

# The COMMUNICATOR



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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Enjoy the YLSYSTEM, as such watch for additional postings in the Communicator each month,

Bill W4WSB  
President YLSYSTEM

### Many Things to Look Forward for the YLSYSTEM in 2026

TFO of The Year

General Elections

Changes in Editorial and Operational Staff

Nothing the YLSYSTEM has Evolved into  
Private Large Social Media Group

Utilizing HF Radio Communications as  
Media Connecting and Logging

Upwards of Tens of Thousands of Members  
and Guests Each Month

Each Week and Behind each QSO and Log  
are Hundreds of Scheduled Individuals  
Compelling Lists Processing Payments and  
Much More Utilizing aMyriad of Dedicated  
Software Programs... a Daunting Task at  
Times

For Over 63 YEARS the Control Operators  
have Maintained and Continue to be the  
Voice of the System Through Impeccable  
HONOR DEDICATION AND FRIENDSHIP

## Special Day Awards

One member earned the November  
Liberty Special Day Award – This award  
is granted for contacting ten members  
who are designated a Veteran on  
Netlogger.

● Steven Bamber, VE3JPJ, Liberty  
Special Day Award

One member earned the December  
Santa Claus Special Day Award – This  
award is granted for contacting ten  
members to spell "Santa Claus" using  
any letters from the call sign suffix and  
first name as it is shown on Netlogger.

● Robert Showell, KJ5PBZ, Santa Claus  
Special Day Award

## SPECIAL DAY

January 21 – SNOWFLAKE AWARD  
Contact nine (9) members whose call signs contain one (1) letter S, N, O, W, F, L, A, K, and E. One contact for each letter. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact.

## Monthly Award

### SNOWY JANUARY AWARD: January 1 thru 31

Contact 30 members from any State, Province, or Country that has snow on the ground at the time of the contact.  
Email your qualifying QSO's to:  
awards@yldsystem.org

Send All Award Submissions to --  
Frances AF7YL  
Awards@YLSYSTEM.org

## Monthly Awards

One member earned the November Veteran's Monthly Award – This award is granted for contacting 25 veterans of their country's military service during the month of November.

● Robert Showell, KJ5PBZ, Veteran's Award

One member earned the December Santa Monthly Award – This award is granted for contacting 25 members with a membership number ending with a 2 or a 5 during the month of December.

● Robert Showell, KJ5PBZ, Santa Monthly Award

## Service Awards

Four 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.

● Walt Coventry, VE3FHE, 100 hour Service Award

● Walt Coventry, VE3FHE, 200 hour Service Award

● Mickey Alberto, KI5TPF, 200 hour Service Award

● Jeff Peyton, KE4OLE, 800 hour Service Award

● Jeff Peyton, KE4OLE, 900 hour Service Award

● Jim Flowers, VA7JSF, 6000 hour Service Award

## BIRTHDAYS - JANUARY

Mike	NODMK
Karl	N1DL
John	N3DXR
Kirc	N5XJB
Sheldon	N6JJA
John	N8YMY
Jim	NT9B
Walter	VE3FHE
Josh	W5PED
Dan	W7DOK
Michael	W7OCM
Rondal D.	W8BF
Carol	W9PIO
Mary Ann	WA4NNT
Jeff	WBOAFA
Ross	WE4V
Michael	WN4RKX
Paul	WW8PR

## SILENT KEYS

Brian Witkowski    K17QVR    #19526  
 Bernie Latzy        KB3HBQ    #16921

## ANNIVERSARIES - JANUARY

Bill	W2EO
Bob	K5BNF
Richard	KD2VYP
Ed	KD5B
Chuck	N5JED
Kemp	K4KFP
Jack	KE5POB
Jacob	NOLZY
Paul	WW8PR
Scott	W3SSB
Frank	N1SSN
Jeff	KN4YRQ
Paul	W1PEF
Jim	W4LLY
Charles	KI7ZKD
Shelby G	AG5GP
Roy	KJ5IAU
James	N9LQF
John	KE9CXU
Vic	KEOSYO
Mary	KB4ZZR
Monte	KAOMR

## New Members

19592 KJ5IUS Tara
19593 KQ4YUX Ray
19594 K1SK Mark
19595 KR4HPH Anthony
19596 K4UXG Bob
19597 K4PEB Mike
19598 KEOSYO Vic
19599 KO6JLT Jay
19600 WB2YQI Dale
19601 W5PFD Josh
19602 N8YMY John

19603 VE3DZO Kevin
19604 KN4WOJ Roy
19605 KE8OHV Ed
19606 KK7UQE Atlas
19607 WODT Donald
19608 KQ4LAY Walter
19610 KJ5NGA Charlie
19611 KC1SBV Shaun
19612 KFOVJ Dan
19613 KD9QJJ Scott
19614 KE2AUS Steven