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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings from the Board of Directors!

WOW! This month has flown by! March is bringing some very fickle weather to a lot of the country. 40 degrees difference in temperature reported overnight in some areas. Stay warm and stay safe. While the weather has been erratic, the bands seem to be working well, even if a bit noisy at times. Most sessions are snagging over 50 check-ins an hour. It's certainly not a competition, but we love to see the activity and new calls.

The Board is organizing for the upcoming elections this month. We are anticipating record participation. Please take the time to look over the nominations and voice your opinions with a vote! An email will be coming.

We have welcomed some wonderful new controls, but still need people who are willing to be trained and fill in. It does involve some multitasking, but becomes second nature after some time on the air.

Please consider helping in this way as a part time or full time Control. You must be a member current with your dues and have a minimum QRZ XML subscription to be eligible.

On behalf of the Board of Directors...73

Mac Steinmeyer
AF4PS, #18393
System Secretary and President , Pro Tem

AWARDS AND TFOs

K4DAY ERNIE YL#17827 TFO #621
KD9ISC CODY YL#18319 TFO #622

If you are a TFO holder who is current with your dues and wish to place a vote to elect a worthy member the honor of being named a TFO, please email the YL System TFO Manager. tfo@ylsystem.org

Each dues current YLISSB Member with a TFO number may cast one vote per month for new TFOs they believe to be eligible candidates. Only one vote per member will count towards the Award, which means that once a member has cast a vote for a specific member, any further vote will not be counted.

In your email, give the member's name, callsign, and YLISSB number. Your vote will be recorded. A total of 10 votes is required.



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

AA2MI John & Marilyn	KG5VDP Gene & Spouse	W5CJC Russ & Maria
AA5HY David & Letha	KI0RR Eric & Spouse	W5RTX Gary & Donna
AB9Z Lawton & Linda	KI5EGG James & Linda	W6UA Jack & Spouse
AD8RR Robert & Cheryl	KI5LDK Ruth & Steven	W8BF Ron & Lucinda
A17PL William & Suzie	KI5ODH Lee & Spouse	WA5KSC Steve & N9ZG Sue
K2WC Carlos & Spouse	KI5VPF Phillip & Peggy	WA5TY Allen & Nan
K4ATC Fred & Kim	KJ5CF Bob & Liz	WB3EUC Frank & Judy
K4MPH Bud & Claire	KJ6JPZ Tom & K6ZNL Scotty	WB9TQW Jim & Elsie
K5BBZ Bob & Spouse	KJ7CPC Peter & Ruth	WV9B Richie & Christine
K5HRV Harvey & Amy	KN6OZW Daniel & Spouse	
K5MUL Ronald & Carol	KO4PWF James & Spouse	
K5TMN Tom & Patricia	KQ4BAP John & Mary	
K6LDE Ed & Lori	KX7KX Alan & Pauletta	
K8JMH Jeffrey & Toni	N4VYL Chris & Kate	
K9TYR Tom & K9STS Susie	N4ZGH Roger & K4ZGH Bobbie	
KB0STE David & Spouse	N5AFK Shawn & Jennifer	
KB1IKH Elayne & Karen	NB5Z Randy & Spouse	
KB5ZFC Rick & Michelle	NC4RP Bob & Carol	
KC1MDI Cliff & Linda	NN9E Lizbeth & Tom	
KC2TFX David & KC2ZRY Nancy	NS6U Dom & Lisa	
KC5MNP Mike & Becky	NU7I Darrell & Allison	
KD2ARU James & Penny	NW5O Huck & Dolores	
KD9TMO Doug & Spouse	VA7WNC Angela and VE7KTX Chris	
KD9TTQ Joseph & Therese	VE6MLD Edgar Milt & VE6SUE Susan	
KE7JBK Chance & Terry	W1DRD Dino & Spouse	
KE8OVP Brian & Spouse	W1SAV Savi & Lizy	
KFOOPX Stephen & Spouse	W4AAX Perry & Nancy Ann	
KF4PUY John & Dorothy	W4APZ Richard & Linda	
KF5QWV Steve & K8ABI Abbi		

If I missed your anniversary, please let me know at

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

AA2MI	KB6TAZ	KF5TEX	N1PVT	W7DPB
AA7F	KC2YEB	KI5QKL	N1TJV	W7MFD
AA8WM	KC3DJV	KI5TBQ	N2KWO	W7TOA
AC3HT	KC4YCH	KI5VPF	N3FMO	W7ZXL
AC4HG	KC5CYY	KJ4MJX	N4BRJ	W8ZLK
AD0WW	KC8FOS	KJ5AIV	N4GST	WA1NPD
AF7DA	KC8MES	KJ5UJM	N4TLT	WA5QEC
AG5U	KC9TTF	KJ7ARZ	N4ZGH	WA5VTT
AJ0EF	KC9UKV	KJ7ODB	N5BLP	WA7VVV
K0ELK	KD2AAC	KJ7UBV	N5CCO	WB0RYJ
K3EXO	KD2VYP	KK0COP	N5LEC	WB5LPT
K3YZF	KD7LYS	KK4EYU	N5NXV	WB5MR
K4ATC	KD9DSD	KK4LUW	N7DPC	WL7WM
K4GCD	KD9GNW	KK4YL	N7JVJ	WP4JD
K4MPH	KD9HCY	KK5LU	N7LS	WV9B
K4MPH	KD9MLG	KK7CZD	N9DRS	WW3HAM
K4WNM	KD9RRS	KK7HGD	NB5Z	WW5NX
K5LFK	KD9UJK	KL7LS	NI6AU	WW6DCL
K6EKT	KE0BEE	KL7YK	NJ8G	WZ5TAZ
K6WHW	KE0ELU	KM6UGM	NM6A	
K7DJW	KE0KZS	KN4DUX	NN9E	
K7HKW	KE0QGN	KN4MUF	NS6U	
K7IP	KE4OLE	KN4NCJ	NY5V	
K7NKL	KE5AHE	KN4TOZ	VE4ACM	
K8ABI	KE5DCD	KO4KMS	VE4REM	
K8UUO	KE5TAY	KO4PYV	VE6MLD	
K8WAR	KE8DAF	KO4TRA	W0NNX	
K9BBN	KE8NQK	KO4YZI	W1JT	
K9BMR	KE8WIE	KQ4EGI	W2ABX	
K9RMW	KF0HUK	KT4AN	W2EO	
KA0IDH	KF0JFQ	KW4JK	W2GZQ	
KBOCH	KF0NCB	KW6EZ	W2JHB	
KB0WCY	KF2D	KX4BE	W2ZMZ	
KB1TSE	KF2HP	KZ2W	W5EH	
KB4JOM	KF5DDA	N0EYZ	W5STAR	
KB6DAN	KF5FSK	NOTXW	W5TPM	

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

In one of my earlier articles, I reviewed a summary from an older copy of the Voice on how to be a good member. There is nothing unique about the items listed. However, you may find that some of the items may not exactly reflect current process/practice. Always check current policies if you have questions.

1. Stations have three opportunities to make two complete calls when it is their turn.
2. Stations wishing to recheck should identify by saying recheck and stating their call sign.
3. All stations must abide by FCC rules and accepted courtesies of amateur radio.
4. When you have finished with your contact, repeat your call sign at the end of your final transmission. This lets System Control know that you have completed your contact.
5. Stations hearing another station that the Control cannot hear should identify by saying “relay” and then wait for acknowledgement from Control.
6. Stations should eliminate needless repetition of their calls when making a contact. Once the station that is being called repeats your call, then it is customary to not repeat it again.
7. The use of phonetics when making a call is useful to ensure that the station being called understands your correct call sign. It is preferred that currently accepted phonetics be used.
8. Sometimes when conditions are poor, it is good practice to count out the signal report you are giving. For instance, two by two, one two, one two- over again. Repeating this sequence several times helps the called station to receive the correct report.
9. Remember to be friendly at all times, but do not take up too much time in idle chatter. Another station may be on the frequency that have calls they wish to make.
10. When you have been honored by being awarded a TFO number, remember to vote, so that others may be so honored. You are allowed to vote, either by sending in a vote, monthly, or you can vote for multiple nominees at one time. When sending in your vote, please include your name, your call, and your TFO number on your nomination.
11. Remember that your dues are due on January 1 of each year, and become delinquent on March 31. Please send in your dues in a timely manner, using the renewal forms on the website or your copy of the Voice.

As a final note, enjoy yourself and remember our Motto: Dedicated to the building of better understanding and friendship among all the people of the earth through amateur radio communications.

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 19085 KC3VEV Woody PA | 19099 KI6KTI Marte OK | 19113 KF0OBB Dave CO |
| 19086 AI5LZ Sue AR 19087 | 19100 KJ4RVA Jerry FL | 19114 NI6AU Ricardo CA |
| WQ8P Nathaniel FL 19088 | 19101 AC3CT Tim PA | 19115 KF6YMA Phyllis CA |
| KE8COQ Kyle WV 19089 | 19102 K2EYS Terry NY | 19116 KE4OUU Mike VA |
| AC4HH Dot TN 19090 | 19103 K5MUL Ron TX | 19117 KD0LDM Chuck KS |
| AC4HG Benjamin TN 19091 | 19104 KD4BBA Ken NC | 19118 VE1MY Mike NS |
| KJ7WHR Jeff AZ 19092 | 19105 KB5LIA Allen OK | 19119 KF0ARO Rick MO |
| KK4HTW Randy FL 19093 | 19106 KC1OVR Dave MA | 19120 KQ4KFN Chad FL |
| KF8QH Mallard MI 19094 | 19107 N5VHX John TX | 19121 KD0MSU Steven KS |
| KB3CJV Matt PA 19095 | 19108 N0DMK Mike SD | 19122 AA2MI John FL |
| KD2TMJ Vincent NJ 19096 | 19109 KF0MQI Loyd MO | |
| KO4QWS Paul FL 19097 | 19110 KF0OPX Steve KS | |
| AE7NM David UT 19098 | 19111 W5FDS Dale OK | |
| KD9HCO Scott IN | 19112 W0SAK Scott MO | |

SILENT KEYS

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



AE2EE DENNIS BAUMGARTE YLISSB-17862
WB3HTKM WALTER NEWMAN YLISSB-11714
KN4QKS JAMES R. JOHNSTON YLIBB-17560
K0ARY BRUCE B. QUAYLE YLISSB-16020
N0TWV MARIA M. JONES YLISSB-12317

Respectfully,
Mario K2ZD #7485
Condolence Chair

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- All Awards are currently undergoing a re-design.
- Please anticipate up to 30 business days for a reward request to be acknowledged and or processed and emailed to you.
- Unless specifically indicated otherwise, all contacts for awards must be made with individual member stations. Multiple contacts with the same station will not qualify for the awards. PLEASE NOTE: As of July 9, 2022, there is no longer a \$5 fee to apply for any Monthly or Special Day award.
- ONLY 3 RECHECKS PER HOUR, ONE CALL PER RECHECK
- PLEASE NOTE- K4ICA CAN ONLY BE USED (1) TIME ON A SPECIAL DAY

Spring

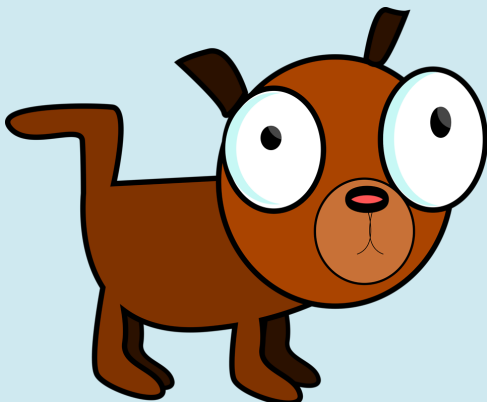
MARCH MADNESS: MARCH 1 - 31

Contact 20 members whose first name sounds Irish or whose station is located in Ireland

MARCH 15 – IRISH AWARD

Contact ten (10) members whose sideband number ends with a “1” or a “7” or any Irish stations. Irish stations count for two (2) contacts. K4ICA counts as two (2) contacts and can be used (1) time.

Email your qualifying QSO's to: awards@ylsystem.org



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!