meter Ringo Ranger. The HF antennas are up 80 feet and the 2 meter is up 75 feet. I have all new RG8 coax. The Windom runs east and west, and the 20 meter dipole runs north and south with a switch so I can go from one antenna to the other.

[Ed: Happy 85th Birthday, George!]

And finally...

Folks, ya just can't make this stuff up...

The *Chicago Tribune*, on July 28, 2018, issued the following "Breaking News Flash", and I quote..

"A score tile fell from Wrigley Field's scoreboard and hit a fan - **who was saved from a more serious injury by a bucket he was wearing on his head.**" (Emphasis added.) ...



If you have stuff you'd like to see published in The Communicator, please send it to me at jim@pandzik.com and I'll see it gets in. Thanks!

P.S. If you send photos, we'll assume we have permission to publish from BOTH the subject and the photographer. (Sorry, it's that kind of world!)