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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Greetings from Texas!

I trust you all had a great Thanksgiving. We have much to give thanks for. After a long, hard struggle, it seems like our Web Page has finally gotten most of the bugs worked out, and is now operating like it should. Many thanks to John for all the work he has done.

CONVENTION 2019

BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW, if you haven't already. The hotel has given us a fantastic rate of \$125.00 per night, plus tax, which is about 50% off the going rate for this time of year. This rate is only valid for stays from June 5 through 8. If you wish to come earlier or stay later, they have given us their Government rate, which is \$154.00, plus tax, per day. The government rate may only be available for a limited time, so if you are thinking that you might come to the Convention, and there is a possibility you might want to come earlier or stay later, now is the time to book to get that rate. They do charge the first night rent as a deposit for any reservation, but it is fully refundable up to 48 hours before check in.

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Memorial Call

YL System

President's Report (Cont.)

You can book online at reservations@pikeslodge.com using the code, HAM19. Or, you can call Mandi at 907-374-7170, Monday through Friday.

The registration form will be available soon. Check the web page, or wait for our yearly publication, the Voice, to appear in your mailbox.

ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER

We have received a volunteer to help Bob. Thanks, Steve. Once I get myself organized, I'll try to complete this project.

HELP WANTED

We need to update our Policy and Procedures Manual. Anyone want to help with this exciting project? Contact me at kl7fqq@yahoo.com.

MONTHLY AWARDS

December is our beautiful Santa Award. From December 1 through the 31st, contact 25 members with a membership number ending with a 2 or a 5, and earn this beautiful award.

TFO

If you have a Top-Flight Operator number, you can nominate a member of the YL System to also receive their TFO number. This award is not intended to be a reward for any specific service but is intended to honor our members that exhibit above average operating practices. Anyone receiving the award must have been a member in good standing for at least a year. For the month of December, you may nominate a member that has a number below 17277. Send your nominations to Lynn or Elsie at jans-elsie@yahoo.com.

73's Rose, KL7FQQ

New YL System Operating Hours

On Monday November 19th, We will begin the System at 1300z (8 a.m. EST) This will allow for at least 1 more hour of propagation at the end of the day's schedule. Reverting back to GMT is new for the System. With the solar cycle not at the bottom, propagation will continue to be an ever greater challenge. I am hoping this change will allow the System to function as well as it has in the past.

Thanks For Your Continuing Support.

73's,

Larry AB3TY #16871 TFO 535

Moonbeam Coordinator

Daytime Control Coordinator

Voice Editor

New Website Information

Dear Members:

IF you are a paid-up dues member and having any challenges accessing the member only content part of the new website please visit <https://www.ylssystem.live/login>.

From this page, below the username and password fields, see in bright red letters "Need Help?" and click the link to "send a message to the site administrators"

73's Rose, KL7FQQ

YLISSB President

Our Digital Future

We now have a DMR Talk Group on the TGIF_Network. It is TG 319. To get on the TG you must program your hotspots to get on the server.

WE ARE NOT ON BRANDMEISTER. Why you ask? Brandmeister would give us a Temporary Group for 60 days to monitor how much traffic passes. If we did not meet the requirements, our TG would be dropped. As a new enterprise on the YLSystem, I do not know how quickly we can get things rolling. As TG 319 on the TGIF_Network, we are under no pressure.

Fusion users can cross-mode into our DMR TG via a hotspot. Unfortunately, D-Star is the one mode that cannot cross-mode at this time.

Please feel free to call me at 908-377-6067 or lkdds@ptd.net if you have any questions.

Thanks and 73,

Larry AB3TY #16871 TFO 535

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Awards and TFOs

Neither awards nor TFOs this month. Folks, it's time to put down the snow shovels and get back to radio-ing!!!

Silent Key

The following YLISSB member has recently been noted as a Silent Key...

James A. Glasscock - W0FF - YLISSB# 4033

New Members

We welcome the following new YLISSB System members...

17504 - KB3OYC - Dan from Florida

17505 - WA2000 - Bill from New York

17506 - WB5MPV - Walker from Louisiana

17507 - KD5PRB - Melinda from Louisiana

17508 - KF5TEX - Jeff from Mississippi

17509 - N0DPR - Brad from Missouri

17510 - KB0HAZ - John from Kansas

17511 - KD9LDD - Gregory from Illinois

NOTICE

After March 31, 2019, the Communicator will be available for paid-up members only. If your dues are delinquent, it will no longer be sent to you.

December Birthdays

KD2Q	KB0MAI	KD8WSL
W3GOE	KX4WB	JA1CG
W9IFW	WX4Q	AC4NC
WA2AFV	K7MGR	K9TXJ
W6NWF	AC4TM	KE5AJI
KD0WGB	KD2EZA	K9ZG
KB1CSI	AD0NP	KI0JG
WA4DXP	W3AVJ	KB0MYP
KD4ZBP	N3ADF	WD9AYR
N8MRC	N6LBR	K1RED
W5VTM	K9UWJ	KC7MYN
K8FUN	AD0FH	W8WSL
KD8ASE	NO5F	KA8ULT
KZ7I	KC8IKW	KD8UUG
NV4Z	N0QAU	WA9YZK
ON5NT	W4AVY	VY1MAB
KD8SPJ	N3MQO	W4JMJ
W5TXJ	W3ZR	KB0YYO
N7MCH	KK4DWC	KB5LYR
KB7MXT	K8EEE	AC0KV
W5HNI	VE3JPJ	K6HP
N8ADB	W5BUB	PA2TMS
K1DLM	KD8WSL	KC2CZK

December Anniversaries

W7ARZ Bill and Judy

AA4MR Mary and Peter

K0MSR Vern and Barbara

KD4ZBP/KE4VRW Cliff and Virginia

KK4FXJ Jeff and Vicki

AG5DT Mark and Aimee

K4TFJ/K4NOY Tim and Michell

W5BUB/W5LJP Bub and Llinda

KD0USN B0b and Robin

N6OUP Gerry and XYL

W4CT/W4YL Ben and Susan

K0BGS Bobby and XYL

N3FMO Harry and Patricia

NH7AR Don and Linda

KE5AHE Charlie and XYL

NL7X Duane and June

KF6JG John and Mary Ann

N8APP Greg and Debbie

PA2TMS Tom and Corrie

K8AGC Debbie and Greg

K7CRR Bill and XYL

Keeping Up with our Members



From George Tomlinson AA4GT...

Mary had NV4Z call for 38 years and in honor of all the Emergency work she did I am going to name a Club after her. The Club name will be NV4Z ARC. Thanks for all the help you gave her through the years. George AA4GT

New cell phone number is (239) 774-1759

For 12 years, Carl K7OUO and his youngest daughter, Sheryl Miller, rode with the Pony Express.



Keeping Up with our Members (Cont.)

From Bill Phillips: In October, Joan and I were on a trip to Louisiana. Enroute there and back, we stopped to visit several YL SYSTEM members. Included were Larry (AG5Z) and his XYL Sylvia (W5DRI) then the four of us visited Maria (N0TWV). Additionally, in the whirlwind trip we visited Jennie (NV5F) in Ft. Worth, as well as Grady (WB5SDU) in Louisiana , Shelby Cooper (AG5GP) and XYL Kim in Ponca City, OK, and Leo (KD0VEP) and Ruth in Wamego, KS. Photos of most are included. One member of over 12 years said, "You are the first member of the YL SYSTEM I have ever met." Well, NV5F had met a ham before he became a member, a radio repair-man, many years before either joined the YLISSB, on a Mississippi university campus....a much younger AG4Z.

KEY IDEA: When you travel, make those visits to our member, log it down and then submit the names and calls for an EyeBall QSO Award. It will mean much to each of those you visit.



Grady



Maria



Jennie & Bill



Shelby & Kim



Larry & Sylvia

Saving the Day

Note: The YL System does not accept any responsibility for this story. However, it has been almost dependably reported to us that the following conversation was heard on 14.332 one Wednesday afternoon.

“This is November 1, Papa, Victor, Tango, my name is Jane, and this is the YL System. I am now taking check ins. Please give me your call phonetically and state your name.”

“Japan Zero, Kilowatt, Echo, Mobile, and my name is Jake.”

“JOKE? Jake? Is it really you? It’s a pleasure to hear you today, anything we can do for you?”

“Yes, this is Jake, and I have a little problem that you might be able to help me with. I’ve been in a few scrapes before and the YL System has been very helpful. So, I’m hoping you can help me again.”

“What can we help you with, Jake?”

“I heard that a bunch of the YL members were going to have Thanksgiving on the dessert somewhere around Yuma, Arizona, so I decided I’d join them. But I think I may be lost. I found this strange looking gate, and the lady waved me through. So, I went right through. Now everyone seems to be speaking a foreign language, and I have no idea what they’re trying to tell me. They seem friendly enough, but keep waving stuff at me, like Christmas poinsettia’s and candy, and I don’t know what to do!”

“I just talked to Judy KC7KPG and Tom KC7KPF. I think they’re near Yuma. Stand by and let me see if they’re still here. KC7JPG, Judy? Are you there?”

Saving the Day (Cont.)

“Yes, Jane. What can I help you with?”

“I have Jake, JOKE, on, and he says he tried to join the YL System bunch for Thanksgiving, but went through a strange looking gate, and now everyone is accosting him and wanting him to buy a poinsettia. He can’t understand what they are saying, they might be speaking in a foreign language. Can you help?”

“I’d guess he crossed the border into Algodones, Mexico, and yes, this time of year, the merchants are all trying to send their wares back across the border for Christmas presents. Tom and I are planning on going across the border in just a short while. Can you tell Jake we’ll meet him in the outside patio of the El Paraiso, Restaurant in about 2 hours?”

“Jake, help is on the way. Tom and Judy will meet you at the El Paraiso Restaurant in about 2 hours. Can you wait for them?”

“I’ll be happy to wait for them. I’m wearing a cowboy hat, boots, and a red shirt. Tell them to look for me, and I see the El Paraiso Restaurant right ahead of me. Thanks.”

“Judy, he says he’ll be waiting for you, and he’s wearing a cowboy hat, boots and a red shirt. Good luck, and thanks.”

There you have another daring rescue provided by members of the YL System.

And finally...

Couldn't think of anything to put in this spot, so I thought I just tell you all my favorite joke... this week!

"Knock knock"

"Who's there?"

"Your old lady"

"Your old lady who?"

"Huh, I didn't know you could yodel..."

...See you all next month! 73, Jim



If you have stuff you'd like to see published in The Communicator, please send it to me at jim@pandzik.com and I'll see it gets in. Thanks!

P.S. If you send photos, we'll assume we have permission to publish from BOTH the subject and the photographer. (Sorry, it's that kind of world!)