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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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CONVENTION 2020

BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW, if you haven't already. The 2020 Convention will be held in Springfield, MO, from June 8 to the 12th. For reservations, call the Lamplighter Inn and Suites at 417-869-3900. Don't forget to mention that you are with the Young Ladies International Single Sideband Communications System to receive our special room rate. The Convention begins on June 8, with a meet and greet between 4 and 6 p.m. Wonderful tours have been arranged; we will have our meeting, board meeting, banquet and a most entertaining auction. Friday, June 12 will see our Farewell breakfast between 6 and 9 a.m. Check out the web site for more information, including the registration form. I look forward to seeing you there.

MONTHLY AWARDS

December is our beautiful Santa Award. From December 1st through the 31st, contact 25 members with a membership number ending in a 2 or a 5. See the Voice for more information.

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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 17362. Send your nominations to Lynn or Elsie at lynnjanes@ymail.com, or elsiejanes@yahoo.com.

VOICE

Our Voice editor will soon be compiling information for the 2019-2020 Voice. If you have anything you would like to see appear in the Voice, please send it to Larry AB3TY at ikdds@ptd.net.

73's Rose, KL7FQQ

Awards and TFOs

Congratulations to Alan McGuire, KX7KX for receiving both the Belt of Orion Award and the Veterans Award this month.

No new Top Flight Operators (TFOs) were selected this month.

Silent Keys

The following YLISSB members have been reported as Silent Keys...

Martha W. Henson - WN4FVU YLISSB: 10840

Fred A. Bower - K7AAA YLISSB: 6941

December Anniversaries

K0MSR Vern & Barbara
KD0USN Bob & Robin
K0BGS Bobby & XYL
W0AAS Ted & Debbie
KE0LMY Samantha & KD0WXT
Roger
KE0CTY Mike & Arlene
AD0OH Bill & Amy
KD0WGB Don & Betty
N0LTT James & Cherri
W1IZZ Wes & Pam
KC2ICX Carl & Catherine
KF2D Jeff & Vicki
PA2TMS Tom & Corrie
KD2QKU Steven & Helen
KB3OYC Dan & Sharon
N3FMO Harry & Patricia
KC3JUD Perry & March
AA4MR Mary & Peter
W4CT Ben & W4YL Susan
KD4ZBP Cliff & KE4VRW Virginia
K4TFJ Tim & K4NOY Michelle
KI4RUC Angie & OM
KM4PT Paul & Sally
W4WAV John & Janet
KA4WGW JC & Sarah

WA5JDV Carl & Pat
AG5DT Mark & Aimee
KE5AHE Charlie & Pam
KI5CEA Mario & XYL
KI5DXY Dennis & XYL
KI5BEG Jim & Lana
KG5SER Paul & Sue
KE5JWC John & Betty Jean
N5XPZ Bill & Pinkie
N5SP Sam & Regina
N6OUP Gerry & XYL
AI6NJ Mike & Sue
KM6VXX Chuck & Patty
W7ARZ Bill & Judy
AL7F Mike & Patricia
KF7PVK Chris & XYL
NH7AR Don & Linda
NL7X Duane & June
K7CRR Bill & XYL
N7IHB Joe & Cody
K7RPD Robert & Donna
N8APP Greg & Debbie
K8AGC Debbie & Greg
KD8SGA Joe & Donna
KD8JOX Jerry & Janet

[Ed note: If we've missed any December Anniversaries and/or Birthdays or messed them up, please let me know. Email Communicator@y1system.live and I'll get it fixed! Thanks! Jim KE9PK]

New Members

We welcome the following new YLISSB System members...

17655	N7DPX	Steve from Arizona
17656	KC2YEB	David from Florida
17657	KB0JGA	Ray from Minnesota
17658	KC2BLF	David from Kentucky
17659	N5RWF	Richard from Oklahoma
17660	AG7NE	John from Montana
17661	N1JCW	Jim from Massachusetts
17662	K1KJR	Ron from Massachusetts
17663	KD5EDB	Randy from New Mexico
17664	KF7PVK	Bob from Arizona
17665	W4CJR	Chris from Georgia
17666	KN4UBV	Jim from Georgia
17667	KA0IDH	Rich from Minnesota
17668	K0WML	Bill from Minnesota
17669	K5ESF	Brad from Texas
17670	W8BF	Ron from Tennessee
17671	KN4UCN	Bob from Alabama
17672	KK7GO	Ron from California
17673	KC7ORY	Joanne from California

December Birthdays

KD0WGB	KD2EZA	W5VTM	KF7PVK
KB0MAI	PA2TMS	ON5NT	KF7TUU
AD0FH	KC2CZK	W5TXJ	K7TTI
N0QAU	KD2GUT	W5HNI	K7HRT
KI0JG	W2RGL	NO5F	WA7ETH
KB0MYP	W3GOE	KE5AJI	KK7GO
KB0YYO	W3AVJ	K5WIL	N8MRC
AC0KV	N3ADF	KG5UBD	K8FUN
W0TLR	N3MQO	W5RRW	KD8ASE
AE0GU	W3ZR	K5RST	KD8SPJ
KE0EUS	VE3JPJ	N5WQ	N8ADB
KD0WXT	KC3JUD	K5IGB	KC8IKW
NE0DB	K3QID	W6NWF	K8EEE
KE0A	WA3MGL	N6LBR	KD8WSL
N0PMQ	VE3EQV	K6HP	W8WSL
KE0CLN	WA4DXP	WA6JBI	K8ULT
AC0CU	KD4ZBP	KI6SBL	KD8UJG
K0KER	KX4WB	KJ6YFY	WV8VRC
N0TZQ	WX4Q	N6DMP	KE8KJZ
KB1CSI	AC4TM	KH6G	KD8SGA
K1DLM	W4AVY	KZ7I	W8CFI
JA1CG	AC4NC	KG7KAS	W9IFW
K1RED	W4JMJ	N7MCH	K9UWJ
VY1MAB	KM4YUA	KB7MXT	K9TXJ
WW1SS	KL4QZ	K7MGR	K9ZG
N1JCW	KM4DPW	KC7MYN	WD9AYR
AA1XD	K4ZVC	KJ7CPC	WA9YZK
AA1QW	KM4FOS	KL7FQR	KD9AMP
KB1TUY	AK4QK	N7LXX	KC9YOF
W1AJM	KB5LYR	WB7RWS	NJ9L
WA2AFV	N4XI	KI7SJC	WS9F
KD2Q	NZ4DX	KI7OBA	

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 a Monday evening.

“This is Alpha Kilo Zero Kilo Victor. My name is Gloria, and I’m looking for check-ins for the First period of the YL System. Please give your call and name when you check in.”

“JOKE, Jake, Mobile.”

“JOKE, what can we do for you?”

“My name is Jake, not Joke. I’m really happy to make your acquaintance Gloria. Where are you located? You sound like you’re right next door.”

“Well, Jake, I’m in Missouri, where are you mobile at?”

“I am amazed at your signal, Gloria, I’m just driving through Albuquerque, and I have a question. I found the best deal on a sail boat, so I bought it, but the Rio Grande doesn’t look like it’s big enough to sail on, and I have no idea where I might be able to take a sail around here, any ideas?”

“I have no idea, Jake, but we do have a member that just checked in a while ago that lives in Albuquerque. If anyone can help you, I bet he can. AF5VH, are you still there AI?”

“Yes, Gloria, I am. And, I heard Jake clearly. I belong to the New Mexico Sailing Club, and we have a marina North of Albuquerque about 160 miles, on beautiful Lake Heron. Jake is welcome to use our marina, and I can guarantee that he’ll be thrilled. I enjoy sailing myself, so I know he’ll find just what he’s looking for on Lake Heron.”

Saving the Day (Cont.)

“Al, thanks so much for your help. Jake, did you copy Al? I’m sure he’d be happy to slide off frequency and give you more information.”

“Yes, Gloria, thank you so much. That sounds just like what I’m looking for. Al, can you meet me down about 15 kc’s?”

“Sure can. Jake. You call me in a clear spot.”

And, there you have another helpful act by members of the YL System.

A Note from Bill W7AJP, our Treasurer

Our web site gets a lot of hits! Recently, a ham whom we learned had joined years ago had a rather interesting question, so I checked the date he joined. Dues were \$10 in those days. He has not paid dues in many years (in fact the treasurer has no indication he paid after he joined. Here was his question:

RE: New Message From YLSYSTEM.org - Contact Us

Hello, is the database no longer online? my number is or was _____.

Callsign: (removed)

YLISSB RESPONSE:

The database was removed from the Internet about three years ago. It was removed to protect and increase Internet security for our members.

The YLISSB stood to be fined for thousands of dollars for putting the list out there. We invested thousands of dollars and member-volunteers spend hours monthly maintaining the security at a very high security level.

A Note from Bill (Cont.)

There are many ways you can get information through QRZ (when you sign in using your ham license).

Yes, your membership number is _____. You joined in December 1988. Even our new web site, now accessible to YLISSB members who are current in their dues, has a lot of information. You can see the introductory pages at YLSYSTEM.ORG. Full access is available at \$21.00 US per year. If I can help with updating , please let me know.

73, Bill - W7AJP

Treasurer - YLISSB

WE RECEIVED A RESPONSE THE NEXT MORNING:

Good morning Bill,

I appreciate your answer. I don't have regular access to HF currently and haven't been that active. I happened to be at a radio store playing with a very expensive radio and was reminded how much I missed the YL System.

Because I am not active, I am not sure how relevant getting access at this time would really be for me. I am trying to get back on and if I do, I sure would pay my fees. YL system is by far one of my favorite nets.

Thanks for your timely response I will keep this email for reference.

OBSERVATION:

Not all YLISSB members remain active as Hams or on the YLISSB System. BUT, it is good to know that over the years, their good experience continues to radiate in memory. Will this man be back? It appears that he is still interested in radio. We should all listen for those who dropped out, or those who are looking for a friendly group on the air.

And finally...

I have always been bothered by the fact that once a session is ended, the log disappears, never to be seen again. Recently when Art Dunn W7TOA racked up **90** check-ins on the First Period, I was waiting for the balloons and confetti to come floating down, but no soap.

So, starting on December 1st, I'm going to start counting up check-ins on the YL System. You check in, you get one "Nelly Point", which is short for NetLogger. In January's Communicator, I will list the top ten or twenty or so Nelly Pointers. It's not an award, there is no prize, just a little recognition for those YL members who keep the System up and going. Maybe some of our Guests will be motivated to join the YL System and get in on the fun. We'll see.

Netlogger is a great tool and asset for the YL System and other nets that use it. Hopefully this will give our YL members a little recognition for their time and effort during these times of uncertain band conditions... and it helps me fill up The Communicator! Thanks!
73, Jim KE9PK



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!)

P.P.S. And please send captions to photos with names and/or callsigns! I probably know your voice from the system, but not your face!