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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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ROSE'S UPDATE

AUGUST SPECIAL DAY is August 3rd. TFO DAY AWARD Contact ten (10) stations that have a TFO number. K4ICA will count as 3 contacts.

SUMMER HEAT AWARD

2021 Fee is \$5. Contact 30 members who have a TFO number or the RIGEL AWARD. Each member contacted counts as only one contact. (If they have both awards they only count once).

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?

ATTENTION TFO MEMBERS

If you hold a TFO number, you are eligible to vote for another deserving member, one who shows above average operating skills, in order for them to be awarded a TFO number. Please send your vote to elsiejanes@yahoo.com. You may vote for 12 members per year.

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The President's Report (Cont.)

BOARD MEETING

We had a Report of Committee of former Convention Hosts with recommendations of how to assist new Convention Hosts to make the job easier.

Report of Committee on Bonding of Officers with nothing new to report.

Establish a committee to check requirements for filing revised Articles of Incorporation in another state, provided they are approved.

Scholarships for 2022. Establish the GPA requirement, and any other issue relevant to the approval of scholarships, We will set out more guidelines of what we expect from candidates.

BEST NEWS

Rose is back in Fairbanks and recovering at home. I know we are all pleased that her surgery is behind her and hope for a speedy recovery.

Awards and TFOs

Bill Phillips W7AJP earned the Freedom Award and Steven Bamber VE2JKL earned the Old Timers, Freedom, June and July Awards!

Current TFOs are reminded to vote every month for future TFOs.
Share the wealth!

The treehouse is more fun if you don't pull the ladder up behind you!

August Anniversaries

WA0PMO John & Gloria	AC4NC Natalie & KD4AKT Bill
KD0NEZ Barbara & KC0YHU Craig	W4VTH Skip & Celia
KE0GGG Dale & Cath	WA4ZAZ Wallace & Nancy
K0CE Fred & Carol	W4DDT Lynn & Steve
N0DNY Jim & Ann	KN4VYK & Tanya
KD0KPM Ron & Pauline	KM4DPW John & Pat
AB0O John & KB0ZZI Heather	KN4UBV Jim & Nancy
KA0KAE Kevin & Belinda	KG4GGG Roger & Sara
WJ0JKW Jeff & Kathy	KK4III Paul & Tina
W0OTP Donnie & Becky	KN4DXH Ernie & Taffy
WA0IAN Dick & Becki	KO4BLE Tracy & Spouse
KE0ZAM Jeff & Cathy	KG5UBD Denis & K5YNC Susan
KD0LDW Dan & Jamie	K5FNB Frank & Starla
N1PVT Jane & N4LSM Kris	W5MJM Michael & XYL
KC1ANA Anne & Jim	KG5RMY Steve & Dianna
KC1KVY Bob & Spouse	K5YNC Susan & KG5UBD Denis
K1KJR Ron & Julia	N5LEC Larry & Carey
N1BJZ Rod & Peg	W5YJC Ken & Spouse
N2BQW Bob & Jennifer	AB5WX Nikki & K1SGK Stephanie
W2FBS Richard & Brenda	KI5EIB David & Spouse
K2CQW John & Gail	KG5VDC Kevin & Spouse
KB2E Ed & Joanne	N5RS Brad & Tammy
KC2YEB David & Lyuda	AI5DJ Dale & Spouse
K2BXG Hutch & Anna Marie	KI5OJB Eric & Spouse
K3DCC Jim & Bonnie	W5FYR Dave & Spouse
K3VRU Jim & Pat	K6EB Bill & Kathy
WY3T Tim & Sandy	KK6KK Bill & Kathy
K3ILA David & Kathy	NA6NA Garry & Angela
KB3OMO Allen & Alma	N7YG Jeff & K7YAK Pat
VE3ZDT Gary & Helena	K7YH Doug & Tara
KC3FVU Walter & Spouse	KG7QNE Joan & KG7PFD Zieb
AC3HL John & Spouse	N7HHC Mike & Sue
W4JMJ Joan & Peter	AG7NE John & Sherri
KK4DYI Gale & KK4GVM Ken	KL7EDK Jerry & Edith
	K7MCT John & Bonita

August Anniversaries (Cont.)

KE8RGP Ron & Jane
KG8QY Buggs & Susan
KE8DAF Greg & Marie
K8TTX Tyson & Laurie
AB8YZ JoAnn & Patricia
WB9LJZ Mark & Gina
W9VCM Rusty & N9SUE
Susan

KD9HAV Norm & Pat
KD9ODH Karl & Patricia
KD9SEZ Steve & Spouse

*If I missed your Anniversary,
please let me know at
jim@pandzik.com. Thanks!*

Silent Keys

The following members have been reported as Silent Keys:

Daniel L. Herman - K4DHT – YLISSB:17068
Edward J. Woods - KD9DVA – YLISSB:11007
Guy H. Moberg - W0GHM – YLISSB:16256
Paul E. Helland, Sr. - WA0NSH – YLISSB:12636
Fr. Don Ledet - W5ZIP - YLISSB:2860

We Need YOU!

Jack Kennedy at his inauguration in 1960 said, “Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.”

I ask you, “What can you do for the YLSystem?” The answer is simple—become a control.

I know the word “control” spawns anxiety for many. I can assure those who get knots in their stomach at the mention of the word, control work is nothing more than the reverse of checking-in. Undoubtedly, you have copied what our controls say. Our lingo is not complicated. There is an added benefit to becoming a control—you get to know our members and frequent guests.

We do have one requirement that you know how to use Netlogger. For those not familiar or think Netlogger is a daunting diabolical program, I can assure you it is not. Help is readily available to strip the mystery away and get you up to speed.

If becoming a control is an idea you have had percolating, please give Art / W7TOA a call at 520-508-3052 or drop Art an email at w7toa@aol.com

My contact information is 908-377-6067 or lkdds1kdds@gmail.com

73,

Larry / AB3TY
Moonbeam Coordinator/Assorted Other Hats

New Members

18151	N7NEA	Jeff from Washington
18152	K5HRV	Harvey from Texas
18153	KD2VYP	Rich from New York
18154	KE0TXC	Matt from Iowa
18155	K7MPS	Michael from Florida
18156	K7DCE	Doug from Arizona
18157	KO4QFX	Malcolm from South Carolina
18158	KD9SEZ	Steve from Wisconsin
18159	KB5SSQ	Tim from Texas
18160	KO4PZX	Joe from Tennessee
18161	AC3HL	John from Pennsylvania
18162	K9SUN	Wendy from Indiana
18163	W6UA	Jack from California
18164	KD2UV	John from New York
18165	N2ODR	Karen from New York
18166	N5MCH	Glenn from Louisiana
18167	KN6LPF	Russell from California
18168	KN4OBW	David from North Carolina
18169	KC3REC	Kevin from Maryland
18170	W7TUE	Peter from Arizona
18171	N4EGG	David from Florida
18172	WA5TY	Allen from Texas
18173	WN1B	Sal from Rhode Island
18174	K9UVI	Kevin from Indiana
18175	KE6HCE	Armando from California
18176	KD8EZ	Jack from Ohio
18177	KO4QEB	Tim from Florida
18178	KC3NCS	Tim from Pennsylvania
18179	KJ7ODB	Jayson from Wyoming
18180	KY4WVF	William from Kentucky
18181	KG5VDP	Gene from Oklahoma
18182	K0VQ	Tracy from Colorado

New Members (Cont.)

18183	K0ELK	Kristine from Colorado
18184	KC5CMC	Collin from Texas
18185	KB8DM	Karl from Tennessee
18186	KG4CRY	Jay from Alabama
18187	KB3BB	Robert from Pennsylvania

Netlogger Note from Art W7TOA

Not too sure that all the controls are aware that the information in log entries placed on the period logs does not automatically transfer to the club profile. These logs are temporary. Updates to the club profile are entered by Jim KM4TTT or myself W7TOA.

We do our best to keep the profile updated in a timely fashion. Bear in mind, however, we cannot monitor each session as it takes place and therefore do not hear the actual conversation. It may be hours after the session that we actually view the log.

It is therefore important that controls provide us with changes that need to be updated. This is why we ask controls to type in the preferred name to override the QRZ name entry. It is also very helpful to use a + sign after entries in the remarks column to draw our attention to the entry, e.g. "Vet(N)+". That lets us know the field needs a correction.

Other less evident changes, for instance callsign or address changes may require dropping us an email or a phone call. Jim handles 40 meters while I take care of the other periods. Please note that if the preferred name is not entered, we have no way of knowing the contact was complete. Therefore, we will no longer enter new guests in the profile if this is not done.

We are always open to your suggestions to improving the profile, so please feel free to offer your input. Thank you for your help.

August Birthdays

N0END	KP3B	KM4MQD	K7OTP
WA0AVW	K3MG	KO4PZX	KI7NZZ
KG0YL	NB3Y	N5XPZ	KL7IZH
N0QAV	W3GFM	K5BOO	KA7LAQ
WB0MDP	K3DCC	W5HEH	KI7PTW
AE0J	3B8FP	K5LLR	VE7CQE
AB0EG	KB3YZU	KD5NOE	K7MCT
WW0LF	KA3BVH	W5MLM	KA7CGI
KD0MOM	WD4HVA	KC5HIW	N8DBC
KA0UWK	KK4PI	K5ZMX	W8NRH
N0VYT	W4OKT	WB5OHN	N8KCJ
KA0KAE	KJ4DCK	NJ5G	WD8PAJ
WS0C	NC4RP	AF5CK	W8LMG
WO0S	KJ4WNW	KG5IFY	WA8LIS
AE0LC	N4UP	KG5RMY	KB8NSA
N0QJS	W4EAE	KB5WIO	N8GDB
KC0JAH	W4WTK	KG5IKZ	KG8QY
KC1FIZ	AK4GE	KE5GFY	KD8HQU
W1EKZ	W4GJR	K5NJ	WD8IRR
KB1VQF	KI4PCD	N5ANB	N8ZNA
KC1MR	W4KEF	W5RTX	N9GWP
KB1ZIQ	W4OLR	AG5EY	K9JMB
K1KJR	KN4MIS	KI5OGE	KX9KX
K1EJD	KJ4WMH	WB6HPF	KB9VJC
K1IAG	KG4GGG	AG6WN	WN9MFC
W1DGG	KM4MYT	K6EZY	K9LDO
W1XMM	WD4HBC	NB6M	W9DTR
N2EKO	WB4SJM	KV6ARM	WB9OKC
K2HZO	NA4C	VA6WTE	WA9BXX
KD2ARU	K4CKW	KD6GNP	KC9LFD
WA2ZSB	KN4SNI	KM6UTC	KB9WYQ
WU2M	K4EDT	KN6LPF	WJ9E
N2BBB	WP4OMQ	WV7V	N9KJT
KB2XL	KW4RI	WB7SOJ	N9OZT
KD2QYA	KN4GQB	N7GBX	K9SMC
WA2IUS	N4VYL	K7EII	W9PFD

KB9CWU
K9GHP
K9UVI

If I missed your
Birthday or
Anniversary,
please let me
know at
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YLISSB – Tracing the History

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

This article is part 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 document in the YL International SSB'er, Special Edition dated October-November 1974.

Following the SSB'er 1964 OSO Party, noting areas where it could be improved, and with our 1965 QSO Party in the offering, Jim, W7NKK, SSB'er #1615, of Wenatchee, Washington, assumed Chairmanship of the QSO party committee and gave SSB'ers a fantastically popular set of categories, brand spanking new to the radio world!

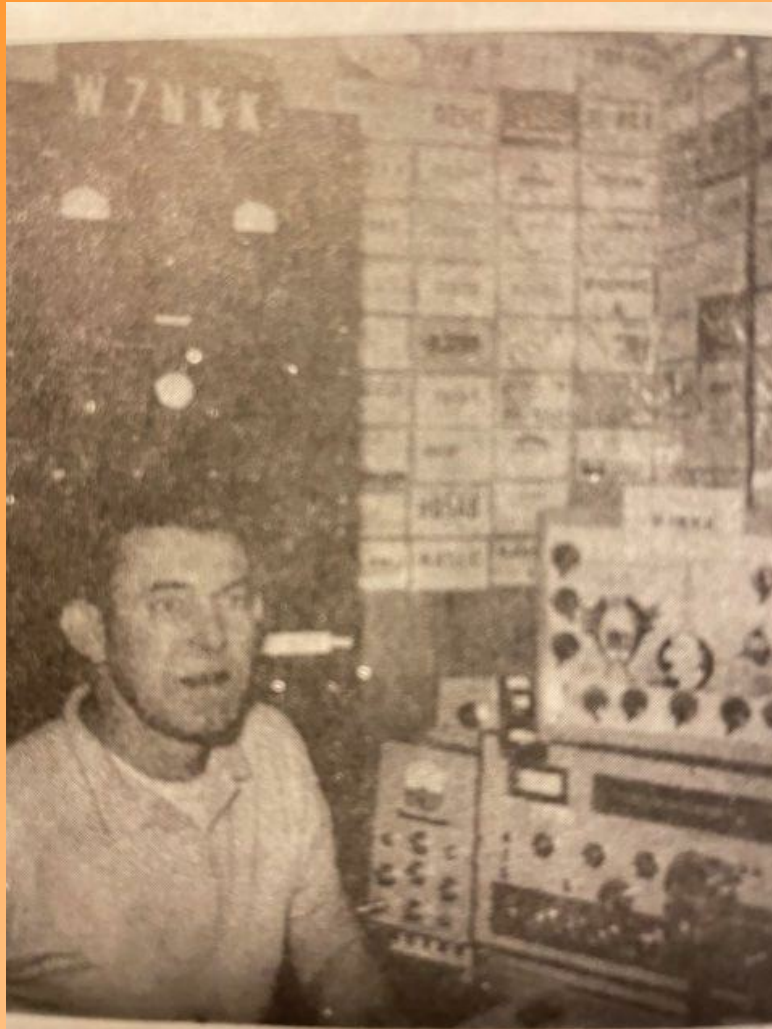
In a thrilling, sweeping extract of his thinking, observing inequities concerning family participation where only one rig was at their command, rendering these members virtually unable to successfully compete against a "one-party" rig, Jim proposed the YL/OM category as well as the DX/WK (or Stateside) category. This was in addition to the single category for participants not desiring a partner.

His proposal was instantly accepted. SSB'ers QSO parties subsequently became fantastic due to Jim's insight. Once Jessie wrote: ... Jim's perceptiveness has sprung the most unique feature of any QSO party in all Amateur Radio today!

There is no greater thrill than the members of DX/WK Teams who struggle with the swells of QRM to a shaky contact. YL/OM teams, share their mike back and forth in response to the many who ask, "Is your OM there" or "how about getting the YL on". It's the spirit of SSB'ers in action! Jim, SSBer #1615 will always be remembered by those of us who appreciate this legacy.

YLISSB – Tracing the History (Cont.)

Jim's line of successors as chairman of the QSO party (Through 1974) were: Stu, K7PNC, Pete, WA6MWG, Woody, W0GNX, John, W4AAA and Lyle, W7EOI. Others provided leadership with the QSO party until it was finally discontinued in the early 2000s. However, the YL/OM team concept lives on today.



Jim, W7NKK – YL QSO Party Chairman (1965)

To be continued next month ...

And finally...

Okay, I'll admit it, I'm a Space Geek. Not too crazy about billionaires blowing great wads of cash on joyrides, but then again, it's their money.

What I really dig is the stuff that NASA is up to. A good place to start is the EarthSky.org website, where you can sign up for daily email updates full of neat spacey stuff.

If you'd like to get personalized alerts when the International Space Station will be visible from *your* location, check out the "Spot the Station" website at...

<https://spotthestation.nasa.gov/>

Here's the alert email I got a minute ago...

"Time: Thu Jul 29 10:24 PM, Visible: 4 min, Max Height: 49°, Appears: 10° above WNW, Disappears: 48° above SSW"

If nothing else, it will take you out of the world for awhile, which, in this day and age is not a bad thing.

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!