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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

YLSysstem Members,

To date, 2024 has been a year of wind, floods, fires and solar events... next on the agenda will be ice and snow. With the events of hurricane Helene devastating the entire east coast leaving people stranded with no power, water, internet and devoid of luxuries we all have grown accustomed to...

We need to recognize the importance of ham radio and the role the YLSysstem plays in disseminating emergency traffic and communications. Recently, realizing that the west coast is sometimes unaware (real time) of disasters in the east ...and the east not knowing about fires, earth quakes and disasters out west. Eventually the news brings all this information together but it is usually time lagged and subject to journalistic editing. The YLSysstem members, guests and controls have a real time ability to communicate these events, as our founders and users have done for over 60 years.

It is important to keep this in mind while communicating on the system, be cognizant of the ability, that with a push of a button we have access to real time information, coast to coast... and as aforementioned the YLSysstem is about quality, service and helping Mankind... not just numbers on a log.

Be Kind,

Bill
W4WSB
President

There were no TFO's in September.

AWARDS AND TFOs



The YL System welcomes the following new members:

K1CPT	N1DBA	N5LWM	KE6QEY
W7HO	K6TCC	W9GTZ	K6MIL
KC4JOE	KJ5BAC	N6FAQ	N5SRC
KD9ZSB	KC0LRM	KP4CG	KE5ARQ
KE2DBQ	K1TDM	W3LCW	W4MRA
KK7KQP	K5JHP	KQ4RSB	K9JMK



The YL System wishes Happy Birthday to the following members:

K2ZD	K4AJJ	KB1IIX	KD9DST	KI4HEE	KO4QWS	NQ2F	W7BBA
AA4BZ	K4CBZ	KB1WYF	KD9TPE	KI5CYM	KO4ZHL	NQ9K	W7HO
AB4DU	K4GFW	KB4CAU	KD9UQE	KI5EIB	KQ4JWS	NT7J	W7PDN
AB8YZ	K4HJL	KB8DM	KD9VAN	KI5FIZ	KT9X	NV5F	W7QHZ
AC9DK	K4ISG	KB8RUM	KE0MND	KI5HDT	KX6G	VA3SUA	W8AGI
AD8II	K4LCA	KB9OGS	KE4SFI	KI5JTI	KY8LR	VE1JXT	W8PDS
AD8RR	K4ZDH	KC0DAS	KE5GBC	KI5SUD	KZ5I	W0CMJ	W8VOX
AE5JV	K5KEY	KC0WTT	KE5ZQV	KI5US	N0GNR	W0FIX	W9DLK
AF4PS	K5SSL	KC0YHU	KE6LL	KJ0CWR	N0PF	W0KOA	W9OMT
AG4RO	K5VCZ	KC1BEP	KE7JBK	KJ5CCV	N1BJZ	W0OWE	WA0BJY
AG5GP	K5VG	KC1ELA	KE7MP	KJ5CGJ	N1EDN	W0REG	WA2000
AI5AG	K5WVA	KC20SR	KE7TYO	KJ5CTX	N3KER	W0VKW	WA2WAP
AJ4UO	K6QN	KC3REC	KE8GML	KJ5PBZ	N3SCF	W0WKT	WA3EOP
G3NHS	K7CRR	KC3UHA	KE8LGO	KJ7RDV	N3UEA	W1EZE	WA4ZAZ
K0ADS	K8SAR	KC4VUM	KE8QYM	KK1TLS	N4LJK	W1LWT	WA6KEL
K0DDS	K8TLC	KC4ZGD	KE8RAW	KK2C	N4LKL	W2DJG	WA7ZXB
K0ELO	K8TLW	KC7ORY	KE8TCW	KK4EKK	N4RJR	W2JFI	WB1ATT
K0ROD	K9HOU	KD0HYG	KF0AXG	KK7KQP	N4XYC	W2PBY	WB2KUT
K0WML	K9QA	KD0MEO	KF0BSC	KL7HRO	N5AFK	W3GLP	WB3JOK
K1HK	K9UDS	KD0WYO	KF0MQI	KM4RTO	N5ARR	W3MAN	WD0FTM
K1IEB	K9VFS	KD2CSZ	KF3KF	KM6VXX	N5DHB	W4KIN	WD4ESX
K2DJL	KA0DDW	KD2SPG	KF4TPY	KN4HGE	N5YIZ	W4MRA	WD4RBX
K2JRB	KA0MOZ	KD2TMJ	KF5GTX	KN4OBW	N6OUP	W4PIO	WD7WW
K2LAX	KA1JFB	KD2VQP	KF5UV	KN4UCN	N6WAS	W5FYR	WD8ELH
K2PLC	KA4LRQ	KD5B	KG5RKZ	KN4YCK	N7TSH	W5KKG	WE4AU
K2WC	KA4PZY	KD8OBF	KG5VDP	KN6EZR	N7XXC	W5WES	WG90
K3ILA	KA5GSS	KD8PYY	KG5VUG	KN6KOZ	N8KCM	W6BDD	WS4FGR
K3ILA	KA8AMX	KD9ADB	KG5WDM	KN6RSX	N8YEL	W6BQZ	WY0U
K3PAU	KB0MLP	KD9DOG	KI0RR	KO4IJE	NE0JD	W6VY	WY2W



The YL System wishes Happy Anniversary to the following members:

AA0RI	K5LLR	KD0CIV	KK6ZML	W5AJO
AA4BZ	K5WAN	KD0OMN	KM4PIX	W5EH
AB0XS	K6LBP	KD2RPD	KM4WVK	W5KDI
AB8PS	K6MAF	KD2RRB	KM5EH	W5MHA
AC2NG	K6RXP	KD8SGA	KM6UTC	W5RHB
AC7TH	K7MOJ	KD9TII	KN4GFG	W5TDN
AD1ET	K7MPS	KE0CAS	KN6RUN	W6UNT
AI5A	K7ORL	KE0ELU	KO4MLX	W7JAS
K0BOW	K7UTU	KE0FDR	KO4SAS	W7RFQ
K0BUS	K9ICP	KE0NTO	KQ4RXX	W8GV
K0CCP	K9VFS	KE4SFI	KR1SS	W8LUE
K0DDS	KA3NGI	KE5GFY	N0AAH	W8VAB
K0DLX	KA5IRA	KE6LL	N0GAC	W9EGA
K0LU	KB0SVY	KE8AUO	N2EKO	W9OQ
K0MAF	KB3ITJ	KE8TMZ	N4FBM	W9PDP
K0MEZ	KB3SHV	KE9PK	N4SC	W9POR
K0VAC	KB4JOM	KF0FCQ	N4VGE	W9VSA
K2DJL	KB6DAN	KF0GKP	N4XI	WA2UFD
K2ZD	KB6TAZ	KF4TPY	N5BLP	WB5CET
K4BTA	KB7RMG	KF7MCK	N7BES	WD0FIN
K4HLE	KB8IST	KG5KNA	N7DPC	WW7GBA
K4ISG	KB8MCI	KI4VMK	N8ENX	
K4JZQ	KC3MXI	KI5JTI	NJ8G	
K4LHG	KC5ALM	KI5WPU	NU4R	
K4VDL	KC5EVR	KI5YXJ	VA2BIG	
K4WNM	KC5KWI	KJ4DCK	W0VKW	
K5DTD	KC5VBI	KJ4NVF	W4CJR	
K5GBA	KC8ARO	KJ5CCV	W4JAV	
K5IGB	KC8LAU	KJ7DSE	W4JJF	
K5IPG	KC8YJO	KK4NSK	W4OKT	



(Summarized by Bruce J Tisdale, K9ICP—YLISSB Historian)

This article is a summary of the preliminary beginnings of the YLISSB as originally written by Jesse (W6OET - #46), second president of the YLISSB and V. Mayree Tallman (K4ICA- #1) foundress and first YLISSB president. This was taken from a special edition Voice dated October-November 1974.

SSB'er numbers to be issued: On April 5th, 1963, V. Mayree Announced that she was beginning the task of assigning SSB'er numbers. The Awards program was underway, and by way of identification, SSB'er numbers were imperative. We were ecstatic! To have our very own identification as a member was a thrilling thought. It was later that same year when the next newsletter arrived that we could proudly begin giving our SSB'er numbers with contacts.

We were glued to our regs: The excitement and exhilaration, the very uniqueness of this SSB'er organization, caught the imagination of the amateur radio world! Ham-housewives hustled children off to school or into some quiet, absorbing activity, scurried about their homes performing chores mechanically while they eyed the clock with anticipation for the approaching 1800 GMT. The men hurried home from work, or dallied before leaving, "just to see how the band is today".

On Asia, members stayed up into the wee, small hours of the morning. In Oceania, they set their alarms for the predawn hours. Europeans hastily

dispensed with the meal. All antennas and ears were pointed to Miami for the dulcet tones of K4ICA calling for the SSB'er roll. From area to area, she elicited response. Beams rotated as if trapped by a magnetic force. Concentration was intense and excitement electrifying as every little corner of the globe was probed for check-ins. We reminded ourselves of a world-wide animated cartoon!

Heads huddled over receivers and ears glued to the speaker. Adrenalin ran through each crouched body as one-by-one, the faint signals became identifiable. Weakly, in a whoosh of static, came the recognizable whisper of a long-sought contact. "Oh, if it were my turn ... I'm sure I could make it right now!" We fell head-over-heels in our frustrated anxiety and toe tapping impatience. "There's always another day" wasn't comforting at all when one is sure that "rare" calls would never be heard on frequency again with such potent 3 by 3 signals!

Editor's note: At this time many hams built their own equipment and antennas. AM voice and as well as CW were the standard. Worldwide communications was a big deal.

To be continued next month ...



SPECIAL DAYS

For the year 2024, the YLISSB has set aside special days each month to work for a special DAILY AWARD. There are also special MONTHLY AWARDS that are listed in the Awards Criteria. For the SPECIAL DAYS, the hunting is just for that day, but it can be obtained by working stations on System frequencies on different bands. For instance, if the award says January 22, you can work K4ICA on the 20 M System at any time on January 22, and you can also count K4ICA if you work it on the 40 M System. If you complete all 12 Special Day Awards for 2024, you will receive a Special Award at the next convention. A special request goes out to those members holding the particular noted awards or honor required for obtaining the Special Day Award. Please make an effort on those days to be on the System to help our fellow members qualify for the awards. K4ICA may count for more than one contact. Check the web page for final details.

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.

February 9 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY This is our Birthday. To complete this award 12 contacts will be made from our Officers, Emeritus Council Members, or Committee Chairmen. K4ICA will count for three (3) contacts.

March 15 – 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.

April 05 – AMBASSADOR AWARD Contact Ten (10) Ambassadors or Ambassadors Extraordinaire of the YLISSB. K4ICA will count as two (2) contacts. Because many of our Ambassadors also hold the honor Ambassador Extraordinaire, those members can only be used once. No duplicates will be allowed. List will be provided after January 1.

May 3 – MAY DAY AWARD Contact ten (10) members whose YLISSB numbers are below 17,000. K4ICA will count for two (2) contacts.

June 6 – JUNE CUATRO AWARD Contact five (5) members whose number ends with a four (4). K4ICA counts as one (1) contact.

July 5 – FIRST RESPONDERS AWARD Contact six (6) members as designated on Netlogger. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact.

August 2 – TFO DAY AWARD Contact ten (10) stations that have TFO numbers. K4ICA counts as one (1) contact.

September 20 – AUTUMN DAY AWARD Contact nine (9) members whose Sideband number ends in a nine (9) or a zero (0). K4ICA will count as 2 contacts. Only 1 contact per individual member will qualify for the award—example: if the contact is made on 20 meters, that station cannot be used on 40 meters. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact on both 20 and 40 meters.

October 4 – JACK-O-LANTERN AWARD Contact ten (10) members whose YLISSB number ends in a one (1) or three (3). K4ICA counts as one (1) contact.

November 8 – NOVEMBER LIBERTY AWARD Contact ten (10) members who are designated a Veteran on Netlogger. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact.

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.



MONTHLY AWARDS

SNOWY JANUARY AWARD: January 1 thru 31

Contact 30 members from any State, Province, or Country that has snow on the ground at the time of the contact.

FEBRUARY: YL SYSTEM BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: February 1 thru 29, 2024

To celebrate the birthday of the YL System, during the month of February, contact one member for each year of the YL System. 2024 marks our 61st year, so contact 61 member stations during the month. Contacts may be made on any YL System session, on any band. Contacts will count only one time.

MARCH MADNESS: March 1 thru 31

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

APRIL: PRESIDENT'S AWARD: April 1 thru 30

Contact 25 members who have the same name either the first or last as one of the US Presidents.

MAY OLD TIMER'S AWARD: May 1 thru 31

Contact 30 members with a membership number below 17,000.

SUMMER SOLSTICE AWARD: June 1 thru 30

Contact 21 members whose System number ends in a two (2) or one (1)

JULY INDEPENDENCE AWARD: July 1 thru 31

Contact 25 member stations located in the 13 original colonies of the United States. The original 13 colonies were Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

AUGUST SUMMER HEAT AWARD: August 1 thru 31

Contact 30 members who have a TFO number, or the Rigel Award. Each member contacted counts as only one contact.

SEPTEMBER AUTUMN EAGLE AWARD: September 1 thru 30

Contact 25 members with a membership number ending with a number 6, or 8.

OCTOBER: HALLOWEEN AWARD: October 1 thru 31

Contact 31 members with a membership number ending with a 3 or a 1

NOVEMBER VETERAN'S AWARD: November 1 thru 30

Contact 25 veterans of their country's military service.

DECEMBER SANTA AWARD: December 1 thru 31

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

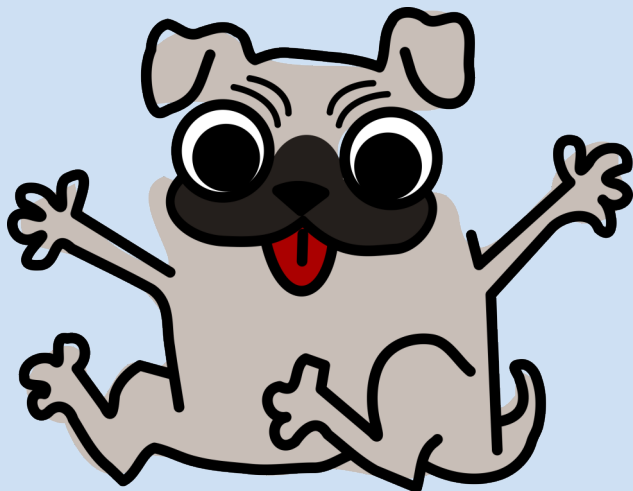
Email your qualifying QSO's to: awards@ylsystem.org



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SYSTEM"

To be approved for the YL System Facebook Private Group. You must be a paid member and all question must be answered to be excepted to the YLS Facebook Group.

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