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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

February 2021

Greetings from Texas. Well, our Member Meet and Greet is now history. In my opinion, it was a great success. I appreciated all the members that joined us. It was great to get to match faces with calls, and to get to know you a bit. Unfortunately, I kept having power outages, so I missed some of the meeting, but I hope you all enjoyed it. It has been suggested that we hold another one before our June 12-13 Virtual Convention. Perhaps we shall!

VOICE

We have had some major issues with the 2020-2021 Voice. I expect them to be ironed out very soon, and you can enjoy a wonderful publication.

SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM

February 9 is the 58th Birthday of the YL System. On this special day, if you contact fifteen (15) Officers, Emeritus Council members or Committee Chairman, you will earn a special award. See the list of those eligible for contact in the Voice, pages 1 and 2, or on the Website. Our Club Station, K4ICA, will be worth 5 contact points, so look for K4ICA.

K4ICA

Memorial Call

YL System

The President's Report (Cont.)

MONTHLY AWARDS

The monthly award for February also celebrates our birthday. Contact one member for each year since the System was born...so contact 58 members during February. If you are lucky enough to contact K4ICA, it will count toward five contacts.

AWARDS

Have you seen the new awards, the Palindrome and the Ambassador awards? They started in January, and the information is in the current Voice, or on the Website.

WEBSITE

After some problems with the website, it is up and running well once again. It seems that a few of our members are confused when using the website. They think that the first page is all there is to it. Boy, are they wrong! What you need to do to see all the information on the website is to log in. Click on the "log in" tab in the upper right-hand side of the initial page, and you will find lots and lots of interesting information.

We are heading toward spring. Enjoy the warmer temperatures.
Rose, KL7FQQ

Eyes on the Skies

February 1st is a red letter day for us sciencey folks. We say goodbye to Earth's mini-moon then, as it floats away to orbit the sun. [Allegedly it's a 60s-era rocket booster *the size of a school bus*, which is a clue to its real identity! Ed.]

And, if you want to watch it go, check out the Virtual Telescope Project at <https://www.virtualtelescope.eu/webtv/>.

Enjoy!

February Anniversaries

AC0YX Al & Spouse
KD0GHU Mike & Linda
K0MBM Melanie & N0GB Derek
WW0OLF Orlen & Carolyn
WA0AVW Rex & Marilyn
AB0H Tim & Carol
KD0SVZ Timothy & Susan
K0BAJ Gary & Patty
N0TTE Mike & Jennifer
WO0S Chip & Julie
KE0ZBO Ed & Spouse
N1JCW Jim & Judy
N1IEX Ron & Sue
W1EZE Jeremy & Shawna
KC2UZT John & KB1TUY Patty
KF2HP Dan & Kathy
N2HLJ Tom & Maam
W3CAT Ken & Barbara
KK4QFS Modeen & Mae
KK4AED Howard & Cindy
KB4QLL Sid & Joyce
KM4KJA Greg & KW4JK Amy
ND4BT Dan & KJ4YMV Barb
KK4SGX Russ & Paulette
KW4JK Greg & KX4FW Sharon
K4VUZ Virgil & Jo
AG5Z Larry & W5DRI Sylvia
AD5UJ Bill & Joy
N5ARM Robert & Gloria
K5GEB Gary & Victoria Joanne

KB5WIO Jimmy & Jean
K5BOO Keith & Terri
KL7HRO & Ferne
KF7SIO Rick & Rosemary
KA7LAQ Marjorie & Tony
W7TLV Tom & Lisa
WB7CPP Edith & WB&BKM Fred
KD7TVS Darin & Spouse
K8ALT Audrey & W8SWT Steve
K8WAR Tom & Beth
WJ9E Mike & KD9CWR Jennifer
WA9SUG Al & Rita
N9QAP Steve & Sybille
KD9PDY Jack & Shelby

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

February Birthdays

N0GEB	CT1AGI	KK4ECV	VE7MJD
AC0YX	W1SRR	K4CFG	W7TLV
K0MMR	KC2UZT	AK4ZQ	KG7HFI
G0RHL	KD2DMR	KK4QFS	KC7KPG
N0AAH	KC2ICX	KJ4JPV	KF7TUU
N0TWV	KC2DHU	KD4GEH	W7WTQ
AJ0HH	NP2OW	KM4PIX	KE7EZJ
KF0NU	KD2TYH	W4KMR	K7YL
KE0GHU	W2MGL	KW4DHT	K7ZME
KN0JI	KC3EDT	KT4LS	K7DJV
KC0CC	W3CAT	N4BNO	WB7FBE
KB0ZZI	AA3DX	KO4HFN	W7BO
N0GB	N3ADF	K4HHA	W7MDP
WA0YEI	N3UU	KE5JWC	KF7RPF
KD0SVZ	VE3UUL	N5PRU	KI7PLU
KD0TZV	KB3QVT	N5ISS	WD8BNE
KD0SVT	VE3ZDT	W5MJM	W8OPA
KE0ZSV	W3UF	N5YHM	KE8OLV
KE0ZAM	KB3SHV	AF5DI	N8ALC
W1TGY	KF4OPT	K5TLY	KE9PK
WZ1X	W4DJL	KG5UBU	AB9DR
W1JXG	KK4DYI	VE5RH	W9VSA
WA1S	VE4EEE	KG5TED	KD9AZW
K1MTD	N4MZF	KG5VDC	VE9RMD
K1DWE	K4BGU	KG5FAR	AD9V
K1SGK	KK4COO	KC6ZME	KD9LDD
	W4KMR	NJ6W	KD9KAD
	KK4CII	WB6GJW	K9ROA
	KA4OJN	KN6CMV	
	AA4MR	KE7ULU	

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New Members

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

17947	W7WED	Robert from Arizona
17948	KI5KKV	Becky from Louisiana
17949	N9IUA	Cal from Illinois
17950	K0CCP	Mike from Kansas
17951	KN6CCW	Orlando from Georgia
17952	VE2AIU	Alex from Quebec
17953	K3EXO	Elaino from Washington
17954	AA8WM	Andy from Pennsylvania
17955	KB3SHV	Leroy from Pennsylvania
17956	KO4DUX	John from Virginia
17957	KD2JH	Clark from Pennsylvania
17958	N0QJS	John from Colorado
17959	KB6KB	Walter from California
17960	K0WHW	Bill from Arizona
17961	W2MGL	Greg from Florida
17962	KD2DPA	Rudy from New York
17963	KE0ZBO	Ed from Colorado
17964	K4HHA	Mickey from Tennessee
17965	K0KWH	Ken from Colorado
17966	AC8KK	Bobby from Michigan
17967	KA0WTY	Marilyn from South Dakota
17968	KA0WTZ	Nelson from South Dakota
17969	KI5LUF	Greg from Oklahoma
17970	KC9LQ	Bob from Wisconsin
17971	KG5URA	David from Texas
17972	KE0ZAM	Jeff from Kansas
17973	K2PLC	Jim from Florida
17974	KN6JPZ	Al from California
17975	KF0BSC	Charlie from Minnesota
17976	KJ4MJX	Patrick from Kentucky
17977	W2JJV	David from Arizona
17978	K1SAZ	Joe from Arizona

YLISB – Tracing the History

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

This article is part 5 of a summary of the preliminary beginnings of the YLISB as originally written by Jessie (W6OET - #46), second president of the YLISB and V. Mayree Tallman (K4ICA - #1), Foundress and first YLISB president. This was document in the YL International SSB'er, Special Edition dated October-November 1974.

SSB'er numbers to be issued! On April 5th, 1963, V. Mayree announced that she was beginning the task of assigning SSB'er numbers. The awards program was under way, and by way of identification, SSB'er numbers were imperative! We were ecstatic! To have our very own Identification as a member was a thrilling thought! It was later that same year when the next news letter arrived that we could proudly begin giving our SSB'er number with contacts.

We were glued to our rigs ... The excitement and exhilaration, the very uniqueness of this SSB'er organization, caught the imagination of the amateur radio world! Ham-housewives hustled children off to school or into some quiet, absorbing activity, scurried about their homes performing chores mechanically while they eyed the clock with anticipation for the approaching 1800 GMT. The men hurried home from work, or dallied before leaving, "just to see how the band is today!"

In Asia, members stayed up into the wee, small hours of the morning, and in Oceania, they set their alarms for the predawn hours. Europeans hastily dispensed with the evening meal. All Antennas and ears were pointed to Miami for the dulcet tones of K4ICA calling the SSB'er roll. From area to area, she elicited response. Beams rotated as if trapped by a magnetic force. Concentration was intense and excitement electrifying as every little corner of the globe was probed for check-ins. We reminded ourselves of a world-wide animated cartoon!

YLISSB – Tracing the History (Cont.)

Heads huddled over receivers and ears glued to the speaker! Adrenalin through each crouched body as one-by-one, the faint signals became identifiable. Weakly, in a whoosh of static, came the recognizable whisper of a long-sought contact ... “Oh, if it were my turn ... I’m sure I could make it right now!” was the fervent wish of many an old-timer. Some couldn’t work fast enough! We fell head-over-heels in our frustrated anxiety and toe-tapping impatience ... “There’s always another day” wasn’t comforting at all when one is sure that “rare” call would never be heard on frequency again with such potent 3-by-3 signals!

To be continued next month ...

Note from Bill Phillips, W7AJP

YOU AND THE WEB SITE?

The YL System members have worked hard for years to provide a web site. With new Internet capabilities, the present Web Site has YOUR INFORMATION available. You can check your membership status and dues; you can read the latest information about Awards available; you can check on various lists that are of great interest to you.

Go to the website TODAY and find additional information on www.ylssystem.org and you will be pleasantly surprised.

Awards and TFOs

Neither Awards nor TFOs this month.

Silent Key

The following member has been reported as a Silent Key:

Danny Herman, K4DHT - YLISSB #17068

And finally...

There's a fascinating item in the ARRL Letter for January 28 that just came out about SuitSat-1. It seems that the astronauts on the International Space Station had a Soviet spacesuit that had been decommissioned and needed to be discarded. So, they fitted it with an FM transmitter that broadcast "This is SuitSat-1 RS0RS1" in several languages, plus telemetry and slow-scan TV and set it adrift in orbit. But the best part is that in order to control its spin characteristics...

... they stuffed the arms and legs with dirty laundry!

[Some guys will do anything to get out of doing their laundry!]

SuitSat-1 in orbit in 2006.

So, as Terry K5SSL
always says,
"Enjoy the Day!"



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!