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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Greetings from Texas.

VOICE

As I reported last month, we have had some major issues with the 2020-2021 Voice. However, I hope you have received the publication by now, and enjoyed it as much as I did.

SPECIAL DAYS ON THE SYSTEM

March 17 is our IRISH Award. Contact ten (10) members whose sideband number ends with a "1" or a "7" or any Irish stations. Irish stations count as two contacts, as does a contact with K4ICA, our club station.

MONTHLY AWARDS

The monthly award for March also celebrates St. Patrick's Day. Contact 20 members whose first name sounds Irish, or whose station is located in Ireland, or has a birthday on March 17. K4ICA, our club station, will count as 5 contacts.

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The President's Report (Cont.)

BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors held a meeting on Saturday, February 13. One of the actions taken was to decide to host another Meet and Greet for all members on April 3. The Board also discussed the upcoming YLISSB Convention, scheduled for June 12-13. The registration fee will be \$10.00, which will entitle the member to our Convention packet, and access to the Zoom meeting. We will once again be offering five door-prizes to those attending. More information will be coming your way shortly.

APRIL MEET AND GREET

Put Saturday, April 3, on your calendar for the YLISSB Meet and Greet. This is open to all members, at no charge. More information will be headed your way later in the month via your e-mail.

I'm looking forward to summer...are you?
Rose, KL7FQQ

March Anniversaries

K0LEF Doug & Betty
KD0WYO Dave & Kay
KI0RR Eric & Spouse
ZL1AMN Dave & ZL1ALE Aola
KK1TLS Terry & Debi
W1DRD Dino & Spouse
K1DWE Dave & Spouse
KC1MDI Cliff & Linda
W1SAV Savi & Lizy
K2WC Carlos & Spouse
KD2ARU James & Penny
KC2TFX David & KC2ZRY
Nancy
VE3SHM Ted & Priscilla
W3SCA Jay & Amy
WB3EUC Frank & Judy
KG4CNA Allen & Nita
K4MPH Bud & Claire
N4WBC Bill & Cindy
KM4IQB Carlos & Spouse
N4ZGH Roger & K4ZGH Bobbie
K4ATC Fred & Kim
W4APZ Richard & Linda
W4AAX Perry & Nancy Ann
KJ4WNW Roger & Linda
WA4KSO Curt & Pam
NC4RP Bob & Carol
WA5KSC Steve & N9ZG Sue
KF5V Tom & Spouse
NW5O Huck & Dolores
KB5ZFC Rick & Michelle
K5TMN Tom & Patricia
AF5VH Al & Jan
KF5CE Bill & Barbara
AA5HY David & Letha
W5HRH Rudy & Margie
KF5QWV Steve & K8ABI Abbi
W5RTX Gary & Donna
W5CJC Russ & Maria
KI5LDK Ruth & Steven
NQ6C Mike & Cori
KJ6JPZ Tom & K6ZNL Scotty
K6STX Dan & Joy
K6LDE Ed & Lori
KE7JBK Chance & Terry
KJ7CPC Peter & Ruth
VA7WNC Angela & VE7KTX Chris
KX7KX Alan & Pauletta
KC8TDC Gerald & KC8VRT Amy
KC8DQG Hammy & Maxine
W8BF Ron & Lucinda
WN8QGV Bill & Belinda
K9TYR Tom & K9STS Susie
N9KJT Gary & Terry
WV9B Richie & Christine
WB9TQW Jim & Elsie

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

March Birthdays

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| KE0CAS | WW3HAM | W5VBD | W7COZ | W9KB |
| KE0IJN | K3YZF | KF5FSK | KE7LSF | KA9PRF |
| N0DFP | K3EXO | KC5CYY | K7BUM | KD9DSD |
| N0EYZ | KN4TOZ | KE5VPJ | KL7LS | KD9MLG |
| KD0AEK | KJ4MFW | KF5TEX | KQ7Y | N9DRS |
| KE0BEE | N4ZGH | WW5NX | WD7ALE | |
| W0BIZ | W4HML | AC5XB | KE7SAH | If I missed your |
| KC0ADK | KJ4NVF | N5LEC | WL7WM | Birthday, please |
| AD0WW | NA4SO | KG5SER | W7TOA | let me know at |
| KE0QGN | K4MPH | K5GAL | K7RPD | jim@pandzik.com |
| KE0ELU | KT4AN | KK5LU | AL7F | |
| AS0P | KD4OBQ | KM5W | AF7DA | |
| KA0IDH | KK4YL | K5KCH | K7ZNO | |
| W0TER | KW4JK | KF5DDA | K7IP | |
| N0TXW | N4HMP | W5TPM | K7NKL | |
| N1OIE | K4ATC | N5DEB | WA7VVV | |
| KB1TSE | KD4AIS | WA5VTT | KJ8F | |
| N1PVT | KX4BE | W5TAR | W8XC | |
| KC1ANA | KI4RUC | KI5LUF | N8ZOR | |
| KB1YOG | K4OBL | K6MEE | W8ZLK | |
| KC1BLP | W4APZ | W6UNT | NJ8G | |
| KA1SPY | N4XXO | KM6KRE | K8ABI | |
| WA1NPD | K4MPH | KG6NXX | KE8DAF | |
| W2EO | K4SRB | K6STX | K8WAR | |
| KA2MQX | VE4ACM | N6QIC | AA8WM | |
| KC2YEB | W4DNQ | KB6DAN | KR9G | |
| KF2D | N4TLT | K6MEE | KC9RLS | |
| KF2HP | KN4MUF | KBHH | W9JTC | |
| N2KWO | N4RRR | NH6RH | VE9MSD | |
| KZ2W | WP4JD | KM6UGM | WV9B | |
| KD2AAC | KN4DUX | KB6TAZ | KA9LYH | |
| WN3W | KK4EYU | K6DCL | W9DCS | |
| W3SCA | KJ4MJX | W7DZX | K9BBN | |
| N3FMO | AD5D | KL7YK | KD9HCY | |
| WN3Z | WA5YNE | K7NKL | KD9GNW | |
| VE3SHM | KE5AHE | N7GDP | K9RMW | |

New Members

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

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|-------|--------|-------------------------|
| 17979 | N4IUF | Dee from Georgia |
| 17980 | KC0JAH | Lionel from Colorado |
| 17981 | KT4VK | Hilary from Florida |
| 17982 | WB7OKU | Larry from Florida |
| 17983 | KB7BIB | Brian from Arizona |
| 17984 | W7OUN | Billy from Kentucky |
| 17985 | W5CTL | Chris from New Mexico |
| 17986 | KB8EDX | Larry from Ohio |
| 17987 | N0NZL | Duane from Kansas |
| 17988 | KJ7TJA | Wayne from Oregon |
| 17989 | N5RS | Brad from Colorado |
| 17990 | WA7VVV | Jim from Arizona |
| 17991 | WA7ZXB | Nancy from Arizona |
| 17992 | KI5MIM | Chuck from Texas |
| 17993 | KF5LBT | Jim from Texas |
| 17994 | KI5GNU | Colleen from Arkansas |
| 17995 | K7UD | Dee from Texas |
| 17996 | N3UDQ | Roger from Pennsylvania |
| 17997 | K3WHD | Dave from New York |
| 17998 | KB2WTA | Charlie from Utah |
| 17999 | KB6LFM | Bill from California |
| 18000 | K5AJR | Al from New Mexico |
| 18001 | W8JCS | Dan from Michigan |
| 18002 | KF7MCK | Frank from Arizona |
| 18003 | WD0GPS | Michael from Colorado |
| 18004 | K2PAR | Peggy from New Jersey |
| 18005 | K0DXV | Doug from Colorado |
| 18006 | N0MLJ | Margie from Colorado |
| 18007 | KB5IOC | Doc from Arkansas |
| 18008 | KF0BQV | Tim from Missouri |
| 18009 | KE5DG | Henry from Texas |
| 18010 | KE5DGT | Charlotte from Texas |
| 18011 | KA7VPR | Bob from Arizona |
| 18012 | KD7ZPP | Mark from Nevada |

YLISSB – Tracing the History

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

This article is part 6 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.

YL International SSB'ers Incorporate! In August 1963 V. Mayree announced in Newsletter #2 the incorporation of SSB'ers, "approved by the Secretary of State, John Adams, Tallahassee, Florida, July 22, 1963, at 10:49 am, filed the same day. The great seal of the State of Florida was affixed ..."

In the Newsletter appeared the news that now there were 1,500 members! Gus was DX-peditioning, and the FCC reported that the "RTTY on 14.333 originating in Peking virtually wiping out Europe for the USA." To accommodate, the frequency was changed to 14.331 kcs.

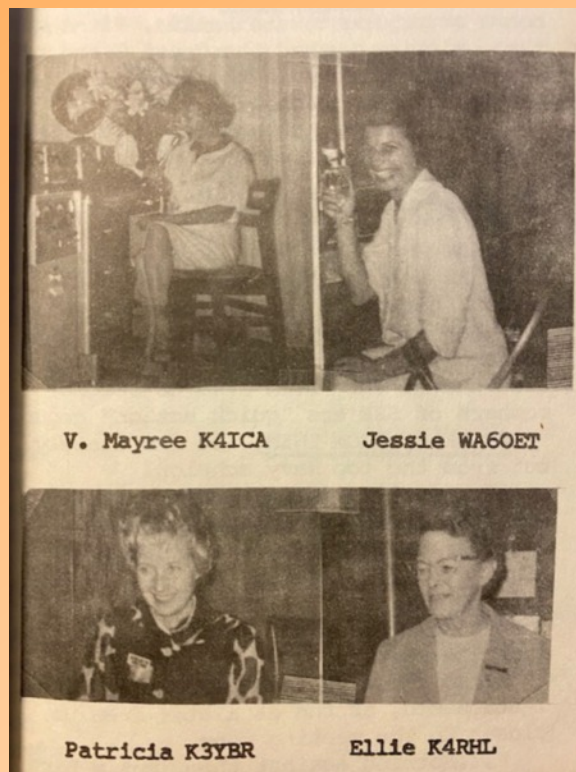
Following the phenomenal success and popularity of the King Neptune Award, the system established the Belt of Orion, North Star and SSB'ers USA Award, and the Venus King Neptune, and Pegasus Trophies was announced.

By December of SSB'ers first year, V. Mayree was busy again at her typewriter with SSB'ers Voice #3, the last of the early mimeographed editions. Membership had jumped to 1,967. There were now 8 WB's and 49 WA's. We saw our first Silent Key list with 5 calls. The cover of the Voice prominently featured an empty box with the notation "This space reserved for forthcoming insignia" while tucked in the left-hand corner flickered a tiny candle.

YLISSB – Tracing the History (Cont.)

Daily System Now! SSB'ers systems were operating seven days a week. The Articles of Incorporation set forth the seven purposes. The list of members contained SSB'er Numbers for the first time. The world was divided into areas with coordinators whose responsibility it was to assign and train adequate numbers of assistants capable of handling emergency communications in their respective areas.

If any System Control in 1974 should feel “put upon” about 2-3 hours stint as system control, with adequate assistants, let them image our System Control duties back in 1963-1964! Each day as the System opened, the system control assumed duties for the entire day, normally 10-13 straight hours without a break! Why? Because at that time we did not have enough System Controls trained to handle a system of such magnitude. They were being trained however. Here is the first contingent of System Controls who “sweated through” those long hours at the controls without feeling “put upon” although thoroughly exhausted at the end of the day.



To be continued next month ...

Awards and TFOs

No TFOs this month, but congratulations to .Steven Bamber VE2JKJ for earning the Santa Award, and to Steven Jones KG5RMY for earning the YL Birthday, Over-worked and Underpaid and Veterans Awards.

Silent Keys

The following members have been reported as Silent Keys:

Frederick J. DeVries, Jr. - AC1BN – YLISSB:17270
Jonathan K. Winslow – KB1HCC – YLISSB:16587

In Memoriam

When a ham becomes a "Silent Key"
It makes us stop and ponder
Their shack is closed, their key is stilled
We'll hear their voice no longer.
But in this time, their YL friends
Recall, with sad eyes glistening,
That though we cannot hear their call,
They are, of course, still listening...

And finally...

Scientists now believe that the reversal of the Earth's magnetic poles that occurred 42,000 years ago may have been responsible for massive worldwide Northern Lights, extensive loss of both flora and fauna, the demise of the Neanderthals, and, for the ham radio operators of the day, pretty impressive skip zones. See the latest EarthSky.org website for the details. Unfortunately no QSL cards from the event have survived, probably because writing had not yet been invented.... Sad.

Fun fact: Where on Earth are the only two places from where you can move in only one direction?

Answer: At the North Pole, you can only head south, and at the South Pole you can only head north.

Descendents of the Neanderthals still exist today. My XYL and I are proud *Meander-thals* who enjoy wandering backroads on our way to nowhere in particular.

As J.R.R. Tolkein said, "All that is gold does not glitter, nor are all who wander lost"

,,,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!