

The COMMUNICATOR



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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings,

May has arrived along with final preparations for our annual 2026 convention, this year held on June 13th and streamed live on zoom. You will receive a convention brochure outlining the event and a zoom invite. Set this date aside and join the others for a face to face event...see you there.

As we leave April behind and head into severe weather season, with the Rocky-Mountain & California fire seasons just starting, followed by the tropics firing up with hurricane / tropical storms. Already, in the southeast the ongoing severe drought conditions are contributing to large wildfires across Georgia and Florida additionally the heartland is under siege from deadly and destructive tornados. The amateur radio community especially the YLSystem is poised to assist in times of emergency with the dissemination of information through system/network communication. As always keep those in harms way in your thoughts and prayers and your ears and eyes to the sky.

I would like to welcome all the new members, (we recently broke member # 17,000...nice) and thank the Control-Op's and support staff, obviously the members and guests who check in. I receive many contact e-mails praising the on-air ability of the YLSystem overall, especially in poor band conditions hearing "always keeping the Mic hot in times of no propagation" ... "a well oiled machine".

Many Thanks,
Bill W4WSB

UPCOMING AWARDS
FOR MAY 2026

May Special Day Award -
May 1

May Day Award

Contact ten (10) members whose YLISSB numbers are below 17,000. K4ICA will count for two (2) contacts.

May Monthly Award

Old Timer's Award

Contact 30 members with a membership number below 17,000 during the month of May

The Following Award Certificates were Awarded in March and April 2026

MARCH

Two members earned the Ambassador Special Day Award

This award is granted for contacting 10 members whose sideband number ends with a "1" or a "7" or any Irish stations.

John Ellis, W5PDW, Irish Special Day Award
Steven Bamber, VE3JPJ, Irish Special Day Award

APRIL

Two members earned the Ambassador Special Day Award

This award is granted for contacting 10 Ambassadors or Ambassadors Extraordinaire of the YLISSB.

John Ellis, W5PDW, Ambassador Special Day Award
Steven Bamber, VE3JPJ, Ambassador Special Day Award

SPECIAL AWARD

One member earned a Service Award

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, 500 hour Service Award

Spring Award

This award is earned by working any 50 members during the System's Sunrise Portion and ONLY during the months of March, April, and May.

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.

APRIL NEW MEMBERS

19684 KE9ESU	Ron	19694 KJ5 KVZ	Lou
19685 KI4QFS	Daniel	19695 K9LEI	Lewis
19686 KK7JAL	Curt	19696 KEOMQT	Brian
19687 KOADJ	Stan	19697 KF7WJY	Tim
19688 K7ZMH	Tuck	19698 KFOVHN	Curt
19689 N1IEJ	Alan	19699 KC8MBN	Tim
19690 NQ4AE	Kerry	19700 KG7A	Mike
19691 N9JPG	Kevin	19701 KF8FFB	Jeanne
19692 KR4XKG	Rinkey	19702 KR4HGQ	Phil
19693 K1NF	Nels	19703 KJ5POQ	Ken

BIRTHDAYS

Charlie AA5QJ	Kevin KC4UNA	Derrick KM6ACF
Max ABOXS	Donald KDOGOK	Kurt KO4HWV
Evan AC9TU	Karl KD5KWT	Thomas KQ4KHR
George AD2IH	Scott KD5OMJ	Dan N3WJH
Arthur AE4AG	CODY KD9ISC	Brad N4BEW
John AE7YH	Roger KE00MJ	Steve N4SLC
Lee AI5DN	Robert KE7RG	Kevin N9JPG
Richard KOHPO	Joseph KE8UIV	Brian NB2H
Sheina Marie KOLTL	Klent KFOIJI	Wanda NX3H
Robert k3edp	Valdemar KG2PM	Paul W1PEF
Kermit K4JGQ	Alio KG5KSJ	Pat W3BNN
Bob K4OFD	Scott KG9v	Todd W3TFF
Paul K5CIP	Joseph KI5LFM	James W4BLK
Robert k5set	Mickey KI5TPF	Rue W4RUE
Victor K5VPN	James KI7PNM	JD W4VP
Eric K7UTU	Joseph KJ5ASC	DAVE W9TDE
William K7WIV	Robert KJ7EPF	Slep WB2LKO
Shaun KC1SBV	Robert KK7RUV	Robert WB3DJN
Joseph KC3ZUC	William KM4WNK	Scott WB9LLF

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark AC3EW
Anthony AI1U
Richard AK5C
Stephen K1SHD
Robert K3EDP
Eric K3UUF
Robbie K4RDH
Jim K5FEL
Lanny K5PAR
Cort K8RRC
Mark KB3GSG
Bret KC3DJV
Donald KDOGOK
Vincent KD2TMJ

Scott KD5OMJ
Mark KD6IQW
Roger KE00MJ
Tom KEOZSV
Shelly KE5DX
Stephen KF4EUD
Joseph KI5LFM
James KJ5JXY
Steven KJ6DKF
Richard KKOCOP
William Kq4clz
Thomas KQ4KHR
Tom KX9KX
John KZ9E

Christian NOACT
Bill N4WNK
Charles N5GCQ
Kirk N7AZZ
Wanda NX3H
Jim VA7JSF
Dave WOJKT
Todd W3TFF
Mike W4ADI
Alan W8ARO
DAVE W9TDE
Slep WB2LKO
Bob WG1C

SILENT KEYS

RONALD NELSON KBOMYP #15359

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@yldsystem.org