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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April 2021

Greetings from Alaska.

SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM

April 8 is President's Day. Contact five (5) past or current President's or Vice President's. K4ICA (which counts as three contacts: KE5ZI, KL7FQQ, N1PVT, NF2J, W5JMU, K4ZGH, K4DMW, NOYL.

MONTHLY AWARDS

Contact 25 members who have the same name as one of the U.S. Presidents. K4ICA, our club station, will count as 5 contacts.

BOARD MEETING

Some of the highlights from the March Board Meeting were: We now have a list of all active members on the Website; any money left over after expenses are paid from the Convention registration fee will go into the scholarship fund; and, the TFO program has been reactivated. If you hold a TFO number, please vote for someone that you believe shows exceptional operating skills. They must have been a member for at least a year. You can vote for 12 members per year. Send your votes to Elsie N0ESJ at elsiejanes@yahoo.com.

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APRIL MEET AND GREET

Put Saturday, April 3, on your calendar for the YLISSB Meet and Greet. This is open to all members, at no charge. If you have not received the Zoom link for this meeting, contact Larry AB3TY at ikdds@ptd.net.

CONVENTION 2022

Unless something unexpected happens, it appears that 2022 will be the first year in a couple of years that we will be able to hold an in-person Convention. It has been very sad to have to cancel the past two, due to the pandemic. However, we have high hopes for 2022, so I'm wondering if anyone would be willing to host a convention?

I'm looking forward to summer...are you?
Rose, KL7FQQ

Awards and TFOs

.Neither awards nor TFOs to report this month, but Elsie Janes says that they are getting a lot of votes for TFOs, and says a big thanks to all who sent in their votes!

Silent Keys

The following members have been reported as Silent Keys:

Ruby C. Byrd – KF4NI – YLISSB:11603
David J. Van Etten – AC2BX – YLISSB:16580

April Anniversaries

KA0ENU Joe & Spouse
KD0WYO Dave & Spouse
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
KD2GUT Caryn Eve & Rod
W2JJV David & Cindy
WR3V Dick & Spouse
KC3EDT Ron & Loretta
K3ENV Ed & Vicki
WQ4W Bill & Kitty
W4KMR Mike & Marybeth
KW4NFL Bud & Terri
KJ4APD Bob & Betty
KS4SW Ron & Spouse
W4WYZ Donald & Laurie
K4ELI Steve & Sharon
N4RJR Bud & Terri
WD4ESX Tom & Pat
KD4EYU Jerry & Spouse
KK4QMB Jeff & Kyndal
KT4VK Hilary & Spouse
KG5ZMU Bruce & Vicki
K5HLH Harry & KZ5NDC Nova
KC5BSI John & Laura
N5QIM Marv & Jan
KF5DDA Kelly & Vicki

W5TPM Terry & Spouse
K5AVL Sparky & Sandy
W5SZK Tom & Colette
W5CTL Chris & Cheri
KC5US Howard & Spouse
N6LBR Luke & Rita Ann
KK6XR Dean & Spouse
KK6TXN Larry & Tere
KM6UGM Nick & Elaine
A16B Bryan & M.A.
WB6LAU Jack & Betsie
KH6CB Sonny & Anna
AD6AD Vince & Charleen
KC7KPF Tom & KC7KPG Judy
AD7SN Mel & Spouse
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 & Spouse
K9RMW Mike & Karen
WB9KMW Larry & Spouse
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	KB2HH	K4KRN	W7ARZ
KD0RMF	KD2DNJ	NC4S	N7YG
KD0NEZ	VE2XMP	K4TER	KB7CSX
KD0YSC	KD2HRN	KM4DCQ	AD7SN
K0MAF	K2CQW	K4ECP	W7HTA
AE0AR	KB2E	KO4BLE	KD7QNE
N0TTE	K2AMF	K4IRS	GM7AAJ
W0MTM	KC2VAL	KG4IPM	N7TNY
N0DPR	K2SAQ	KG5KIC	KD7SXH
KA0SHC	WR3V	K5HLH	K7UD
K0MSR	KB3TBS	KG5ZMU	K8RJT
KB0EOR	AK3B	KB5FLA	KD8OKO
KB0DD	N3QXX	N5OKU	KE8AOT
KD0NIM	AB3SD	AG5AS	KW8T
KB0STE	VE3OWS	AI5A	KE8UD
N0MAM	K3CDQ	N5COO	KE8BOF
K0BF	W3OB	AB5WX	K8RLD
K0MAF	K4HCB	W5ZYG	KB9IFD
WW0JM	KC4LAP	WW5B	WA9JMU
K0OTP	KG4YNI	KI5GNU	N9WAS
N0DXX	N4WBC	KK6GOR	K9ABL
KF0CXX	KB4QLL	K6JDM	KC9MDY
K0DXV	KI4JQB	N6GR	KD9ANS
W1BVV	KK4JAP	AI6KO	KD9IPO
W1IZZ	KQ4U	W6SWC	K9STS
AI1U	W4KRN	KD6ZKC	N9QAP
K1QQA	W4JRV	KK6QMS	KD9OHM
UA1ZO	KI4VCT	WA6LBU	N9PQ
KC1DAD	W4WCD	KN6CCW	K9LUV
KC1CZV	KM4MQO	W7HTA	N9DIX
N1URE	KC4NC	N7IHB	N9IUA
N1MCY	KB4SGA	AL7BN	
KA1HB	AK4SZ	W7CAP	
W1PDI	KW4MB	KF7MRG	
N1PSX	KS4SW	W7AJP	
KX1A	KK4III	W7CB	

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

New Members

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

- 18013 KG6MTC Ted from Washington
- 18014 N1BJZ Rod from Maine
- 18015 NG0L Stan from Colorado
- 18016 W7PML Pedro from Arizona
- 18017 KE0NTO Greg from Kansas
- 18018 AD6AD Vince from California
- 18019 WA5QEC Jim from Texas
- 18020 K0VAC John from Kansas
- 18021 N5QYX Kenny from Louisiana
- 18022 KD6GNP John from Arizona
- 18023 KD6GNO Alice from Arizona
- 18024 KI5KCS Dale from Texas
- 18025 W7XK John from Colorado
- 18026 N7AZZ Kirk from Arizona
- 18027 KG4IPM Matt from Florida
- 18028 KM4VKY Robert from Florida
- 18029 KE8QER Ray from Michigan
- 18030 KC3RAZ Frank from Pennsylvania
- 18031 VE4REM Randy from Manitoba
- 18032 KN6RUN Mark from California
- 18033 K0ELO Dick from Colorado
- 18034 K4RRC Randy from Tennessee
- 18035 N1TJV Alan from Maryland
- 18036 K9BMR Barry from Indiana
- 18037 VE1JXT Jimm from Nova Scotia
- 18038 KC3PXC Paul from Pennsylvania
- 18039 N5BLP Bart from Pennsylvania
- 18040 WT5O Jim from New Mexico
- 18041 KD0LDW Dan from Colorado
- 18042 KE0CCI Jason from Missouri
- 18043 KD9RPM Royce from Illinois

YLISSB – Tracing the History

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

This article is part 6 of a summary of the preliminary beginnings of the YLISSB as originally written by Jessie (W6OET - #46), second president of the YLISSB and V. Mayree Tallman (K4ICA - #1), Foundress and first YLISSB president. This was documented in the YL International SSB'er, Special Edition dated October-November 1974.

The following is an article written by Jessie Billon (WA6OET) related to System operations immediately following the President Kennedy Assassination:

Friday, November 22, 1963

I remember it well!

As the earth turned inexorably eastward, the ochre rays of the late autumn sun stirred us out of night's slumber. Another Friday! At 20:00 GMT, I would be taking control for the Pacific System.

There were only six days until our American Thanksgiving holiday. I must hasten to my errands. Pete was collecting the first check-ins to the system as I hurried off to the butcher shop for the turkey. It was a glorious day to be alive!

I switched on the car radio ... just in time to catch the first hysterical words of a Dallas reporter ... "The President has been shot! Perhaps fatally!"

Could it be true? My turkey forgotten, I hastened back to inform Pete. Unbelieving and shaken, we moved the television set and the radio into the shack just as the news was imparted to the System.

YLISSB – Tracing the History (Cont.)

There was stunned, shattering, deadening silence! In the hush of the tragic moment, V. Mayree and Raj slipped away to church and Ellie moved decisively, “The Kennedy family would want us to carry on!”

Carry on, we did ... through the long, long day!

Ellie shifted to another frequency to keep the Voice of America informed on moment-by-moment developments and I assumed control of our sorrowing world-wide family.

In Europe, the last crumbs from the evening meal had been brushed away. Rigs warm and tuned, our members were anticipating the Pacific check-in. They groped for adequate words and there were none! As my beam swung south, the somber voices from Africa, Central, South America, and Mexico gave credence to the electrifying news that our President was dead. Sorrowfully, each expressed the sympathies of their nations to grief-stricken America. Humbly, we accepted for all, their sympathy dredging reality out of gripping despair.

From the West Coast, our beam moved into the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean. Beyond the International Dateline, it was already tomorrow. Our servicemen stationed on many of the islands which hop-scotched their way into the Indian Ocean were isolated from fast breaking developments. Clinging to the frequency, they begged for news. As their new Commander-in-Chief was sworn into office aboard Air Force One, we relayed. The incredulous “Can it be true?” became a saddened and subdued acceptance of the frailty of life.

The rays of the sun, so cheerfully yellow in early morning, were heavy with red when they dipped into the blue Pacific. Air Force One had returned to the capitol. Dazed, bereaved America drifted into fitful slumber as our last transmissions faded away into silence.

YLISSB – Tracing the History (Cont.)

Emotionally exhausted, yet warmed by the knowledge that our national grief was shared worldwide by our SSB'er family, we gently turned the rig's switch off.

Our longest day was over!

To be continued next month ...

A Note from Larry AB3TY...

On Saturday, April 3, 2021, at 1:00pm (DST on the East Coast) (1700z) the System will hold a Spring Meet and Greet. We will take this opportunity to just have fun. If you do have questions concerning the System, they will be answered. Send any questions to be addressed at the Meet and Greet to Rose KL7FQQ, our President, kl7fqq@yahoo.com.

There is no fee to attend, but you must be current on your yearly dues for which the grace period will end on March 31. If you have not renewed, please click on this link ylsystem.org and you can easily renew.

To register for this event, reply with your Call Sign and System Number to be placed on the list to receive the Zoom links. Please respond no later than April 3.

If you have questions concerning setup or using Zoom, send me an email or call 908-377-6067

Hope to see you on Zoom,

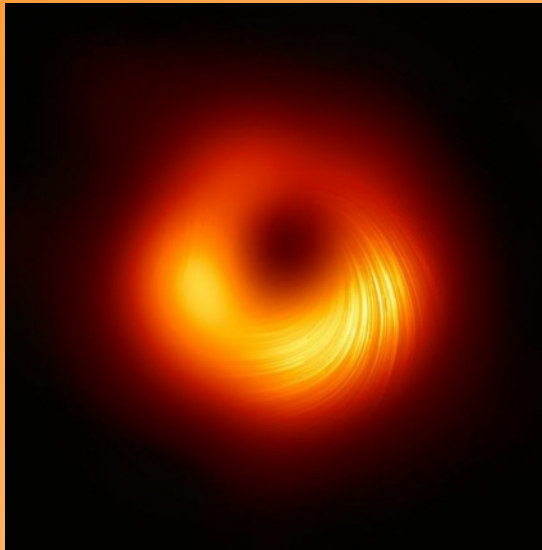
Larry AB3TY #16871 TFO 535

Moonbeam Coordinator

Email/Video Conference Coordinator

And finally...

EarthSky.org really made my day (sigh) when they published this photo of a Black Hole that is currently scooping up the Universe and putting it who-knows-where...



... and unfortunately, that's the *good* news. They went on to say that this thingy is flip flopping through the Cosmos, hoovering up stuff at random, and it may be headed this way...

...see you all at the Meet-and-Greet on Saturday,,,

,,while we still can!!!



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!