

# The **COMMUNICATOR**

May 2025

The YL System since 1963

Issue 339



## **YLISSB – President’s Report - Bill – W4WSB**

Greetings Everyone,

May has arrived, the end of winter across the country. Disappearing ice and snow brings us warm / hot days, windy, convective and severe weather.... trees with leaves and poor summer propagation. With the sun creeping north to “high sun” also makes us more susceptible to solar degradation during daylight hours.

Ham radio always brings ever changing conditions, one of the exciting aspects of the hobby. May is also a good time for shack “spring cleaning”.

As our ever changing environment gives us challenges, we should be ever vigilant in bettering our stations. Nothing in ham radio is ever “set and forget”.

### **Highlights From the May Boardroom**

- Decision to award a contract to digitize historic paper records.
- Five scholarships were awarded to deserving members and family.
- Check website for scholarship information.
- Discussion about adjusting the Awards Program given the results of the member email questionnaire regarding Awards, more information coming in May.
- More information regarding the 2025 convention coming.

### **Important Information**

The East Coast 40 meter frequency has changed to 7.235. The West Coast 40 meter frequency has changed to 7.254.

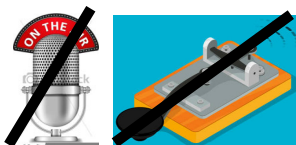
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Given the increasing high volume of evening and weekend traffic and managements stance to yield to the men and women who work all week (requesting but not fighting for a frequency). These frequencies are subject to change...always check the opening Netlogger for changes.

**OLD TIMER'S AWARD - May 1 thru 31** is still available. Contact 30 members with a membership number below 17,000. As always, check our website, ylsystem.org for more detail.

*Your President,  
Bill, W4WSB*



### Silent Keys

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

We honor these members who have moved to the great radio station in the sky and now are using their radios to talk to the Angels.

#### APRIL

- KD7SXH: ROBERT ZIMMERLI - Member #17887**
- W4KFA: RICHARD PETERSEN #10058**
- W9JL: JAMES LAUTERBACH #4137**
- WA0PFW: REV. JAMES McCHESNEY #6818.**  
(JIM WAS A SYSTEM CHAPLAIN)

#### MAY

- AF1CF ALAN FIEGLE #17790**
- K4PCK BRUCE CLIFF #15783**
- K4TER KATHLEEN GILLIAM #17681**
- N0HWJ DON LALLIER #10254**
- W5RWR RALPH RATTA #16522**



## Welcome YLSystem New Members

#### Alabama

**KQ4UHP - Guy - 19486**

#### Arizona

**WF4P - Roland - 19492**

#### Colorado

**AF0H - Dave - 19490**

#### Florida

**W7OCM - Rev - 19495**

#### Georgia

**K4CVI - Kenny - 10493**

#### Michigan

**W8JJS - Jeff - 19483**

#### New Hampshire

**KC1HOG - Jim - 19488**

#### North Carolina

**KK4RI - Skip - 19485**

**N4PSX - Rich - 19487**

**KR4ASL - Doug - 19484**

#### Oregon

**KG7VGN - Mike - 19481**

#### South Carolina

**KG9V - Scott - 19494**

**KQ4OTE - James - 19496**

#### Tennessee

**KO4WIY - Steve - 19489**

#### Texas

**KB5RBW - Mike - 19482**

**K5TDV - Terry - 19491**

#### Virginia

**KR4CQC - John - 19497**



## It's Your Birthday – Ham It Up

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|--|--|--|
| 1. Mickey <b>KI5PF</b> 18858<br>Tom <b>KI4NSP</b> 16724<br>Gregory <b>N3MAV</b> 16885                            | 9. Jim <b>KF2LN</b> 19439<br>Kevin <b>KJ7UWS</b> 19367                               | 22. Joe <b>KC3ZUC</b> 19463  |
| 2. C.A. <b>W5CAP</b> 16590   | 10. Alan <b>K0AGR</b> 18713  | 23. Barry <b>K7BGF</b> 19335<br>Derrick <b>KM6ACF</b> 18462  |
| 3. Jim <b>KI7PNM</b> 18262<br>Paul <b>K4PVK</b> 17923<br>Mike <b>K7RRT</b> 17746<br>Chuck <b>N5JED</b> 17602     | 11. Lisa <b>KB1RVU</b> 17022   | 24. Kelly <b>KC0LRM</b> 19301  |
| 4. Eric <b>K7UTU</b> 18464<br>Bryan <b>AI6B</b> 17730  | 12. Wanda <b>NX3H</b> 16717<br>Victor <b>K5VPN</b> 18896<br>Paul <b>W1PEF</b> 17133  | 25. Todd <b>W3TFF</b> 18926<br>Mike <b>W4JLM</b> 19024<br>William <b>KM4WNK</b> 17638                          |
| 5. Robert <b>KK7RUV</b> 19328<br>George <b>AD2IH</b> 19423<br>Jack <b>KE5POB</b> 18466<br>Paul <b>KH2R</b> 19373 | 13. Richard <b>K0HPO</b> 19184<br>Cody <b>KD9ISC</b> 18319                           | 26. John <b>KC2ATK</b> 16043   |
| 6. Robert <b>KO4MLX</b> 18371<br>Robert <b>K5SET</b> 18577   | 14. Evan <b>AC9TU</b> 17743<br>Steve <b>K2IL</b> 18603                               | 27. Clint <b>N4WCW</b> 19358   |
| 7. James <b>W4BLK</b> 19042<br>Valdemar <b>KG2PM</b> 17886   | 15. Karl <b>KD5KWT</b> 19415   | 28. Robert <b>KJ7EPF</b> 19403   |
|  | 19. Scott <b>WB9LLF</b> 15651<br>Brian <b>NB2H</b> 19219<br>Mike <b>WB2LKO</b> 17909 | 30. Joanna <b>K9JMK</b> 19315<br>Tom <b>KQ4KHR</b> 18928<br>John <b>AE7YN</b> 10714<br>Lee <b>KG4WWX</b> 18355 |
|  | 20. Max <b>AB0XS</b> 17723<br>Mike <b>WB2LKO</b> 17909                               | 31. Derek <b>W9DPM</b> 18983<br>Peter <b>KF0OQA</b> 18303<br>Lee <b>AI5DN</b> 18303                            |
|  | 21. Larry <b>W5EIT</b> 18750   |  |

## Happy Anniversary

## Members

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|---|---|--|
| 1. William <b>KQ4CLZ</b> 18814  | Barry <b>K7BGF</b> 19335  | 22. Harold <b>K4OYC</b> 19388<br>Shelly <b>KE5DX</b> 18398 |
| 5. Richard <b>AK5C</b> 19381  | 12. Steven <b>KJ6DKF</b> 19458<br>David <b>K4JRB</b> 1551       | 20. Todd <b>W3TFF</b> 18926                                |
| 6. Cort <b>K8RRC</b> 17573<br>Stephen <b>KF4EUD</b> 19177   | 13. Tom <b>KQ4KHR</b> 18928<br>Fred <b>N5FBJ</b> 19353          | 25. Wanda <b>NX3H</b> 16717                                |
| 8. Marty <b>NV5D</b> 17208  | 14. Steven <b>KJ6DKF</b> 19458<br>Kelly <b>KC0LRM</b> 19301     | 26. Jeff <b>KD0MDP</b> 19391<br>Steven <b>KJ4ZOY</b> 18920 |
| 10. Mark <b>KD6IQW</b> 18073<br>Paul <b>KH2R</b> 19373<br>Mike <b>K7RRT</b> 17746<br>Dave <b>W0JKT</b> 5242 | 16. David <b>KG4BSF</b> 19449<br>Mike <b>WB2LKO</b> 17909       | 29. Tim <b>KK9ZZK</b> 19342                                |
| 11. Jim <b>VA7JSF</b> 15059<br>Phil <b>W4PMG</b> 19351<br>Jim <b>K5FEL</b> 17868                            | 17. Roderick <b>K0ROD</b> 18239<br>Clarence <b>KF0QMS</b> 19346 | 30. Ronald <b>KE8NCI</b> 18239<br>Eric <b>K3UUF</b> 17357  |
|   | 19. Kevin <b>KF7TUU</b> 16719                                   | 31. Shawn <b>KE4SXD</b> 19348                              |

## Member Spotlight

### Jeff Payton KE4OLE

I am a Co-Control for the YL International Single Sideband System, YLISSB, as well as a control for the Sunrise session from 1300-1500z, or 8-10 AM ET Monday-Friday and 9-11 AM ET on Sunday on 14.332 megahertz. Beginning Monday, I will be a control for the First Period session from 10am-12:00pm, 1500z-1700z session. Concern has been expressed to me about the possibility of being burned out doing this much.

A lot of you know my situation with my head trauma and my manual dexterity issues. Without the help of my girlfriend of 4.5 years, Leigh Ann, none of this would be possible. I thank God for her presence in my life. She helps me log on my control shifts. I operate the radio and she logs the calls into Net Logger.

Over my nearly 31 years of being in the Amateur Radio hobby, I have had countless people who are gracious with their time, knowledge and resources, to give me help with a Radio or antenna project. I also feel like I don't do enough to either pay these people back, or at least pay it forward, by doing for others.

That is what this is about. I am finally able to put my strength to work and giving back to the hobby. You could look at the hours logged and say it is a lot for me to do. I started net operations when I was first licensed because I could do it without transportation being provided.

I can also use my ability to talk to people in taking contacts. I look forward to doing Sunrise, Moonbeam, and First Period beginning Monday. It's going to be a lot of fun taking calls from Amateur Radio operators everywhere and to be able to know them on some level.

If you are a General class or higher Amateur Radio operator, please join us beginning at 8am eastern on weekdays and 9am on weekends for YLISSB Sunrise session. Everyone is welcome!



By Chris Codella, W2PA  
website W2PA.com

## DXpedition Ditties

### Across

- 1. Call heard during November
- 5. Bygone
- 10. CQ DX \_\_\_\_ of fame
- 14. "Hurry!"
- 15. Deleted HK0 last name
- 16. Hebrew month
- 17. Org. not for OMs
- 18. Less inept
- 19. KH6 root
- 20. VP6 air space?
- 23. News manager
- 25. Listened attentively
- 26. The missing ones for your DXCC #1, say
- 27. Suffix with MOS or J
- 30. Engine sounds
- 31. W8 - VE3 separator
- 32. Provides weapons again

34. What it costs to get to BS7?

- 40. Less fat
- 41. Three-ply cookie
- 42. Kind of finish, on a front panel, say
- 46. Modern alternative to a #47, e.g.
- 47. Navigation radio
- 48. "We got \_\_\_\_!" - early ham radio headline
- 50. S, SWR and others
- 51. Bad WX on KH8?
- 55. Suffix with posi-
- 56. "E pluribus unum," e.g.
- 57. Elevator guy
- 60. Lunar effect
- 61. Plate

62. Plenty

- 63. Midmonth time
- 64. Temporary guys
- 65. EI language, e.g.

### Down

- 1. IOTA item
- 2. "Got it"
- 3. IS-land island
- 4. Talk incoherently
- 5. Hamshack sign, when transmitting
- 6. Grease
- 7. Where to find a hero
- 8. Fifty-fifty
- 9. 0 or 360
- 10. Prefix with -dyne
- 11. KL7

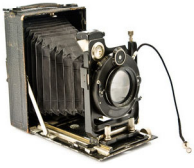
12. Listener to a QSO, say

- 13. Belonging to dx-peditioner Colvin
- 21. Sin minus 90
- 22. Severe
- 23. She sheep
- 24. DL org.
- 27. Wild
- 28. Spanish PX
- 29. Aligned
- 32. Future fish
- 33. Buro alt., sometimes
- 35. Grace word
- 36. A little number?
- 37. Word with lightning, for hams especially
- 38. Kind of admiral

39. Geologic periods

- 42. DX-peditioner Laine
- 43. Tick or mite cousin
- 44. 3-500Z, for example
- 45. Metric 62-across
- 47. KH6 garland
- 49. Winds of propagation
- 50. Long tresses
- 52. Billionth: Prefix
- 53. Last bit, in RTTY, say
- 54. Like a splattering SSB signal
- 58. PC key
- 59. VP6 heading from KH6

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# Snapshot of History

Snapshot Of History is a new feature where we will be using photos of a previous convention each month. Share your memories of conventions you attended.

## 1997 Convention - Annapolis, Md - KA3CDQ



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## YLSYSTEM Tidbits and Fun Facts

From the desk of J.C. Kerner, **KB4SGA**, Facebook Administrator

The YL System encourages all to join the YL System Facebook Group.

This Facebook group is private and is only for current paid members.

Joining the group is easy. You will be asked to answer four questions. Once all questions are answered, you will be granted access to our Facebook group.

Participation in the Facebook group allows members to stay updated with the latest news, engage in discussions, and share experiences related to the YL System. It is a great platform to connect with like-minded individuals and receive support from system members.

Some potential benefits of participating in the Facebook group include:

- Staying informed about updates, changes, or new developments within the YL System
- Connecting with like-minded individuals who share similar interests and goals
- Sharing personal experiences, tips, or advice with others who may be able to offer support or guidance
- Engaging in discussions, asking questions, and receiving feedback from system members.



# Congratulations - Awards For May

**Ambassador Special Day**

Steven, VE3JPJ

**Service Award**

Jeff Payton, KE4OLE 300 hr

Missed from the **March Awards** was Steven, VE3JPJ, **Irish Special Day Award**

## From Your Editor - Robert - KJ5PBZ

Articles for the next issue can be emailed to [communicator@ylsystem.org](mailto:communicator@ylsystem.org). The **25th of the month** is the deadline for articles to appear in the next issue.

The Member Spotlight features members each month. Send in your bio (maximum of 300 words), with 2 or 3 pictures of yourself, your ham shack, antenna or something unusual about your QTH.

The Spotlight On History contains pictures from our previous conventions. Starting with the first one in 1997 continuing with one each month spotlighting the next year's convention.

As the editor I 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.

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



## DXpedition Ditties Answers

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