

# The Communicator

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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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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, Jun 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

February is our Birthday Month. To celebrate, during the month of February contact one member for each year the YL System has been in existence. 2020 marks our 58<sup>th</sup> birthday, so you need to contact 58 member stations between February 1 and February 29<sup>th</sup>.

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**K4ICA**

**Memorial Call**

**YL System**

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

### **MONTHLY AWARDS (Cont.)**

Contacts may be made on any YL System session, on any band. Our club station, K4ICA may be used once for this award. It will be worth 5 contacts. See the Voice for more information.

### **VOICE**

The Voice editors have been working hard to bring you a quality publication. All paid up members will receive a copy, either electronically or hard copy, very soon. Enjoy!

### **WEBSITE**

While our website had a number of glitches in the beginning, it seems to be functioning well now. If you are having any problems, contact the Webmaster! He is a genius at solving problems.

Happy Valentine's Day

73's, Rose, KL7FQQ

## **Awards and TFOs**

No new Awards or TFOs this month.

And it's that time of year again! Current Top Flight Operators have until the end of February to vote for 2019's TFO of the Year. Send your vote to Lynn Janes at [lynnjanes@ymail.com](mailto:lynnjanes@ymail.com).

### **Silent Key**

The following YLISSB member has been reported as a Silent Key...

Sharon G. Ibaugh – N3CXY – YLISSB: 15778

**Note from Larry AB3TY About YL Membership  
Renewal**

When renewing your System membership, it is incumbent that you use your **CALLSIGN** as your **USERNAME**. Please do not put anything but your **CALLSIGN**. As an example AB3TYMOONBEAM will be rejected and cause our Treasurer Bill W7AJP to release steam from his ears. For those current for 2019, you must login first, then click on [**Click here to RENEW your account!**] as seen on the website.

For those not current for 2019, you will not be able to login. You will have to scroll to the bottom of the page and use **JOIN AS A NEW MEMBER** . Again, you must use your **CALLSIGN** as your **USERNAME**. It is important to provide your YLISSB# too!.

**New Members**

- 17700 KD2AAC Gary from New York
- 17701 KD9MLG Pat from Wisconsin
- 17702 N6BHS Harry from California
- 17703 KC7SC Stu from California
- 17704 KG6CYC Sue from California
- 17705 KN4KKO Marty from Georgia
- 17706 NA7V Nikko from Oregon
- 17707 K2MF Neil from Washington
- 17708 WA1F Bob from Georgia
- 17709 N1YLO Andrew from Connecticut
- 17710 N1IEX Ron from Florida
- 17711 WP4JD Juan from Puerto Rico
- 17712 KI5CHB Tom from Texas

**February Anniversaries**

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| AC0YX Al & XYL             | ND4BT Dan & J4YMV Barb       |
| KD0GHU Mike & Linda        | KK4SGX Russ & Paulette       |
| K0MBM Melanie & N0GB Derek | KW4JK Greg & KX4FW Sharon    |
| WW0OLF Orlen & Carolyn     | K4VUZ Virgil & Jo            |
| WA0AVW Rex & Marilyn       | AG5Z Larry & Sylvia          |
| W0TLR Tim & Carol          | W5DRI Sylvia & AG5Z Larry    |
| KD0SVZ Timothy & Susan     | AD5UJ Bill & Joy             |
| K0BAJ Gary & Patty         | N5ARM Robert & Gloria        |
| N0TTE Mike & Jennifer      | K5GEB Gary & Victoria Joanne |
| N1JCW Jim & Judy           | KB5WIO Jimmy & Jean          |
| N1IEX Ron & Sue            | K5BOO Keith & Terri          |
| KC2UZT John & KB1TUY Patty | KL7HRO & Ferne               |
| KF2HP Dan & Kathy          | KF7SIO Rick & Rosemary       |
| W3CAT Ken & Barbara        | KA7LAQ Marjorie and Tony     |
| KK4QFS Modeen & Mae        | W7TLV Tom & Lisa             |
| KK4AED Howard & Cindy      | WB7CPP Edith & WB&BKM Fred   |
| KB4QLL Sid & Joyce         | K8ALT Audry & W8SWT Steve    |
| KM4KJA Greg & KW4JK Amy    | WJ9E Mike & KD9CWR Jennifer  |
|                            | WA9SUG Al & Rita             |
|                            | N9QAP Steve & Sybille        |

**Ed note from our "Thoughts and Prayers" Department**

Both Nancy Yoshida K0YL and Gene Giddings AA1XD are dealing with bum knees this month. Their entry into the YL Convention's Marathon Footrace this summer is doubtful, although they may be able to team up for the "3-legged Race".....

Also, please keep our Treasurer Bill Phillips W7AJP and his wife Joan in your thoughts and prayers. It's been a long month for both as she goes through heart problems.

**February Birthdays**

N0GEB  
AC0YX  
K0MMR  
G0RHL  
N0AAH  
N0TWV  
AJ0HH  
KF0NU  
KE0GHU  
KN0JI  
KC0CC  
KB0ZZI  
N0GB  
WA0YEI  
KD0SVZ  
KD0TZV  
KD0SVT  
W1TGY  
WZ1X  
W1JXG  
WA1S  
K1MTD  
K1DWE  
K1SGK  
CT1AGI  
KC2UZT  
KD2DMR  
KC2ICX

KC2DHU  
NP2OW  
KC3EDT  
W3CAT  
AA3DX  
N3ADF  
N3UU  
VE3UUL  
KF4OPT  
W4DJL  
KK4DYI  
VE4EEE  
N4MZF  
K4BGU  
KK4COO  
W4KMR  
KK4CII  
KA4OJN  
AA4MR  
KK4ECV  
K4CFG  
AK4ZQ  
KK4QFS  
KJ4JPV  
KD4GEH  
KM4PIX  
W4KMR  
KW4DHT  
KT4LS  
KE5JWC  
N5PRU  
N5ISS  
W5MJM

N5YHM  
AF5DI  
K5TLY  
KG5UBU  
VE5RH  
KC6ZME  
NJ6W  
WB6GJW  
KE7ULU  
VE7MJD  
W7TLV  
KG7HFI  
KC7KPG  
KF7TUU  
W7WTQ  
KE7EZJ  
K7YL  
K7ZME  
K7DJV  
WB7FBE  
WKB8ETA  
WD8BNE  
W8OPA  
KE9PK  
AB9DR  
W9VSA  
KD9AZW  
VE9RMD  
AD9V  
KD9LDD  
KD9KAD  
K9ROA

## 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 Kilo Three, India Lima Alpha. My name is Dave, and I’m located in The Villages in Florida. This is the YL System. I am now taking check ins for the Sunrise portion of the YL System. Please give your call phonetically and state your name.”

“This is JOKE, Mobile. How you doing Dave?”

“Oh, my gosh, Jake. I’ve heard of you, and we never hear from you unless you need something. What is it this time?”

“You’re right, Dave, I do have a problem. I heard that the YLISSB is holding their Convention in Springfield, Missouri this year, and since I’ve been following Route 66, I thought I’d check out Springfield. It’s lovely, so I’d urge everyone that can to go to the Convention. But my problem came when I left Springfield on my way to St. Louis this morning. I got to a little town called Marshfield, and I took a right on Highway 38, and it doesn’t seem to be going in the right direction. My GPS quit working, and I wondered if there was anyone on the System that could help me?”

“It does sound like you’ve got a problem, Jake. I just checked in Mike, KB3CRD, mobile. He’s a long-distance trucker, and if anyone can help you, it’s Mike. Let me give him a call, KB3CRD, are you there?”

“Yes, Dave, I’m here. And, tell Jake that if he turns around and goes back to Marshfield, highway 83 takes a big jog, but then it connects up with Route 66, and he can continue his trip. Tell him to go right when he gets to the first big highway, and he should have no problem. I’m just passing Marshfield myself, but I’m over on I44, so I probably won’t see Jake.”

**Saving the Day (Cont.)**

“Jake, did you copy that?”

“Yes, I did, Dave. And, thank you Mike. I hope to see you both at the Convention.”

*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, but the YL System stands ready to aid one and all in their darkest hour.*

## Keeping Up with our Members

2020 QUARTZFEST  
January 19 – 25, 2020

Sunday at 14:00 was the Opening Ceremony around the main campfire. YL System member Kris KR1SS for the 8<sup>th</sup> year was again the host of this year's event. There were introduction and speeches by the BLM Ranger, those hosting forums and all the team helping to make Quartzfest the most uncommon hamfest in the Nation and maybe in the world.

Along with the many forums, there were videos of interest, movies each night on the side of an RV, potluck, Stargazing, prizes given at Happy Hour each afternoon, 2 license exam sessions, morning and evening campfires and an off road caravan of 60 vehicles for a day's trip into the desert. Another annual event at Quartzfest is the burning of the Ham Man. You will soon see some of the pictures of this year's event and many pictures of previous years at the website [www.quartzfest](http://www.quartzfest) or on their Facebook page.

There were a few delights for the YL System group. Bill WQ4W passed his exam for his Commercial Radio license. Tom won a HT at one of the drawings that takes place each afternoon at Happy Hour and Bill donated a T shirt for the drawing and his number was drawn for that same T shirt which he exchanged for a jar of jelly.

The YLISSB members attending that I could find were:

Kris KR1SS # 17695 Host of the event

James KB7TBT # 17284 Evening Campfire starter and fixer of all that was needed

Ernie KI5WG # 15978

Dennis KL7HRO # 13857

Craig N4UOG # 15482

Ward K7PO # 17173

**Keeping Up with our Members**

**Quartzfest 2020 (Cont.)**

Nancy KD7NW # 17172  
Keith K7OTP # 17414  
Bill WQ4W # 17254  
Tom KC7KPG # 16144  
Judy KC7KPG # 15945

There were about 837 attendees registered at this year's Quartzfest. The event closed on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> with an early morning "yard sale" everyone out with flashlights looking for the good deals. The Closing Ceremony at 14:00 ending another year with goodbye until Quartzfest 2021. We hope many of you will join us next year.

By the way, many of the YL System members returned to our camping spot at Senator Wash where we've been camped all winter. We are now known here endearingly as the "Rat Pack." So the fun continues.

73,  
Judy KC7KPG

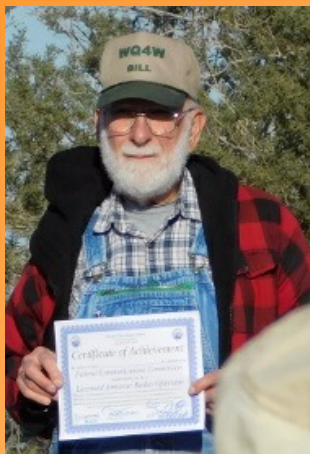


Panorama of "Burning Ham" at Quartzfest 2020

**Keeping Up with Judy KC7KPG**



Bill WQ4W, Craig N4UOG, Judy KC7KPG, Tom KC7KPF, Nancy KD7NW, Keith K7OTP, Ward K7PO, Ajo K10IQ



Bill WQ4W passed his Commercial License



Dennis KL7HRO



James KB7TBT



Kathy and Ernie KI5WG



**Still Keeping Up With Judy KC7KPG**



Kris KR1SS, Coordinator of the Quartzfest hamfest for the past eight years and one of our newest YL members



Before and After pictures of Quartzfest 2020's Burning Ham Man

Ed note: Thanks, Judy, for all the great photos and keeping us cut in on what's happening at Quartzfest!

**YLISSB - Retracing the History**  
**Summarized by Bruce J. Tisdale K9ICP**  
**YL System Historian**

So why do we call ourselves the YL System when there so many OMs involved? Why is it called a System instead of a net? Who started the System and what was its purpose? Why do we use the call "K4ICA" during some events? These are just a few of the questions you might have asked yourself if you participated in YLISSB events and/or became YLISSB member. Regardless of whether you are new to the System or a veteran member, it is important to know and understand the origins and history of our organization. Beginning this month, I will try to retrace this rich YLISSB history, provide answers to questions like those above and offer a context for why we continue to be successful.

This month I'll start by talking about our foundress V. Mayree Tallman. V. Mayree was born and lived her early years in Arkansas. After graduating from high school she had the opportunity to work in the Arkansas state legislature as the enrollment clerk and eventually went into nurse's training. She also loved music and learned to play the organ at church. During this period of time V. Mayree experienced personal difficulties in life involving multiple marriages from which she had a young daughter who died of typhoid fever and a son.

However, despite her many challenges she continued to focus on her musical talents and a desire to learn how to fly. While she experienced some musical success, she eventually went to flight school where she had a brief career as a stewardess. She also had some success writing and selling short stories which resulted in her traveling and eventually living in Miami just prior to World War II (1940).

### **YLISSB History (Cont.)**

During her time in Miami she went to work for Dr. Tallman, one of the world's foremost physicians and surgeons. Dr. Tallman set up a clinic in the Keys where they treated thousands (including families of servicemen who were never charged). V. Mayree married Dr. Tallman in 1947. As Dr. Tallman reached his mid fifties he decided to slow down in his career. By June of 1956 Dr. Tallman and V. Mayree began to travel out West. V. Mayree's sister's husband Wally was a ham and suggested that she get her license. She pursued this suggestion and eventually obtained her General ticket. After a bit more time out West, the Tallmans returned to Miami.

During the early 1960s V. Mayree realized that ham radio afforded a much higher potential than just a hobby. This led to her organizing a world wide emergency communications system, the YL International SSB'ers, Inc. V. Mayree Tallman, K4ICA, is recognized as YLISSB'er #1. (See the article on our website for more depth regarding our foundress V. Mayree).

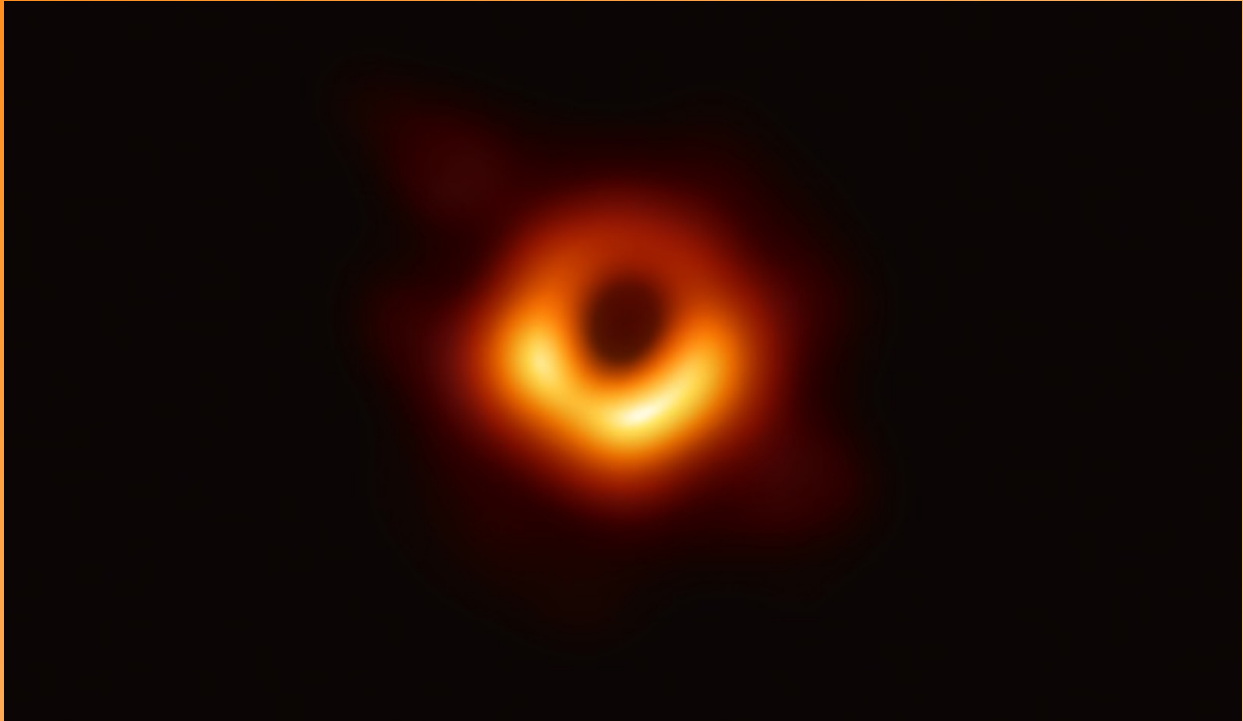
Look for more YLISSB history and information in future editions of The Communicator.

### **Solar Weather Report from John Ellis W5PDW**

John forwarded to me a fascinating article from Space.com announcing that two new sunspots have appeared, heralding the start of Solar Cycle 25. This starts a new 11-year cycle of sunspot activity, which promises better HF communications, and also threatens disrupted communications and power grids here on Earth. Read more on this at Space.com.

[Ed: If it means better hamradio-ing, I'm all for it. Besides, my shack runs on solar panels anyway...]

And finally...



In my 70 years I've seen a lot of strange things, and lately the EarthSky.org website is responsible for a lot of them.

This is the first-ever picture taken of a black hole, a structure in the galaxy M87 that is so dense that even light cannot escape it.

I'm not easily impressed, but... wait! Wasn't there a school bus there a minute ago? I could have sworn I saw one... oh, well...



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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!