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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Members,

Welcome to the “dog days of summer” symbolized by the rising of the constellation Canis Major in the morning sky from mid July into August. Those in ancient times believed that the added radiance of the star Sirius (the Dog Star) and luminary of Canis Major was responsible for the searing heat of the period. Sirius additionally is the Greek word for “scorching” or “searing”. These hot late summers days also coincide with ending vacations and children returning to school, sending many inside to escape the heat and play radio.

Summer also brings the YLSYSTEM annual convention, many thanks to all who attended this year, with next years convention already being planned. We are excited to announce the return of the long awaited in-person convention, May 2027 in Pigeon Forge TN watch for more information and registration dates / details.

As always, the System needs you... first and foremost as Co-Controls, if you would like to be a Co-Op contact a session coordinator for details. Secondly we need to have a nominating committee in place to fill several Director positions for the 2027/28 Board of Directors, if you would like to be on the nominating committee contact us at nominations@ylsystem.org -- (Note Director positions are not as stringently vetted as the operational positions and a great place to transition into the operational management team.) Given the lack of a nominating committee to bring forth candidates, the BOD will seek out individuals and ask for self nominations. Please, if you would like to serve on this committee contact us at nominations@ylststen.org

...and in closing, a big welcome to all the new members. Along recurrent members, as your support is greatly appreciated.

“Stay Cool, Calm and Collected”

See You Down the Log,

Bill
W4WSB
President

UPCOMING AWARDS
FOR AUGUST 2026

Awards

The following award certificates were awarded in July 2026:

August Special Day -
August 10

TFO SPECIAL DAY AWARD

To complete this award,
contact 10 stations that
have TFO numbers.

July

One member earned the First Responders Special
Day Award

This award is granted for contacting six members
designated as a first responder on Netlogger.

Steven, VE3JPJ
First Responders Special Day Award

August Monthly Award

SUMMER HEAT AWARD

To complete this award,
contact 30 members who
have a TFO number or the
Rigel Award.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Two members earned Service Awards

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.

Mickey, KI5TPF - earned the award for 400 service
hours

Walt, VE3FHE - earned the award for 800 hr

Summer Award

This award is earned by working any 50 members during the System's First and Second daily periods and ONLY during the months of June, July, and August.

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.

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.

These awards are a fantastic way to engage with the system. We can't wait to hear you on the air. Let's make some great QSO memories together!

IF YOU ARE A PERIOD CONTROL, YOU CANNOT USE CONTACTS FROM THAT PERIOD FOR AN AWARD.

CONTACTS MADE USING AN SDR DO NOT COUNT FOR AN AWARD. CONTACTS MUST BE MADE RADIO TO RADIO.

JULY NEW MEMBERS

19740 K3GOD Robert
19741 KEOWH Mark
19742 KQ4MGS Coty
19743 W7CUI Allen
19744 KR4SJK Larry
19745 K7JWQ Jay
19746 WOTON Jack

19747 W4JBG Jim
19748 WA7RC Steve
19749 K5XQ Buddy
19750 K1DUN Dunnigan
19751 WORDR Randy
19752 N2ELF Mark
19753 K5JQ Jon

BIRTHDAYS

Rich KE9EEN
George KM7Y
Steven W5MHA
Brent KM4KUP
Dan KD8YVA
Raymond KC1MR
Ronald KFOATZ
Pete N5ANB
Radio Ray K4LWJ
Mark KE9ALY
Rinkey KR4XKG
Tommy KO4NWU
ROBERT K4ETL
Tom AA0GP
Ron KE9ESU
Daniel KI5QFS
Willie KJ5NGF
Alf W6ALF
Delbert KDOAYN
Thelma N7GBX

Javier K1MCO
James W5JC
Erich KR4DMS
Jack KJ5EJV
Ray KQ4YUX
John AA0GD
Leo W7WOO
David KB9GOG
William N5DEA
Clarence WSOC
John N6EXW
Brian KE0MQT
Donald W0DT
Ken KJ5POQ
Gary W5RTX
Mark W5MLM
Jerry KC8LAU
Tom KX9KX
Robert NC4RP
Vincent KI7PTW

Robbie K4RDH
John NOQJS
AJ W5HEH
James WL7HZ
Steven KG5RMY
Herb W9DTR
Raymond W1EKZ
Kevin KAOKAE
MicKE AC6JW
Stephen KF4EUD
Gregory KI7QCP
Michael W7DTM
Alex W4FNP
David W9PFD
David N9YUH
Edd KC5ABJ
Gary N2FSH
Art KE9DIB
Charles KI7ZKD

ANNIVERSARIES

Stanley AIOM
Jackson KM7ATW
Jeff KEOZAM
Ernest KN4DXH
Michael N9MC
Clifford KN4HGE
Radio Ray K4LWJ
Scott WB9LLF
John KM4DPW
Ron KDOKPM
James KC9JPF
Velmer C KN4RGR
Roger N1RWH
Carlos W7CMA
John KF5FWK
Chip W9OQI
Richard W2FBS
Don KOAPK
Christopher KN4LGE
Ralph KV4ZL
John KQ4STB
David K3ILA
Jim K3VRU
John ABOO
Chris N4CGE

Dr Karl KD9ODH
Allen KB3OMO
David WB8FCC
Max KF8XE
Preston K5XQ
Gale KK4DYI
Stan KOADJ
JoAnn AB8YZ
Tim NL7D
Warren W7YJC
James KI7PNM
Josh W5PED
Steven KG5RMY
Reg WOREG
Kevin KAOKAE
Gregory KI7QCP
Jack WOTON
Elver W9VCM
Robert WA4MBG
Jeff N1AWT
David W5FYR
George W5GWM
Richard N5FNM
Wayne N5ZHB

Announcing an invitation to submit info about your gear, shack and antennas.

(We already know about you) Please send your info with a photo or photos and a brief description to: communicator@ylsystem.org