

# The **COMMUNICATOR**

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## **YLISSB – President’s Report**

### **Bill – W4WSB**



Greetings All,

The adage “April Shower’s” in our realm brings severe weather, the importance of Ham radio and the interconnected communications the YLSystem provides.

April is a time for spring cleaning, remembering that over half of your station is outside in the elements and has experienced a lot of winter wind and extreme temperatures swings...all connections both coax, rotor and especially grounds can loosen through heating and cooling and subject to water infiltration. These should be checked and tightened. It is recommended to use a conductive no oxidation compound on all electrical connections subject to weather. Re-check and tension all supporting guy roping and cabling....be safe!

#### ***HIGHLIGHT FROM THE MARCH BOARDROOM***

- Our Annual YLSystem Convention is scheduled for Saturday, July 19th, 2025
- System Secretary - Jeff KE4OLE - Appointed
- NetLogger Administrator - Bob KJ5CF - Appointed
- Assistant NetLogger Administrator - Bob NC4RP - Appointed
- NC4RP reported 5 scholarship applications have been received to date. The deadline was April 1st. We are no longer taking applications.
- Discussions about of the Awards program... tabled. Requesting staff to poll the member’s through a Constant Contact email as to what they think...overwhelming responses so far. Look for changes to Awards Program to come, including some new awards. (Great Job Staff and Members).

FCC Part 97 factoid...A Mast has guy wires and a Tower is self-supporting by definition.

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**K4ICA**  
**April Awards**  
10th Ambassador  
1st—30th  
President's wards

See Website for details



**K4ICA**  
**May 1st**  
**May Day**  
**Award**

See Website for details#

From Your President  
Bill  
W4WSB



# Welcome YLSystem New Members

**Arizona**

**KK7WBH – Don – 19468**  
**KK7UNA – Ed – 19477**

**Arkansas**

**KJ5IOK – Leslie – 19478**

**California**

**KA4RXE – Steve – 19465**  
**KO6GYA – Paul – 19466**  
**KN6MJQ – Glen – 19472**

**Colorado**

**KQ6UT – Jeff – 19474**

**Georgia**

**N2HGL – Joe – 19473**

**Florida**

**W3WQ – Ken - 19479**

**Iowa**

**KA0MHJ - Woody - 19480**

**Kansas**

**KF0QIS - Eric – 19471**

**Nevada**

**KK7YQS – John – 19464**

**North Carolina**

**N4HHD – Henk – 19476**

**Pennsylvania**

**KC3ZUC – Joe – 19463**

**South Carolina**

**KQ4ZNG – Joey – 19462**

**Tennessee**

**N4RTB – David – 19467**  
**WD4GPS – Patrick – 19469**

**Texas**

**W5NAG – Mike – 19470**

**Virginia**

**KQ4PTN – Robert – 19475**



# Members Anniversaries

1. Thomas **WD4ESX** 16852

2. Ken **W3WQ** 19479  
Luther **W3LCW** 19308

4. Robert **KK7RUV** 19328

5. Clarence **WSOC** 17717  
Sue **N9ZG** 16462

6. Tommy **KO4NWU** 18758

7. John **NS6X** 19420  
Peter **KQ4RSD** 19356

Gerald **W8PDS** 19248

8. Timothy **WT4FW** 18380  
Richard **K0HPO** 19184

10. Glen **W5WOC** 18944

13. Mike **K9RMW** 17058

14. Darrell **N6LBR** 16930

15. Jerry **K4BTS** 19436

16. George **N7GRC** 18495

19. Kevin **K4IVE** 18294

20. Jerry **KJ5GIP** 19378  
Mark **KQ4RSB** 19309  
John **K5JHP** 19303

21. Rick **K9LCY** 18249

24. Jim **W9GTZ** 19305

27. Bryan **A16B** 17730  
David **WA7BHC** 17526

By Chris Codella, W2PA  
website W2PA.com

# Encoded

**Across**

- 1. Cluster cmd
- 4. Tribander part
- 8. \*10MHz, with 30-down
- 14. Grammy category
- 15. Sushi fish (some may generate RF noise)
- 16. Especially comfortable place for a DXpedition, say
- 17. Words of understanding
- 18. Radiation from a "cloud burner"
- 19. EP city
- 20. Early radio construction material
- 22. Part of IARU (abbr.)
- 24. 5Z
- 25. Contender, e.g., for ARRL director
- 27. Copies
- 29. 160m luminary Perry
- 30. Polar explorer, early radio user
- 31. Early radio noise maker

- 34. WAS item
- 36. Charge opposite?
- 37. Spectrum Defense
- 38. With 40-across, a hint to solving the clues indicated with a \*
- 39. Paddle
- 40. See 38-across
- 41. Sky hooks, briefly
- 42. Some HV paths
- 43. Young's accounting partner
- 44. Relative of cap. and ind.
- 45. Bumpkin
- 46. Wire, from 44-across, say
- 47. Simple
- 48. Conclusion
- 51. Monastery head

- 54. RF effect
  - 56. Fly high
  - 57. Flying high
  - 59. Used to stabilize a crystal
  - 61. Owed
  - 62. VHF antenna measurers?
  - 63. 59-across product
  - 64. Before, in verse
  - 65. \*7MHz, with 30-down
  - 66. Some service hams
  - 67. Band condition influencer
- Down**
- 1. \*21MHz, with 50-down
  - 2. Internet cry?
  - 3. What's needed after barefoot tower climbing?
  - 4. Doubled, it's a "net"
  - 5. "Recent Equipment"

- 6. 50's Collins
- 7. "Hey ... over here!"
- 8. Crumb
- 9. Stank
- 10. Blown resistor remnants
- 11. Norse goddess of fate
- 12. \*3.5MHz, with 30-down
- 13. I-land island peak
- 21. Mimeographs
- 23. E, F and others
- 26. \_\_\_-do-well
- 28. Prefix with -selector
- 30. \*
- 31. Microwave parts
- 32. Some gates
- 33. W6 summer time
- 34. Kind of tissue
- 35. Nearly always 9

- 36. Electromagnetic, and others
- 37. Coulombs per volt
- 40. "It's \_\_\_ real!"
- 42. Ether
- 45. Prefix with -geneous
- 46. Amplifier type
- 47. Place to stay at the Hamvention, possibly
- 48. Libya
- 49. C2
- 50. \*See 1-down
- 51. Ethereal
- 52. \*5.4MHz, with 30-down
- 53. Kind of joint
- 55. One V per mA
- 58. UA 73
- 60. Tfc. org.

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# Member Spotlight

## John Ellis W5PDW – 4076

I first became active with The YL System on January 2, 1965 as W5PDW. .

I was born September 25, 1940, in Parsons, Kansas. There were 5 generations of our family living in 3 houses, side by side on the same street. Dad and I recieved our novice tickets in 1957 and both of us began the quest for WAS. Dad won by one week. But we both got all 48 of them! I still have our first "store bought" transmitter, an Elmac Af-67 and my J-38 straight key. Several years later, my brother got his license and then my father-in-law, at age 77, got his Advanced license.

I spent the summer of 57 on the island of Aruba with my brother and his family. While there, I received a letter from my Dad informing me that our license's had arrived and that QSL cards had been ordered. My brother and I visited the Aruba Amateur Radio Club Field Day Event on "Baby Beach". The big generators and "Boat anchors" were quite impressive as was Baby Beach.

CW key and transmitter that Dad and I used

That's me with my first station, 1957

A partial log on The YL System, 1965



Log Sheet

K8KFA LOG SHEET January 1965

DATE & TIME	STATION CALLED OR WORKED	MY SIGNALS RST	FREQ MHZ	EMISS ION TYPE	POWER INPUT	REMARKS	QSL SENT
2 1410	K4ICA	5.9 5.9	35	35B	100	V Mayzee FL	#1
3 1410	5X514	5.4 5.6	✓	✓	✓	Bob Uganda	
3 1412	W2NIW	5.9 5.9	✓	✓	✓	Tony	CB
4 1359	K4RHL	5.9 5.9	✓	✓	✓	Ellie FL	#3
4 1605	EL2AF	5.4 5.6	✓	✓	✓	Jim	
4 1724	J4ICWP	5.5 5.5	✓	✓	✓	Tay Japan	1821
7 1420	KZ5EO	5.9 5.9	✓	✓	✓	Ed (Cana) Zone	
7 1422	VE4IM	5.9 5.9	✓	✓	✓	Ivans	
7 1605	F07XL	5.5 5.4	✓	✓	✓	Monique (wonderlape)	
8 1247	K7TAE	5.9 5.4	✓	✓	✓	Meg	
8 1700	W4OET	5.9 5.9	✓	✓	✓	JESSIE	*46
9 1354	K4ICA	5.4 5.9	✓	✓	✓	V Mayzee FL	*1
15 1708	K8LDI	5.6 5.6	✓	✓	✓	Cotton Picker Okinawa	*4144
15 1712	K8LBO	5.7 5.9	✓	✓	✓	George Greenland	
15 1750	KJ6BZ	5.5 5.6	✓	✓	✓	Jim Johnston Isla	
20 1434	Z6TJE	5.4 5.6	✓	✓	✓	Ken Rhodesia	
20 1440	KZ5NN	5.9 5.9	✓	✓	✓	Ray Panama Canal Zone	
20 1635	EL2B	5.6 5.9	✓	✓	✓	Cl Liberia	C/O
21 1717	W6CHP	5.5 5.7	✓	✓	✓	Clyde	
21 1545	K6WHI	5.9 5.9	✓	✓	✓	Betty CA	*42
Contact Total for JAN 1965 was 72 of which 38 were DX							
K8KFA was changed to W5PDW when I moved to Morgan City, LA on March 29, 1966							



## It's Your Birthday – Ham It Up

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| 2. Gary <b>AAOGM</b> 18188   | James <b>W7AJP</b> 16190   | 19. Kemp <b>K4KFP</b> 19455   |
| 5. Randal <b>W8EJC</b> 18854<br>Timmy <b>N2AVY</b> 19400<br>George <b>KC3WRH</b> 18964 | 13. Ken <b>KD9WYP</b> 19442<br>Robb <b>N0KGM</b> 19334<br>Michael <b>WM4MD</b> 19454   | 21. David <b>KB0STE</b> 16179   |
| 7. Dave <b>KF6BPV</b> 18580<br>KEN <b>W3WQ</b> 19400                                   | 14. Chris <b>KC8PFF</b> 19429  | 24. Dave <b>KE0BEE</b> 17305<br>John <b>KB4SGA</b> 17590<br>Mark <b>KQ4RSB</b> 17590<br>Robert <b>KA1HB</b> 17083 |
| 10. John <b>KD8OKO</b> 16664<br>Chuck <b>N5WGA</b> 18641                               | 16. Justin <b>KA3TIN</b> 18046<br>Jim <b>K4OHW</b> 19321<br>Rodger <b>KI5IYV</b> 19424 | 25. Rob <b>KJ3C</b> 18927<br>Robin <b>KJ7SUA</b> 19440<br>Thomas <b>WA5SWT</b> 18803                              |
| 11. Jeff <b>KD4VKR</b> 18765   | 17. Steve <b>KS2H</b> 19325  | 27. Timothy <b>WT4FW</b> 18380<br>Peter <b>W7TUE</b> 18170<br>Bob <b>WA4MBG</b> 12573                             |
| 12. Aaron <b>KQ4HZK</b> 19368<br>Tom <b>K9OPS</b> 19451                                | 18. Ricky <b>KI5BZC</b> 19437  |   |



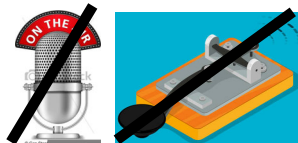
## Congratulations - Awards For March

**TFO**

Tack Anderson, KN6RSX, TFO# 629

**Service Award**

Jeff Payton, KE4OLE 200 hr



### Silent Keys

None for this month.

If you know of a member who is now a Silent Key, please let us know at:  
[condolencechairman@ylsystem.org](mailto:condolencechairman@ylsystem.org)



## To The Men and Women Who Make The Daily YLSystem Sessions Work Thank You!

As your editor, I want to thank each and every member involved in the daily production of our sessions. Without your extraordinary dedication to the on-air work, we would not have the wonderful system we have in place.

I joined April 3, 2024 and have appreciated the efforts that all of the Coordinators and Co-Coordiators have given in making me feel like a valued member of the YLISSB. They have always been ready and willing to help me with anything I needed.

I would like to highlight one or two of you each month. If you would be interested, please send pictures and a short bio, no more than 300 words to [communicator@ylsystem.org](mailto:communicator@ylsystem.org).



## From the Awards Manager

For information on all of our awards go to our website, [yssystem.org/members](http://yssystem.org/members)

### How to Participate

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

Submit your log via email to [awards@yssystem.org](mailto:awards@yssystem.org).

Once verified, you'll receive a certificate PDF to commemorate your achievement! Display it proudly as a reminder of your on-air activity and dedication to the hobby.

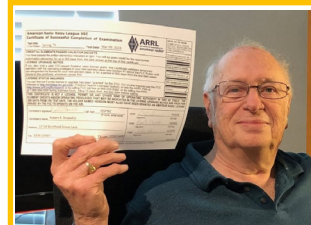
If you have information or ideas for topics you would like to see published in *The Communicator* please send to [communicator@yssystem.org](mailto:communicator@yssystem.org). Thanks!

We would love to have pictures of your towers and ham stations at various times of the year.

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! I might know your voice from the system, but not

## Encoded Answers



## From your Editor

Don't just check-in on the various times we are on the air! We have a DMR channel, Facebook page & Website. The Facebook page is full of pictures of our members. The website is full of helpful and interesting information. Check the website under schedule for DMR information.

We have 12 monthly awards and 24 other awards. Consult the website [yssystem.org](http://yssystem.org) for details

We want to find ways to engage members with the YLSystem and each other..

If you have funny stories or cartoons please send them in so I can put them in the newsletter.

I would like to highlight one or two members each month. Pictures and a short bio, no more than 200 words.

Please send to [communicator@yssystem.org](mailto:communicator@yssystem.org)