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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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CONVENTION 2020

The 2020 Convention is over. It was definitely a learning experience for some of us. We had 84 people registered, but many did not attend. We had 64 for the Workshop, and 65 for the general meeting. I'm very sorry that everyone registered was unable to attend. Anyway, I declare the 2020 Convention a success. It was great to be able to put a face to a voice. And, we got a lot of business taken care of. Thanks to all who attended.

We now have a new budget for the upcoming year, almost all of the Committee Chairmen submitted reports and were available to answer questions, and five people won door prizes. They were: Ron, VE9GU; Art W7TOA; Elsie N0ESJ; Al AF5VH and Thelma, N7GBX. Congratulations to you.

Next year we will offer five scholarships of \$2,000 each. Six people joined the prestigious Ambassador Corps: Shelby AG5GP, Bruce K9ICP, Art W7TOA, Terry K5SSL, Fred K0CE and Diane K4DMW. The Ambassador Extraordinaire was Larry, AB3TY. Congratulations.

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The President's Report (Cont.)

Five Trophies were awarded. The Cornerstone went to Larry, AB3TY; Rigel to Terry, K5SSL; Founder's to Gloria K4DXM; Silent Service to Jim KE9PK; and TFO of the Year to Art, W7TOA. Congratulations to all. They were well deserved.

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.

MONTHLY AWARDS

July is our Independence Award 2020. Between July 1 and July 31, contact 25 member stations located in the 13 original colonies. If you are not sure of the colonies, check the Voice on page 55. Happy hunting.

NEW COORDINATOR

We welcome Jim, KN4QKS, as the new Nighttime Coordinator. His duties are to over see the 40 and 80-Meter Systems. Good luck to you. Thanks go to Jon, K2LAX, for all the work he did as 10/15/40/80 Meter Coordinator. Good job.

This month we will be celebrating the signing of the historic Declaration of Independence that set America free from English rule. Enjoy the 4th of July.

73's Rose, KL7FQQ

July Anniversaries

KB0HAZ John & Linda
KE0IFP Charles & Diane
KE0DSV David & XYL
KE0ABP Tom & Lynne
KB0EOR Frank & Theresa
KC0QAL Jan & Tom
KD0MOM Tom & Jan
KB0DNP Mike & KC0WWR
Lydia
KA0IDH Rich & Diana
KE0A Rod & Marilyn
KN0JI Noji & KR5LYS Lisa
KD0RMF Richard & Priscila
W1WAB Bill & Mary Beth
KB1VQF Joe & Denise
WA1S Ann & WA1F Bob
W2FMQ Fred & Tammy
N2OMD Tom & XYL
WA2CG Bill & XYL
K2LRC Peter & Ursula
G3LHJ Derrick & Sylvia
VA3JB Jack & Patti
KM4TTT Jim & Sara
KI4TXP Jay & Sue
AB4DU Larry & XYL
K4GFW Gerry & Marilyn
N4MKT Larry & KC4LAP Joy
W4DRB Don & Jan
KK4EKK Donnie & Pam
K4JAL Jim & Helen
AC4TM Tom & Carole

AK4QK Randy & Brandi
KL4QZ Kathryn & Kenneth
AG4KN John & Teresa
NY4JB Jim & Jennifer
K4BKC Robert & Tammy
VE4MG Malcolm & Heather
KF5FSK AJ & Linda
W5MLM Mark & W5TXJ Jill
KF5GTX Bobby & Jayme
KG5KIC Russell & Brenda
N5RWF Richard & Vanda
KG5WDM Cal & Terri
N5WQ John & KJ5Q Sandra
WB5MPV Walker & KD5PRB
Melinda
N5ANB Pete & Dawn
WB5KSY Phil & Nancy
K6JDM James & Kimberly
W6MEI Bob & Donnie
N6GVU Rich & Elke
KI7IIM Paul & Sherri
KL7LS Charles & Millie
AB7HB Bernard & Kristi
KG7LXA Duane & Peg
KG7UML Martin & XYL
NL7D Tim & AL7BN Sue
KF7URV Bob & Deb
NT7J Don & Lilyce
WB7VNL Ray & Clara
KC7SC Stu & KG6CYC Sue
W8OPA Rene & Jeanie
K8ULT Greg & Lorraine
KE8AMC Robb & Rose
KD9AZW Paul & Sheila

July Anniversaries (Cont.)

W9DTR Herb & Mary Lynn
VE9MSD Mona & VE9RMD
Robert
K9LDO Ken & May
VE9GU Ron & Diane
W9IFW Norm & Shirley
N9DIX Jim & XYL

K9ROA Dave & Shelley
KD9ANS Tony & Mary
K9RAM Schu & Cindy
KA9OUT Al & Carleen
AC9TU Evan & Cindy
N9DRS Doc & KDT9X Flip
KB9CWU Robin & XYL

If I missed your Anniversary, or if your XYL is an “Ex-XYL”, or if you’ve traded in your OM for a newer model, please let me know at jim@pandzik.com!!! Thanks!

Awards and TFOs

Congratulations to our newest Top Flight Operator , Paul Michelson
KI7IIM YLISSB number 17274, TFO 589

During the 2020 YLISSB Zoom Convention, the following members
were recognized for their contributions to the System...

Art Dunn W7TOA 2020 TFO of the Year

Larry Kaplan AB3TY Ambassador Extraordinaire and Cornerstone
Awards

Gloria Wells K4DXM Founder’s Award

Terry Clay K5SSL Rigel Award

Jim Pandzik KE9PK Silent Service Award

July Birthdays

W0QPO	W1XRT	N4EPG	NH7AR
W0SPA	W1DRD	KD4ZOJ	KG7PFD
KY0TE	N1YLO	KM4PT	KB7CSW
KD0RIR	KC1MEI	KI4PPI	KA7TXR
K0BGS	KR1SS	VE4PH	VA7WNC
K0UB	W2CCW	KF4HBE	WC7F
KD0NQM	N2OKA	K4PHZ	K7YH
KA0ENU	KC2TFX	KM4BUN	KG7LXA
W0GHM	W2MSR	VK5ZB	WB7BKM
K0LWT	N2WHV	KJ5Q	KI7PTY
W0HMO	NF2B	WA5PBR	KC7SC
W0EWB	KB3OMO	AG5Z	KG7BMU
AJ0HH	W3YZL	KC5SAM	KJ7DSE
N0ESJ	K3VRU	NM5CL	W8RQE
KE0RYF	K3CJW	KA5RUZ	K8DXJ
KE0OGD	AA3JF	WD5FQX	WK8Y
KE0KIK	KL3QI	W5DBL	KC8UPU
KE0CTY	NC3FSP	N5ARM	KE8BOC
KB0DNP	K3MSG	W5DRI	K8RRC
N0VPN	W3QM	W5JGB	KE8AMC
KC0WCF	VE3WWR	N5QIM	WD8KUR
W0FLZ	K3ENV	N5RWF	DU9EK
KE0IGK	K3JSF	NA5NM	DJ9BK
VE1QT	AB3TY	KF5JRE	WX9RLT
W1AES	WD4T	KZ5NDC	KC9VVU
K1TXU	KD4ZOJ	KI5GLN	N9SWM
KB1PFL	KA4WWN	W6HB	K9WFE
WZ1F	KJ4APD	N6NTJ	K9JTV
	KJ4YDI	NQ6C	KN8TVE
	W4DNQ	NA6US	K9SX
	K4TFJ	VA6HLL	K9FYL
	KM4TTT	K6MAF	If I missed your
	KJ4APD	KG6BOJ	Birthday, please
	W4WAV	K7YAK	Let me know!
			jim@pandzik.com

New Members

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

17811	K4EDT	Eddie from Florida
17812	KB0MLP	Patrick from Missouri
17813	N8IJY	Glenn from Ohio
17814	KE1RR	Scott from Texas
17815	KM6WNU	Steve from California
17816	W5RTX	Gary from Texas
17817	KB3YZU	Jim from Pennsylvania
17818	KB0OFM	Terry from Minnesota
17819	KE6SYT	Bob from California
17820	W5CJC	Russ from Oklahoma
17821	KB6TAZ	Jon from California
17822	WB6NFU	Tom from Florida
17823	WW5ENZ	Wenz from Oklahoma
17824	K6DAV	Dave from California
17825	NA6NA	Garry from California

Silent Keys

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

Paul J. Ciezniak – K1SEZ – YLISSB:15993

40/80 Meter Coordinator Change

Effective immediately, Jim NK4QKS has assumed the position as the 40/80 Meter Nighttime Coordinator.

The System expresses its appreciation to Jon K2LAX for his hard work and dedication.

73, Larry AB3TY - Moonbeam Coordinator/Daytime Control Coordinator/Voice Editor

A Trip to the YLISSB's Bank

By

(Former) Treasurer Bill Phillips W7AJP

For the past ten or so years, I served as YLISSB Treasurer, going most of the time to the same branch to make deposits.

SO, with the final two payments in my hand for the Convention, a \$10.00 bill and a member's check made out to YLISSB, I headed to our bank, 11 miles into town.

As I drove up, 10 minutes early to the branch, a sign said, "Please observe the 6 foot distancing." I looked for a "required to wear a mask sign and didn't see it. BUT, I looked at my watch, started the vehicle and drove back to my house, picked up the mask I had forgotten in my other vehicle and drove back to the bank.

I got to the door, opening it as I put my mask on my face and started to head to one of the two available tellers.

"SIR," a voice spoke, on my left. A lady with a mask behind a clear lexan barrier said,

"Sir, I must see your identification since you have a mask on?" I said, I pulled my mask down and said "I am just here to deposit funds." (I have been a member for over 20 years.)

"Sir, I must see your identification since you have a mask ."
Stunned, I pulled my mask down again, smiled as she put out her hand, asking for my Driver's License. She did not smile, as I showed her my driver's license without taking it from my wallet.

She never looked at my face, so I had to wonder if she could just imagine that the ID just might be the "me" behind the mask. "Oh, well," I thought.

She asked, "And what are you here to do?"

I said, "Well, I came in to deposit some funds, but now I need to find out how to close my account." (I think I heard some music from the "Twilight Zone," loo loo loo loo.....)

A Trip to the Bank (Cont.)

I made the deposit, and talked to a bank officer who gave suggestions on how to easily close the bank account....because we are transferring to the new Treasurer, NC4RP.

I chuckled inwardly as I headed to the door. The words of that great philosopher, Forrest Gump, "Stupid is as stupid does." Having been a member of this bank for over 20 years and having served on the Supervisory Committee of the Board of Directors, I wondered who organized the silly set up, since there was no guard available to stop this Masked Man from the YLISSB. Sometimes you just have to shake your head and laugh!

But, I failed to mention...they did take my \$10 cash without checking its authenticity and the \$10 check without asking if I knew them. THEN, they have me a receipt without asking if I really was "James W. Phillips" the only authorized person to receive a receipt! It just makes me laugh.

You know, these things just have to happen to make me laugh or the whole COVID silliness being portrayed here would make me angry.

[Ed: Bill, you're lucky. A bar in Northern Wisconsin has a sign in the window that if you enter with a mask on, they will shoot you!]

Zooming Along at the YLISSB Convention

In case you missed it, you *really* missed it! The 2020 YLISSB Zoom Convention was a lot of fun. Here's a screenshot from the practice session, where we all learned how much we didn't know about Zoom, our cameras, and our computers. Much thanks to Larry AB3TY for his skill and patience with us as he guided us *Zoomingly* along.



That's me in the middle, playing with my \$20 green screen and a downloaded pic of Wrigley Field. I also have photos of the Eiffel Tower, the Grand Canyon, and a shark about to eat me. Some fun! Looking forward to the 2021 Convention in Wisconsin where we can all play some more with Zoom and a whole bunch of other stuff!

73, Jim Pandzik KE9PK

And finally...

Now that 2020 is nearly half over (Thank heavens!), It's time to turn our attention to the 2021 YLISSB Convention we will be hosting in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin next June.

The basic concept so far is to have fun Wisconsin-y things to do in the mornings, (boat, duck and train rides, and trips to the area water parks, etc.), followed by lunch on your own and then offer an afternoon of interesting ham radio activities.

We'll have the Canyon Room, a standalone meeting room with living room setting, a kitchen for snacks, and meeting room setup, too, all to ourselves for the duration of the convention. One corner will feature our ham radio setup for our club station, and a Zoom demonstration area to play with.

I will be seeking volunteers for brief seminar presentations on ham radio subjects like DRM. EME, some of the freq bands beyond 20 meters, and will have meteorologists from the U.S. Weather Service presenting a brief lecture on weather observation, which will result in all of us being deemed "Trained Observers" by the Service. (If you call in as a regular person it's not treated as accurate unless you're a "TO").

Add in some Radio Merit Badge seekers from local Scout troops, a brat feast on Tuesday night, the Thursday night Banquet and sing-alongs nightly on the beach, and it should be a fun time for all.

Registration forms will start appearing in future Communicators as soon as we get the financial details worked out, but I'm open to volunteer subject matter experts at any time.

Oh, and thanks for the Silent Service award. Totally unexpected, but deeply appreciated. See you next month!



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!