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YLISSB – President’s Report - Bill – W4WSB

Greetings All,

Summer has arrived across the country, yet colder temperatures still persist in the north with snow in the white and green mountains of Maine and New Hampshire. Severe weather and tornados are at record numbers so far this year, reminding us how important ham radio can be in times of emergency’s. Weather/meteorological conditions can adversely affect HF propagation, we always want to blame the sun and solar events however they only occur during sunlit hours and are intensified during “high sun” periods. Other meteorological events can cause 20 meter signal degradation. Though not common on HF frequencies, temperature inversions can trap signals with tropospheric ducting. Thunderstorms, tornados and hurricanes contain tremendous amounts of electrical energy that we can hear in the static and crashes, can also degrade signals along with many other meteorological conditions. Many thanks to the controls, members and guests who fight these conditions to fill our summer logs.

Highlights From the Boardroom

- Still working on the preparation of the upcoming convention.
- Coordinators and support staff please send your reports for the convention brochure.
- Discussion regarding presenting the archived digitized files and long term storage of the original files.
- Year end financial report tabled until June BOD meeting, pending some Clarifications
- Correction, New East Coast 40 meter frequency 7.238 MHz

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June Awards

SPECIAL DAY, June 6th... June Cuatro Award, contact five (5) members whose number end with a four (4). K4ICA counts as one (1) contact.

JUNE SUMMER SOLSTICE AWARD... Contact 21 members whose system number end with a two (2) or one (1).

Send your qualifying QSO'S to: awards@ylsystem.org

See you on the logs,

Bill

W4WSB



Welcome YLSystem New Members

California

AF79 - Erik - 19503

Georgia

KR4BMV - Lynne - 19498

Illinois

WA9RAD - Rob - 19502

Maryland

W0WMM - Doc - 19501

Montana

N7NHS - Maurice - 19499

New Jersey

K2FZZ - Mark - 19504

Ohio

K8ZXY - Frank - 19500

Happy Anniversary

Members

3. Mel **K5KEY** 17263

Stephen **N5EKC** 18329

4. Richard **KK4WYN** 16934

John **W2JHB** 18384

6. Del **KD5ILH** 18659

7. John **K2WJ** 18950

Guy **KA8GUY** 19396

8. Gary **KK7OGJ** 19363

Raymond **N9EDB** 18589

Ken **KD9WYP** 19442

10. Harry **N6BHS** 17702

11. Jon **KD8KOZ** 18691

12. Brian **K5GEE** 19339

13. Barrett **KB3QVT** 17733

14. Terry **N7LS** 18967

James **W4BLK** 19042

Jimmie **N3OSI** 19357

15. Roderick **K4BGU** 16958

16. Gunny **K4ETL** 19413

Bill **W7AJP** 16190

17. James **KQ4OTE** 19496

Philip **AG5EY** 17910

18. Jim **KB6TKA** 18055

19. Chuck **K2MGL** 9607

20. Dan **K4LIF** 18387

Tom **KI5HAM** 19426

21. Manny **NF2Q** 19428

Robert **KE6SYT** 17819

James **KC3RFG** 19316

Terry **K5TGM** 18537

22. Ken **WT4DH** 19189

Justin **KA3TIN** 18046

23. James **KD2DTJ** 18824

25. Ernie **K4DAY** 17827

26. David **KF5UV** 17848

27. Conrad **K5KUE** 18569

John **KF8BYK** 19365

28. John **AE7YH** 17014

30. John **KD8OKO** 16664

Michael **VE1MY** 19118

Patrick **KM4LCM** 19250

Member Spotlight

Robert (Bob) Percefull NC4RP

I go by "Bob" and am a retired Air Force Captain (13 years enlisted, 10 regular officer). I worked in aircraft electronics for 9 years, taught Basic Electronics to new gunners, retrained into computers, earned my BS in Computer Science from the University of Nebraska in Omaha and received my commission, worked operations, programming, database, and acquisition management until retirement. Earned my MBA from Central Michigan University in 1990. Moved from Ohio to NC in 1995. Involved in radio since 1955 when I built my first homebrew receiver. My first transmitter was the Heathkit DX-100. First licensed in 1967, K6NWB (Tech), I think, as I lost all paperwork and it expired in '72. Started the process over with Technician (KK4VMS) in November 2013. Passed General and Extra in December 2013. Received my Vanity call NC4RP 7 January 2014. Became ARRL Volunteer Examiner January 2014.

Equipment is Kenwood TS-590S with an Audio-Comm headset, Ameritron AL-811H maxed out at 800 watts, backed up by an ACOM 1010 at 600 watts, MFJ-962D Tuner, 160 meter full wave delta loop antenna (568 feet) (horizontal) at 35 feet for 10M to 160M. Backup rig is Kenwood TS-590S and double size G5RV for 20 and 40 meters.

Mobile unit is the Kenwood TS-480HX and Little Tarheel Screwdriver multi-band antenna. 2 Meter equipment is Kenwood TM-281A and a Tram mag mount antenna in the mobile and Kenwood TM-281 with a Joystick vertical at the home QTH.

Regularly check in to:

YL System #16939, TFO #539, 14.332, daily 1200utc until band closes. System Control Moonbeam portion, 2100-2200UTC M-F. Awards received: WAS Moonbeam, WAS 20M, US Military Veterans Award, July Independence Certificate, Belt of Orion Award, Autumn Eagle Award, Halloween Award - 2014, Canadian Rhapsody Award - 2015, Rigel Trophy - 2015, Cornerstone Award - 2019, Service Award (1000 Hours) 2022, TFO of the Year 2022.



Bob & Carol

By Chris Codella, W2PA
website W2PA.com

Receiver Pathways

Across

1. Superhet preceeder
6. BCD followers
10. UA missile made famous by YI
14. ____ loop
15. Meadow mouse
16. LA capital
17. ___ to back...
18. Part of LAN
19. Nit hatchlings
20. Teetering swizzle stick?
23. Golf ball position
25. Polite partner of TU
26. Sensors using RF
27. Antelope array element?
30. CW preposition
31. VS9H middle name
32. Employs
34. " ___ that special?!"
38. Supermarket scanner?
41. What a non-ham might call rigs
42. Prefix with -line
43. I-land wine
44. CW T
45. Told to wait, on CW
46. Thicker
50. Function switch label
52. Double curve
53. Salt shaker?
57. Lone entry class
58. G-land YL title
59. Label on a PS, possibly
62. Like a xmtr in stby
63. And others, for short
64. RCA synonym
65. Rig
66. Pound brass, say

67. Next to Quebec

Down

1. Foxhunt activity (abbr.)
2. Ending, with engin-
3. Go on DXpeditions, far and wide
4. IT9 volcano
5. NCL-2000 mfr.
6. Olympic swimmer Janet
7. ___-12 antennas
8. High spirits
9. Whiplash preventer
10. State with transistors
11. Possible Bahamas prefix
12. Worrier's worry
13. Action people
21. MI, MO and MT, QP mo.
22. ARRL DX test mo.
23. #44, #47 and others
24. Become accustomed (to)
28. Poor ops
29. F H2O
30. Word with line or point
32. W7 state
33. The Flex, e.g.
34. Desktop feature
35. /MM quarters
36. Big bangs
37. Lock of hair
39. Hand game
40. ZS dir. from W2
44. Stg. before AF amp.

45. W4 sect.

46. A series cap. blocks it
47. Eat away
48. African owner of 27-across
49. Upper or lower user
50. Isle ____ (GD)
51. ____ Day
54. Calling in after the sked
55. Pioneer digital comm. org.
56. EME sound
60. F-land one
61. " ___ bad!"

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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.

1998 Convention - West Indies, Barbados - 8P6OP



Member Spotlight Bruce Tisdale K9ICP

Member #16099, TFO486. I was born in Chicago, Illinois and grew up in the northern Indiana town of Hobart, Indiana. I was the oldest of three children. My father had been in the Army signal core during World War II and continued his interest in radio electronics as a hobby. His radio influence fostered my interest in listening to short wave radio listening. We both got our ham license in 1974.

I was originally licensed as a novice with the call WD9ACN. I operated for a few years, got married and life deflected any time to radio. I got interested again in radio in the early 1990's but let my license lapse. Consequently, I had to retest and was reissued the call KC9ICP. I later got my current vanity call K9ICP.

Over the years I periodically checked into the YL System but didn't become actively involved until 2006. Since that time, I have regularly been involved with the System, as a control on 40 meters, board member, secretary and historian. I really enjoyed attending the in-person annual conventions before covid and hosted one in Indianapolis in 2016.

I currently operate a Yeasu FTdx101D (100 watts) with a rotatable hex beam at 45 feet. I previously operated several other Yeasu radios including an FT-1000mp Mark-V. I enjoy ham radio DXing, awards programs, and in recent years the parks on the air program.

I was married to my wife Patti for 50 years before she passed away in 2022. We had three children and ten grandchildren. I have been blessed with a wonderful wife and family.

I am a graduate of Indiana University with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a master's degree in Public Administration/Health Care Management. I worked in Healthcare as an Administrator and Human Resources Director for over 40 years.

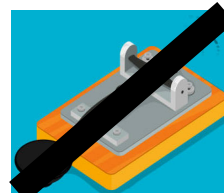




It's Your Birthday – Ham It Up

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| 1. John NS6X 19420
Jeff KI7GJG 19372 | 9. Craig KE4CR 19419
Bill KL7WG 17374 | 23. Ronald KE8NCJ 18239
Scott W8LUE 18567
Tim NL7D 17364 |
| 2. Paul N5NEN 18940 | 14. Edward AA2L 18524
Jacob NOLZY 18069
John KQ4STB 19329 | 24. Malcolm VE4MG 8372
Dave W0JKT 5242
Bill W4WSB 18543 |
| 3. Jim KO4SXC 18959
Charles AA5CS 19244 | 16. Michael W1WZ 19061
John K8YO 19350 | 25. Jack N5LWM 19304
Bob KK7LMV 19444
Leland W9LLW 16859 |
| 4. Rick KE2DBQ 19296
Grizz N9TQZ 15701 | 17. Bobbie K4ZGH 16735
Ron W9EGA 19063 | 26. John KE8UDY 19386
Mike KM7AFF 19030 |
| 5. Scott N5SRC 19312
Kurt KK7JUI 19242 | 18. James KD2DTJ 18824
Rose KL7FQQ 6098 | 27. Wendell N5WC 11336 |
| 6. Robert W7WED 17947
Steven KJ6DKF 19458
Howard KK4AED 16623
George VE1XP 6350 | 19. Rick K9LCY 18249
Mike KJ5AUD 19451
Wade KK4UGY 16920 | 28. Luther W3LCW 19308
Paul NC4PB 19433 |
| 7. Bryan WZ5DX 18085 | 20. Richard KI2X 18874 | 29. Terry K5TDV 19491
Gregory K4CUA 18505
Mike KI5MNA 18338 |
| 8. Joan NF2J 16263
Jeff N1AWT 17769 | 22. Kenneth W7BES 18123
David KQ4TTE 19382 | |

Receiver Pathways



Silent Keys

AC4HG, Benjamin Timmerman, #19090

KB8NSA Karen White, #15208

If you know of a YLSystem member who has passed away recently please let our Condolence Chairman know at condolence@ylsystem.org

Award For May

Steven, VE3JPJ, May Day Special Day Award