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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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### CONVENTION 2020 CANCELED

Due to concerns that the Coronavirus is so very contagious, and since most of our members that attend conventions are in the high-risk category, the Board of Directors has voted to cancel the 2020 Convention, scheduled for June 8-11. More details will become available as decisions are made. It was with a heavy heart that we took this action, since we all enjoy our Conventions. But, in the interest of protecting our members, the Convention is canceled.

**IF YOU BOOKED YOUR ROOM** at the Lamplighter Inn and Suites in Springfield, MO, you can cancel by calling 417-869-3900.

### CONVENTION 2021

We sincerely hope that the virus ends its days this year, and life can get back to normal. Look for information about the 2021 Convention in Wisconsin in upcoming issues of the Communicator.

### ELECTION RESULTS

Many thanks to everyone that voted in our recent election. You have elected the following officers

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

who will assume their office on June 1. President, KL7FQQ, Rose; Vice President, KG0YL, Nancy; Board member KK4DYI, Gale. Please give the incoming officers your support.

### **MONTHLY AWARDS**

April is our President's Award 2020. Contact 25 members who have the same name as one of the US Presidents. See the Voice for more information.

### **YL SYSTEM**

I often hear the question asked, why do we call our group the YL System, or YLISSB? Why YL when we have OM members? The answer to that question is that we are proud of our heritage. Fifty-seven years ago, V. Mayree Tallman, K4ICA, founded the YL System, for YL's only. It was designed to serve as an emergency group that would be available (when the band was open) to handle emergencies. When there were no emergencies, she designed a beautiful awards program to keep members occupied earning awards. The YL's were having so much fun that it wasn't long before the OM's wanted to become members, and after much consideration, they were allowed to become full-fledged members. Today, the OM's outnumber the YL's considerably and without their participation, I'm sure the YL System would have folded many years ago. So, as one YL member of the System, I say Thank You to all the OM's that are the backbone of the YL System.

73's Rose, KL7FQQ

**Silent Keys**

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

Mike Anderson – W3MJA – YLISSB:17440

Bill Kendall – KD7MMU – YLISSB:16823

Jack Headley – WA0JH – YLISSB:13059

Clifford P. Haycock – KD4ZBP – YLISSB:15480

**A Nice Note from our Treasurer, Bill Phillips W7AJP**

These are difficult days for many / most of our members as they deal with the issues related to the COVID19. Some are out of work or their jobs are suspended. Today, one man said, "Well, I am just stranded in my own home and that is so strange."

Another man, NOT A MEMBER, said, "It is so good to know that you people are out here and we can check-in and know that someone is out there." He is not a member, but it was not the first time he checked in. He, like many others, finds the YL SYSTEM to be friendly and caring. I thank all of those who are Controls and those who check in as members and befriend those checking in.

Our Church has organized the membership into groups and has group leaders calling and writing e-mails to them during this crisis time. I hear about YL SYSTEM members doing the same. I actually heard NF2J at a 22 today, and it reminded me that others have been checking on her and on others. KEEP IT UP. It is a part of the tradition of the YL SYSTEM. I like that.

[Ed: ...And so do we, Bill. Thanks!]

**April Anniversaries**

KA0ENU Joe & XYL  
KD0WYO Dave & XYL  
KC0DAS William & KE0CLN  
Sheila  
NE0DA Jim & NE0DB Rita  
N0PMQ Lynn & N0ESJ Elsie  
K0BF Phillip & Kathrine  
WS0C Clarence & WY0U Marti  
KC1CZV Paul & Maudie  
N1JIE Jim & Bonnie  
N1PSX Paul & Maudie  
W1ELM Ed & Theresa  
KC2US Howard & XYL  
KD2GUT Caryn Eve & Rod  
WR3V Dick & XYL  
KC3EDT Ron & Loretta  
K3ENV Ed & Vicki  
WQ4W Bill & Kitty  
W4KMR Mike & Marybeth  
KW4NFL Bud & Terri  
KJ4APD Bob & Betty  
KS4SW Ron & XYL  
W4WYZ Donald & Laurie  
K4ELI Steve & Sharon  
N4RJR Bud & Terri  
WD4ESX Tom & Pat  
KD4EYU Jerry & XYL  
KG5ZMU Bruce & Vicki

K5HLH Harry & KZ5NDC Nova  
KC5BSI John & Laura  
N5QIM Marv & Jan  
KF5DDA Kelly & Vicki  
N6LBR Luke & Rita Ann  
KK6XR Dean & XYL  
KK6TXN Larry & Tere  
KM6UGM Nick & Elaine  
AI6B Bryan & M.A.  
KC7KPF Tom & KC7KPG Judy  
AD7SN Mel & XYL  
W7BBA Jim & N7MRG Myra  
K7EII Mike & Eileen  
WA7BHC David & June  
K7CCZ Rick & Yvette  
KI7YWK Brit & Lillian  
K8NQC Bill & N8UOO Joyce  
K8DXJ Doris & K8TAS Tas  
KE8BOF Jason & Cindy  
KB9VJC Robert & Peggy  
WB9OKC Mike & XYL  
K9RMW Mike & Karen  
WB9KMW Larry & XYL  
K9JTV Jeff & Jill  
KB9WYQ Peggy & KB9VJC Brett  
KD9GNW Richard & Penny  
KD9DSD Terry & Bev  
WA9TT Larry & Jan  
N9ZG Sue & WA5KSC Steve  
W9EMM Jim & Carol

April Birthdays

KC0WCG	N1MCY	W4WCD	KF7MRG
KD0RMF	KA1HB	KM4MQO	W7AJP
KD0NEZ	W1PDI	KC4NC	W7CB
KD0YSC	N1PSX	KB4SGA	W7ARZ
K0MAF	KB2HH	AK4SZ	N7YG
AE0AR	KD2DNJ	KW4MB	KB7CSX
N0TTE	VE2XMP	KS4SW	AD7SN
W0MTM	KD2HRN	KK4III	W7HTA
N0DPR	K2CQW	K4KRN	KD7QNE
KA0SHC	KB2E	NC4S	GM7AAJ
K0MSR	AC2BX	K4TER	N7TNY
KB0EOR	W2CSS	KG5KIC	K8RJT
KB0DD	K2AMF	K5HLH	KD8OKO
KD0NIM	WR3V	KG5ZMU	KE8AOT
KB0STE	KB3TBS	KB5FLA	KW8T
N0MAM	AK3B	N5OKU	KE8UD
K0BF	N3QXX	AG5AS	KE8BOF
K0MAF	AB3SD	AI5A	K8RLD
WW0JM	VE3OWS	KK5L	KB9IFD
W1BVV	K3CDQ	N5COO	WA9JMU
W1IZZ	W3OB	AB5WX	N9WAS
AI1U	K4HCB	KK6GOR	K9ABL
K1QQA	KC4LAP	K6JDM	KC9MDY
UA1ZO	KG4YNI	N6GR	KD9ANS
KC1DAD	N4WBC	AI6KO	KD9IPO
KC1CZV	KB4QLL	W6SWC	K9STS
N1URE	KI4JQB	KD6ZKC	N9QAP
	KK4JAP	KK6QMS	KD9OHM
	KQ4U	W7HTA	N9PQ
	W4KRN	N7IHB	K9LUV
	W4JRV	AL7BN	N9DIX
	KI4VCT	W7CAP	

**New Members**

We welcome the following New Members to the YLISSB ranks...

17737 N3VMD Todd from Maryland  
17738 N3KND Woneta from Maryland  
17739 KD9HAV Norm from Indiana  
17740 KC3FZM Dan from Maryland  
17741 KC3LGF Ginger from Maryland  
17742 KI7YWK Brit from Arizona  
17743 AC9TU Evan from Illinois  
17744 KN6CMV David from California  
17745 KF5VA David from Texas  
17746 K7RRT Mike from Utah  
17747 WA9DLB Tony from Illinois  
17748 KK4HTL Joe from Alabama  
17749 KT9X Flip from Nevada  
17750 N9DRS Doc from Nevada  
17751 WA2IUS Steve from New Jersey  
17752 KG5TED Ted from Louisiana  
17753 WB9TQW Jim from Wisconsin  
17754 W5HRH Rudy from Texas  
17755 W0FLZ Paige from Washington  
17756 KI5EIB David from Texas  
17757 NV7LV Dave from Nevada  
17758 W5TPM Terry from Texas  
17759 W7ISS Mark from Colorado  
17760 N1YZO DJ from Connecticut  
17761 KD9PDY Jack from Illinois

## YL System Preamble and Practices Changes

The Board has voted to make changes to the Preamble to increase efficiency. These changes will take place immediately:

1, At the start of a session: The first 2 controls will ask for “DX, QRP, and Mobiles.” The 3<sup>rd</sup> control will then open things up to general check-Ins.

A. Why the change from low power? Low Power is 100 watts.

B. When we have multiple controls, too much time is being wasted for all controls to ask for “DX, QRP, and Mobiles.”

2. Controls will make a *total* of 5 calls and pass it if nothing is heard.

A. Example: If two calls are made without a check-in, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> call gets a check-in, the control station still has 3 *unanswered* calls to make before turning it over.

3. Controls will not hold it for more than 5 minutes.

A. If the control has a pileup, that control will try to keep it to 5 minutes before passing it. It is understood that we do not want to miss any check-ins so running over 5 minutes is not a deal-breaker. Coordinators will use their discretion. Please keep in mind: the other controls will most likely pick them up.

Larry AB3TY YL# 16871 TFO 535

Daytime Control Coordinator

Moonbeam Coordinator

**An "Oh, by the way..."**  
**From Bill Phillips W7AJP**  
**YL System Treasurer**

The way our CONTROLS recognize MEMBERS and GUESTS is so important. The use of NET LOGGER shows immediately when a person is a MEMBER or a GUEST. Be sure to look at NET LOGGER as people are checked in. It helps us grow.

The few weeks ago, I heard a man check in. His CALL immediately brought up a "FOUR DIGIT LOW NUMBER", definitely an early member of the YL SYSTEM. He was asked if he had ever checked in before.....DUH! Looking at the CALL immediately entered gives us that information. So, watch your screen as the CONTROL enters the CALL.

73,

Bill - W7AJP

Treasurer - YLISSB

**Quick note from Chuck Roswell K2MGL**

Thanks for sending the Communicator

We have retired from SLM - Source of Light Ministries International (Madison, GA) and moved to Bradenton, FL in November 15th 2019. We are slowly getting settled on the west / gulf coast of Florida. Working on an antenna in a restricted community. I have been monitoring 14.332 on a short whip indoor antenna. Propagation seems poor. Some will remember me as PJ4CR on the island of Bonaire, N.A. (Now called the Dutch Caribbean).

Best regards,

Chuck, K2MGL,

ex-PJ4CR, Ex-3A2MJ,

ISSB 9607, TFO, Rigel, Devotional, Veteran,.....

## **YLISSB - Tracing the History**

**By Bruce J. Tisdale K9ICP - YLISSB Historian**

It is sad to note that the YLISSB Convention for 2020 has been canceled due to the coronavirus. Next year's Convention will be held in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. You may not realize that this Convention is held in a different location each year. This makes it easier for members to attend a Convention closer to their home and see other cities and locations.

This leads me to my topic for this month. The first YLISSB Convention was held in Miami in January 1966. It was held in conjunction with the Southeastern Div. of ARRL and the annual Tri-county "Hamboree". This was a major stepping stone in our organization. The "SSB'er Voice" dated April – May 1966 (issue #8) and edited by V. Myree Tallman was titled the Convention Edition. It would take far more space than this article allows for me to tell all the whole story of the first YLISSB convention. Consequently, I will simply restate the high points as they were written and/or presented.

- SSB'er booth was a beehive of activity from beginning to end. People from far and near, crowded in to view SSB'ers lovely trophies on display, and to run their eyes hungrily over our beautiful certificates festooned against the walls.
- SSB'ers insignia, "The torch of Friendship", a huge cardboard drawing in color by Jake, K5YBL, (OM of K4RHL), certainly came in for its share of admiration.
- At least a dozen new members, top flight operators all, were added to the membership rolls.
- Meanwhile, over in one corner, bedecked with a very cute clown, sat SSB'ers radio station K4ICA/p (V. Mayree Tallman's call), humming away as first one member then another modulated same. – To the lucky contacts a special QSL will soon go forth, carrying with it a 5-point credit toward the Corona Borealis (The Northern Crown) Award.
- The luncheon was at the Starlight Room of the Biscayne Terrace Hotel, overlooking beautiful Biscayne Bay. Members

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began arriving from every direction. People with whom they had spoken so often but had never met, clasped each other in glee.

- Bro. Frank, KP4AOD, replete in sartorial splendor, rose to the occasion as Master of ceremonies. Cameras flashed all over the place. Everyone eager to capture this historic moment – Bro. Frank on the podium at SSB'ers first convention.
- Patricia, K3YBR become the first Rigel Trophy winner issued to System Controls.
- V. Myree summarized her final description of this convention as follows: "Here was a joyous togetherness, a peace and harmony know only by those who have a common love, a common interest, Amateur radio, and in this case especially SSB'ers. So ends the saga, however facetiously documented, of YL Inter'l SSB'ers first convention. May you continue to reflect the love and respect, the dignity and honor which personifies this Your organization of SSB'ers, whose CREDO it is: "We believe in the dignity of Man".

We each carry on this legacy as part of our daily and annual interactions with each other and the world.

## Awards and TFOs

The Birthday Award was earned by KX7KX Alan McGuire YL# 17531 AWARD # 17113, K9ICP Bruce Tisdale YL# 16099 AWARD # 17114, and VE3JPJ Steven Bamber YL# 13145 AWARD # 17115

And we have **two** new Top Flight Operators to welcome...

N5ARR Raye Riley YL#17331 TFO #587

KM4TTT Jim Gamble YL#17242 TFO #588

Congratulations to all!

**And finally...**

With all that's going on in the world, I seem to spend a lot of time at home. Recently, while getting the trash can to the curb one night, I took a moment to look up ...



Van Gogh was right. All in all, it's still a wonderful world...

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I'd like also to send a special thank you to Lynn and Elsie Janes. I'm so sorry the Convention got canceled, and look forward to seeing you guys in Wisconsin in '21. As my XYL Janet and I get going on hosting the one in the Dells, we appreciate how much hard work you put in. Thank you!



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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!)

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!