

The **COMMUNICATOR**

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The YL System since 1963

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DEDICATION

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YLISSB – President’s Report - Bill – W4WSB

Board of Director Positions **Elected 2026**

This year (2026) brings special circumstances, as we currently have an open Nomination Committee Chair position. Normally, open chair and committee positions are delegated to Board of Directors (BOD) members until the positions can be filled. However, in this case, several BOD members are seeking re-election and, as candidates themselves, are excluded from participating in the nomination selection process.

The nomination period will open on September 1, 2025, and close on September 30, 2025.

Any member in good standing may self-nominate for any open office. To do so, please familiarize yourself with the duties of the office you are seeking, as well as the organization’s Policies and Procedures, as you will be sworn to uphold them.

Interested members should submit a biography and photo during the nomination period to: nominations@ylsystem.org (please use the email link provided). This creates a paper trail for auditing purposes; applications submitted through any other means will not be accepted.

Board of Director Positions **Elected 2026**

President
Vice President
Secretary

(all above BOD positions are eligible for incumbent re-election)

Additional Volunteer Positions Open

Appointed

Nomination Committee Chair, Condolence Committee Chair and TFO Coordinator. Additionally a Second Period Coordinator and an administrative position of Assistant Treasurer (a BOD position, requiring some daily YLSystem Web Site maintenance along with BOD meeting attendance) are also available. For the Assistant Treasurer position, please contact Jack at treasurer@YLSystem.org. For all other staff volunteer request...

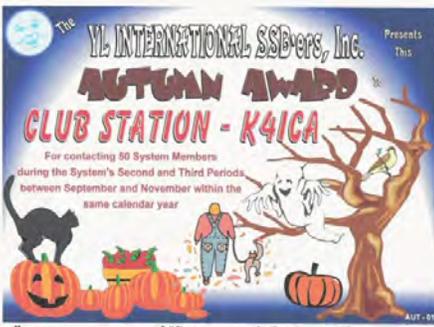
let us know at - nominations@YLSystem.org

Thank you,

Bill
W4WSB



Welcome YLSystem New Members



Arizona

Garret Edwards
WA7GE – 19539

Arkansas

David Freeman
N5AST – 19546

California

Charles Cataldo
KO6INC - 19535

Florida

Jack Holmes
N4TQX - 19534

Georgia

Brad Wagner
N4BEW – 19540
Mike Hough
KC4YCF – 19542

Idaho

Scotty Clark
K7SOX – 19541

Illinois

John Hayes
KE9CXU – 19541

Iowa

Randy Golay KF0RG – 19548

Kansas

Terry Pierson
KF0MWU - 19543

Nebraska

Stanley Uttecht
K0OGM – 19544

Texas

Bob Fisk K5BNF - 19533
Don Hart KE5JRS - 19538
Captain David
KJ5DRO - 19550

Utah

Jackson Behring
KM9ATW - 19547

Vermont

Gary Barnett
W1CZX - 19534

Virginia

Janus Hao KQ4VYA - 19537

Washington

Norm Tennyson
KC7HDE - 19545



Silent Keys

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

Bernard Feinberg AV7HB member #15795

Roy Hemion W2PEP member #15901



Snapshot of History

2002 Fairbanks, Alaska KL7FQQ/KL7FQR





Member Spotlight

Dan Livak K2DJL

K2DJL Dan - no. 17529 - TF0 608

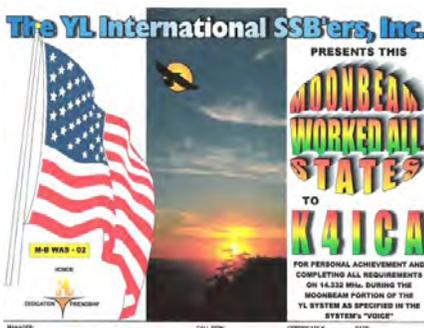
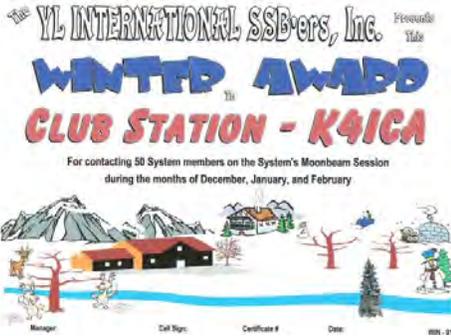
I attended the College of NJ, earning a BS in Criminal Justice cum laude, a MA from Seton Hall University, a fellowship from the John F. Kennedy School of Government Harvard University and am a Certified Public Manager Rutgers University. I started with the Franklin Township Police Department Somerset County, NJ in 1975. After having served in every rank, was promoted to Chief of Police with a compliment of 116 sworn officers and a total of 170 personnel, retiring in 2000. I then became the Administrator of the Somerset County NJ Prosecutor's Office. While at the Prosecutor's Office, I was appointed as Acting Police Director of the Bound Brook NJ Police Department. After leaving the Prosecutor's Office in 2009, I became the Business Administrator for the Somerset County Park Commission retiring in 2018. I currently serve as Secretary of the Somerset County Association of Chiefs of Police and work part-time as a government consultant.

On the HAM radio side, I received my ticket in 2017 testing thru to Extra Class. I have my WAS, DX Century Club, Master of Radio Communications: European Region, North America and South America along with several other QRZ awards and have contacted over 200 DX stations. I speak German, Polish, Hungarian and Russian which assists me in my DX contacts. My antennas consist of (2) "My Antenna" End Fed Wires, (2) dipoles, (1) "My Antenna" OCFD dipole, (1) Sirio Gain Master vertical, and (2) VHF/UHF verticals. My rigs are the Yaesu FTDX 101D, 10, 710, FTM 100D, ICOM 7610. Amps are the Ameritron ALS 1300 and 600 and LDG AT-1000Proll Autotuner. HAM radio is the best hobby that I have ever been involved in and the YLS makes it even better. 73's





Awards



Award Day

September 19 – Autumn Day Award

Contact nine (9) members whose Sideband number ends in a nine (9) or a zero (0). K4ICA will count as 2 contacts. Only 1 contact per individual member will qualify for the award—example: if the contact is made on 20 meters, that station cannot be used on 40 meters. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact on both 20 and 40 meters.

September Award

September 1 – 30

Contact 25 members with a membership number ending with a number 6, or 8.

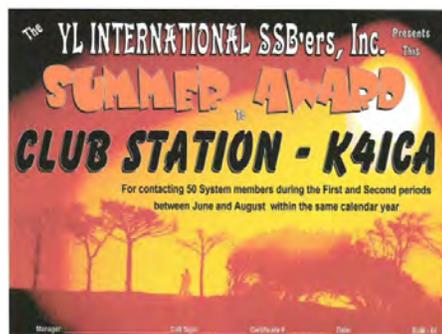
From your Editor.

If you have information or ideas for topics you would like to see published in *The Communicator* please send to communicator@ylsystem.org. Thanks!

P.S. If you send photos, we will assume we have permission to publish from BOTH the subject and the photographer. Please send captions for photos with names and call signs! We would love to have pictures of your towers and ham stations at various times of the year.



Awards



Happy Anniversary

Members

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| 1. Tack Anderson KN6RSX
Ken Johnson W7BES | 18. Stan Paget AI5SS
Larry Kaplan AB3TY |
| 2. Aaron Stevens KQ4HZK
Michael Callahan K9LUX
Robert Hall KD7RH | 20. Steve Fisher KO4WY
Doug Paquette K7DCE |
| 3. Neal Koch KE8TCW | 21. Manny Shulman NF2Q
Ronald Shaw KF0ATZ
Lewis Dowers W7LAD
Paul Weyman KC3PXC |
| 5. Peter Riddell W7TUE | 22. Oren Patterson K7EDZ |
| 6. Douglas Lueck K0DLX | 25. Gregory Douds K4CUA
Toby Mathews N0BNP |
| 8. Steve Clark KK7ETF
John Garcia AI5LM | 27. Roy Sparkman K4ROY
Len Smith KZ7I
Rodena Thompson
KM4MQO |
| 9. Chuck Tellbuescher W5TOC
Robert Wogaman KB0B | 28. Dave Vickers K7SWK
Martin Pittmann W7QHZ
Bruce Miller N0NSR |
| 11. Sam Stevens W7GNW
Brad Mullinax W8VOL
Daniel Davies KE0RMP | 29. Ray Lanza K1RJL |
| 12. Tom Dennis Jr. W2DGO | |
| 15. James Fugate KI5EGG | |
| 17. Wendell Carrington N5WC
Mickey Alberto KI5TPF
Robert Bennett AE8RN | |

YLSystem DMR

Submitted by Doug K7DCE

The YL System holds a DIGITAL session every week on Wednesday evenings at 01:00 z. This was started some years ago by Larry AB3TY and continues today. We are on the TGIF system, talk group 319. Everyone is welcome to join us. All that is needed to join in to the DMR Group is a DMR radio, an MMDVM hotspot, and an internet connection. The weekly session is hosted by Bill W7AJP and Doug K7DCE. If you need any help with equipment configuration or have any questions about the DMR group, please feel free to contact either of us. We look forward to hearing from you on the YL System DMR Group.

73's to all,



From The Desk Of Awards Manager - Fran AF7YL

Certificates awarded in September 2025:

Please note that I missed an award that Steven earned in July, so I'm including it this month.

July

One member earned the July First Responders Special Day Award

This award is granted for contacting six (6) members as designated a first responder on Netlogger on July 9, 2025.

Steven Bamber, VE3JPJ

August

Two members earned the August TFO Special Day Award

This award is granted for contacting ten (10) stations that have TFO numbers on August 8, 2025.

Robert Showell, KJ5PBX

Steven Bamber, VE3JPJ

One member earned the August Summer Heat Monthly Award

This award is granted for contacting 30 members who have a TFO number or the Rigel Award.

Steven Bamber, VE3JPJ

SPECIAL AWARD

One member earned a Service Award issued to any YL System Scheduled Control Stations and their assistants for every 100 hours as a Control Station. Members earning 1000 hours, with time beginning as of August 1, 2009, will be awarded 2 years of free dues.

Jeff Peyton, KE4OLE, 600 hr

UPCOMING AWARDS FOR SEPTEMBER

September Special Day: September 19

Autumn Day Special Day Award

To complete this award, contact nine (9) members whose Sideband number ends in a nine (9) or a zero (0).

September Monthly Award

Autumn Eagle Award

To complete this award, contact 25 members with a membership number ending with a number six (6) or eight (8).

Autumn Award

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.

OTHER AWARDS WORTH PURSUING

New Members Award

This award is earned by working 52 new members from the previous calendar year.

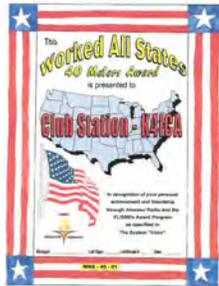
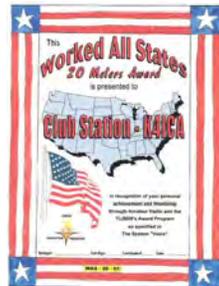
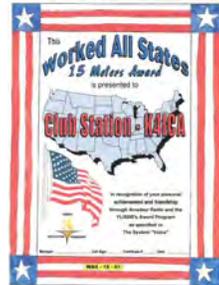
Option 1: Work 52 new members on a single System Frequency.

Option 2: Work 52 new members on more than one System Frequency.

How to Participate in the Awards Program

Get on the air and start making contacts! These awards are open to all club members, and we encourage everyone to participate, from seasoned operators to those just getting started. Keep a spreadsheet of your contacts to verify you've met the requirements. Be sure to include date, time, frequency, station callsigns, and YL System Member ID# for each contact.

Submit your log via email to awards@ylsystem.org.



It's Your Birthday – Ham It Up

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| 2. Jim Flowers VA7JSF | 16. Glenn Jetton KJ7VZN |
| 4. Eric Spiegel K3UUF | 17. Dan Olsen KD7GSW |
| 5. Conrad Nerdahl K5KUE | 18. Bernie Outram NI9D
William Henderson KJ5EXJ |
| 7. Richard Vuillequez W2FBS | 19. Shelly Stone KE5DX
John Doughton KE7VSC |
| 8. Al Crispo KA9OUT
Doug Wilson KR4ASL
Bob Ashton W1RWA | 20. David Talcott WA7BHC
Russ Todish W5ISH
Michael James KB3CRD |
| 10. Robert Wogaman KBOB
Daniel L Thorpe III ND4BT | 21. Jim Bird W4LLY
Doug Stark KB8NHP
Lewis Dowers W7LAD
Jeff Petersma KD0MDP
Jeff Bolek KD8GIR |
| 11. Randy Upchurch K4KRK | 22. Don Hart KE5JRS |
| 13. Guy Conti KA8GUY | 24. Kenneth Blanton KD4BBA |
| 14. Roland Cowan WF4P
Louis White N8ZVB
Jimmie Richards N3OSI
Joe Mirsky K5LJB | 25. John Ellis W5PDW |
| 15. Peter Buswell KQ4RSD
James Peeler KESHLU | 26. Carlos Abreu W7CMA |

Vanity Call Signs

Robert KJ5PBZ is your editor's vanity call sign. I have noticed a lot of what looks like vanity call signs. Vanity call signs usually have an interesting story behind them. I love stories about people and would love for our members, with vanity call signs to share the story behind their call sign.

When I got my General Class license in March of 2023, I knew I wanted a vanity call sign. I wanted something about Arkansas and the Razorbacks. However, the ones I wanted were not available, thus the "PBZ". "Pine Bluff Zebras."

If you would like to share the story behind your vanity call sign, please send this information to communicator@lysystem.org.