

The COMMUNICATOR

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The YL System since 1963

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DEDICATION

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Happy Thanksgiving from the Board of Directors Of The YLSystem

Greetings All,

As November arrives so does improved propagation along with busy bands. Reasonable- temperate weather also increases portable traffic as operators take to the parks and the outdoors. The YLSystem dose maintain a presence on 14.332, 7.238, 7.254 and 18.138 mHz. However, these frequencies are subject to change at the direction of the session coordinator or opening lead-control. Care must be taken when interfacing with infringing QRM, below are annotations taken from FCC 97, YLSystem guidelines and generally accepted amateur operating practices.

Shared frequency access: All amateur radio frequencies are allocated on a shared basis, not for the exclusive use of any single station. Even long-standing, regularly scheduled nets must vacate a frequency if an emergency arises or if another operator is already using it.

No guaranteed priority for nets: While it is an accepted and polite practice to give way to an established net, they do not hold any official priority under FCC rules. An amateur cannot demand that a frequency be cleared because a net is scheduled to start. (Inform and Ask Politely)

Avoid harmful interference: Amateur operators must not cause harmful interference to other radio communications. This rule is a core principle of amateur radio and applies to all operations.

Cooperative channel selection: The FCC requires operators to cooperate in selecting transmitting channels to ensure the most effective use of the bands.

Polite operating procedure: While not a formal rule, proper operating etiquette dictates that if you arrive on a frequency and find an ongoing conversation or a scheduled net is about to begin, you should move. Net controllers may ask other stations to wrap up, but they cannot force them to move.

Please use these guidelines while enjoying the YLSystem and thank you all... Guests, Members and the Control OP's for filling our logs.

Additionally, we are always in need of Control OP's... have a favorite session, contact the session coordinator for information about joining the YLSystem Team as a Co-Control.

BILL W4WSB President YLSystem



Welcome YLSystem New Members

Colorado

KF0RUW - Randy Barnett– 19573

W0CU - Rex Humston – 19574

Florida

KA1HCF - Gilberto Sotolongo – 19570

KR5MDM - Mark Martens - 19578

Ohio

W8ARO - Alan Oakley– 19576

Illinois

KE9DWP - Shannon Braden – 19572

KE9CTL - Glenn Conrad – 19575

Mississippi

KI5CSG - Bob Prisock – 19577

North Carolina

KB3GSG - Mark Fetsko – 19569

KO4HWV - Kurt Langley - 19571

Wisconsin

KE9DIB - Art Shingledecker - 19568



Award Day

November 12 – Liberty Award

Contact ten (10) members who are designated a Veteran on Netlogger. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact.

NOVEMBER VETERAN'S AWARD:

November 1 - 30

Contact 25 veterans of their country's military service.

From Your Editor

If you have enjoyed the new format for *The Communicator* this year, I need your help. I have one member spotlight for the December issue and none for next year.

If you have received an email from me about including you as a member spotlight please submit your information. If you do not want to be included please let me know and I won't bother you any more.

I would like to be including what our members are doing in other areas of ham radio and what they might be doing in there community.

Please send in pictures of you, your station, antennas and a bio of 300 words or less to communicator@ylsystem.org.

Thanks for your help.



Member Spotlight

Cody Nelson

Cody Nelson KD9ISC: Resort owner in the summer, ham radio enthusiast in the winter!

I went from a technician license in 2017 to a general in 2018. I joined the YL System in 2021.

In December of 2023, I saw on NetLogger that Jim-KM4TTT was looking for Co-Controls. I sent him an email and even with my marginal station he let me join the 3rd period as a control. If it wasn't for Jim-KM4TTT, Mario-K2ZD and Alan-KX7KX carrying me along the first year I wouldn't be where I am today.

I am now running a Yaesu FT-450D, Ameritron AL-811, and a K1O Hexbeam mounted on a ten-foot roof tower. Much to everyone's disbelief,

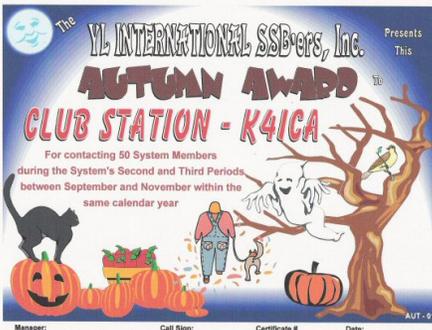
I am only 30 years old. I believe I am one of the youngest controls on the system. During the summer months I help my family run 3 fishing resorts. That keeps me busy all summer long. My job is seasonal, which means I get to trade my flip-flops for headphones come winter! Hope to work you on the YL System soon!!



If you have enjoyed the Member Spotlight feature this year, I need your help. I have 14 requests out and one spotlight for the December issue and none for next year. Please send in pictures of you, your station, antennas and a bio of 300 words or less to communicator@ylsystem.org.



Awards



It's Your Birthday - Enjoy it

- Jackson Behling **KM7ATW**
John Warkentin **KC4WT**
Glen Girard **W5WOC**
- Larry Hill **KI7HCK**
Jim Rugg **W9GTZ**
Todd Myers **KJ5DLY**
Tim McAnally **KD5KTB**
- Terry Dorsey **KI5UAF**
Matthew Ross **N3BPD**
- Rick Horton **WB7BOW**
Sue Sabin **N9ZG**
- Edward Delaney **WD9HMC**
Larry Broomfield **KF0LUT**
- Chuck Roswell **K2MGL**
- Glen Clayton **W4BDB**
John Ford **AB00**
- Douglas Pahl **N8JNS**
- Mike Corbett **N9MC**
Ron Cashon **K0PTK**
Jack Holmes **N4TQX**
Shawn Abrams **KE4SXD**
- Robert Fitzmaurice **KD2WAM**
- Robert Shayler **KE6SYT**
Brian **K5GEE**
Mike Kloc **W4MK**
Karl Baltz **K5BLZ**
- Phil Pavarini **W4PEP**
- James Woods **KE5ARQ**
Bruce Tisdale **K9ICP**
- Bill Parks **KI4EGQ**
Brandon Payne **N0HSM**
- James Drost **KN6STC**
- Emanuel Tsarnas **AA2XY**
- Brent Michaluk **VA3XWZ**
Darin Lee **KD7TVS**
Tim Hasselbach **KK9ZZK**
John Hills **KO6KFH**
- Marty Reynolds **NV5D**
Huck Beasley **NW5O**
Ron Sharp **W9TII**
- Leon Kirschmann **K0LU**
Dan Streit **KE0LOT**
- Clarence Woodard **KC3VEV**
- Mark Strachan **KD6IQW**
- Roy Ward **KJ5IAU**
Dr. Karl Arriola **KD9ODH**
Mary Brown **KB4ZZR**
- Gregory Rogers **W7GSR**
Richard Hayward **AC5RH**
- Marion Miller **W0RBO**
Jon Shannon **W1JTS**
Douglas Lueck **K0DLX**
Ken Hughes **KQ4YNH**
Harold Bowman **K4OYC**
Richard Carreiro **K1THE**
- Larry Hull **KF8BPM**
Roger Spivey **KE4POU**
Champ Barber **W4CNB**
- Allen Hicks **KB5LIA**
- James Chance **K4RCR**

For more information on our awards go to our website ylsystem.org/awards



Silent Keys

KC3JUD

Perry Pepper - 17582

KD9LCR

Larry Santine - 17294

Happy Anniversary Members

3. Steven Palumbo **KR7I**

Richard Brethold **W0EO**

Debbie Bethold **W0QPR**

5. John Kerner **KB4SGA**

Champ Barber **W4CNB**

6. Kathleen Hickman **W0KPH**

11. David Culp **KT5DC**

13. Rick Mastrocola **KE2DBQ**

16. Jon Shannon **W1JTS**

17. Bob Bliss **KJ5BAC**

Mike Annas **KM7AFF**

Mike Kloc **W4MK**

18. Vic Jordan **W0VIK**

20. Frank Girello **W3UF**

Neil Smith **WW5NX**

Don Zaner **KF0NCB**

Brian Panetta **K3YZF**

21. Scott Cook **N5SRC**

21. Tom Hone **AA0GP**

24. Ken Hughes **KQ4YNH**

26. Mark Blando **K0OPP**

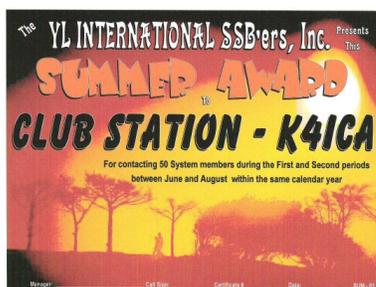
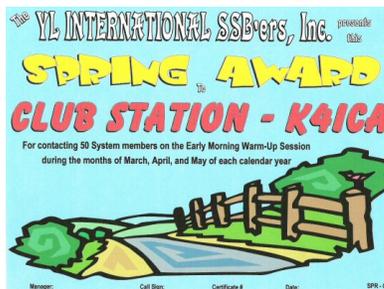
28. Robert Yarberough **K7RRY**

Gary Meyer **AA0GM**

Ron Keech **KL7YK**

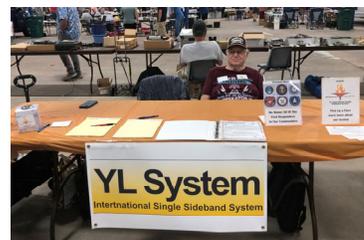


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YL System at Belton, TX Hamfest

We had a table at the Temple ARC Hamfest in Belton, TX on Oct. 4th. The table was manned by Robert KJ5PBZ and his XYL Shirley. We had two members check in, Dallas W7DFS on the left, Doc W5DOC on the right. We had a lot of people visit the table. They really like the system having a table there. There was a lot of interest by Hams that knew nothing of The YL System.



You Know If You Are A Ham If

you've ever used your radio call sign to reserve your spot at the Thanksgiving table, you might be a ham radio operator!



Snapshot of History

2004 Nashville, Tennessee WB4ILS

