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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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NEW OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

An election was held in March, and the new officers installed at the June Convention. Some of our new officers have not been on the board before; some have been elected to another term. The newly elected officers are:

Treasurer - Bob, NC4RP.

Assistant Treasurer – Jim, KN4QKA

Second Assistant Treasurer – Bill, W7AJP

Director: Gale, KK4DYI

Changes to our Committee Chairmen are:

Net Logger Coordinator – Art, W7TOA

Assistant Net Logger Coordinator – Ron, W8BF.

Information Officer - Al, AF5VH.

Daytime System Control Coordinator – Art, W7TOA

Moonbeam Assistant Coordinator – Steven, KG4RMY

Thanks to all who have taken on these important positions. It is very much appreciated.

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 this and future issues of the Communicator.

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MONTHLY AWARDS

August is our Summer Heat Award 2020. Between August 1 and August 31, contact 30 members who have a TFO number, or have been awarded the Rigel Award. Each member contacted counts as only one contact.

NEW INFORMATION ON WEBSITE

Thanks to Larry AB3TY, we now have videos on the website showing how easy it is to download, set up, and use Net Logger. There are four videos; the first two pertain to setting up and using Net logger for all members. The third and fourth video are designed to help Controls with setting up and operating Net Logger. Members are urged to use Net Logger. You can view the stations that have checked in, use the Almost Instant Messenger function (AIM) to let the Control know: That you are on frequency; when you wish to make calls; to relay in stations that the Control does not hear and to visit with other members. The process is simple. And, the video explains just what to do, giving step by step instructions. So, why not try it?

POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

The Policy and Procedures Manual has undergone extensive revision. Our policies have changed on a number of procedures. I urge you, when you receive your copy, to read it cover-to-cover, but pay special attention to the section that gives guidance for you. It should be available shortly.

73's Rose, KL7FQQ

August Anniversaries

WA0PMO John & Gloria
KD0NEZ Barbara & KC0YHU
Craig
KE0GGG Dale & Cath
K0CE Fred & Carol
N0DNY Jim & Ann
KD0KPM Ron & Pauline
AB0O John & KB0ZZI Heather
KA0KAE Kevin & Belinda
WJ0JKW Jeff & Kathy
N1PVT Jane & N4LSM Kris
KC1ANA Anne & Jim
KC1KVY Bob & Spouse
K1KJR Ron & Julia
N2BQW Bob & Jennifer
W2FBS Richard & Brenda
K2CQW John & Gail
KB2E Ed & Joanne
KC2YEB David & Lyuda
K3DCC Jim & Bonnie
K3VRU Jim & Pat
WY3T Tim & Sandy
K3ILA David & Kathy
KB3OMO Allen & Alma
VE3ZDT Gary & Helena
W4JMJ Joan & Peter
KK4DYI Gale & KK4GVM Ken
AC4NC Natalie & KD4AKT Bill
W4VTH Skip & Celia
WA4ZAZ Wallace & Nancy
W4DDT Lynn & Steve

KN4VYK & Tanya
KM4DPW John & Pat
KN4UBV Jim & Nancy
KG4GGG Roger & Sara
KK4III Paul & Tina
KN4DXH Ernie & Taffy
KG5UBD Denis & K5YNC Susan
K5FNB Frank & Starla
W5MJM Michael & XYL
KG5RMY Steve & Dianna
K5YNC Susan & KG5UBD Denis
N5LEC Larry & Carey
W5YJC Ken & Spouse
AB5WX Nikki & K1SGK Stephanie
KI5EIB David & Spouse
KG5VDC Kevin & Spouse
K6EB Bill & Kathy
KK6KK Bill & Kathy
NA6NA Garry & Angela
N7YG Jeff & K7YAK Pat
K7YH Doug & Tara
KG7QNE Joan & KG7PFD Zieb
N7HHC Mike & Sue
AG7NE John & Sherri
KL7EDK Jerry & Edith
KE8RGP Ron & Jane
KG8QY Buggs & Susan
KE8DAF Greg & Marie
WB9LJZ Mark & Gina
W9VCM Rusty & N9SUE Susan
KD9HAV Norm & Pat

If I missed your Anniversary, please let me know at jim@pandzik.com!

Awards and TFOs

No TFOs to announce this month, but congratulations to Gloria Macomber AC0KV for earning the All State Awards for Missouri, Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. The award requires you to contact 10 members in each of the states to get that state's award.

Special Note

Larry AB3TY has posted four Netlogger training videos on the YLSystem.org website. Just log in and click on "Netlogger Videos" to learn what you've been missing! (Ed: Me, I always thought that the "OP" next to my callsign when I logged in stood for "Old Poop"...oh wait, maybe it does...)

August Birthdays

N0END	KD2QYA	W5HEH	W8LMG
WA0AVW	WA2IUS	K5LLR	WB8CCK
KG0YL	KP3B	KD5NOE	WA8LIS
N0QAV	K3MG	W5MLM	KB8NSA
WB0MDP	NB3Y	KC5HIW	N8GDB
AE0J	W3GFM	K5ZMX	KG8QY
AB0EG	K3DCC	WB5OHN	KD8HQU
WW0LF	3B8FP	NJ5G	WD8IRR
KD0MOM	KB3YZU	AF5CK	N8ZNA
KA0UWK	WD4HVA	KG5IFY	N9GWP
N0VYT	KK4PI	KG5RMY	K9JMB
KA0KAE	W4OKT	KB5WIO	KX9KX
WS0C	KJ4DCK	KG5IKZ	KB9VJC
WO0S	NC4RP	KE5GFY	WN9MFC
KC1FIZ	KJ4WNW	K5NJ	K9LDO
W1EKZ	N4UP	N5ANB	W9DTR
KB1VQF	W4EAE	W5RTX	WB9OKC
KC1MR	W4WTK	WB6HPF	WA9BXB
KB1ZIQ	AK4GE	AG6WN	KC9LFD
K1KJR	W4GJR	K6EZY	KB9WYQ
K1EJD	KI4PCD	NB6M	WJ9E
AC1BN	W4KEF	KV6ARM	N9KJT
K1IAG	W4OLR	WV7V	N9OZT
W1DGG	KN4MIS	WB7SOJ	K9SMC
N2EKO	KJ4WMH	N7GBX	W9PFD
K2HZO	KG4GGG	K7EII	KB9CWU
KD2ARU	KM4MYT	K7OTP	
WA2ZSB	WD4HBC	KI7NZZ	
WU2M	WB4SJM	KL7IZH	
N2BBB	NA4C	KA7LAQ	
KB2XL	K4CKW	KI7PTW	
	KN4SNI	N8DBC	
	K4EDT	W8NRH	
	N5XPZ	N8KCJ	
	K5BOO	WD8PAJ	

If I missed your
 Birthday, please let
 me know at
[jim@pandzikcom!](mailto:jim@pandzikcom)

New Members

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

17826	K5GRS	Geoff from Texas
17827	K4DAY	Ernie from Tennessee
17828	KN4DUX	Steve from North Carolina
17829	N8ALC	Al from Texas
17830	KE8DAF	Greg from Michigan
17831	WA5VTT	Keith from Texas
17832	WB2MWB	John from New York
17833	W00S	Chip from Florida
17834	K9POL	Slav from Illinois
17835	K5UYN	Scott from Arkansas
17836	KD5MJQ	Doug from Oklahoma
17837	KF5NFR	Mike from Texas
17838	W7LUD	Nella from Washington
17839	KN6STC	Jim from California
17840	KF6JKC	Charles from South Carolina

Silent Keys

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

Edward D. Slaughter – WU6I – YLISSB:15725

Steve Gurley – KY7W – YLISSB:15963

I also received a nice note from Edward Slaughter's son, Ken, who thanked us for our condolence card. He said that Ed was very active in the hobby, participating in over 300 VE Sessions for the ARRL and others. Ken has now taken his father's callsign, WU6I, beginning on 7/11/20.

YLISB – Tracing the History

(Summarized by Bruce J. Tisdale-K9ICP – YLISB Historian)

The following is an article from the August/September 1969 SSB'ers Voice entitled "SSB'ers provide company on the road". This article is of interest because it still occurs today as members and guests join us on the air.

"Although I drive only six states, I find myself traveling between 2,000-4,000 miles a month in my work with oil spill control and containment," writes Bill, W9PPH, #7404, who discovered the YL Intr'l SSB'ers on a trip from Muskegon to Traverse City, five long days. "I still remember that trip ... Ellie was control, and I was fascinated with the smoothness of the System, the chance to get a clear frequency to work stations with my flea power and the company it provided made the long driving stretches fly past.

As I put in more time on the System, both at home and mobile, I find I am making real friends. I recognize voices and calls, and it gives me both a thrill and a wonderful warm feeling to give my call and be addressed back by name.

Occasionally, I get a chance to provide some real help. Although I have other hobbies like duplicate bridge and golf, I am spending more time with radio, tuned to 14.332, a wonderful way to spend recreational time."

Bill and his long suffering but very tolerant XYL spent a wonderful ten-day vacation in the Florida Keys where they stretched a dipole between two palm trees 8 feet up from the ground, and between fishing and "plain loafing", Bill put in 30 hours on the air, finally meeting such SSB'ers as Per, LA8PF, whom he could never work from home. It would be a lonely day when we did not hear W9PHH/mobile checking in!

YLISSB - Tracing the History (Cont.)

If that story sounds familiar, it's because it happens everyday with "over the road" trucker, vacationing member and guest, and many others who just enjoy the great people on our System. History repeats itself every day on the YLISSB!!!

17 Meters update

By Terry K5SSL 17 Meter Coordinator

The May and June detail can be found on the next page. KN4QKS Jim & KI5GLN Bill are "official co-controls." Should you have not tried 17 meters, it is a fun band to work. A lot better than 15 meters which was behaving much like 10 meters. 17 is very similar to 20 meters. In fact, depending on your antenna configuration you will more than likely find it an easy change to 17 meters on your tuner. Come try 17 meters on Sunday morning/afternoon. Members will find it a great place to hone your control skills in a relaxed environment.

17 Meters YL System
SUNDAYS 18.138 Mhz ~ 1800 UTC

DATE	CONTROLS	TOTAL CH'D IN	GUESTS
3-May-20	KN4QKS JIM K7YH DOUG K5SSL TERRY	18	5
17-May-20	KN4QKS JIM KR0ARK ROARK KL7WK BILL K5SSL TERRY	13	4
24-May-20	KN4QKS JIM KR0ARK ROARK K5SSL TERRY	11	2
31-May-20	KN4QKS JIM W1IZZ LARRY K5SSL TERRY	16	7
7-Jun-20	KN4QKS JIM W1IZZ LARRY K5SSL TERRY	21	11
14-Jun-20	KN4QKS JIM KX7KX ALAN K5SSL TERRY	16	6
21-Jun-20	KN4QKS JIM K2DJL DAN VA7JFS JIM K5SSL TERRY	22	12
28-Jun-20	KN4QKS JIM KM4TTT JIM KL7WG BILL K5SSL TERRY	16	8

And finally...

Well, it's been an exciting, fun-filled month in the heavens, according to the EarthSky.org website, especially if you have turned celestial calamities into a drinking game as I have.

It wasn't bad enough that an asteroid barely missed our beloved planet on July 28th, passing within 11% of the distance between the Earth and the Moon. (Don't know how astronomers keep coming up with silly measurements like that, but I suspect that this guy has also turned astral calamities into a drinking game!) Anyway, the thing was the size of a school bus (now where have we heard *that* before?) and would have probably brought back the dinosaurs or something.

And as if that wasn't enough to get me reaching for the hooch, EarthSky also reported that the Earth's magnetic poles are reversing. North will be South, South will be North, and I guess East and West are on their own. Apparently it happens every 780,000 years or so, and we are overdue. We got a hint of it months ago when the North Pole started wandering off, but now apparently Santa is making a break for it. Time to rewrite the old song...

“Show me the way to go home,
I'm tired and I want to go to bed.
I used to live up North of town,
But now it's South of town instead.”

... and that's it for this month. See you on the air!



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!