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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, 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

March is our St. Patrick's Day 2020 Award. Contact 20 members whose first name sounds Irish, or whose station is located in IRELAND, or who has a birthday on March 17. See the Voice for more information.

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**K4ICA**

**Memorial Call**

**YL System**

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

### **K4ICA**

The founder of the YL System was K4ICA. When she became a SK, her call was issued to her son. A few years later, it became open for claiming, and eagle-eyed member Bud, WD1Z, nabbed it as a Club Station Call for the YL System. Since that time, we have used it as a contact for our Special Day awards. However, we stopped those awards due to band conditions, so K4ICA has been on the shelf. However, during our birthday month of February, K4ICA was active. Were you lucky enough to make a contact with our Club Station? If not, keep your eyes and ears open, because it will no doubt be more active in the future. Thanks go to Nancy, KG0YL for serving as the QSL Manager for K4ICA.

73's Rose, KL7FQQ

### **Awards and TFOs**

Congratulations to Tom Bottle - W0UXO YL# 17112 for earning the Belt of Orion Award this month.

And a reminder for all current TFO's to be sure to vote for TFO of the Year!

### **Silent Key**

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

Nelson C. Denison – W1VCU – YLISSB: 15524

Jack Fountain – WB4WXP – YLISSB: 15674

Jerry Rochelle – K5QM – YLISSB: 15877

**New Members**

We welcome the following new members to the YLISSB System:

- 17713 WA5TQB Jack from Texas
- 17714 KI7PTW Vince from Arizona
- 17715 KD9OMB Jim from Florida
- 17716 K7BDG Gary from Wyoming
- 17717 WS0C Clarence from Wisconsin
- 17718 WY0U Marti from Wisconsin
- 17719 KZ5NDC Nova from New Mexico
- 17720 K7REK Bob from Oregon
- 17721 N0XGI Jim from Kansas
- 17722 KC1MEI Ryan from Maine
- 17723 AB0XS Max from Missouri
- 17724 AA5KR Chuck from Texas
- 17725 W7MDP Mike from Washington
- 17726 KD4NKU John from Florida
- 17727 KF5DDA Kelly from Texas
- 17728 KV6ARM Alan from California
- 17729 KG7BMU Chris from Washington
- 17730 AI6B Bryan from California
- 17731 KD9OQK Tom from Wisconsin
- 17732 KI5GLN Bill from Oklahoma
- 17733 KB3QVT Barry from Pennsylvania

... and even *MORE* new members on the next page!

**More New Members**

- 17734 KB1WYF Deborah from New Hampshire  
17735 KM6UGM Nick from California  
17736 KJ6KKQ Russ from California

**March Anniversaries**

- |                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| K0LEF Doug & Betty             | NC4RP Bob & Carol            |
| KD0WYO Dave & Kay              | WA5KSC Steve & N9ZG Sue      |
| ZL1AMN Dave & ZL1ALE Aola      | KF5V Tom & XYL               |
| KK1TLS Terry & Debi            | NW5O Huck & Dolores          |
| W1DRD Dino & XYL               | KB5ZFC Rick & Michelle       |
| K1DWE Dave & XYL               | K5TMN Tom & Patricia         |
| K2WC Carlos & XYL              | AF5VH Al & Jan               |
| KD2ARU James & Penny           | KF5CE Bill & Barbara         |
| KC2TFX David & KC2ZRY<br>Nancy | AA5HY David & Letha          |
| VE3SHM Ted & Priscilla         | NQ6C Mike & Cori             |
| W3SCA Jay & Amy                | KJ6JPZ Tom & K6ZNL Scotty    |
| WB3EUC Frank & Judy            | K6STX Dan & Joy              |
| KG4CNA Allen & Nita            | KE7JBK Chance & Terry        |
| K4MPH Bud & Claire             | KJ7CPC Peter & Ruth          |
| N4WBC Bill & Cindy             | VA7WNC Angela & VE7KTX Chris |
| KM4IQB Carlos & XYL            | N7LXX Alan & Pauletta        |
| N4ZGH Roger & K4ZGH Bobbie     | KC8TDC Gerald & KC8VRT Amy   |
| K4ATC Fred & Kim               | KC8DQG Hammy & Maxine        |
| W4APZ Richard & Linda          | W8BF Ron & Lucinda           |
| W4AAX Perry & Nancy Ann        | WN8QGV Bill & Belinda        |
| KJ4WNW Roger & Linda           | K9TYR Tom & K9STS Susie      |
| WA4KSO Curt & Pam              | N9KJT Gary & Terry           |
|                                | WV9B Richie & Christine      |

**March Birthdays**

KE0CAS	W3SCA	KE5AHE	KL7LS
KE0IJN	N3FMO	W5VBD	KQ7Y
N0DFP	WN3Z	KF5FSK	WD7ALE
N0EYZ	VE3SHM	KC5CYY	KE7SAH
KD0AEK	KJ4MFW	KE5VPJ	WL7WM
KE0BEE	N4ZGH	KF5TEX	W7TOA
W0BIZ	W4HML	WW5NX	K7RPD
KC0ADK	KJ4NVF	AC5XB	AL7F
AD0WW	NA4SO	N5LEC	AF7DA
KE0QGN	K4MPH	KG5SER	K7ZNO
KE0ELU	KI4WPL	K5GAL	K7IP
AS0P	KT4AN	KK5LU	K7NKL
KA0IDH	KD4OBQ	KM5W	KJ8F
W0TER	KK4YL	K5KCH	W8XC
N1OIE	KW4JK	KF5DDA	N8ZOR
KB1TSE	N4HMP	K6MEE	W8ZLK
N1PVT	K4ATC	W6UNT	NJ8G
KC1ANA	KD4AIS	KM6KRE	N9EXM
KB1YOG	KX4BE	KG6NXX	KC9RLS
KC1BLP	KI4RUC	K6STX	W9JTC
KA1SPY	K4OBL	N6QIC	VE9MSD
W2EO	W4APZ	KB6DAN	WV9B
KA2MQX	N4XXO	K6MEE	KA9LYH
KC2YEB	K4MPH	KBHH	W9DCS
KF2D	K4SRB	NH6RH	K9BBN
KF2HP	VE4ACM	KM6UGM	KD9HCY
N2KWO	W4DNQ	W7DZX	KD9GNW
KZ2W	N4TLT	KL7YK	K9RMW
KD2AAC	KN4MUF	K7NKL	W9KB
WN3W	N4RRR	N7GDP	KA9PRF
	WP4JD	W7COZ	KD9DSD
	AD5D	KE7LSF	KD9MLG
	WA5YNE	K7BUM	

## 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 Mike 4, Tango, Tango, Tango. My name is Jim, and I’m located in Monticello, 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 is Florida, Jim?”

“Jake! I talked to you a year or so ago. Florida is fine, having a little cool spell, but fine. How are things with you?”

“Well, I’m on a mission. I’m supposed to deliver a load of sled dogs to a place in Alaska, I think it’s Fairbanks, and I know nothing about dogs! Can you help?”

“I think we can, Jake. Nancy just checked in. She’s in North Dakota, but she’s an expert with handling sled dogs. In fact, she ran the Iditarod sled dog race one year. Let me call her. KG0YL, are you there?”

“Yes, Jim, I’m here, but I’m not copying that other station. What does he need?”

“He’s taking a load of sled dogs to Alaska, and has a question. I’ll relay. Jake, where are you, and what do you need?”

“I’m just a little way out of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and I’m not sure how to feed these dogs, or exercise them. I’m sure they need both food and a chance to stretch their legs. So, if Nancy can help me, I’d be very happy.”

**Saving the Day (Cont.)**

“Nancy, he wants to know how to feed and exercise the dogs. He’s near Grand Forks, North Dakota. Can you help?”

“I’m in Grand Forks doing some shopping. Tell him if he can meet me at True North Equipment at 5101 Gateway Drive, I’ll give him all the help he needs.”

“Jake, you’re in luck. Nancy says if you can meet her at 5101 Gateway Drive, at the True North Equipment store, she’ll give you all the help you want. Is that O.K?”

“It sounds great, Jim. And, I wanted to tell you that I’m not going to check in again for a long time. I’m on my way to Australia once I get these dogs delivered, and I probably won’t have a radio. I want to thank the YL System for all the help they’ve given me over the past couple of years, and I’ll miss you guys.”

“Jake, we’ll miss you too. Have a wonderful trip, and when you get back to the States, be sure to look us up. We’ve been on 14.332 for 57 years, and plan to be here for another 57. 73’s.”

*There you have another helpful contact provided by members of the YL System. We are sure that Nancy could answer all the questions. We hate to see Jake go, but he has been a showcase for the YL System, and proved that the YL System stands ready to aid one and all in their darkest hour.*

**2020 YUMA HAMFEST/ARRL  
CONVENTION**

**February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
Yuma Fairground, Yuma, AZ**

This year's Yuma Hamfest/ARRL Convention was well attended including many of our YL System members. The outdoor sales had dozens of vendors selling many ham radios and equipment which opened early Friday morning.

The indoor booths opened at noon on Friday. To enter, you had to have a wrist band showing that you registered. The first booth everyone went to was the Buzzard BBQ ticket booth. Those tickets were sold out by closing on Friday.

The Raffle ticket booth was the second most popular spot. There were 15 Grand Prizes ranging from the Kenwood TS 890s to the Kenwood TM-V71A. There were also hourly door prizes.

The forums were well attended. YL System member Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH was the Special Guest Speaker.

Quartzfest Host and YL System member Kris KR1SS held a Qfest reunion hotdog cookout and potluck which she holds each year at the Yuma Hamfest. There was a prize drawing as they have each day at Quartzfest.

Most of the YL System member group sat together at the Buzzard BBQ. The food was good and the company even better. When the last Grand Prize is announced, everyone leaves, but not before the many hugs and goodbyes with hopes of seeing each other next year at the event. The Senator Wash group had to hurry home for a farewell campfire for Bill WQ4W. Bill left for his home in Alabama the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. Paul KI7IIM is moving to Florida.

**Yuma Hamfest (Cont.)**

Attending the Yuma Hamfest were YL System Members:

Riley K4ZDH # 16388  
Stormey W0LFV # 17092  
Tom KX9KX # 16946  
Alan KX7KX # 17531  
Bill WQ4W # 17254  
Stan WD0DAJ # 15756  
Craig N4UOG # 15482  
Cary W7CAP # 17030

Paul KI7IIM # 17274  
James KB7TBT # 17284  
Keith K7OTP # 17414  
Nancy KD7NW # 17172  
Ward K7PO # 17173  
Kriss KR1SS # 17695  
Tom KC7KPF # 16144  
Judy KC7KPG # 15945

Many us will return to Senator Wash next winter and many will be at the 2021 Yuma Hamfest. We hope more of our YL System members will join us.

73,  
Judy KC7KPG

**Photos from the Yuma Hamfest**



Alan KX7KX



Cary W7CAP



Craig N4UOG

**Keeping Up with Judy KC7KPG**



Bill WQ4W



James KB7TBT



Keith K7OTP



Kris KR1SS



Paul KI7IIM



Riley K4ZDH



Stan WD0DAJ



Stormey W0LFV &  
Tom KX9KX



Ward K7PO &  
Nancy KD7NW



Tom KC7KPF & Judy  
KC7KPG

[Ed: Thanks Judy, for all  
your hard work and photos!]

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

These days we all enjoy the friendships and communications we have while operating on the YLISSB. As I described in my article last month, the rich history of the System is credited to our foundress, V. Mayree Tallman back in 1963. Her efforts to establish the YLISSB as a world-wide emergency communication network (“System”) was a unique and great achievement at that time.

However, the purpose of the YLISSB was much boarder and is still very applicable to us today. While reading through the many old copies of the “SSB’ers Voice” from the past, I found the following article (date April 1965) which speaks of the stated purpose of the System. This is copied as written by V. Mayree:

“Quite often we are asked, “What is the purpose of SSB’ers organization?” A perfectly natural question. Here is a segment taken from our By-Laws which illustrates said purpose:

The By-Laws of YL Int’l SSB’ers, Inc. set forth a world-wide service program thru creation of Amateur Radio Communication facilities, 7 days a week, and for the purpose of:

A: Handling International emergency traffic.

B: Effecting delivery of urgently needed life-saving medication to individuals world-wide

C: Actively promoting International good-will thru mass person-to-person contacts both on-the-air & subsequent correspondence and exchanges.

D: Effectively promoting incentive for a higher degree of operating proficiency and associated technical competence.

E: Promoting effective world-wide public relations through additional media of award programs and mutual meeting grounds by annual QSO parties.

F: Cooperation with, and support of, other organizations with similar purposes.

## YLISSB History (Cont.)

G: Bringing to the attention of the general public the tremendous contributions through which Amateur Radio services public interest, the national interest and good-will amongst all the Peoples of the earth.”

This, then, is the basic purpose of YL Int'l SSB'ers, Inc.

Remember, at that time there were no cell phones, no internet, nor other resources in many areas of the world. Yet most of this still applies today. We keep the legacy alive!

### Proof Positive from John Ellis W5PDW That He is Giving Art W7TOA a Run for His Money On Racking Up “Nelly Points”

#	Call Sign	M/P	State	Member Id	Remarks	QSL Info	City	Name
1	K5SSL		AZ	16962	VET / Belt of Orion	TFO 534	Phoenix	TERRY
2	WB7BKM		WY	9930	VET /	TFO 573	LARAMIE	FRED
3	KN4QKS		NC	17560		Direct	Littleton	JIM
4	KL7WG		AZ	17374			Big Lake	BILL
5								
6	N5DHB		LA	17559		DIRECT	Harvey	BIG JOHN
7	K8ULT		OH	16936	QRP 10W	Qrz Eqsl Direct	PAINESVILLE	GREG
8	WW1SS		FL	17539			Old Town	STEVEN
9	WA0BEU		CO	17059			Berthoud	KEITH
10	W5PDW		TX	4076		TFO 463	Magnolia	JOHN
11	W7TOA		AZ	17362	VET / 1st Pr Coord / ...	TFO 585 , QSL ..	BENSON	ART
12								

You have to get up pretty early in the morning to log in before Art W7TOA does...

And finally...



According to EarthSky.org's website, the circled object is a new moon that has been circling the Earth since it was captured by our gravity three years ago.

...I'll bet it would look a lot like a school bus if it was in color.

(Not sayin', just sayin'.....)



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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!