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YLISSB – President’s Report

Bill – W4WSB

Greetings All,

March, first being the meteorological beginning of spring in the northern hemisphere, then later the astrological first day of spring, the equinox. March also brings us the full worm moon as the Robins move north along a 37° F isotherm as another sign of spring. Along with turbulent convective weather, as warm and cold air clash, creating our nemesis ... lightning, tornados, wind and such. In addition the sun is moving north to overhead making solar events more prevalent. Not every solar event is a flare which creates shortest affect on propagation, lasting usually 45 minutes to an hour as the earth rotates quickly under the damaged ionosphere ...other emissions such as proton flux can cause a more lasting degradation of signal. Remember Solar events only affect sunlit area.

Let’s not forget the trees! In the winter defoliated trees do not catch much signal but when leaves appear, we can see additional attenuation.

All of these March factoids have a major effect on our HF world, making the 20 meter band challenging and fun.

Happy Spring,

Bill
W4WSB

March Award -

MARCH MADNESS: March 1 - 31

Contact 20 members whose first name sounds Irish, or whose station is located in Ireland

Email your qualifying QSO’s
to: awards@ylsystem.org



Award Day

March 17 – Irish Award

Contact ten (10) members whose sideband number ends with a “1” or a “7” or any Irish stations. Irish stations count for two (2) contacts. K4ICA counts as two (2) contacts and can be used (1) time.

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Welcome YLSystem New Members

California

W6IDC - Rose - 19441
K06CVL - Bob - 19447

Florida

KQ4TWP - Willie - 19435

Illinois

W3WCT - Bill - 19445

Indiana

KD9WYP - Ken - 19442

Kentucky

KQ4YNH - Ken - 19430

Mississippi

AA0GD - John - 19438

Missouri

KF0OQA - Peter - 19446

New York

NF2Q - Manny - 19428

KF2LN - Jim - 19439

KD2VHL - Perry - 19434

Nevada

KJ7SUA - Robin - 19440

North Carolina

NC4PB - Paul - 19433

K4BTS - Jerry - 19436

Oklahoma

KD5KTB - Tim - 19432

Oregon

WA7YSU - Eric - 19427

KK7LMV - Bob - 19444

South Carolina

N4TMH - Tony - 19443

Texas

KI5HAM - Tom - 19426

W5GWM - George - 19431

KI5BZC - Ricky - 19437

Virginia

KQ4OPY - Bill - 19425

West Virginia

KC8PFF - Chris - 19429

Get To Know Your Members



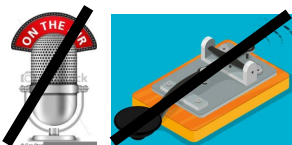
I am Bill Phillips, W7PDW. Joan and I live at 87298 Chinquapin Loop, Veneta, Oregon 97487. This is out in the country and I recently finished my dream antenna farm! The antennas are up. The Rohn 45 was at 60 ft. and the mast above. An M2 Log Periodic tri-bander tops it. I use 100 watts from my ICOM 7300! AND, yes that is ICE on my antenna!

In October 2006, I got my technician license. In December 2008, I passed my **General** exam and the **Extra** exam in April 2014.



The last three letters of my call sign are the initials of our first grandson, **Andrew James Phillips (AJP)**. At five years of age, Andrew read my car license plate and said, "Grandpa has my name on his car!"

I retired at the end of 2009, after serving 44 years as Pastor and Home Mission Board (SBC) missionary .



Silent Keys

9521 - W3DET - David Tabbutt

If you know of a member who is now a Silent Key, please let us know at:

condolencechairman@ylsystem.org

By Chris Codella, W2PA
website W2PA.com

CQ Contest

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Across

- 1. Radiation pattern part
- 5. Contest off-time ender, possibly
- 10. The "Olympics" of contests
- 14. IOTA item
- 15. Unusual object
- 16. "Long ____" (DX)
- 17. VE8 mobile?
- 18. Hammerin' Hank
- 19. 1091 using 44-across
- 20. An advantage of being weak?
- 23. In early radio, some rotated and some didn't
- 24. Foot part
- 25. Wayward circuit paths
- 28. Knight neighbor
- 30. 3W holiday
- 33. QTH on the range
- 34. 160 meter Stew
- 35. The one with QTC
- 36. Sheltered, when /MM
- 37. They don't count, and may count against you
- 38. CW parts
- 39. Plating material
- 40. Typewriters (in ham speak)
- 41. Military cap
- 42. The only CW many people know
- 43. One way to stand by
- 44. Abbreviated figs. (abbr.)
- 45. AMSAT launch partner
- 46. Currency used by 45-across, mostly
- 47. Predatory contesting?
- 55. EI-land, in EI-speak
- 56. VQ9 first name
- 57. They make the 45, sometimes for big guns
- 58. Western competing org.
- 59. 3:1 dash to dot ratio, say
- 60. "Yikes!"

- 61. Biblical verb
- 62. Prefix with -cotta
- 63. Xtal filter replacements

Down

- 1. Daffy Duck's programming language?
- 2. LA city
- 3. A fuse maybe did this
- 4. Many hams also have one
- 5. Bidirectional flow
- 6. KH6-fests
- 7. June VHF QSO Party sponsor
- 8. Funny one
- 9. Non-op hams at 10-across stations
- 10. Large cetacean
- 11. Suffix with glitte- or lite-
- 12. Twiddle the big knob

- 13. Yaesu front panel marking
- 21. Contesters try to maximize it
- 22. 21-down, for a first-time contestant?
- 25. Test results figs.
- 26. Prefix with centric or sphere
- 27. A band sometimes does it at dawn
- 28. CQ answer
- 29. Valuable minerals
- 30. Region net for NNJ and others
- 31. Gourmand
- 32. NAQP, CQWW and others, briefly
- 34. Push-____
- 37. Response to a contest exchange, say

- 38. Took an alternate route
- 40. Catchall abbr.
- 41. QSL handler, slangily
- 44. Vaulted roof
- 45. Construct, as a tower
- 46. "Nevermore" quote quoter, informally
- 47. Transmit
- 48. Kit maker, once
- 49. Ominous noises from the amp, maybe
- 50. Assistant
- 51. At no time, poetically
- 52. Holiday drinks
- 53. OM in G-land
- 54. High V points on a dipole



YLISSS Scholarship Program Bob Percefull NC4RP

In approximately 1989, the membership of the YLISSB made the decision to give an annual monetary scholarship award to any YLISSB member or a direct descendant. The Scholarship is also available to other family members such as nieces and nephews. At this time, the amount of the scholarship is \$3,000.

Where does the money come from?

The money comes from five different sources:

1. Memorial donations given in memory of SK's.
2. Donated items sold at the Convention Auction.
3. Monetary donations given when any member decides to donate.
4. Money from the Under Worked-Over Paid Award.
5. Member contributions.

Send all donations for the **K4RHL Scholarship Fund** to:

Bob Percefull NC4RP
4409 Grassy Field Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610

Continuing the support of the scholarship fund with our gifts and donations, assist members and/or family members in furthering their education. The family of the SK is notified of the donor's name and amount of their gift. We have received positive responses and thank you cards from our scholarship recipients. Let's keep up the good work being done by Members of our wonderful YL system.

APPLYING FOR A K4RHL SCHOLARDSHIP

To Apply for YLISSB's \$3,000 Annual K4RHL Scholarship, any paid up YLISSB'er or member of her/his family entering or currently enrolled in a college, vocational school or an accredited institution of higher learning is eligible. Applications for this award are **located in the scholarship section of our website, ylsystem.org**, and must be returned to:

Bob Percefull NC4RP
4409 Grassy Field Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610



To The Men & Women Who Make The Daily YLSystem Sessions Work - Thank You: Session Coordinators & Co-Coordinators

As your editor, I want to thank each and every member involved in the daily production of our sessions. Without your extraordinary dedication to the on-air work, we would not have the wonderful system we have in place.

I joined April 3, 2024 and have appreciated the efforts that all of the Coordinators and Co-Coordinators have given in making me feel like a valued member of the YLISSB. They have always been ready and willing to help me with anything I needed.

I would like to highlight one or two of you each month. If you would be interested, please send pictures and a short bio, no more than 200 words to communicator@ylsystem.org.



It's Your Birthday – Ham It Up

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Jerry KJ5GIP 19378 | Patrick N4TTJ 18844 | 22. Larry N5LEC SK 17359 |
| 3. Richard KD2VYP 18153 | 15. Ed K9WAY 19352 | 23. Wayne KBOCH 18348 |
| 4. DAVID AC3HT 18696 | Tom K1SHAM 19426 | 24. Dave KE0BEE 17305 |
| John W2JHB 18384 | 17. Scott KC9TTF 18587 | 25. Andre KF5FSK 16578 |
| Steven KR7I 19417 | Jane N1PVT 15616 | 27. Donald K7DJW 18613 |
| 6. Richard KBOWCY 18648 | 18. Charles KB4PLH 19399 | Mike K9RMW 17058 |
| 8. Tony N4TMH 19443 | Michael KE5WCT 19397 | Jerry N6MEI 19407 |
| 9. Terry N7LS 18967 | 19. Paul N1WHO 18357 | 28. Joe K0CFN 19331 |
| Don KF0NCB 18966 | 21. Jeffrey AF7DA 16886 | James KC3RFG 19316 |
| 10. Ron KL7YK 16399 | Gary K4GCD 18223 | |
| 14. Andy KC3VYY 19326 | | |

Congratulations – Awards For February 2025

Happy Birthday Special Day Award

Steven Bamber, VE3JPJ
Craig Lyles, KC7UXM

Happy Birthday Monthly Award

Craig Lyles, KC7UXM
Winter Award
Craig Lyles, KC7UXM

Service Award

Cody Nelson, KC9ISC
Eyeball QSO Award
Jack Martin, KD9PDY



Anniversaries

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| 2/21. 19401 Kammie 8P5AB | 3/14. 19343 John KQ4VIR
19350 John K8YO | 3/21. 18363 Doug KD9TMO
17753 Jim WB9TQW |
| 3/1. 20219 Brian NB2H | 3/15. 19325 Steve KS2H | 3/26. 17670 Rondal D. W8BF |
| 3/5. 16461 Steve WA5KSK | 3/16. 19079 Mark KD0BRE | 3/28. 19399 Charles KB4PLH |
| 3/6. 16939 Bob NC4RP
18854 Randal W8EJC
19419 Craig KE4CR | 3/18. 19244 Charles AA5CS | 3/29. 16735 Bobbie K4ZGH
16179 David KB0STE |
| 3/9. 17561 Richard C W4APZ | 3/19. Bob AD8RR | 3/31. 19315 Joanna K9JMK |

Our Many System Awards

For information on all of our awards go to our website, yssystem.org/members

How to Participate

1. Get on the air and start making contacts! These awards are open to all current dues paying club members and we encourage everyone to participate, from seasoned operators to those just getting started.
2. Keep a spreadsheet of your contacts to verify you've met the requirements. Be sure to include date, time, frequency, station callsigns, and YL System Member ID# for each contact.

Submit your log via email to awards@yssystem.org.

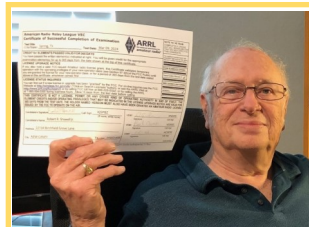
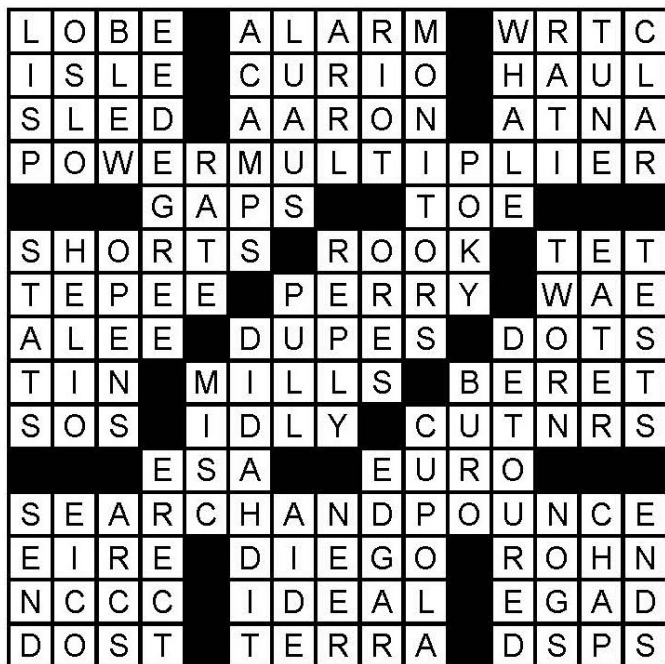
Once verified, you'll receive a certificate PDF to commemorate your achievement! Display it proudly as a reminder of your on-air activity and dedication to the hobby.

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

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

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

Please send captions for photos with names and callsigns! I might know your voice from the system, but not



From your Editor

Don't just check-in on the various times we are on the air! We have a DMR channel, Facebook page & Website. The Facebook page is full of pictures of our members. The website is full of helpful and interesting information. Check the website under schedule for DMR information.

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

We want to find ways to engage members with the YLSystem and each other..

If you have funny stories or cartoons please send them in so I can put them in the newsletter.

I would like to highlight one or two members each month. Pictures and a short bio, no more than 200 words.

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