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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

January 2021

MONTHLY AWARDS

January is our Snowy January Award 2021. Contact 30 members from any State, Province, or Country that has snow on the ground at the time of the contact. 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, the Palindrome and the Ambassador awards, that will start in January. Keep watching the Web Site for details. In addition, the information will be printed in the Voice.

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. We expect to hold another New Member Meet and Greet in January or February.

K4ICA

Memorial Call

YL System

The President's Report (Cont.)

2021 ALL MEMBER MEET AND GREET

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. See the Agenda in this issue of the Communicator. I hope to see you there. Note: if you plan to attend the meeting, and have a question of a topic you would like to see discussed, please send me an e-mail before January 7 with your suggestion. My e-mail is kl7fqq@yahoo.com

BOARD ACTIONS

At a recent meeting, the Board of Directors voted to require that all control operators be a subscribed member of QRZ.

Happy New Year. Let's hope and pray it is better than 2020!
Rose, KL7FQQ

CHECK IN...STAY AROUND By Bill, W7AJP

As one of the Moonbeam Co-Controls, I log many check-ins daily. The YL System is known for being friendly and many non-members check in and Work-All-States. We are all busy, but when you check in, please stay around and listen for a while. One guest ham in WV checks in daily looking for Delaware. One of these days, there will be a BIG SHOUT of joy when he makes that final state and gets his WAS. This past week another ham guest was one state away from his WAS. He checked in, looked at Net Logger and asked to talk to someone in a state one line above his check in. The man had apparently closed down. We know it happens, but all of us heard the disappointment.

Suggestion: Make some extra time and stay on the air after you check in. You might just give another ham their biggest smile of the day by helping them get their WAS award. And, many of those guests are joining regularly. It is because of you, the members.

January Anniversaries

KD0MEO Dale & Sheila
KB0OFM Terry & Molly
W1PEF Paul & Joy
WW1SS Steven & Joy
KB1FGF Woody & Anita
KD2HRN Ron & Linda
N2OKA Candy & Bill
W2EO Bill & Kathleen
WR3V Rich & Renee
K3LI Rich & Day
KK4CII Bo & Spouse
KM4TTT Jim & Sara
W4LLY Jim & Julie
W4GJR Gregory & Spouse
KJ4YDI Dale & Lynn
KK4HTL Joe & Spouse
KO4ALK Paul & Spouse
KO4BAR Ken & Mallisa
AG5GP Shelby & Kim
KE5ZQV Jody & Donna
N5JED Chuck & Jo Ann
W5DBL Larry & Spouse
K5PCS Roger & Sherry
KI5BYN Ray & Gina

KI5DLS Ken & Kellie
WA5VTT John & Spouse
W6NWF Viv & KI6SBL Rob
AI6KO Jay & Fran
KD6ZKC John & Marlene
N6DMP Donald & Michelle
W6VY Bob & Marjorie
K7ZNO John & Peggy
WL7SO John & Julie
KJ7PVJ David & Spouse
KE8GII David & Sheila
K8RJT Roger & Nancy
K9EXY Rick & Rita
KB9GFX Doc & Lori
N9WAS Doc Denny & Spouse
K9GHP Rick & Sharon

...and one I missed last month:

N0QAU Joe & N0QAV Kim

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

January Birthdays

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| N0UOD | KA1ULN | KC4OHL | KG5WDF | KC8DQG |
| N0EFV | W1KNF | KI4NCP | K6AJY | W8BF |
| KD0PTM | VE1QT | W4DRB | K6BHH | KD8EFM |
| W0JFM | KU1V | N4KQ | AI6NJ | W8TOG |
| K0PZN | N1YZO | W4AAX | VA6HLL | VE9RMD |
| K0IC | N1TGB | KK4FYV | KK6XR | KC9WDS |
| KD0PBZ | AB1SJ | AG4KN | AA6TJ | KD9CWR |
| KD0UAG | WK2RP | NY4JB | KI6GCI | WA9SHR |
| W0LFV | W2PJR | K4SHA | K6INS | WA9DLB |
| N0GNY | WA2GFK | K4JRB | AI6NJ | K9IXS |
| K0CE | K2WEK | K4DUX | KK6TXN | |
| KC0ECK | KC2ZFO | KE5ES | KF7URV | |
| WA0LSS | VE2MXU | K5GEB | KI7IIM | |
| K0HHZ | K2POW | KV5S | AC7QM | |
| W0AAS | K3VAN | KM5OA | KG7WLX | |
| KE0NXW | VE3EQV | VE5JLO | K7MO | |
| K0THP | KB3SEL | KF5V | KC7KPF | |
| KB0TFK | KB3HBQ | AG5DT | K7UWD | |
| WA0BEU | N3RF | W5WEE | N7HHC | |
| K0YI | KC3LGF | VE5RH | K7MOJ | |
| K0TLW | WA3RXP | ND5G | K7CCZ | |
| K0ACR | KK4HM | KD5SXH | KA7UOR | |
| KE0RFZ | KI4TXP | N5GED | VE7ZDL | |
| W1FGN | NC4MI | KI5EGG | K7BDG | |
| K1HIF | KK4SGX | K5DTD | W7ISS | |
| K1GND | K4ADY | W5DTB | K7TOJ | |
| W1NRX | VE4DS | KB5ZFC | K8NQC | |
| KA1EPT | KG4EYG | AF5VH | K8UOU | |
| N1DL | KM4KNV | KC5RXR | K8MPW | |
| ZL1ALE | KI4IRH | W5TDN | KC8SSK | |
| | K4DMW | K5TMN | K8JGG | |
| | KK4WYN | KI5DLS | N8APP | |
| | KA4WGW | VE5MEX | KE8IYS | |
| | K4TJO | K5FEL | W8RES | |
| | KM4NRY | | | |
| | KM4MOE | | | |

If I missed your
 Birthday, please let
 me know at
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New Members

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

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|-------|--------|--------------------------|
| 17922 | KN6KOZ | Ed from California |
| 17923 | K4PVK | Paul from Alabama |
| 17924 | WA3RXP | Steve from Pennsylvania |
| 17925 | W5SZK | Tom from Florida |
| 17926 | KO4IJE | Ben from Virginia |
| 17827 | W0JCP | Jay from Colorado |
| 17928 | WX0NET | Billy from Kansas |
| 17929 | KO4HFN | Vince from Florida |
| 17930 | VA6WTE | Jeff from Alberta |
| 17931 | AE0LC | Norm from Colorado |
| 17932 | KD7TVS | Darin from Oregon |
| 17933 | KI4URN | Ed from Arizona |
| 17934 | WW5B | Steve from Arizona |
| 17935 | KK4EYU | Lee from Florida |
| 17936 | KI4HEE | Bob from South Carolina |
| 17937 | W4DWS | Dennis from Georgai |
| 17938 | KJ7PVJ | David from Idaho |
| 17939 | W1SRR | Mike from Florida |
| 17940 | KF0CXX | Briana from Kansas |
| 17941 | KA3BVH | John from Texas |
| 17942 | KK4QMB | Jeff from North Carolina |
| 17943 | KB2VRO | Jim from New Jersey |
| 17944 | NT5M | Dale from Oklahoma |
| 17945 | KN4GQB | Sloan from Florida |
| 17946 | AB1SJ | Ken from New Hampshire |

Silent Key

The following member has advanced onto Silent Key status:

Wesley E. Davis – WD8JTJ – YLISSB:17071

YLISB – Tracing the History

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

This article is part 4 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 documented in the YL International SSB'er, Special Edition dated October-November 1974.

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 equally between the "4"s and the "6's; W4AEA, W4BMC, W4FJF, W6MAZ, W6OET, and W6MWG.

SSB'ers "roving double-P", the irrepressible I1PP, SSB'er #592, graced many a system in the early days when the golden voice of Miami, V. Mayree, conducted the weekly sessions. Peter's bubbling enthusiasm delighted us all, but it was for SSB'er #1 that he reserved his special attention. From Newsletter #1 comes this charming note: "Forgive me please for my long silence. I was sulky with you because I wrote you many times without reply. Called you desperately 1,000 times on 14.333, 1800 GMT, always without reply. Double-P was neglected and grieved. The last January I was in Bombay for installation, test, and assistance of a big VHF multichannel radiotelephone bridge. I had my little 51S1 and portable trap microdipole. Sometimes I had the luck to hear your voice, V. Mayree, I recognize it among thousands. Returning now home, I find two kind messages and I am very glad. This same day morning I have sent you a book as my souvenir...".

YLISSB – Tracing the History (Cont.)

Montana met India... SSB'ers were a traveling bunch, even in 1963. Col. Dady, VU2MD, #937, a prolific correspondent, wrote of Flo's (W7QYA, #7552) round-the-world trip and of her 4 day visit to his beautiful city of Bombay: "We wish more amateurs like her would visit our country so they could get to know us better..."

In the interest of space, I will pass on including more descriptions in this article. However, it is amazing how the early YLISSB attracted DX operator from worldwide. Examples sited in this special edition included: ZS1TZ, #1060 and ZS1TP, #1059 from South Africa; VQ4AQ, #929 from Nairobi; VP6KL, #920; TI2EH, #776 from Costa Rica; ON4AD, #691 and ON4QF, #3915 from the Belgian Congo. The System was quickly growing into a worldwide group.

ENCOURAGEMENT GALORE: YLISSB-Style

By Bill, W7AJP, YLISSB Chaplain

Over the last year, I heard very helpful and encouraging things over the air. I heard people asking about a member who had not been on. Is he ill? Where is she? Are they doing OK?

Just before Christmas, one member moved across town and was off the air. There was a lot of chatter about him, wondering if he was OK. Another member in the same town would often give us a progress report on the move. The week before Christmas, the member went by his old house checked in before his antenna came down. He said he missed us...and we missed him.

Other members have been ill. AND, members ask about them and some telephone them. I learned by example that the YL SYSTEM is more like a family than just a group.

That was so evident on Tuesday, December 22, when Larry, AG5Z, got Maria, N0TWW (member 12317) on the air with a "cell-phone patch." Maria is in an assisted living facility in Hattiesburg, MS, and

that phone patch boosted her more than most would think. She has been quarantined in her room for weeks by COVID. New members who had never heard of her listened to the conversations as Maria talked to many friends. One guest told me that was one of the best things he had heard in a long time.

Recently, a member's sister in another state needed care. They left immediately and were away from their radio. Forgetting to let anyone know they would be away, people missed them and asked repeatedly where they were. There was rejoicing when we finally made connections, nearly a month later. So, if you are going to be away, let someone know.

Other members have faced and are facing surgeries, illnesses, loss of mates. I am so proud to be part this YL System that reaches out and checks on others. Thank you for caring when a member can no longer check in and stays in touch. Thank you for letting others know you care, that you pray for them or that you are thinking about them. It means so much.

Well, there I go with my Chaplain's hat on, telling you to do what you already do so well! You make the YL System a very special group of ham radio people. Thank you.

AGENDA

YLISSB Membership Meet and Greet January 9, 2021 (on Zoom)

- Call to order 1:00 pm Eastern
- Invocation
- Introduction by members (name, call-sign, sideband number and position held in the YLISSB, if any)
- History of the YLISSB by K9ICP
- Response to questions and topics submitted by members
- Open Mic
- Adjourn – 3:00 pm

Awards and TFOs

Congratulations to Steven Bamber VE2JKJ for earning the Halloween and Veterans Awards this month.

January Meet and Greet

2021 is one calendar page flip away. Needless to say, Covid-19 has destroyed the possibility of meeting face to face for group events.

To kick off the New Year, the YLSystem will be holding a Zoom Meet and Greet on January 9 at 1900Z (1pm EST)

If you attended our Zoom Virtual Convention June 2020, I trust you found it a fun experience, and the opportunity to place a face to a voice was a real plus.

Unlike a regular convention, "business" will not be discussed. We will take this opportunity to just have fun. If you do have questions concerning the System, they will be answered. Send any questions to be addressed at the Meet and Greet to Rose KL7FQQ, our President, kl7fqq@yahoo.com.

Reply with your Call Sign and System Number to be placed on my list to receive the Zoom links. Please respond no later than January 6.

There is no fee to attend.

If you have questions concerning setup or using Zoom, send me an email or call 908-377-6067

Hope to see you on Zoom.

I wish you a healthy and happy New Year,

Larry AB3TY #16871 TFO 535

And finally...

It really feels great to finally see 2020 in our rearview mirror. In addition to Death and Taxes, there have been two other certainties in our ham radio world this year... steadily improving propagation, and, more importantly, the friendship and fellowship of the YL System. Whatever was going on in the world, you could always count on the friendly voices and cheerful enthusiasm of our system controls and the members checking in. For that I thank you.

One of my favorite photos comes from the Apollo 8 mission...



So, be of good cheer. It's still a wonderful world.



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!