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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It was a very busy January, and we move into February growing by leaps and bounds! Tune in to the 1st Period session on Mondays to hear the list of new members each week and you will see what I mean! It's nice to be in a very active part of our hobby.

We are looking forward to another Anniversary Celebration! John, W5PDW and Bruce, K9ICP are getting all the preparations in place. Stations will be representing K4ICA and if worked, you will get one of those amazing QSL cards. Co-controls should contact John, W5PDW if you are interested in working as an Anniversary station.

Candidates for office should submit their BIOS to Frances, AF7YL. Election of System officials is fast approaching. Thank you for your support of the YLSYSTEM!

On Behalf of the Board of Directors,

Mac Steinmeyer
AF4PS
#18393 System Secretary

AWARDS AND TFOs



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

ABOH Tim & Carol	KK4AED Howard & Cindy	WA9SUG Al & Rita
AD5UJ Bill & Joy	KK7CZD Donald & Corinne	WB5WTF Ruben & Robyn
AF5NP James & KF5ZFD Susan	KK7MNX Shane & Spouse	WB7CPP Edith & WB7BKM Fred
AG5Z Larry & W5DRI Sylvia	KL7HRO Dennis & Ferne	WOOS Chip & Julie
K0BF Phil & Kathrine	KM7Y George & KK2C Linda	
K4NNL James & Eugenia	KN4AO Dan & Ruth	
K5GEB Gary & Victoria Joanne	KO4NLJ Dick & Donna	
K5WBK Charles & Linda	KO4VZD Jerry & Spouse	
K6RRS James & Cindy	KQ4AQD Andy & Spouse	
K7DJW Donald & Delma	KW4JK Greg & KX4FW Sharon	
K8WAR Tom & Beth	N1EJH Edward & Frances	
K9HOU Bob & Jean	N1IEX Ron & Sue	
KC3PPC Andrew & Spouse	N1JCW Jim & Judy	
KC4FLT Carl & Geri	N2HLJ Tom & Maam	
KC6CDR Pat & Arleen	N4EGG David & Sandi	
KC9TTF Scott & Patty	N4RLR Richard & Carla	
KDOSVZ Timothy & Susan	N5ARM Robert & Gloria	
KD7TVS Darin & Spouse	N5WGA Wallace & Deanna	
KD9PDY Jack & Shelby	N7NEA Jeff & Spouse	
KE0ZBO Ed & Spouse	N9QAP Steve & Sybille	
KE2APM Walter & Spouse	ND4BT Dan & KJ4YMV Barb	
KE5DCD D.C. & Ginger	NFOJ Dave & WDOFEU Annette	
KF2HP Dan & Kathy	WOFIX Dave & Spouse	
KF5HYU Dave & Spouse	W1EZE Jeremy & Shawna	
KF7SIO Rick & Rosemary	W3CAT Ken & Barbara	
KG5ESC Bob & Robin	W4MBR Marybeth & Mike	
KG5LJZ Giant & Spouse	W7TLV Tom & Lisa	
KJ5CTX Monty & Deann	W9DXX Jerry & Spouse	
KJ7ODB Jayson & Natalie	WA5SWT Thomas & Ann	

If I missed your anniversary, please let me know at

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

9V1CE	KC5MMY	KI5SKF	NFOJ
AA4MR	KC5U	KI5YXJ	NG2G
AD6AD	KC7KPG	KI7FGZ	VE3ZDT
AE8RN	KC8YJO	KI7PLU	VE7MJD
AI0M	KD0SOV	KJ4JPV	W0EO
AI5DJ	KD0SVZ	KJ5CF	W0KPH
AI7GA	KD2TYH	KJ7OOR	W0UL
K0KNF	KD4GEH	KK4DYI	W0WLA
K1SGK	KD5BYL	KK4ECV	W1JXG
K4BGU	KD9LDD	KM5EH	W1SRR
K4EEF	KD9RPM	KN0JI	W2DGO
K4HHA	KE0UCH	KN6CMV	W2MGL
K4WOW	KE0UEE	KN6RUN	W2SAS
K5BBZ	KE0ZAM	KO4HFN	W3CAT
K5NFS	KE0ZSV	KO4NLJ	W3UF
K5TLY	KE2APM	KO4QEB	W4KIK
K5WEL	KE2UK	KO4UST	W4KMR
K5WRE	KE5DG	KQ4CAE	W4KMR
K7DJE	KE7EZJ	KS4QF	W5BAG
K7DJV	KE8OLV	KT4LS	W5RHB
K7RRY	KE8OVP	KW4DHT	W6BR
K7YL	KE8UKY	KY4IO	W7BO
K9BDW	KE9PK	N0GAC	W7MDP
KA4GSR	KF5COP	N0NSR	W8DAY
KB0ZZI	KF5HYU	N0NZL	W8GV
KB3BB	KF6SHS	N0TWV	W9DXX
KB3QVT	KF7RPF	N3UDQ	W9OQ
KB3SHV	KG4DWB	N4BNO	W9VSA
KB7ZJP	KG5ESC	N4IT	WA1S
KB8MCI	KG5FAR	N5BWC	WA5FFL
KB8ZIO	KG5TED	N5IL	WA8RM
KB9GOG	KG5UBU	N7CSB	WB7WVG
KC0CC	KG5VDC	N7OYV	WN5CWT
KC2ICX	KI5DUS	N8ALC	WN8Q
KC2RDE	KI5LDL	N9LQF	
KC3RAZ	KI5OAU	N9UUX	

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YLISSB – Tracing the History

YLISSB – Retracing the History

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

It's been over three years since I started writing these articles for members. During that time the System has continued to grow, and new members have joined our family. Consequently, I've decided to go back and review the origins of our System.

The YLISSB will celebrate its 61st anniversary on the air in February. The YL International SSB'er was officially born on February 9, 1963. Several years prior to that time, V. Mayree Tallman (System foundress) had initiated a YL group known as the YL FINS. This had grown out of a recognition that YLs needed a better opportunity at that time to reach each other since most ham were OMs. This group quickly grew and soon attracted numerous DX stations.

While the success of this early group was spectacular, it also became apparent that there was a real need for a worldwide emergency communication system. There was no real prototype for this type of on-the-air operation. Remember, there were also no cellphones, laptop computers or internet at that time. As a result, V. Mayree began creating an emergency communication system to address this worldwide need.

Shortly after the start of the YLISSB, OMs began to request participation after the YLs made their contacts. It wasn't long until OMs were given full recognition to participate. The first designated 20-meter frequency was 14.333 Mhz. While it may have varied depending on activities on the band, this became the 14.332 frequency we use today.

Following V. Mayree's passing in 2001, her call sign became the Memorial call sign for the System (K4ICA). This call sign is used during conventions, as part of special awards and during our System Special Event recognition. Many more details of the System's history are available in the YLISSB History Booklet.

YLISSB Special Event Planned

Last year the YL System had a special event station to celebrate its 60th anniversary. The special event station operated over several days and bands. This special event was successful and resulted in reaching many hams who were issued a special QSL card. The YL System will be again doing a special event station during the second week of February (February 8 –11). A special event QSL card will be offered to any ham who contacts the K4ICA station during its operations. We are currently looking for members who would like to operate the special event station. You can choose to operate one or more one-hour blocks of time. A special event station is easy and fun and orientation training will be provided. If you think you might be interested, please contact either Bruce Tisdale, K9ICP (btisdale1949@comcast.net) or John Ellis, W5PDW (W5PDW2022@gmail.com)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FEBRUARY: YL SYSTEM BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION—February 1 thru 29, 2024

To celebrate the birthday of the YL System, during the month of February, contact one member for each year of the YL System. 2024 marks our 61st year, so contact 61 member stations during the month. Contacts may be made on any YL System session, on any band. Contacts will count only one time.

February 9 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This is our Birthday. To complete this award 12 contacts will be made from our Officers, Emeritus Council Members, or Committee Chairmen. K4ICA will count for three (3) contacts. **Email your qualifying QSO's to: awards@ylsystem.org**

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

19057 KO4KMS Kevin AL

19058 W4JFJF Kent NC

19059 KC9JPF Jim IN

19060 K4ATV Tom GA

19061 W1WZ Mike MA

19062 KI5ZUN RayTX

19063 W9EGA Ron IL

19064 KD6IBW Shelly IL

19065 K5RGW Richard TX

19066 WB6IVF Gerry CO

19067 WA8RM Rob TN

19068 KF0FLB Nathan SD

19069 KC5GVC Mike AR

19070 KB8MCI JJ MI

19071 K7HKW Mark MT

19072 K6OYX Milt TN

19073 KB3HEO Wayne SC

19074 W0UL David KS

19075N7BES Shane NV

19076 W1JT Jim MI

19077 KB1IKH Elayne IA

19078 KE8ZON Mark MI

19079 KD0BRE Mark IA

19080 K5WRE Robert CO

19081 K0RFH RJ IA

19082 KK7MNX Shane UT

19083 KO4LXX Mike FL

19084 KI5CYM Ray TX

SILENT KEYS

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



K1PIG HENRY A. RIGOULOT YLISSB-2411
K5KDG DOYLES S. COPE YLISSB-5106
W0ULU FRED W. SCHMIDT YLISSB-9620

Respectfully,
Mario K2ZD #7485
Condolence Chair

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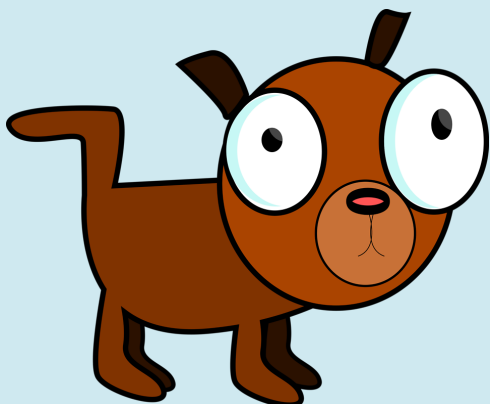
Awards Program Review

The YL System has had an extensive awards program for many years. The Awards Program is only available to active members of the System. In the last several years, participation in the YLISSB Awards Program has been extremely limited.

As a result of this lack of interest, the Board is currently evaluating the value of this program to its membership. This may include changing or eliminating some awards or even discontinuing the program all together.

Before making any decisions, the Board would like to know your opinion and/or suggestions for any changes to the program. Please direct your comments or suggestions regarding the program to the Board at Board@YLSYSTEM.org before March 1.

Thanks in advance for your response. 73



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!