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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Greetings from Texas!

CONVENTION 2021

The Board of Directors has voted not to have an in-person Convention in The Dells, Wisconsin, as planned. Due to the COVID 19, that Convention has been canceled. We will, instead, have another Zoom Convention like we had last year. More information will be in subsequent issues of the Voice, and on the Website.

MONTHLY AWARDS

December is our Santa Award 2020. Contact 25 members with a membership number ending with a 2 or a 7. Certificates will be issued by our Awards chairmen for those that qualify. Good luck!

AWARDS

Our Awards Chairmen are working diligently to present a couple of new awards that will start in January. Keep watching the Web Site for their announcement. In addition, the information will be printed in the Voice.

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NEW MEMBER MEET AND GREET

We recently held a Zoom Meet and Greet for all our members that joined in 2020. It was great meeting all those that attended, and we are pleased to have you as new members.

2021 CELEBRATION

On January 9, 2021, at 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time, we will have a Zoom meeting available to all members in good standing. There will be no charge for this meeting, and it will be quite informal. Look for your invitation in your e-mail, and register to attend. You must be registered to receive the link for the meeting. I hope to see you there.

Merry Christmas,
Rose, KL7FQQ

On November 14, 2020 the System held our first Meet and Greet for new members of 2020 on Zoom. Our aim is to answer any questions concerning System operations, the website, the protocols used for checking into the various periods, and any other item of concern or interest.

Five "old timers" including myself were on hand along with nine new members. We are planning to hold the next Meet and Greet in December and to continue each month going forward.

If you are a recent member to the System and would like to attend, please email lkdds1kdds@gmail.com.

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December Anniversaries

K0MSR Vern & Barbara
KD0USN Bob & Robin
K0BGS Bobby & Spouse
W0AAS Ted & Debbie
KE0LMY Samantha & KD0WXT
Roger
KE0CTY Mike & Arlene
AD0OH Bill & Amy
KD0WGB Don & Betty
K0BUL Tom & Spouse
KB0MLP Patrick & Spouse
W1IZZ Wes & Pam
KC2ICX Carl & Catherine
KF2D Jeff & Vicki
PA2TMS Tom & Corrie
KD2QKU Steven & Helen
KB3OYC Dan & Sharon
N3FMO Harry & Patricia
KC3JUD Perry & March
WW3HAM Bill & Spouse
AA4MR Mary & Peter
W4CT Ben & W4YL Susan
KD4ZBP Cliff & KE4VRW
Virginia
K4TFJ Tim & K4NOY Michelle
KI4RUC Angie & Spouse
KM4PT Paul & Sally
W4WAV John & Janet
KA4WGW JC & Sarah
K4OIL Ron & Becky
WP4JD Juan & Marianela
N4BNO Rod & Peggy
WA5JDV Carl & Pat

AG5DT Mark & Aimee
KE5AHE Charlie & Pam
KI5CEA Mario & Spouse
KI5DXY Dennis & Spouse
KI5BEG Jim & Lana
KG5SER Paul & Sue
KE5JWC John & Betty Jean
N5XPZ Bill & Pinkie
N5SP Sam & Regina
K5LJB Joe & Carole
KI5GLN Bill & Spouse
NA6BN Dick & Spouse
N6OUP Gerry & Spouse
AI6NJ Mike & Sue
KM6VXX Chuck & Patty
W7ARZ Bill & Judy
AL7F Mike & Patricia
KF7PVK Bob & Spouse
NH7AR Don & Linda
NL7X Duane & June
K7CRR Bill & Spouse
N7IHB Joe & Cody
K7RPD Robert & Donna
AC7KN Kevin & Deborah
KJ7LTE Joe & Sabine
KI7PLU John & Joanie
N8APP Greg & Debbie
K8AGC Debbie & Greg
KD8SGA Joe & Donna
KD8JOX Jerry & Janet

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

December Birthdays

KD0WGB	W1AJM	N4XI	K7MGR	K9ZG
KB0MAI	N1IEX	NZ4DX	KC7MYN	WD9AYR
AD0FH	KC1MDI	K4OIL	KJ7CPC	WA9YZK
N0QAU	WA2AFV	KN4DXH	KL7FQR	KD9AMP
KI0JG	KD2Q	W5VTM	KX7KX	KC9YOF
KB0MYP	KD2EZA	ON5NT	WB7RWS	NJ9L
KB0YYO	PA2TMS	W5TXJ	KI7SJC	WS9F
AC0KV	KC2CZK	W5HNI	KI7OBA	W9EMM
AB0H	KD2GUT	NO5F	KF7PVK	KD9HAV
AE0GU	W2RGL	KE5AJI	KF7TUU	
KE0EUS	VE2JKJ	KB5LYR	K7TTI	
KD0WXT	W3GOE	K5WIL	K7HRT	
NE0DB	W3AVJ	KG5UBD	WA7ETH	
KE0A	N3ADF	W5RRW	KK7GO	
N0PMQ	N3MQO	K5RST	W7SKM	
KE0CLN	W3ZR	N5WQ	W7MIN	
AC0CU	KC3JUD	K5IGB	KJ7LTE	
K0KER	K3QID	WA5TQB	N8MRC	
N0TZQ	WA3MGL	KI5FIT	K8FUN	
N0DNY	VE3EQV	KE5DME	KD8ASE	
K0HIH	N3VMD	W6NWF	KD8SPJ	
KB1CSI	KC3QDK	N6LBR	N8ADB	
K1DLM	WA4DXP	K6HP	KC8IKW	
JA1CG	KD4ZBP	WA6JBI	K8EEE	
K1RED	KX4WB	KI6SBL	KD8WSL	
VY1MAB	WX4Q	KJ6YFY	W8WSL	
WW1SS	AC4TM	N6DMP	K8ULT	
N1JCW	W4AVY	KH6G	KD8UJG	
AA1XD	AC4NC	N6BHS	WV8VRC	
AA1QW	W4JMJ	K6AAI	KE8KJZ	
KB1TUY	KM4YUA	WB6NFU	KD8SGA	
	KL4QZ	NA6BN	W8CFI	
	KM4DPW	KZ7I	N8ISS	
	K4ZVC	KG7KAS	W9IFW	
	KM4FOS	N7MCH	K9UWJ	
	AK4QK	KB7MXT	K9TXJ	

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New Members

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

17895	WA1NPD	Steven from Wisconsin
17896	KN4EQG	Andy from Alabama
17897	N4BNO	Rod from North Carolina
17898	K0TLW	Tom from North Dakota
17899	K3YZF	Brian from Pennsylvania
17900	KE0LOT	Dan from Kansas
17901	KF7RPF	John from Arizona
17902	KO4BLE	Tracy from Alabama
17903	KM6DDJ	Robert from California
17904	VE7CQE	Charlie from British Columbia
17905	W1EZE	Jeremy from Missouri
17906	WB6LAU	Jack from California
17907	K0ACR	J.C. from Iowa
17908	K4IRS	Karen from Tennessee
17909	WB2LKO	Slep from New Jersey
17910	AG5EY	Phil from Texas
17911	K7MCT	John from Washington
17912	KA7CGI	Mike from Nevada
17913	K8WAR	Tom from Texas
17914	KG5WDF	Monique from Texas
17915	KC1MDI	Cliff from New Hampshire
17916	KI7PLU	John from Wisconsin
17917	KG5FAR	John from Texas
17918	K2SAQ	John from Texas
17919	W1SAV	Savi from California
17920	KE0RFZ	Ben from Minnesota
17921	KO4BAR	Ken from North Carolina

Silent Keys

The following members have advanced onto Silent Key status:

Ernest R. (Skip) Doane – K1TXU – YLISSB:15900

Paul E. Rambusch – WA2JTX – YLISSB:11155

YLISSB – Tracing the History

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

This article is part 3 of a summary of the preliminary beginnings of the YLISSB as originally written by Jessie (WA6OET- #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 Historical Edition dated October-November 1974.

In her own delightful way, Jessie now takes us for a while “Down SSB’ers Memory Lane” ...

“February 9, 1963! A date to remember in the history of YL International SSB’ers. It was the culmination of a dream for V. Myree, K4ICA, #1, to give the YL’s of the world a place on the amateur bands to call “home”. The early meeting, weekly, quickly generated the excited imagination of all who listened. Letters whizzed! Listening!”

It soon became evident that we needed rules and the first set came from the YL Finns, SSB’ers predecessor. Thursday meetings quickly were augmented to Tuesday as well, and we were admonished, “it should not be necessary to repeat call signs of DX stations. If you cannot copy them, you cannot work them!” and “There shall be no stateside-to-stateside contacts on the YL FINS while the band is open to DX ... and in the event the membership becomes too large, it may be necessary to assign stateside call areas certain days by area to participate.”

Before long V. Mayree acceded to the pleas from the listening OMs to be allowed to participate, but only “after” the YL’s have made all their contacts first! Our frequency was 14.333 kcs.

YLISSB – Tracing the History (Cont.)

Everything was a first. The first membership list included 473 calls with 93 being stateside. The list was typed with carbon copies, and there were not yet assigned SSB'er numbers. Such familiar calls as K2AGJ, W3MDJ, K4RHL, K4ICA, K5MPI, WA6OET, WA6MWG, K7NZO, K0MAS, W0JUV, CR6CA, DJ1YL, KH6BIH, DJ2YL, EI4J, GD3ENK, G3KZQ, and ZL2JO appeared. K7UXN was still K6UTO, W4EHN was K6UHI, WA4SBK was WA6MAZ, and EL2O was SV0WB.

Newsletter #1, with handwritten addresses, was mailed from Miami in May, 1963, with the first mimeographed membership list included. Still we had no SSB'er numbers. But names and states were beside each call. In the 500 listed from six continents and 125 countries, there were only 13 stateside OM's. Interestingly, Evelyn, WB6CGA, was the only WB, and a mere half dozen WA's graced the rolls, divided equally between the 4's and the 6's; 4AEA, 4BMC, 4FJF, 6MAZ, 6OET, and 6MWG.

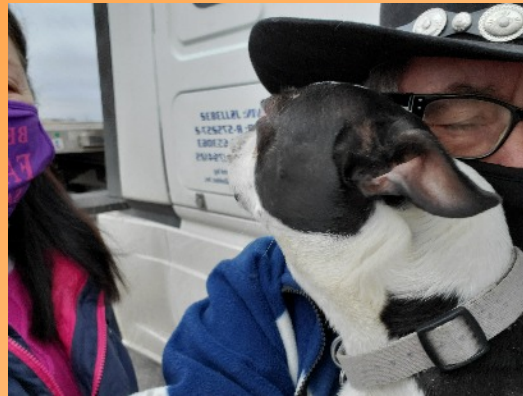
To be continued next month ...

Awards and TFOs

Neither awards nor TFOs this month. Stay tuned for some *new* awards coming in January!

Keeping Up with our Members

Nancy K0YL met up with Michel VE2XMP/M and his dog Roxi at the truck stop in Grand Forks, ND. They tried to get her to stand still for a selfie, but she had other ideas. These are as close as they got!



And finally...

Well, it's been quite a year. Here's hoping things settle down for awhile and we get to finally get our leaves raked up before they get covered by snow, and also finally get the Halloween candy finished off before my XYL discovers my secret stash.

It seems appropriate that the year is ending with a second Moon circling the Earth, scientists saying that one of our booster rockets from the last century is coming back to Mother Earth. We hope it's just stopping by to say "Bye" and moving on, and not coming in for a landing.

They say it's the size of a school bus, and it seems appropriate for the year we've had... a mythical school bus traveling down the space highway...

... with its left turn signal blinking

... throughout all Eternity...

Have a great 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!