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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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WEBSITE

For many years, our web site address was ylsystem.org. When we were transferring to the new site, we used ylsystem.live. I am happy to announce that our web page address is once again ylsystem.org. While other sites will transfer, please use this one!

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.

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

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K4ICA

Memorial Call

YL System

President's Report (Cont.)

The registration form is on the web site and on our Facebook page, and was included in the Voice. Reservations are starting to come in. Our Convention promises to be memorable.

ELECTION RESULTS

With your votes, you have elected Bill, W7AJP as Treasurer, Jim, W7BBA as Assistant Treasurer, and Elsie, N0ESJ as a Director. Elsie will replace Nancy, KG0YL, who has done a great job for the YL System. Thanks to all. They will take office at the Convention.

ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER

We are still looking for an assistant to help Bob, NC4RP with his position as Information Officer. If you are interested in assisting, please contact me at kl7fqq@yahoo.com.

MONTHLY AWARDS

April is our President's Award 2019. Contact 25 members who have the same name as one of the US Presidents. Good luck!

MEMBERSHIP ADVANTAGES

Thanks to our many members that have renewed their membership in the YL System, and remain as active members. For all that paid their dues on time, you have earned full membership in the YL System. which includes the privilege of participating in all organizational activities and programs; having full access to the webpage; receiving the Communicator via e-mail; and earning awards and recognition, except those that require a minimum period of membership. The System is stronger because of you.

73's Rose, KL7FQQ

April Anniversaries

K8DXJ Doris and Tas	KD0WYO Dave and XYL
KB9VJC Robert and Peggy	KC1CZV Paul and Maudie
K8NQC Bill and N8UOO Joyce	KW4NFL Bud and Terri
WQ4W Bill and Kitty	KK6XR Dean and XYL
WB9OKC Mike and XYL	W4KMR Mike and Marybeth
KC7KPF Tom and KC7KPG Judy	KJ4APD Bob and Betty
WR3V Dick and XYL	K7EII Mike and Eileen
AD7SN Mel and XYL	KS4SW Ron and XYL
K9RML Mike and Karen	W4WYZ Donald and Laurie
N6LBR Luke and Rita Ann	KG5ZMU Bruce and Vicki
KE8BOF Jason and Cindy	N1JIE Jim and Bonnie
KA0ENU Joe and XYL	K9JTV Jeff and Jill
WB9KMW Larry and XYL	WA7BHC David and June
W7BBA Jim and N7MRG Myra	

Awards and TFOs

No new TFOs to report, but Steven Bamber VE3JPJ earned the Birthday Award *and* the Nite Owl Award.

A Word from our Treasurer...

When you send a payment to the YL System via PayPal, please, *please* put your call and/or your YLISSB number in the information location. Some use a different e-mail for payments and we have *NO WAY* to identify you. So, make sure your name or your call is on every payment. Thanks!

Bill Phillips - W7AJP

YL System New Start Time

Traditionally, the System opens at 1200z (8am EDT) Monday-Friday. Unfortunately, these are not normal times with the marked decrease in propagation. Our 1st hr Sunrise Portion controls have diligently tried to check-in any station as we have for 65 years.

However, the Propagation Gods are dealing us very nasty conditions at that hour. As a consequence, we are suspending the 1st hour of the Sunrise until June 3 when the sun will be rising early on the East Coast. If we find it is possible to bring the 1st hour back sooner, we will.

The System will now open at 1300z (9am EDT.)

This change will take effect Monday 3-25-19.

I thank you for your support of the System.

73,

Larry AB3TY #16871 TFO 535

Moonbeam Coordinator

Daytime Control Coordinator

Voice Editor

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 YLISSB members have been noted as Silent Keys...

Dorothy I. Young - W1TGY - YLISSB# 14898
Richard G. Tesar - WA4WIP - YLISSB# 4335
Joel E Lepouce - AA9CN - YLISSB# 11170 Previous: WB9VDF
George L. Fenn Jr. - W5VBD - YLISSB# 14294
Richard M. Kriss - AA5VU - YLISSB# 11345
Richard E. Lambert - W5ZHI - YLISSB# 6824
Goro G. Asaki - W3MPN - YLISSB# 11426

New Members

We welcome the following new YLISSB System members...

17539 - WW1SS - Steven from Florida
17540 - KG7LXA - Duane from Wyoming
17541 = W4EAE - Ryan from South Carolina
17542 - K3VAN - Scott from Pennsylvania
17543 - N2KWO - Chuck from Arkansas
17544 - N8GDX - Jeff from Michigan
17545 - KG4TOD - Jason from Florida
17546 - N1WHA - William from Connecticut
17547 - KC0CC - Henry from Missouri
17548 - K4JAL - Jim from North Carolina
17549 - W2FBS - Richard from New York
17550 - N1TCH - Pete from New Hampshire
17551 - W3QM - Richard from Colorado

April Birthdays

K4HCB
AG5AS
KK6GOR
KB9IFD
W7CAP
W1BVV
KG4YNI
Holly XYL of
 W4ZGH
KF7MRG
N4WBC
K6JDM
KD0RMF
KB4QLL
KD8OKO
KC0WCG
WA9JMU
KI4JQB
WR3V
KB2HH
KB3TBS
KW8T
KD0NEZ

W7AJP
W7CB
K3CDQ
AU1U
KK4JAP
N5OKU
Pat XYL of 8P6OP
KD0YSC
K0MAF
N9WAS
K9ABL
VE3OWS
KD2DNJ
KC1CZV
KQ4U
KE8UD
W7ARZ
KE8BOF
KC9MDY
KD9ANS
UA1ZO
KN4AA
AE0AR

W4KRN
W4JRV
N6GR
KC1DAD
AI6KO
K8RLD
KI4VCT
KB5FLA
AD7SN
VE2XMP
K1QQA
KB7CSX
K0MSR
N5COO
AB3SD
KA0SHC
KM4MQO
N7YG
N3QXX
KG5ZMU
W7HTA
W4WCD
N0DPR

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 on a Wednesday evening.

“This is KK4DYI, my name is Gale, and I’m in Florida. I’m looking for check-ins for the YL System. Please give your call and name when you check in.”

“JOKE, Mobile”

“Is your name really mobile?”

“No, sorry. My name is Jake.”

“Now I know who you are, Jake, I’ve tried to contact you a lot of times, but you’ve always slipped away before I had a chance. You are 5/9 here today, Jake. Can you give me a signal report?”

“Well, sure Gale. You’re also 5/9. I do have a problem. Do you think you can help me?”

“I’m sure we’ll do what we can, Jake. What’s your problem?”

“Here I am, driving toward the town of Brodhead, Wisconsin, and the computer that I use to run Net Logger has shut down. I really do enjoy Net Logger, but I’m not that computer savvy. It’s after hours, and I have to be on the road early in the morning. Do you think you can help?”

“One of our controls, Jim, KE9PK lives in Brodhead. He’s on here today, helping me control. Let me ask him if he knows anyone that can help. KE9PK, any copy Jim?”

Saving the Day (Cont.)

“Sure, Gale, I’m hearing you 5/9 also. I didn’t copy that other station. What’s up?”

“I have Jake, JOKE on here, and he’s looking for an IT person in Brodhead. He says his computer just shut down, and all the IT stores are closed. Do you have any suggestions for him?”

“I used to own an IT business, before I retired. I might be able to take a look at it. If you don’t need me, I can meet him. Tell him to meet me in the parking lot of the Brodhead Chevy dealer there on 1st Center Avenue, and I’ll see what I can do.”

“Thanks, Jim, and I’ll find another control. Jake, are you still there? Can you meet Jim in the parking lot of the Brodhead Chevy place on 1st Center Avenue?”

“I’ll plug it into my GPS. Thanks so much, Gale, and happy DX. 73’s”

I am happy to report that Jim had Jake’s computer up and running in record time. And, there you have another daring rescue provided by members of the YL System.

And finally...

I guess it was bound to happen sooner or later. John Ellis W5PDW was kind enough to forward to me the definite proof that Congressional subcommittees should never, *ever*, be allowed to design (much less *build*) large-scale commercial aircraft. My understanding is that they started with a paper airplane, then held hearings about the paper cuts they were getting from the paper airplanes, then went into double-secret closed-door sessions, and then, first thing you know, this appeared...



...Oh, and *April Fools!*



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!)