

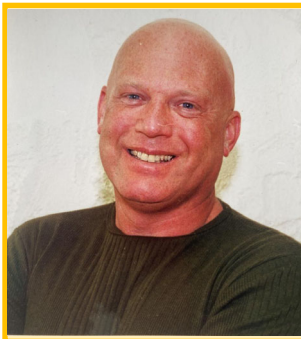
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YLSYSTEM WISHES
EACH AND EVERY MEMBER

Happy New Year!



YLISSB – President’s Report Bill – W4WSB

Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2025 from the executive offices of the YLSystem.

At the start of every YLSystem board meeting, I have our Chaplain Bill W7AJP offer words of guidance and prayer. He always mentions that we use wisdom in our actions. Easier said than done, well to me and by definition. Wisdom is a complicated high-level mindset and posture. Allowing one to use their own knowledge (applied and learned) along with experience...then governed by morals, both instilled and religious, to extrapolate an outcome based on the interactions of all. The result, as you can see, is the application of wisdom in our actions. This will show as good judgment and a better insight as we address the issues at hand The paradox is that wisdom is personalized and different for all of us, thus the check and balance of our management group.

Simply put, wisdom is thinking about thinking (metacognition)...

As we move into 2025, think about what and how you communicate, wear a smile on your face and you'll receive one back.

Remember this when you pick up the microphone - “wear a smile in your voice”.

Let's make 2025 a banner year for the YLSystem.

With a Smile, Love and Peace

Your President,

Bill, W4WSB



Welcome YLSystem New Members

Alaska

WL7HZ – Jim Steward – 19384

Arizona

KJ7VZN – Glenn Jetton – 19398

Arkansas

AK5C – Richard Flex – 19380

Colorado

KD0MDP – Jeff Petersma – 19391

Florida

KL4DV – Marcus Ealey – 19377

N3GAB – Gabrielle Bossous – 19392

KB4PHL – Charles Shinn – 19399

Georgia

K4OYC – Harold Bowman – 19388

N2AVY – Timmy Cannon – 19400

Indiana

W9EVH – Brett Rosselle – 19374

Idaho

KJ7EPF – Bob Merrifield – 19403

Illinois

KD9VLG – Cassy Geib – 19383

Kansas

KO4RHK – Jim Melton – 19376

Kentucky

KQ4FNU – Dale Bradicich – 19395

Maryland

K1THE – Rich Carreiro – 19380

Michigan

KE8UDY – John Donovan – 19386

KA8GUY – Guy Conti – 19396

Minnesota

W0KEG – Kevin Giebel – 19379

Nebraska

KD7GSW – Dan Olsen – 19379

New York

KH2R – Paul Thurst – 19373

North Carolina

KQ4ETTE – David Hartman – 19382

K4LIF – Dan Daniel – 19387

Ohio

KD8GIR – Jeff Bolek – 19390

W4PEP – Phil Pavarini – 19393

South Carolina

KB4LS – Ben Smith – 19389

Texas

KJ5GIP – Jerry McClug – 19378

KI7ZDK – Chuck Shawan – 19385

KE5WCT – Michael Wilson – 19397

KJ5IAU – Roy Ward – 19402

Wisconsin

Illinois

KD9VLG KD9UFQ – Larry Stephen - 19345

Canada

VE3FHE – 19394

Barbados

8P5AB – Kammie Holder – 19401



Get To Know Your Members



KD9VAN, Jim Nelson. YL System # 18558, TFO 624. I am 77 years young and I live in East Peoria, IL. With my XYL of 55 years, Sandy. We have two sons.

I have an ICOM 7300. I use a 40/20 EFHW wire and a homebrew Cobweb antenna.

I enjoy amateur radio and being a co-control, serving where needed in the YL System. Currently assisting the 40M East Coast "Shrimp Boat" Controls. I am also active doing Parks On The Air and have activated 41 unique parks with over 3 Kilos in one of those parks. I enjoy SSB and CW modes of transmissions.

Members Only Facebook Page

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR NEW FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE SEARCH "YL SYSTEM INTERNATIONAL SINGLE SIDEBANDER SYSTEM"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ylysystem.org>



KC7UXM (CRAIG) WIFE VERONICA!!!
MANDI JUST HAD TO GET IN THE PICTURE
I joined YLISSB in 2022. My membership #18631, with TFO # 626.

I have Co-Controlled on 1st, 2nd, 3rd Period, the Moonbeam and the 17m Session. I now am Dedicated to 3rd Period.

I have had the Privilege and Honor of Operating / Co-Controlling using the Club Call K4ICA - for the Special Day Awards.

I am also an Administrator for the YLISSB Facebook page.

I have completed almost all the Special Day Awards the YLISSB Offers. I have completed the Following Monthly Awards:

AMBASSADOR CORPS AWARD , APOLLO AWARD, AUTUMN AWARD, LOUISIANA PURCHASE WARD, MOONBEAM WEEKEND WARRIOR AWARD, NITE OWL AWARD , OLD TIMER, SERVICE, USA 20 METERS, VETERANS AWARD

which count towards the Pegasus Plaque -

That is my ultimate Goal.

Veronica & I are Advanced Skywarn Spotters

EP# 555 (as a couple}

TFO's and Awards

October

Craig Lyles KC7UXM was awarded **TFO #626**, and earned Jack-O-Lantern October Special Day Award, Moonbeam Weekend Warrior Award, and the Halloween October Monthly Award

Steven Bamber VEJPJ earned the Jack-O-Lantern October Special Day Award

Mario Karcich K2ZD earned his 7th Service Award for completing 700 hours as a Control Station

November

Craig Lyles KC7UXM earned the Liberty Award for the November Special Day, Autumn Award, and 100 hr Service Award

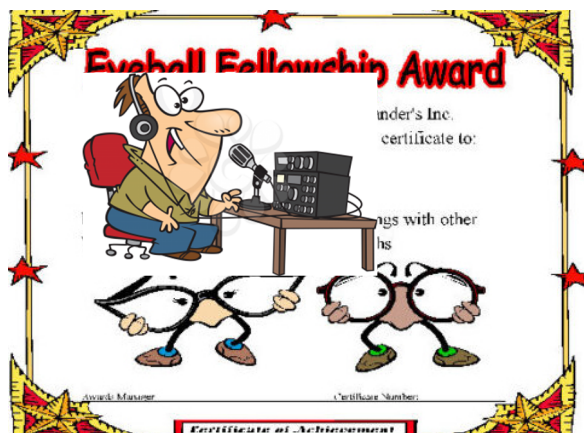
Steven Bamber VEJPJ earned the Liberty Award for the November Special Day and the Veterans November Monthly Award

December

Clarence Schultz WX0C was awarded **TFO #627**

Eddie Edmonds K1CPT earned the Santa Claus December Special Day

Robert Showell KJ5PBZ earned the Apollo Award



YLSYSTEM Award

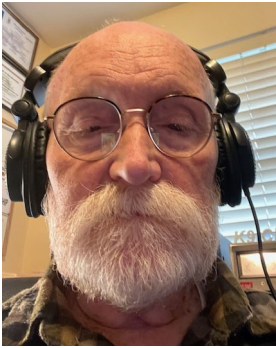
Within a 12 month period, personally meet members of the System that live at least 50 miles from your home QTH. Contacts made at any Convention are not eligible for this award. The award can be repeated annually, or all three levels can be earned in a 12-month period. The levels of the award are:

Level 1 – (15) Meet Three (3) Members;.Level 2 – (15) Meet Six (6) Members Level 3 – (15) Meet Ten (10) Members



Award Day January 19 – SNOWFLAKE AWARD

Contact nine (9) members whose call signs contain one (1) letter S, N, O, W, F, L, A, K, and E. One contact for each letter. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact.



YLISSB – Retracing the history

Summarized by Bruce Tisdale,
K9ICP, YL System Historian

K9ICP, Bruce’s informative column will return in the February issue.



Get To Know Your Members

Ron Akers W8BF - My station consists of two Icom 7610s, an Icom 7300s, a classic Drake TR-4C station including matching network and speaker/power supply console. All of the Drake equipment (circa 1970s) has been completely refurbished from the chassis up and is working perfectly. Three power amps, two Ameritron ALS-1306s, 1200 watts) and an ALS 606 (600 watts) all solid-state amplifiers. The antennas are a 3 element Mosley TA-33 Classic tribander at about 50-feet, a NA4RR hex beam on a 2nd tower at 50-feet, a wire loop(40 and 80), and several homemade mono-band dipoles I also have a tri-band VHF-UHF vertical for 2m, 220 and 440.





It's Your Birthday – Ham It Up

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Dave – N0DF | 7 Al – W2APD | 16 Roger – K5RPE | 25 Shawn – K5DDV |
| Ray – KK4URS | Pedro – K6ML | | Richard – KK4WYN |
| John – KD90FG | 8 John – N3DXR | 17 Mike – N0DMK | 26 David – N4DLM |
| Rebecca – KI5KKV | John – W9JJN | Jim – KB6TKA | Mick – KC5MNP |
| Duncan – K1DHL | 9 Randy – KD9IGG | 18 Darryl – KQ4FGT | Scott – KQ4VET |
| Tony – WA9DLB | Clarence – KF0QMS | Pat – KM4LCM | 27 James – K9UUU |
| Donuts – KF0MCM | 10 Don – W6BOW | 19 Ted – KK6AKH | Jim – K5FEL |
| Lawton – W5DQ | Joseph – K4VDL | Ben – KE0RFZ | 28 JC – KA4WGW |
| Curtis – KD5AYY | Paul – WW8PR | Jim – NT9B | Michael – KU1V |
| Jay – W3Z0C | 11 Greg – W5GBS | Michael – WN4RKX | Griff – KD00OR |
| 2 Ernie – K4DAY | Bob – K0MEZ | Steve – KK7ETF | Stephen – K00ZA |
| Mary – WX1W | 12 Al – KI5CY | 20 Dave – KQ4RMY | 29 Larry – KD9UFQ |
| Jay – KI4TXP | Bryan – K6AJY | Karl – N1DL | Jim – NY4JB |
| Paul – KI7IIM | 13 Doc – W7DOK | Scott – K4VSB | David – K4JRB |
| Russ – KK4SGX | Steve – KE5ES | 22 Mark – W5TSU | David – WA3TVZ |
| 4 Chad – KQ4KFN | John – AG4KN | Walt – VE3FHE | Fred – KOCE |
| Glenn – N7CIP | Clark – KD2JH | Bryon – KD9ZSB | 30 Kevin – K4IVE |
| Richard – K5RGW | 14 Wayne – K6INS | 23 Tony – KQ4NDF | RJ – K0RFH |
| Thomas – K5TMN | Ken – KF0QEL | Ross – WE4V | Charles – KS4CVS |
| Lawrence – KK6TXN | Ben – KB4LS | 24 Ron – W8BF | 31 Steve – KC9ZKY |
| 5 William – KQ4CLZ | Elver – W9VCM | James – KN60DD | Kirc – N5XJB |
| Sam – KC60AV | 15 Shawn – KY4VC | Patrick – AB8PS | Dave – W0FLT |
| 6 Frank – KI5ZFG | Rick – N5KXH | Stan – AC8W | Shelden – N6JJA |
| Jon – KD8K0Z | Carol – W9PIO | James – KI5EGG | Frank – WA2UFD |
| Bill – KC9KZ | | | Keith – WD5EBX |
| Kaylee – KB00QJ | | | |

Across:

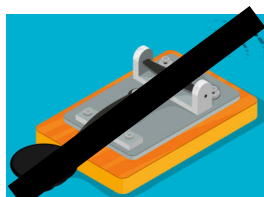
1. Old freq. units
4. HH-land
9. Fourteen___(weight)
14. Enable, as a weapon
15. Over
16. Signs
17. Expected
18. John Glenn's Ride
19. "that ___ for the course"
20. With 22, 55, 56 and 61 across –
What you collect for 35 across
22. See 20 - across
23. The 19 and 21 MHz bands?
24. "Is that really necessary"
26. New Fangled Rigs (abbr.)
27. Work on GUIs and others
30. This began, the July after 24-down
31. An ARRL section official,
in 1-land (abbr.)
33. All but KH6 and KL
35. You need more than 999 for
this award
38. Power Units
39. One of the things Elmers do
40. School org.
41. One place where DX might be
listening
42. Heading 180 from NC
46. 9H operator, probably
49. Early radio parts manufacturer
50. 1960's TV host, with Martin
51. Open wire (line)
54. Equipment reviewer, sometimes
55. See 20-across
56. See 20-across
57. What many towers are made of
58. The word that explains a UK
prefix assignment
59. Digital ckt. Family
60. Hamshacks, on Field Day
61. See 20-across
62. Beam heading to work
PY from W2

Down

1. (___ no space ___)
2. Trimmed, as a dipole (if not a bush)

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3. It moves with a signal
4. What an amp does in the shack
5. Prefix with VOX
6. What an un-keyed transmitter is
7. Some are green, some black,
some orange
8. Gives a callsign
9. Nickels and dimes
10. Org. in charge of 43-down
11. What a DXpedition station spends
most of the time doing
12. Non-digital, in G-land
13. DOS background job (remember?)
21. Non-ham pesky visitor on FD
22. C in F-land
24. A peak year in cycle 19
25. Some Ukraine prefixes
27. It's between the DSP and the
speaker
28. How some DF antennas look
29. Listings for selling small
VHF xcvsr
32. MHz predecessor
33. Those in Chile
34. House current, familiarly,
If imprecise
35. Like 38-down, but for (other)
digital modes
36. Keeps your rig's rock steady
37. A good signal report,
in ancient Rome
38. Speed on CW
41. Biggest non-amateur user of radio
in the early days
43. Awards for performances by
hams in space?
44. Warm tubes and solder resin,
among others
45. Pamper
47. What a birdie in your RX
sounds like?
48. G-land noblemen
49. Tower-top antenna supports
51. Repeated, it's part of FO0-land
52. 70 city
53. The part of a part you solder
54. Use 3-Down to give out one
of these
55. Cute 1960's mobile hamshack



Silent Keys

N5LEC: Larry Cooper - Member #17359 —12/14/2024

K1DHL - Duncan Lawreie – Member #18226 – 11/26/2024

W7TOA - Art Dunn – Member #17362 – 12/27/2024

As the Editor of *The Communicator*

I need your help!

If you have information or ideas for topics you would like to see published in *The Communicator* please send to communicator@ylsystem.org. Thanks!

Also, I would appreciate your comments both good and bad about the new look.

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! I might know your voice from the system, but not your face!

We would love to have pictures of your towers and ham stations at various times of the year.



Anniversaries

1/1/2023 - Dale - AA7TZ

1/1/2021 - Duncan - K1DHL

1/1/2021 - Richard - KD2VYP

1/2/2023 - Dave - KK5UP

1/3/2023 - Ed - KD5B

1/5/2024 - Mike - KD9BKU

1/5/2021 - Chuck - N5JED

1/6/2023 - Elaine - KC8FOS

1/8/2024 - Buck - KA9CWM

1/9/2023 - Jack - KE0B

1/10/2021 - Jacob - N0LZY

1/10/2024 - Paul - WW8PR

1/11/2023 - Scott - W3SSB

1/15/2015 - John - KI5ELD

1/16/2021 - John - KD6ZKC

1/16/2021 - Donald - N6DMP

1/20/2021 - Paul - W1PEF

1/22/20?? - Chuck - KI7ZKD

1/22/2021 - Jim - W4LLY

1/24/2022 - Shelby G - AG5GP

1/26/1974 - James - N9LQF

1/28/1998 - Steven - WW1WX

1/28/202? - Scott - WY0GI

1/29/2024 - Marte - KI6TI

1/30/2023 - Michael - K4BFR

1/30/2024 - Mary - KB4ZZR

1/31/2024 - Monte - KA0MR