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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings from the YLSystem Board of Directors! The system is alive and well on the bands and we continue to get a stream of new members! This is not only fun, but a testament to friendly controls and honoring our creed. I am honored to be a part!

We are looking forward to the upcoming Virtual Convention. This will be a wonderful opportunity to put faces to the calls and meet some of the many new members. It will be a ZOOM meeting so it would be a good idea to familiarize yourself with that technology.

I appreciate the continued work of our wonderful Control stations, and the System is all about all of you who check in each day. You are appreciated.

Cordially,
Mac Steinmeyer AF4PS #18393
System Secretary

AWARDS AND TFOS

March 2024 had no awards or TFOS.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

AA4BD William & K4ATD Angie	KF4RJA Robert & Spouse	W5SZK Tom & Colette
AD6AD Vince & Charleen	KF5DDA Kelly & Vicki	W5TPM Terry & Spouse
AI6B Bryan & M.A.	KG8DV David & N8VZX Cindy	W6CEC Clayton & Judy
G3NHS Jon & Debbie	KH6CB Sonny & Anna	W7BBA Jim & N7MRG Myra
K0BF Phillip & Kathrine	KI0RR Eric & Sheila	WA7BHC David & June
K4AJJ John & Spouse	KI4CPB Harry & Elizabeth	WA9TT Larry & Jan
K4BTN Brock & Margaret Anne	KI4FSZ Jeff & Spouse	WB3DJN Robert & Jakki
K4EEF Bill & Spouse	KI4ZXZ Joe & Jennifer	WB5MR Maurice & Patty
K4IVE Kevin & Chong Suk	KI7PTW Vince and Spouse	WB6LAU Jack & Betsie
K5AVL Sparky & Sandy	KK4QMB Jeff & Kyndal	WD4ESX Tom & Pat
K5HLH Harry & KZ5NDC Nova	KK6TXN Larry & Tere	WE4AU Tom & Mary Lou
K8DXJ Doris & K8TAS Tas	KK6XR Dean & March	WQ4W Bill & Kitty
K9JTV Jeff & Jill	KK7HGD Kevin & MJ	WSOC Clarence & WYOU Marti
K9LCY Rick & Gail	KM6UGM Nick & Elaine	WT4FW Tim & Ruth
K9RMW Mike & Karen	KO4NWU Tommy & Spouse	
KAOENU Joe & Spouse	KO9DGM Dave & Spouse	
KA5PXE Christopher & Nita	KS4SW Ron & Spouse	
KB3PET Bob & Spouse	KT4VK Hilary & Spouse	
KB9WYQ Peggy & KB9VJC Brett	NOPMQ Lynn & NOESJ Elsie	
KCODAS William & KEOCLN Sheila	N1JIE Jim & Bonnie	
KC5BSI John & Laura	N5QIM Marv & Jan	
KC5US Howard & Spouse	N6LBR Luke & Rita Ann	
KC7KPF Tom & KC7KPG Judy	N7GRC George & Kae	
KD2GUT Caryn Eve & Rod	N9ZG Sue & WA5KSC Steve	
KD6GNP John & Alice	NEODA Jim & NEODB Rita	
KD9DSD Terry & Bev	W1ELM Ed & Theresa	
KD9DST Patrick & Kathy	W2JJV David & Cindy	
KD9GNW Richard & Penny	W4KMR Mike & Marybeth	
KE8BOF Jason & Cindy	W5CTL Chris & Cheri	

If I missed your anniversary, please let me know at
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

AA0GM	K8R JL	KE8QOE	N6JY
AB3TW	K9LUV	KFOCXX	N6KLS
AB5WX	K9OPS	KFOKZP	N7BES
AC9XN	K9STS	KFOOPX	N7IHB
AD4GH	KA1HB	KF7MRG	N7YG
AF1RO	KA3TIN	KI5ELD	N8DAW
AI1U	KA5IRA	KI5GNU	N9DIX
AI6KO	KB0EOR	KI5ODH	N9IUA
AK3B	KB0STE	KI5QAT	N9QAP
AK4SZ	KB2HH	KI5UON	VE3ONV
AL7BN	KB4SGA	KI5YYZ	W0MTM
K0BF	KB5SSQ	KJ7WWA	W0PZ
K0BKW	KB8TBA	KM4DCQ	W1BVV
K0DXV	KC2VAL	KM4ROF	W1IZZ
K0EZE	KC3FVU	KN4AO	W4AXE
K0KLB	KC4FLT	KN6CCW	W4JJF
K00TP	KC5DNW	KN6EWM	W5ZYX
K1EDP	KC5GVC	KN6NNO	W6IKE
K1HTQ	KC5IVT	KN6NQH	W6SWC
K1NLS	KC6ART	KN9U	W7AJP
K2AMF	KD0NEZ	KO4BLE	W7HTA
K2CQW	KD2RPD	KO4NLB	W7PQD
K2SAQ	KD4VKR	KO4TCL	W7TUE
K4ATD	KD6ZKC	KS4SW	W9GZO
K4ECP	KD7EBD	KX1A	WA6LBU
K4HCB	KD7JJW	N0BN	WN1B
K4IRS	KD7SXH	N0DPR	WT3B
K4KRN	KD9ANS	N0DXX	WT4FW
K4TER	KD9IPO	N0ESJ	WW0JM
K5FSC	KD9KAI	N1EJH	WW5B
K5HLH	KD9OHM	N1URE	WW9H
K5RLR	KD9OOJ	N4WBC	
K5VX	KD9OWD	N5GHO	
K7ORL	KE0TXC	N5NBK	
K7QH	KE5PWJ	N5OKU	
K7UD	KE8GA	N5WGA	

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YLISB – Tracing the History

(Summarized by Bruce J. Tisdale, K9ICP, YL System Historian)

This month, I will again go back to the System beginnings and review how the System started. Whether you are new to the System or a veteran who is just curious, you may find this article answers questions like:

- 1) Why are we called the YL System when there are so many OMs.
- 2) Why is it called a System instead of a net.
- 3) Who started the System and what was its purpose.
- 4) Why do we use the call “K4ICA” for special events and how did we decide on that call sign.

So, who started the YL System? Our System foundress is V. Mayree Tallman. V. Mayree was born in Arkansas and worked in the Arkansas state legislature, trained as a nurse, played the organ at church, and eventually went to flight school to become a stewardess. She also had some success writing and selling short stories. She married Dr. Maurice Tallman, a foremost physician and surgeon, in 1947.

During a trip out west in 1957, V. Mayree visited her sister and her husband who was a licensed ham. It was suggested that V. Mayree get her ham license. She pursued this suggestion and got her license. Shortly thereafter she upgraded to general class. Her call sign was K4ICA.

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 worldwide emergency communications system. There were no cell phones, personal computers or internet at that time, so a radio communication network was the only way to effectively address world-wide emergency needs. This is why the YLISB is known as a “System” rather than a net.

The YLISB was initially established in 1963 for YLs only. At that time, YLs were very much a marginal group in the ham radio community. However, as the System quickly grew and became recognized for its services, Oms were given the opportunity to also join. V. Mayree Tallman, K4ICA died in 2001 and is recognized as YLISB'er #1. In recognition and as a memorial to her accomplishments the System uses her call sign in its special operations events. (See more historical information on our website for details).

To be continued next month ...

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

- | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 19123 KE8VUW Ray OH | 19135 KZ4EU Bill VA | 19147 KI5CY Al TX |
| 19124 K0BKW Gary MN | 19136 KA4AUT Ron FL | 19148 KQ4JWS Randal FL |
| 19125 KO4RAA Keith TN | 19137 KD8EZH Rich OH | 19149 K4BTN Brock TN |
| 19126 K8RJL Rob MI | 19138 KE8ZWH Bob MI | 19150 KI5UON Rob TX |
| 19127 KO4HLB Jack FL | 19139 K5ECU Clyde LA | 19151 KJ5EAH Lawrence TX |
| 19128 WB3DJN Bob PA | 19140 KK7MNM Jaxon UT | 19152 WD6FDD Richard FL |
| 19129 KM4JMH Frank FL | 19141 N5GTX Marc TX | 19153 KI5SIR Mickey TX |
| 19130 KD9TXA Deenah WI | 19142 KI5RTQ Fletch NM | 19154 KD5CEV Willie TX |
| 19131 W9PIO Carol WI | 19143 KO4OMY Mike AL | 19155 VE6WDB Wayne AL CAN |
| 19132 N9NAV Carl WI | 19144 KC0KPV Randy SD | 19156 KJ5CPQ Tim TX |
| 19133 K0DXI Matt IA | 19145 VA3NLC Leo ON | 19157 KK4BGT Terry SC |
| 19134 AE0PU Rich MO | 19146 VA3SUA Nancy ON | |

SILENT KEYS

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of our YLISSB FAMILY MEMBERS for the month of February 2024:

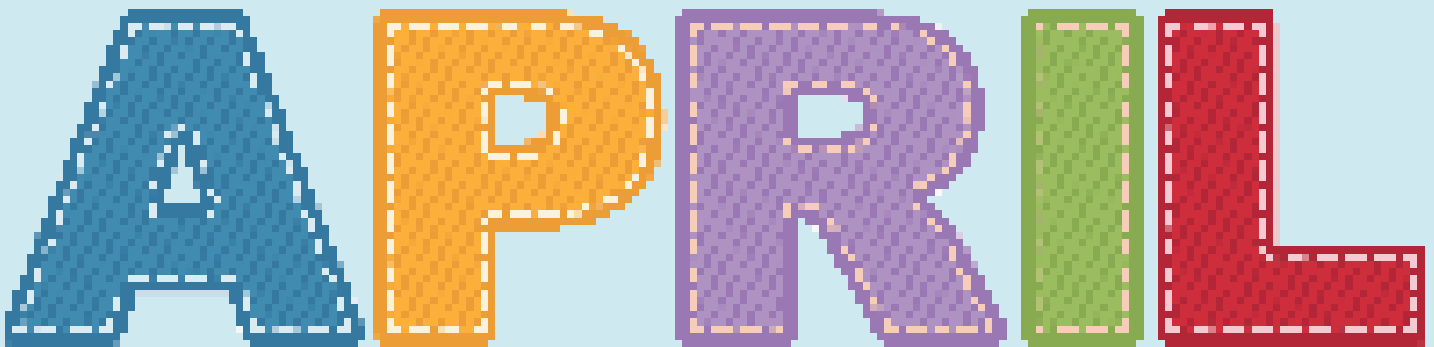
- K1SEW RONALD R. KLOCK YLSSB-17370
 KB3AP GERALD A. HOFKIN YLISSB-12019
 N4PNI FRANKLIN D. GRANT YLISSB-14552
 KV5I EDDIE L. HATCHER YLISSB-13412
 K8WRF WILLIAM R. FAULKNER YLISSB-15278
 K4DXM GLORIA WELLS YLISSB-16780 SYSTEM CONTROL
 N8JIW DONALD E. HOWARD YLISSB-15843
 WB7BKM FRED H HIRSCH YLISSB-9930 SYSTEM CONTROL
 WB7CCP EDITH W. HIRSCH YLISSB-9929
 KD9SEZ STEVEN H. ENTER YLISSB-18158
 AD0BC JERRY L THIEMAN YLISSB-15589
 KE0QXD PATRICIA NELSON YLISSB-18422



Respectfully,
Mario K2ZD #7485

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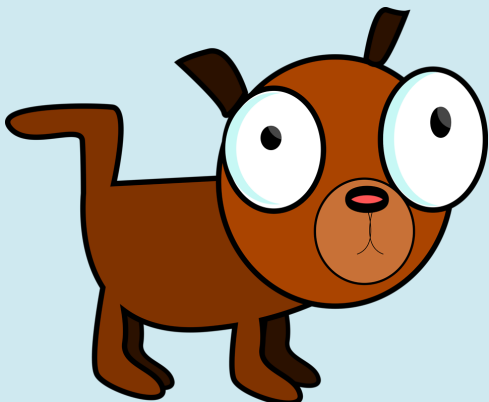
- All Awards are currently undergoing a re-design.
- Please anticipate up to 30 business days for a reward request to be acknowledged and or processed and emailed to you.
- Unless specifically indicated otherwise, all contacts for awards must be made with individual member stations. Multiple contacts with the same station will not qualify for the awards. PLEASE NOTE: As of July 9, 2022, there is no longer a \$5 fee to apply for any Monthly or Special Day award.
- ONLY 3 RECHECKS PER HOUR, ONE CALL PER RECHECK
- PLEASE NOTE- K4ICA CAN ONLY BE USED (1) TIME ON A SPECIAL DAY



April President's Award:
April 1 - 30
Contact 25 members who have the same name, either the first or the last, as one of the U.S. Presidents.

April 05 – AMBASSADOR AWARD Contact Ten (10) Ambassadors or Ambassadors Extraordinaire of the YLISSB. K4ICA will count as two (2) contacts. Because many of our Ambassadors also hold the honor Ambassador Extraordinaire, those members can only be used once. No duplicates will be allowed. List will be provided after January 1.

Email your qualifying QSOs to: awards@ylsystem.org



If you have information or ideas for topics you'd like to see published in The Communicator, please send it to me, Wendy K9SUN, YLISSB: 18162 at i.am.K9SUN.shine@gmail.com and I'll see it gets in. Thanks!

P.S. If you send photos, we will assume we have permission to publish from BOTH the subject and the photographer. (Sorry, it's that kind of world!)

P.P.S. Please send captions to photos with names and/or callsigns! I might know your voice from the system, but not your face!