

The COMMUNICATOR

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YLSYSTEM WISHES
EACH AND EVERY MEMBER
A MERRY CHRISTMAS



Special Awards Day for December

December 6 – SANTA 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 AWARD. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact.

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President's Report

Greetings and Happy holidays,

The turkey (or equivalent feast) we just consumed, with family and friends, symbolizes the start of a month of festive gatherings, religious and social events.

It is important to recognize and respect December as a month of peace, love and forgiveness. Be courteous, kind and giving (even if, just in spirit).

December also brings us closer to the year 2025, be cognizant and also, forgiving of negative actions and precedings.

The YLSYSTEM is in a great place now, bringing record check-ins, and new members abound...not to mention the finest and most congenial Controls, Members and Guests on the air...absolutely! I listen, "Good Stuff".

Thank you all.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year

Bill
W4WSB
President
YLSystem



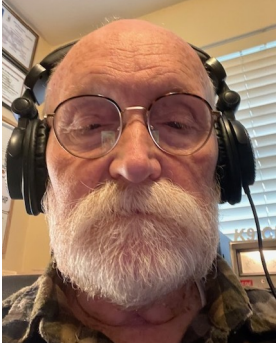


Welcome YLSystem New Members

Alabama**KE4SDX – Shawn Abrams – 19348****K4ROY – Roy Sparkman – 19366****Arkansas****KL5ELW – Brian Worrell – 19339****KJ5DLY—Todd Myers – 19344****KJ5GREE – Trub Trubiano – 19362****California****KK6FYE – Joseph Veca – 19341****Colorado****KF0QMS – Clarence DeHaven – 19346****Florida****KE4OZD – Danny Burdick – 19347****K8YO – John Bilbro – 19350****KQ3RMY – Dave - Frame - 19630****K4MOD – Larry Model – 19370****Georgia****KQ4VIR – John Nash – 19343****Idaho****KJ7UWS – Kevin Morrison – 19367****Indiana****W1JTS – Jon Shannon – 19355****Illinois****K9WAY – Ed Way – 19352****Louisiana****K9YP – Bob Butler – 19371****Kentucky****KQ4HZK – Aaron Stevens – 19368****Nevada****N3OSI – Jimmie Richards - 19357****Michigan****KF8BPM –Larry Hull –19340****Mississippi****NT9B – Jim Walsh – 19369****New Mexico****K5RPE –Roger Esra -19359****W4PMG – Phil Gaudette – 19351****North Carolina****K8ZAR – Ken Zaremba – 19364****Ohio****KQ4RSD – Peter Buswell – 1956****KF8BYK – John Petteruti – 19365****Oregon****KK7OGJ – Gary Price – 19363****South Carolina****N4WCW – Clint Watson -19358****South Dakota****KF0LUT – Larry Broomfield –19338****Tennessee****KE4ETG – David Wood – 19349****Texas****N5FBJ - William Fred Bates Jr - 19353****KV5Q – Kirk Kridner - 19354****KK9ZZK – Tim Hasselbach – 19342****KTSWH – Steve Holloway - 19361****KI7GJG – Jeff Vian – 19372****Wisconsin****KD9UFQ – Larry Stephen - 19345**

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YLISSB – Retracing the history

**(Summarized by Bruce Tisdale,
(K9ICP), YLSystem Historian**

It's been over three years since I started writing these articles for members. During that time the System has continued to grow, and new members have joined our family. Consequently, I've decided to go back and review the origins of our System.

The YLISSB will celebrate its 61st anniversary on the air in February, 2025. The YL International SSB'er was officially born on February 9, 1963. Several years prior to that time, V. Mayree Tallman (System foundress) had initiated a YL group known as the YL FINS. This had grown out of a recognition that YLs needed a better opportunity at that time to reach each other since most ham were OMs. This group quickly grew and soon attracted numerous DX stations.

While the success of this early group was spectacular, it also became apparent that there was a real need for a worldwide emergency communication system. There was no real prototype for this type of on-the-air operation. Remember, there were also no cellphones, laptop computers or internet at that time. As a result, V. Mayree began creating an emergency communication system to address this worldwide need.

Shortly after the start of the YLISSB, OM began to request participation after the YLs made their contacts. It wasn't long until OMs were given full recognition to participate. The first designated 20-meter frequency was 14.333 Mhz. While it may have varied depending on activities on the band, this became the 14.332 frequency we use today.

Following V. Mayree's passing in 2001, her call sign became the Memorial call sign for the System (K4ICA). This call sign is used during conventions, as part of special awards and during our System Special Event recognition. Many more details of the System's history are available in the YLISSB History Booklet.

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It's Your Birthday – Ham It Up

Tony Sanders	W9ROX	12/1	James Thompson	K6RRS	12/15	Carol Reser	KC7MYN	12/27
Harry Ysselstein	N6BHS	12/1	Bob Fuller	N2VPJ	12/16	Joe Talarico III	KD9TTQ	12/27
Marty Sharpe	K5WQH	12/1	Jerry Reser	KK7PSC	12/16	Paul Weyman	KC3PXC	12/28
Ray Lloyd	N9EDB	12/2	Scott Vanzandt	N2WMD	12/16	Greg Krashoc	K8ULT	12/28
Jim Simmons	W5EPA	12/2	Doug Rinker	AD9DT	12/16	Mike Embree	VE1MY	12/28
Ron Artman	KZ4RA	12/2	Steven St Germain	WW1WX	12/16	Evelyn Giansanti	KC1KFG	12/28
Bill DiMeo	AA4BD 1	2/2	Don Nasca	WB2GPU	12/15	John Pentony	K5JHP	12/29
Jerry Schulist	K1TDM	12/2	David Rose	K2LJL	12/17	Randy Collins	K4RRC	12/29
Mike Boeke	K0BOW	12/3	Van Henley	NA6BN	12/18	Joan Jones	W4JMJ	12/29
Ray Wilson	KE8VUW	12/3	Darrell Lucas	N6LBR	12/19	Wayne Albrecht	N5ZHB	12/29
Ralph Olson	KV4ZL	12/3	Donald Pullens	N6DMP	12/20	Alan McGuire	KX7KX	12/30
Deb Brethold	W0QPR	12/4	Bill Shrode	KC9TFD	12/20	Peter Quigley	KJ7CPC	12/30
Doug Tankersley	KD9TMO	12/4	Jerry Pike	K5CRI	12/21	Jason Cain	W7TFQ	12/31
Bob Hampton	KE8ZOB	12/5	Bob Beauchamp	AI5QE	12/21	Carlos Arzuaga	W9FE	12/31
Breck Elder	KF4YI	12/6	Tom Arcoraci	WB6NFU	12/21			
Jim Misch	W8AP	12/7	George Ruple	NT8F	12/21			
Shannon Carlson	W7RFQ	12/7	Al Onderick	KN6JPZ	12/22			
Max Amstutz	KF8XE	12/7	Bob Bliss	KJ5BAC	12/22			
Leonard Smith	KZ7I	12/8	Joseph Shuman	NZ8P	12/23			
Mallard Modrzynski	KF8QH	12/10	Michael Chavez	KB5MC	12/23			
Ed Kotz	AD7GR	12/10	Mike Trott	KC9YOF	12/23			
Greg Ashby	K5GBA	12/10	Bob Montgomery	W3ZR	12/23			
Frederick Rasp	KN6YDQ	12/11	Reina Mora Blackwelder					
David Lloyd	KN4STX	12/11		A4HC	12/23			
John Laycock	KM4DPW	12/12	Patricia Colley	KI7IEE	12/23			
Kevin McEvoy	KO6MX	12/12	Joe Cummings	KC4JOE	12/24			
Patrick ODea	K7HRT	12/12	Haruo Takahashi	JA1CG	12/25			
Paul Artof	WB6JSG	12/12	Chris Walker	KA5PXE	12/25			
Carlos Graulau	KP4CG	12/13	John Wise	AJ5TX	12/26			
David Soss	AE7NM	12/13	George Cameron	N7GRC	12/26			
David Edwards	KE5DME	12/13	Jason Watkins	KD2UUJ	12/27			
Bill Nason	W5WJN	12/14	Wes McFarland	K5WFD	12/27			
Bill Bauldry	NC4WB	12/14	John Heckman	N0JL	12/27			

YLSystem Award

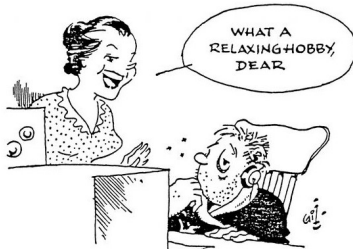


Within a 12 month period, contact 52 system member stations during the weekend portion of the Moonbeam Session of the YL System. Contacts must be made on Saturday or Sunday. No station may be used more than one time for this award.

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HONOR



Anniversaries

Reina Mora Blackwelder AARHC	Haruo Takahashi JA1CG
Steve Dexter AA7KJ	JC Stanaland KA4WGW
John Stevens WB4HZA	Russ Todish W5ISH
Patrick Dwyer KB0MLP	Charles Burka KE5AHE
Mike Wenman K7USN	Tim Wilson KC3NCS
Mark VanTiem KD9RRS	Dave Flitter W0FLT
Don Buckter W6BOW	Joseph Boyle W5ABI
Becky Barberousse KI5KKV, Doug	Lloyd Rice KY8LR
James Curry KN6ODD	Cameron Dobie KJ5XB
Greg Stone W5GBS	Kurt Sample KK7JUI
Joseph Roper KE7R	John Ladd KI7PLU
Doug Barone W7DBP	Stephen Worley KD0ZA
Jason Watkins KD2UUJ	Van Henley NA6BN
Terry Dorsey KI5UAF	Patrick Jones W4FO
Derek Mann W9DPM	Carl McBrayer WA5JDV
Jack Fritz KO4HLB	Ray Higgins KC1MR
Juan Dania WP4JD	Mallard Modrzynski KF8QH
	Kirc Breden N5XJB

From Your Editor

With future editions of *The Communicator*, I want to highlight the various awards the YLSystem offers to its members.

We have 12 monthly awards and 24 other awards. Consult the website ylsystem.org for details.

If you would like to share your pictures of ham shacks, antenna arrays and what equipment you have in your shack, it would be greatly appreciated.

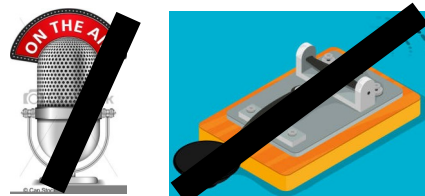
Also, please share pictures and descriptions of things around your QTH that might interest people traveling through your area. Local information may not show up on the internet.

My wife and I take a 3 or 4 week (about 5000 miles) driving trip every summer and are looking forward to meeting YLSystem members.

I know a lot of you travel for business or pleasure and it might add to your trip, when you are able to meet one of your "YLSystem" contacts in person.

I would appreciate all of the YLSystem members helping me make *The Communicator* a better newsletter.

Silent Keys



9521 - W3DET - David Tabbutt

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By Chris Codella, W2PA,
W2PA.com

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Vintage Ham Radio

Across

1. Radio named for a bird
5. Lake ___ swing
9. An SB-220, very broadly speaking
14. Oscar's follower
15. In the middle of EME
16. Tough, durable wood
17. Times past
18. Fine tuning, on some vintage receivers
20. Presses the upper left key
22. They get disqualified in a contest, probably
23. Vibroplex manual item
24. Iowa ham equipment maker, informally
25. Cartoonist Schultz, on CW maybe?
26. ___ generator
28. A step lower in frequency than Re's
29. Proof ender, maybe on CW too
32. Meadow sound
34. Volatile computer storage
35. Four digits of nothing, on CW, for short
36. An R-390 on a carrier?
41. Part of S.R.O.
42. What log entries were often written in, before computers
43. Sixty-one-forty-___
44. Foxhunt (abbr.)
45. Delight
46. Pertaining to a point of connection, in a circuit or network
50. Base predecessor?
51. W2 summer time
53. Dir. beaming Billings from Boise
54. Bad, if a tire...; good, if SWR...
57. Desk Kilowatt maker
59. Lots of Hertz, in the early days
62. ARRL Op-___ (dupc sheets were #6)

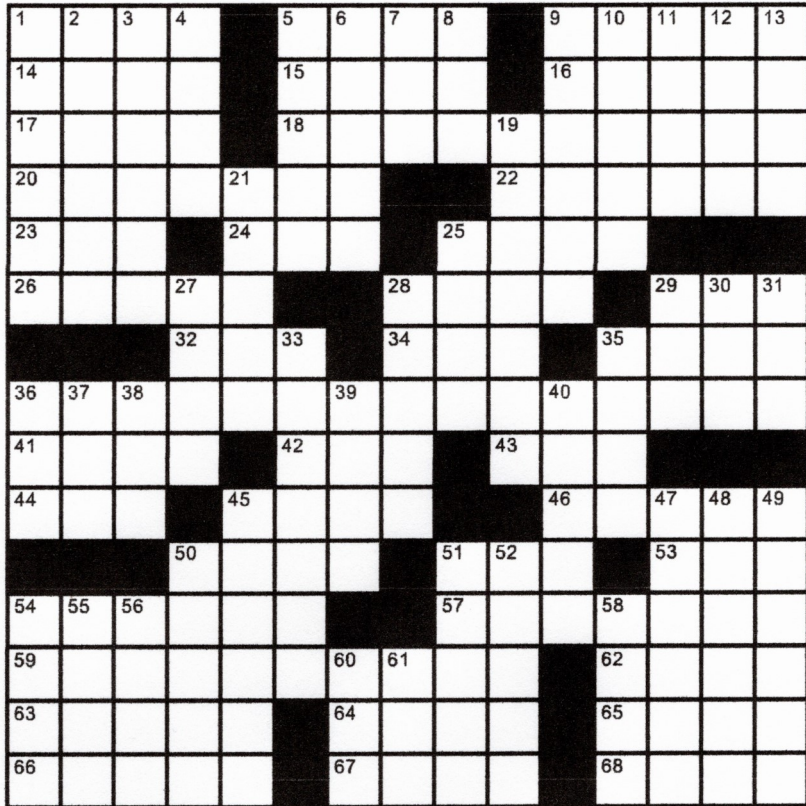
63. Receiver maker in HPM's time
64. Walk back and forth
65. Natural antenna support
66. A YL, after getting an X
67. Jet-setters' jets, once
68. Wisdom says that sometimes it's more

Down

1. 20 WPM, 300 Baud, and others
2. SP capital
3. To AMers it's the scratchy one from Heath
4. AMSAT partner
5. Glowing remnant
6. Effect of 5-down on a hot dog
7. Sometimes it's plus sometimes minus
8. AR, on CW

9. Some amplifiers, starting around 1970
10. "Who ___?"
11. Part of EAN, CAN, PAN
12. Future doc's exam
13. Docs of another kind
19. Arrangements or organizations - in databases
21. Like a ruling in HV-land
25. Layer, as with paint
27. Pac. div. ARRL sect.
28. Their dials are greenish-blue
29. Miamisburg, to 28-down
30. Maker of 9-down, once
31. Serial port pin
33. Code proficiency, say
35. Extra stable freq. ref.
36. Kind of logic gate
37. Another kind of logic gate

38. What the original ham band is called today
39. Linear (but not an amp), briefly
40. IN district
45. Honored or favored
47. Covet, as a big antenna farm
48. Collectors' ancestors?
49. Contacts (but not QSOs)
50. ___ King 500
51. VCR button
52. Prescribed amounts
54. Italy, No. Ireland, in prefixes
55. McCartney, Lancelot and others
56. Took a 707
58. Mfgr. of HRO rcvrs
60. Hz, to Hertz
61. A step higher in frequency than so's



Faces Behind the Call Signs



Jack Martin KD9PDY

YLSYSTEM #17761. My remote station at my Florida home. I use a FlexRadio Maestro and via an Internet connection I have complete control of my FlexRadio 6400 back at my home QTH in Rushville, Illinois. I run NetLogger on my laptop and use a RadioSport headset with the FlexRadio Maestro. Via the internet I have remote control of the my Acom 1200S amplifier also.

Chuck Roswell K2MGL

Inscription: **PJ4CR, RIGEL TROPHY**

Chuck is YLSYSTEM member #9607, TFO 299

I don't know if the Rigel Trophy, now Award, was as a result of the response to the need for Rabies treatment but it was not long afterward that I received the award. I accepted it on behalf of "the System" and its members who came together to save an Ecuadorian boy's life.

We Need Your Help

If you have information or ideas for topics you would like to see published in *The Communicator* please send to **Robert Showell KJ5PBZ (Razorhog Radio)**, rshowell94@gmail.com. Thanks!

P.S. If you send photos, we will assume we have permission to publish from BOTH the subject and the photographer.

P.P.S. Please send captions for photos with names and callsigns!

