

The COMMUNICATOR

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The YL System since 1963

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Happy Holidays and Season Greetings from The Board of Directors and Executive Staff of the YLSYSTEM

Dear Valued Members,

As December ushers in a time of festive and religious activities it's time to revisit our core morals instilled and steeped over the sixty past years of the YLSYSTEM.



- **HONOR**– The YL System community is built on Honor. This foundational pillar of the System demands mutual respect for all people as we interface with each other. Honor also requires trust. This is exemplified by the fact that our System awards for members do not require QSL, LOTR or eQSL validation for these awards. We trust our members to be honest about their contacts.
- **DEDICATION**– The YL System community requires Dedication. Our members are dedicated to improving our on-air and technical skills. This dedication is demonstrated in that our members are committed to operating our stations with adherence to the regulatory requirements from our amateur licensing bodies. Another facet of this is dedication to serve not only the YL System community but amateur radio as a whole. Many of our members are VE's, Elmers and technical

resources, and participating in SKYWARN and ARES (among a few opportunities) for their local communities as well as serving the System. Service to others is our heritage, not only during emergency situations but to the YL System by volunteering as a System Control, Operational Coordinators and our YL System leadership roles as well.

- FELLOWSHIP – As a YL System community, we provide opportunities for our members for fellowship and to develop long standing friendship This is accomplished on Zoom sessions, our Annual Convention, and our on air System sessions. Many of our members have met on the System and stay in contact with each other on-air, email, phone and face to face. We are more than friends and a community, we are family on the System. We care about each other and often will check up on our regular members that have not checked for a while.

Additionally, through the long-standing YL System Credo: *“We believe in the dignity of man”. Its motto is: “Dedicated to the building of friendship among all the peoples of the earth through amateur radio, and to be of service to our fellowman.”*

Dignity vs. Respect

While dignity is inherent, respect is often context-dependent:

Baseline civility and minimal acknowledgment of human worth are forms of automatic respect, which aligns with recognizing inherent dignity, Deeper respect or admiration requires demonstrable virtue, empathy, or competence.

With Peace, and Love for All Mankind,
Enjoy the Fellowship and Family of the YLSYSTEM

BILL W4WSB

PRESIDENT



December 10 – SANTA AWARD Monthly Award

Contact ten (10) members to spell Santa Claus using any letters from the call sign suffix and first name as it is shown on Netlogger. One contact for each letter. The contacts used for the Santa Award cannot be used on that day for the SANTA MONTHLY

Welcome YLSystem New Members

Alabama

1KN4YRQ - Jeff Reach - 9584

Georgia

NR4EZM - John Ferguson – 19580

Maryland

KB3NKV - Baltimore – 19581

New Mexico

WB2MEF - Billy Sarokin – 19583

North Carolina

KA1OEM - Hal Lyford – 19587

N4WNK - Bill Spiellak 19591

Ohio

KF8CSV - Robert Schunn - 19586

Pennsylvania

W3BBN - Pat Gallagher - 19588

South Carolina

N4VWD - Ray Sawyer - 19582

Texas

N5GCO - Charles Mountfort - 19579

KJ5EJV - Jack Merrill - 19585

KJ5MHV - Ezekiel Everling - 19589

K0APK - Don Spoon - 19590

SANTA AWARD: December 1 thru 31

Contact 25 members with a membership number ending with a 2 or a 5.

Silent Keys

We had no SK's this month.



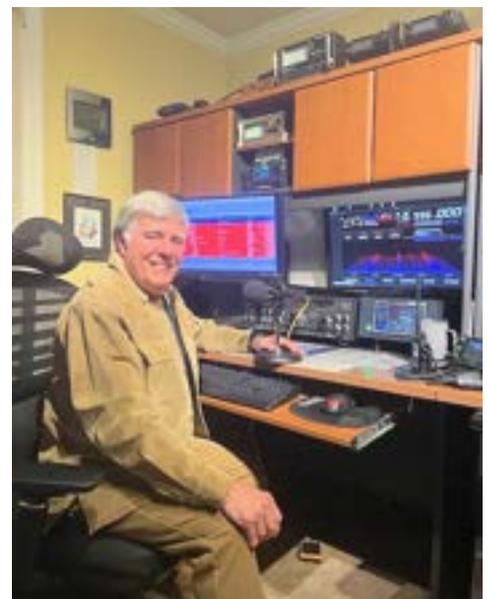
I obtained my ham radio license almost 60 years ago thanks to ham radio operators and the YL system. When I was 14 years old, while I was a student at Colegio San Jose College Preparatory School, I volunteered for one week to help at Mission Noel, located in the mountains of central Puerto Rico. One night I heard a strange noise coming from one of the rooms of the Mission. Upon investigation I was surprised to discover that it was Brother Frank Monick, KO4AOD (ISSB #103). He was on air and in communication with W9QPR, Leonard Kraus (ISSB #4899) during a session of the YL System! We went off frequency and had a QSO for more than an hour. He sent me a QSL card and I was bitten by the Ham Radio bug.

Upon returning to school, I walked to the room of the Radio Club (KP4NY). My physics professor, Brother Joseph Eberhart, KP4AED (ISSB #5495) was my first Elmer and helped me study morse code and pass my novice test. In 1966, my father drove me to the Old San Juan Post Office to take my novice test. I passed and my novice callsign was WP4DDO. I upgraded my ham license to general and obtained the ISSB#7860 in 1970. At that time there was no Internet, long distance calls were very expensive, and the wait for snail mail through the US Post Office was two weeks! You had to wait a month to get your YL Sideband number.

I remember well, talking to Mayree (K4ICA). The strongest control station was Ellie (K4RHL). She was located in South Florida and was a helpful Elmer. She taught me the ropes of Control Station for the YL System.

While in high school I upgraded to an Advanced class license, which was discontinued 25 years ago. I upgraded to an Extra License while in college, with callsign KP4PR. I received my current callsign, KP4E, when the FCC gave the Extra Class holders the opportunity to change our callsign to a single letter suffix.

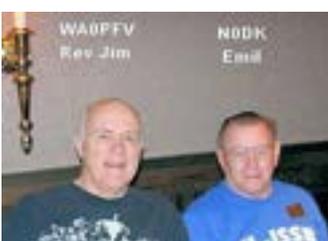
At present I am running Yaesu equipment with an Alpha 87A amplifier, a Heil Dual Microphone and a 4-Element SteppIR in a rotating 57 foot mast tower . Just recently purchased a solid state 1500 watt Mercury LUX.





Snapshot of History

2005 Bismarck, North Dakota WB7ITR

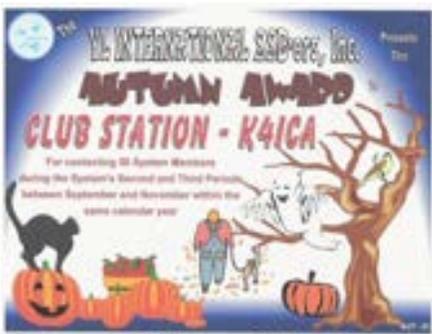


It's Your Birthday — Ham It Up

1. Martin Sharpe **K5WQH**
Harry Ysselstein **N6BHS**
Alan Canton **K6AAI**
2. Raymond Lloyd **N9EDB**
Ron Artman **KZ4RA**
Jerome Schulist **K1TDM**
3. Lee Gibbs **KD5Q**
4. Debbie Brethold **W0QPR**
Doug Tankersley **KD9DHT**
5. John Moore **KB1CSI**
6. Dale Bradicich **KQ4FNU**
Bett Rosselle **W9FNU**
7. Jim Misch **W8AP**
Max Amstutz **KF8XE**
8. Leonard Smith **KZ7I**
Dwain Lawhon **K0OLA**
9. Glenn Hansen **KN6MJQ**
Dan Daniel **K4LIF**
10. John Paul Keon **AB4PPP**
11. David Lloyd **KN4STX**
12. John Laycock **KM4DPW**
John Oberlin **KJ4GDX**
Ernest Quaglieri **KN4DXH**
13. David Edwards **N3DME**
Carlos Graulau **KP4CG**
Eric Dziadosz **KF0QIS**
15. Brad Mullinax **W8VOL**
Mike Norton **KQ4NLR**
David Edwards **N3DME**
James Thompson **K6RRS**
16. Steve Healow **KA4RXE**
17. Buster Whitlow **KB0AZU**
18. Philip Bernacke **K7TTI**
Brian Witowski **KI7QVR**
Van Henley **NA6BN**
19. Darrell Lucas **N6LBR**
Charles Young **W5CRY**
21. George Ruple **NT8F**
22. Bob Bliss **KJ5BAC**
23. Mike Trott **KC9YOF**
Bob Montgomery **W3ZR**
24. Gary Price **KK7OGJ**
Steve Bamber **VEJPJ**
25. Haruo Takahashi **JA1CG**
Tom Davis **K9TXJ**
George Moore **W5GWM**
26. Johnny Wise **AJ5TX**
George Cameron **N7GRC**
27. Jason Watkins **KD2VVJ**
Carol Reser **KC7MYN**
28. Paul Weyman **KC3PXC**
Joe Moche **KO6KCA**
Bob Friedman **KR4CKB**
29. John **K5JHP**
Joan A. Jones **W4JMJ**
Wayne Albrecht **N5ZHB**
30. Leslje Gann **KJ5IOK**
Peter Quigley **KJ7CPC**
Frank Reno **N1SSN**
31. Daryl Guinn **K5DDG**



Happy Anniversary



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| 8. Joe Mirsky K5LJB | 26. John Donovan KE8UDY |
| 10. JC Stanaland KA4WGW | 27. Doug Barone W7DBP Robert Merrifield KJ7EPF |
| 11. Mike Hough KC4YCF | 29. Ray Higgins KC1MR Terry Dorsey KI5UAF |
| 12. Joseph Boyle W5ABI Dan Olsen KD7GSW Paul Lindsay KO6GYA | 30. David Mira N9YUH David Freeman N5AST Kirc Breden N5XJB |
| 15. Russ Todish W5ISH Mickey Whitley KN5C | 31. Jason Watkins KD2VVJ Kenk Drenth N4HHD Kirc Breden N5XJB Derek Mann W9DPM |
| 16. Karl Threet KD5KWT | |
| 17. Becky Barberousse W4PEP | |
| 19. Phil Pavarini KI5KKV | |
| 21. Mike Wenman K7USN Kurt Sample KK7JUI | |
| 25. Haruo Takahashi JA1CG | |



**We Thank Robert KJ5PBZ For
His Work As Communicator Editor.**

For more information on our awards go to our website ylsystem.org/awards