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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings,

June has arrived and so has our 2026 YLSystem annual convention, this year held on June 13, at 1:00 pm EDT / 1700 Z. The event will be live streamed on Zoom, there will be a meet and greet afterwards, an invitation and Zoom link will be sent to you prior to the event via Constant Contact, watch your mail box for this information.

Summer also attracts increased ham activities with summer field days, contests and portable operations creating busy bands and increased QRM also "high sun" across North America creates a greater chance of CME's (coronal mass ejections), solar storms and other solar emissions causing HF disruptions.

Understanding the CME's, the fastest CME can reach the earth's magnetic field in as little as 15-19 hours as slower ones make several days. The effects of a CME can vary causing a temporary 'feast or famine' effect. First "The Famine" an immediate hit causing a blackout and the sudden ionization of the D layer. As this energy wanes we can experience the 'The Feast' an enhancement, where the F Layer becomes intensely charged allowing wide open bands on 10m, 12m and 15m... and favorable (yet temporary) DX communication. Remember solar events typically only effect sunlit areas on earth keep in mind that your night may be high sun for a receiving station in a DX communication.

With that being said ... "the sun is up and time to cut the grass."

See you at the Convention,

Many Thanks,
Bill W4WSB

UPCOMING AWARDS
FOR JUNE 2026

June Special Day Award –
June 4

CUATRO AWARD

To complete this award,
contact five members
whose System number
ends with a four.

June Monthly Award

SUMMER SOLSTICE AWARD

To complete the award,
contact 21 members whose
System number ends in a
two or one.

The Following Award Certificates were Awarded in
April and May 2026

APRIL

One member earned the President's Monthly Award

This award is granted for contacting 25 members who
have the same name, either the first or last, as one of the
US Presidents during the month of April

Steven Bamber, VE3JPJ, President's Monthly Award

MAY

Three members earned the May Day Special Day Award

This award is granted for contacting ten members whose
YLISSB numbers are below 17,000.

Steven Bamber, VE3JPJ, May Day Special Day Award
John Ellis, W5PDW, May Day Special Day Award
Robert Showell, KJ5PBZ, May Day Special Day Award

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.

73,
Fran, AF7YL
YL System Awards Manager
awards@ylsystem.org

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 call signs, 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.

MAY NEW MEMBERS

19705 AA4MD Jim
19706 KP4YY Rob
19707 K4DV Billy
19708 KJ5CGV Terry
19709 W4FNP Alex
19710 W7TDM Michael
19711 WA7YAD Bill
19712 K1MCO Javier

19713 KR4EXX Walter
19714 W7BPA Allen
19715 KF8GAI Bob
19716 KE5R Dick
19717 WB7CAT Doug
19718 K5HVP Ron
19719 N2DEF Bria

BIRTHDAYS

Anthony KR4HPH
Bob KK7LMV
Bobbie K4ZGH
Bryan K5BJZ
Carl WH6ANH
Charles AA5CS
Dale WB2QI
Dan KG5KNA
Dave WOJKT
Dolores W3IDB
Douglas AD4MO
Eddie K4EDT
George NV7G
George VE1XP
Grizz N9TQZ
Howard KK4AED

James KC9JPF
James KD2DTJ
Jeff KI7GJG
Jeff K8JMH
John KQ4STB
John K8YO
John KE8UDY
John KOVAC
Kenneth N5QYX
Kevin W5KPR
Kirk N7AZZ
Luther W3LCW
Malcolm VE4MG
Michael KC4YCF
Michele KI5SIR
Mike K4MKP

Randall VA3ORT
Randy KCOKPV
Richard KI2X
Rick K9LCY
Robert W7WED
Ronald W9EGA
Rose KL7FQQ
Scott KD9QJJ
Steven KJ6DKF
Tara KJ5IUS
Terry K5TDV
Tim NL7D
Tom AC8DA
Wendell N5WC
Bill W4WSB
William WB8VPM

ANNIVERSARIES

John KR4EZM
Barrett KB3QVT
Bob N7AZX
Breck KF4YI
Brian K5GEE
Chuck WW5CJ
Conrad K5KUE
Curtis KB3NKV
Dale WB2QI
Dan KFOSVJ
Dan KD9ADB
Daniel KI5QFS
Donald KB7ZJP
Dwight KFOWFT
Ernest K4DAY
Frank KE5R
Frederick K4IU

Gerard KC2OMG
Guy KA8GUY
Hal KA1OEM
Harry N6BHS
James WA5YFT
James W4BLK
James KC3RFG
James KD2DTJ
James W7AJP
JD W4VP
Jeff KC3EMK
Jennifer KJ5EPE
Jim WA8ETQ
Jim KO4DR
John AE7YH
John KOVAC
John KF8BYK

Jon W8DTX
Joseph KE8UIV
Justin KA3TIN
Kenneth N5QYX
Mark W9MGB
Mark KR4MDM
Michael KEOSOR
Mickey KR4HGP
Rinkey KR4XKG
Robert K4ETL
Roderick K4BGU
Stephen N5EKC
Thomas KI5HAM
Tommy AA5TG
William K7WIV
William (David) KF5UV

SILENT KEYS

Wayne Mayer KBOCH #18348
Richard Slosberg K1EDP #18639
Roger Koebe N3UDQ #17996
Patrick Greenlee NJ5G # 16782

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