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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Greetings from Texas.

I just arrived in Texas after a fantastic trip down the Alaska Highway and on to Texas. I was awed by the condition of the Alaska Highway. It was paved all the way, with very little construction. The last time I had been down the highway, it was under construction about 1/3 of the way. The wild animals were flaunting themselves, and the scenery was magnificent. So, if you get the chance to travel the Alaska Highway, do so!

## 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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**K4ICA**

**Memorial Call**

**YL System**

## **President's Report (Cont.)**

You can book online at [reservations@pikeslodge.com](mailto: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.

### **WEB SITE**

As with many new projects, our Web Site has had a few growing pains. But, it is almost fully functional now. If you have not checked it out, please do so. As a paid-up member, you should have received an invitation to add your username and password. And, you then should have had access to all the information about the System that was on the old page, with the exception of the old database, which has been discontinued. If you have any problems, you should find a page on there that will help you get assistance.

### **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**

Once the new Web Site goes live, we will need to update our Policy and Procedures Manual. Anyone want to help with this exciting project? Contact me at the above e-mail address.

### **MONTHLY AWARDS**

November is our beautiful Veteran's Award. From November 1 through the 30th, contact 25 veterans of their country's military service, and earn this beautiful award.

73's Rose, KL7FQQ

## Convention 2019 Tours

### **Friday, June 7. (Cost \$35.00 per person)**

We will board the bus for a 20-minute ride to North Pole, Alaska. You'll find candy canes painted on city streets and the Santa Claus House, a frontier general store and post office turned holiday shop. The postal tradition lives on—official Letters from Santa are postmarked from the North Pole and stamped with an official Santa seal. The store includes live reindeer, a coffee shop, holiday gift items, the world's largest Santa statue and Santa himself.



After spending some time at the Santa Claus House, we'll make a quick stop at the famous Pagoda Restaurant in North Pole for lunch, which serves delicious Chinese food.



Back on the bus to return to the hotel for our afternoon workshop.

### **Friday afternoon, June 7 (cost \$70.00 per person)**

Following the workshop, we will once again board the bus for a short hop to Pioneer Park. We will see the Pioneer Museum with dioramas of early gold mines: prospectors gold panning, a prospector's shaft, a sluicing operation & a drift mine. Watch the 45 minute "The Big Stampede" show narrated by Ruben Gaines, featuring gold rush murals by Rusty Heurlin.

## Convention 2019 Tours (Cont.)

Visit the historic Kitty Hensley House, and join us for a true Alaskan dining experience at the famous Alaska Salmon Bake. Grilled salmon cooked over an open fire. Carved beef & beer-battered cod straight from Alaska's icy waters cooked to perfection. Dinner served nightly 5-9pm.



After dinner, we will make our way to the Palace Theater, recognized by the Alaska Visitor's Association, and thousands of satisfied patrons every summer, as "The Number One Show Throughout Alaska and Canada". The Palace Theatre's *GOLDEN HEART REVIEW* is a hilarious musical comedy that will leave you laughing, and a bit wiser about life in the last frontier.

Through songs and stories, the polished, professional cast gives you the historical highlights of Fairbanks, also known as "The Golden Heart City", and answers a few commonly asked questions about our town...such as why would anyone want to live here? Starts at 8:15 PM.



## **Saturday, June 8**

General meeting in the morning, lunch at the hotel, Board meeting in the afternoon, followed by the banquet. A very busy day.

**Convention 2019 Tours (Cont.)**

**Sunday, June 9**

Our Farewell breakfast will be followed by a bocce ball tournament, for those that are not leaving immediately. If you have never played, this is your golden opportunity!



**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.

### **Silent Keys**

The following YL ISSB members have recently been noted as Silent Keys...

Phillip M. Young - W1JTH - YLISSB: 14899

Thomas J. Mullins - KC4LOY - YLISSB: 16514

Thomas S. Cairl - WD8NOM - YLISSB: 10993

Loren M. Miller - W0RNH - YLISSB: 14824

Floyd L. Bowman - W5OXK - YLISSB: 10407 Previous: WA0UHC

### **New Members**

We welcome the following new YLISSB System members...

17492 - N7HHC - Mike in Arizona

17493 - WB5VTX - Bill in Colorado

17494 - KI6GCI - Bernardo in California

17495 - K0HD - John in Minnesota

17496 - K5RST - Rusty in Texas

17497 - KD2CSZ - Jason in New York

17498 - KI5BEG - Jim In Mississippi

17499 - KN4MIS - Scott in Florida

17500 - N1ELE - Paul in Connecticut

17501 - K4NOA - Sharon in Connecticut

17502 - N6DRU - Andrew in California

17503 - KM4CDT - Enrique in Florida

[Ed note: There were neither System Awards or TFOs awarded this month. Stay tuned!]

**November Birthdays**

KE5ZI	N9YBK	W7JDB
N3RO	N3NI	KC0MEY
KK6KK	W7CAR	AB7PS
K0PTK	N7FSR	W4ODQ
KB9OC	KL7WW	AD5UJ
KJ4DLP	WA6EBB	N2YQZ
KD4EYU	KE5OTX	W1VCU
WA5KSC	K0PTK	K0LU
N9ZG	WB9LJZ	KC5EVR
WB7BOW	K3PDL	WA0PMO
KC2TCP	WB9STT	K5RWB
WD0DAW	W6ERO	VE3SFK
G4WPW	K3ENV	K8DFA
K2MGL	N1BLX	KG4CNA
KC0MEZ	WD4GSG	VE9GU
NQ1H	KQ4NN	N9MUH
KE8GII	WB7VOK	K5KTD
N8UOO	K9ICP	KC9EAG
W7PRG	N4USW	W4PSS
W6MEI	WB0RYD	KD0KPM
VP9BO	N3CRW	N1FJR
W4WYZ	KE0OOG	K0HD
N1JIE		

Keeping Up with our Members

Thanks to Judy KC7KPG for the following rogues' gallery of folks attending the Duke City Hamfest in Albuquerque NM in September.



Bill AD5UJ



Cary W7CAP &  
Denise



Charlotte  
KC5KWI &  
Richard KC5EVR



Jim WA9JMU



Judy KC7KPG  
And  
Tom KC7KPF



Marcus KM5EH



Nancy KD7NW &  
Ward K7PO

**Keeping Up with our Members (Cont.)**



YL System members at the Socorro Hamfest, October 20, 2018

Front row: Jim WA9JMU, Rose KL7FQQ, Cyndi KL7FQR

Back row: Charlotte KC5KWI, Richard KC5EVR, Judy KC7KPG

(With Puffin!), Tom KC7KPF, Al AF5VH, and Jan, Al's XYL

**November Anniversaries**

KK5E Russ and XYL

N8KCJ Chuck and XYL

NU4U Grady and Ruth

K3UMV, BILL and K3UMW Joyce

VE5JLO Jerry and Linda

KG7WLX Vic and Traci

KB6NOX Lee and XYL

W4DJL David and Sandra

KE5JWC John and Betty Jean

K5ZMX Doug and Paula

KI6GCI Bernardo and Ericka

**End of an Era for Jim Flowers, VA7JSF, ex VE1JIM**

It has been a long journey from the late 1990's until the present day with the YL System. When I first started the web page with a program from Radio Shack called Clairis Web Page Design, and reading about how to make your own pages up until present day with the help of several people especially one, Pat, it has been quite the learning curve.

With the help and input from many members of the System the web page grew from a past time hobby into a full-fledged project. Now with all the new things that have to be done in order to keep a web page going according to new regulations and designs and smarter folks than myself around, it is time that I give up doing the YLSystem.org page and turn it over to someone else with more knowledge on the subject and in the field of design and security.

I want to thank all those who had input, suggestions and support for the endeavor that I started for something to do and help the System get more recognition throughout the years and grow with the time.

With all that being said, I hope that you will give the new Webmaster the same courtesy, help and understanding that I have received over the years. I will still be around to assist in some manner.

Again, thank you all.

Respectfully,

Jim Flowers  
Member #15059  
TFO 392

## 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 morning.*

“This is Kilowatt 4, Alpha, Echo, Quebec, my name is John, but most folks call me Little John, or LJ, and this is the YL System. I am now taking check ins. Please give your call phonetically and state your name.”

“Japan Zero Kilowatt Echo, Mobile”

“Did you say, JOKE, like in joke? I’ve heard of you, and I was hoping I would not be controlling the next time you checked in. What can I help you with this time?”

“I’ve heard you on the air before too, LJ. You always seem to be able to handle any situation, so I immediately thought of you. I’m on the West Coast of Canada, near West Vancouver. I’m out on the beach, and I heard some people talking about catching crabs. My mouth is watering, but I don’t have the foggiest idea how to go about catching crabs, can you help?”

“I think I know just the person that can help you. Fortunately, Jim, VA7JSF, just checked in mobile, and I think he is an extraordinary crabber, so I’m sure he can help you. VA7JSF, are you there?”

“Yes, LJ, I’m here, what can I help you with?”

“I have Jake, JOKE on, and he says he’s out on the beach in West Vancouver, BC, and wants to catch a crab or two. Any suggestions?”

### **Saving the Day (Cont.)**

“Tell Jake that I’ll meet him on the dock, and I’ll bring along an extra crab net. Do you know what color of shirt he’s wearing?”

“Jake, what color of shirt are you wearing?”

“Red, white and blue.”

“He say’s, ‘red, white and blue,’ so you ought to be able to spot him. Thanks, Jim, for helping Jake to enjoy his trip to British Columbia.”

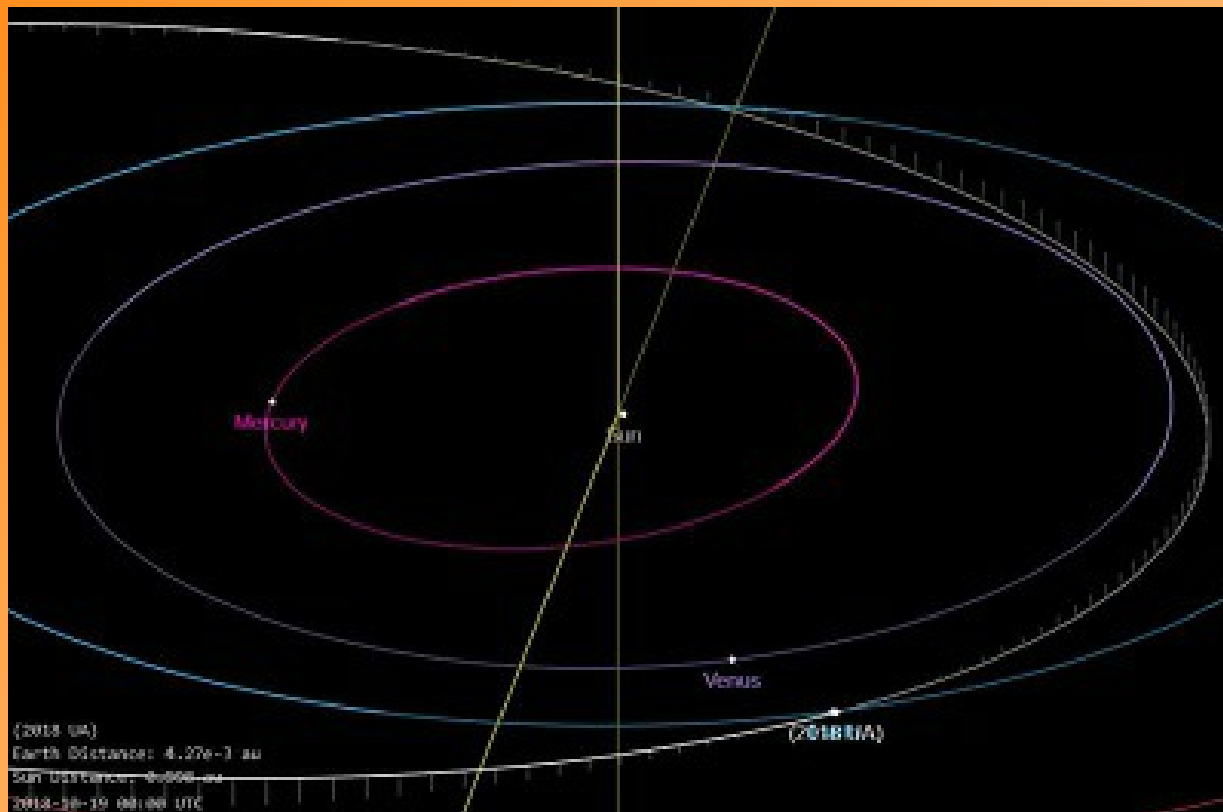
*There you have another daring rescue provided by members of the YL System. Of course, we have no update as to the effectiveness of the rescue, or the condition of Jake, the fish or John. But, the YL System stands ready to aid one and all in their darkest hour.*

### **Family Photo from Jim Pandzik, KE9PK**

These four Sugar Maples are the latest addition to the Pandzik Family National Forest. They’ll spend the next year or so in our greenhouse, then join their other tree siblings in the west yard. This brings our total up to 4 Sugar Maples, 10 apple trees, 4 plum trees, two rhubarb beds, and more grape vines than I can count. We should be able to offer granddaughter Bridget (age 7) some maple syrup... when she’s 21 or so!



## And finally...



Just when you thought it was safe to go outside without your tinfoil hat, Eddie Irizarry in Space magazine reported that an asteroid passed between Earth and its communications satellites on 10/19. It passed overhead at roughly twice the distance from New York to LA. Eddie reports that the Earth wasn't *really* in danger since the asteroid was ONLY the size of a school bus, and that MOST of it would be burned up in the atmosphere... before landing on our heads. Whew! Thanks, Eddie!

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If you have stuff you'd like to see published in The Communicator, please send it to me at [jim@pandzik.com](mailto: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!)