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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings from the Board of Directors!

May brings a consistent influx of New Members. This is a great sign that we remain welcoming and interesting to Hams out there. The face of the System is our control stations. You are doing a wonderful job, making me proud to be a part of this big family!

The board is preparing for the upcoming ZOOM convention. I hope you are able to attend! Watch for details upcoming

It is a pleasure to serve you and it is wonderful to have Mario K2ZD as our President and Bill W4WSB as our Vice President. Having the full compliment of officers makes things easier!

Have a great month!
On behalf of the Board,
Mac Steinmeyer
System Secretary
#18393

AWARDS AND TFOs

There were no TFO's for April 2024.



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

2MODDS David & Teresa	KD9HCY Scott & Hollie	N7OYV Michael & Marchanda
3B8FP Rachid & Spouse	KD9LDD Gregory & Spouse	N7XXC Jim & Kari
9V1CE Kevin & Jasmine	KD9OQK Tom & Kris	N8GDB Sid & Marlene
AA2XY Emanuel & Barbara	KE0TTR Dr. Bob & Spouse	N9YBK Matt & Barbara
AC3CT Timothy & Patricia	KE0ZSV Tom & Anna	NA6US Dwayne & Spouse
AE5JV Daniel & Spouse	KE5DX Shelly & KE5CPA Scott	NB6M Wayne & W7SKM Sandra
AE7NM David & Susan	KE5UHO Robert & Spouse	NV5D Marty & Rita
AI1U Anthony & Spouse	KE7TYO Rick & Spouse	NV7LV Dave & Melissa
KOROD Rod & Spouse	KE8SXM Leomond & Spouse	VA3NLC Leonardo & VA3SUA Nancy
K3EDP Bob & Nancy	KFO0BB Dave & Paula	VA7JSF Jim & Joanne
K3UUF Eric & Carmen	KF4EUD Stephen & Sandi	WOBET Darrell & Karen
K4WOW Frank & Deidra	KG5MSS Tommy & Meg	WOUXO Rick & Cindy
K5BEG Mike & Spouse	KG5URA David & Spouse	WOZIM Gary & W0SLZ Sharon
K5FEL Jim & Dori	KG6MTC Ted & Spouse	W1DAM Steve & Spouse
K5MPD Mike & Patricia	KI5OII Louis & Anita	W1FGN Dave & Cindy
K7DJE Dave & Barb	KI5QAT Val & Spouse	W2ACY Richard & KC2RDE Dawn
K7HKW Mark & Alexandra	KI5SKF Scott & Spouse	W3TFF Todd & Spouse
K7IP Douglas & Tami	KJ4ZOY Stephen & Beth	W4KEF Ken & Cathy
K7RRT Mike & Kathy	KK0COP Rick & Spouse	W5COE James & Hazel
K8RJL Robert & Marianne	KN4DUX Steve & Robin	W5DTB Daren & Debbie
K8RRC Cort & Louisa	KN6EWM Mike & Cathi	W5TSU Mark & Linda
KA0DDW Steve & Spouse	KQ4CLZ William & Courtney	W5WRU William & Spouse
KA7TOM Thomas & KF6SHS Michelle	KQ4HRP William & Spouse	W6CQR Dan & Lea
KA9ISA Daniel & Spouse	KQ4KHR Thomas & Spouse	W6GRO Michael & Joann
KB2VRO Jim & Peggy	KT4LS Lee & Katrina	W7PML Pedro & Blanca
KB8ZIO Arthur & Pam	KV4FQ Larry & Rosa	W8AGI Guy & Sandy
KC1KFG Evelyn & Spouse	KX4BE Peter & Karen	W9HVV John & Gail
KC3DJV Bret & Mary Jane	KX9KX Tom & Natalie	WA2IUS Steve & Irena
KC3FZM Dan & KC3LGF Ginger	KY4OX Michael & Theresa	WB2KUT Jack & Denise
KC3NCS Timothy & Toni	N0DXX Larry & Mary	WB2LKO Slep & Nanare
KC9LQ Bob & Latie	NOGRZ Grizz & Spouse	WB9RYJ George & Spouse
KC9TFD Bill & KC9UKV Muriel	N2ARO James & Spouse	WD5EBX Keith & Shirley
KDOGOK Donald & Spouse	N4IUF Dee & Patricia	WG90 Skip & Amela
KD2JH Clark & Carol	N4TLT Terry & Linda	WW6DCL Dave & Spouse
KD2TMJ Vincent & Spouse	N5OKU Michael & Julie	WZ1F Lee & Spouse
KD6IQW Mark & Spouse	N7AZZ Kirk & Laura	
KD9AMP JD & Suzy	N7CIP Glenn & N7GKB Karen	

If I missed your anniversary, please let me know at

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

2M0DDS	K5HRV	KC5QDF	KI4PSR	N8ENX	WB3AMR
AA0RI	K5KEL	KC5VBI	KI5AYW	NA7V	WB3DJN
AB0XS	K5MUL	KC5VBI	KI5GYF	NV7LV	WB5WTF
AB7RR	K5SET	KD0CIV	KI5LFM	W0SLZ	WB6LAU
AC7KN	K5VPN	KD0GOK	KI5TPF	W0TDL	WB7VNL
AC7TH	K5YNC	KD0VBK	KI7HCJ	W1ELM	WB9TQW
AC9TU	K6IWA	KD0VEP	KI7PNM	W1PEF	WD0GPS
AD1ET	K7DNG	KD4JMP	KJ7CXL	W1SAV	WD4AGF
AE4AG	K7EAD	KD4NKU	KJ7WHR	W2ACY	WQ4W
AE5FK	K7OUO	KD5OWW	KJ7ZMQ	W2AJR	WT5O
AE7YH	K7REK	KD7TTY	KK4EGZ	W2DVE	WX7MRI
AI5DN	K7RRT	KD8HDK	KK4SRO	W3TFF	WY3T
A16B	K7UTU	KD8KBX	KK5GY	W3ZR	
AI7PL	K7WIV	KD8KBX	KM4JMH	W4BLK	
K0AGR	K9EJI	KD9HYM	KM4WNL	W4DDT	
K0ATP	K9POL	KD9ISC	KM6ACF	W4GTS	
K0DAR	KA0WTY	KE0ABP	KO4MLX	W4HUF	
K0DAR	KA2R	KE1RR	KQ4BAP	W4RUE	
K0HPO	KA4DSH	KE5DGT	KQ4KHR	W4YL	
K0KWH	KA7VPR	KE5UPL	KR0ARK	W5AJO	
K0PIR	KB0OFM	KE7RG	KR5LYS	W5BGM	
K0ZAR	KB0OU	KE8QER	KT4ET	W5CAP	
K1RAA	KB1RSE	KE8UIV	KW5EBB	W5CJC	
K2BXG	KB1RVU	KF0FLB	N0ARN	W5EIT	
K2DCD	KB5IOC	KF0GIS	N0DGU	W5KDI	
K2IL	KB6KB	KF5VQS	N1ET	W5LCW	
K2LOR	KB7WOJ	KF7SIO	N1QLL	W5PPX	
K3EDP	KB8ESY	KG2PM	N3MAV	W8HSM	
K4JMG	KC2ATK	KG4BMG	N3WBY	W9DPM	
K4PVK	KC3FZM	KG4WWX	N4RLR	WA0PFV	
K4XRT	KC3PPC	KG5WSA	N5JED	WA5JDV	
K4ZEE	KC3QND	KH6CB	N7DPX	WB0CSF	
K5CIP	KC3SIN	KI4NSP	N7MUE	WB2LKO	

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YLISSB – Tracing the History

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

This month, I will again go back to the System beginnings and review how the System started. This article is 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 taken from 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 newsletter 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 for leaving, just to see how the band was 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 a 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. Heads huddled over receivers and 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! Such was the excitement within the early YLISSB System!

To be continued next month ...

Special Days

For the year 2024, the YLISSB has set aside special days each month to work for a special DAILY AWARD. There are also special MONTHLY AWARDS that are listed in the Awards Criteria. For the SPECIAL DAYS, the hunting is just for that day, but it can be obtained by working stations on System frequencies on different bands. For instance, if the award says

January 22, you can work K4ICA on the 20 M System at any time on January 8, and you can also count K4ICA if you work it on the 40 M System. IF you complete all 12 Special Day awards for 2024, you will be given a special Award at the next convention. A special request goes out to those members holding the particular noted awards or honor required for obtaining the Special Day award. Please make an effort on those days to be on the System to help our fellow members qualify for the awards. K4ICA may count for more than one contact. Check the web page for final details.

January 19 – SNOWFLAKE AWARD Contact nine (9) members whose call signs contain one (1) letter S, N, O, W, F, L, A, K, and E. One contact for each letter. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact.

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.

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.

April 05 – AMBASSADOR AWARD Contact Ten (10) Ambassadors or Ambassadors Extraordinaire of the YLISSB. K4ICA will count as two (2) contacts. Because many of our Ambassadors also hold the honor Ambassador Extraordinaire, those members can only be used once. No duplicates will be allowed. List will be provided after January 1.

May 3 – MAY DAY AWARD Contact ten (10) members whose YLISSB numbers are below 17,000. K4ICA will count for two (2) contacts.

June 6 – JUNE CUATRO AWARD Contact five (5) members whose number ends with a four (4). K4ICA counts as one (1) contact.

July 5 – FIRST RESPONDERS AWARD Contact six (6) members as designated on Netlogger. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact.

August 2 – TFO DAY AWARD Contact ten (10) stations that have TFO numbers. K4ICA counts as one (1) contact.

September 20 – AUTUMN DAY AWARD Contact nine (9) members whose Sideband number ends in a nine (9) or a zero (0). K4ICA will count as 2 contacts. Only 1 contact per individual member will qualify for the award— example: if the contact is made on 20 meters, that station cannot be used on 40 meters. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact on both 20 and 40 meters

October 4 – JACK-O-LANTERN AWARD Contact ten (10) members whose YLISSB number ends in a one (1) or three (3). K4ICA counts as one (1) contact.

November 8 – NOVEMBER LIBERTY AWARD Contact ten (10) members who are designated a Veteran on Netlogger. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact.

December 6 –SANTA AWARD Contact ten (10) members to spell Santa Claus using any letters from the call sign suffix and first name as it is shown on Netlogger. One contact for each letter. The contacts used for the Santa Award cannot be used on that day for the SANTA MONTHLY AWARD. K4ICA will count as one (1) contact.

Monthly Awards

SNOWY JANUARY AWARD: JANUARY 1 THRU 31 CONTACT 30 MEMBERS FROM ANY STATE, PROVINCE, OR COUNTRY THAT HAS SNOW ON THE GROUND AT THE TIME OF THE CONTACT.

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.

MARCH MADNESS: MARCH 1 THRU 31 CONTACT 20 MEMBERS WHOSE FIRST NAME SOUNDS IRISH, OR WHOSE STATION IS LOCATED IN IRELAND.

APRIL: PRESIDENT'S AWARD: APRIL 1 THRU 30 CONTACT 25 MEMBERS WHO HAVE THE SAME NAME EITHER THE FIRST OR LAST AS ONE OF THE US PRESIDENTS.

MAY OLD TIMER'S AWARD: MAY 1 THRU 31 CONTACT 30 MEMBERS WITH A MEMBERSHIP NUMBER BELOW 17,000.

SUMMER SOLSTICE AWARD: JUNE 1 THRU 30 CONTACT 21 MEMBERS WHOSE SYSTEM NUMBER ENDS IN A TWO (2) OR ONE (1).

JULY INDEPENDENCE AWARD: JULY 1 THRU 31 CONTACT 25 MEMBER STATIONS LOCATED IN THE 13 ORIGINAL COLONIES OF THE UNITED STATES. THE ORIGINAL 13 COLONIES WERE DELAWARE, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW JERSEY, GEORGIA, CONNECTICUT, MARYLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, VIRGINIA, NEW YORK, NORTH CAROLINA, PENNSYLVANIA AND RHODE ISLAND.

AUGUST SUMMER HEAT AWARD: AUGUST 1 THRU 31 CONTACT 30 MEMBERS WHO HAVE A TFO NUMBER, OR THE RIGEL AWARD. EACH MEMBER CONTACTED COUNTS AS ONLY ONE CONTACT.

SEPTEMBER AUTUMN EAGLE AWARD: SEPTEMBER 1 THRU 30 CONTACT 25 MEMBERS WITH A MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ENDING WITH A NUMBER 6, OR 8.

OCTOBER: HALLOWEEN AWARD: OCTOBER 1 THRU 31 CONTACT 31 MEMBERS WITH A MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ENDING WITH A 3 OR A 1.

NOVEMBER VETERAN'S AWARD: NOVEMBER 1 THRU 30 CONTACT 25 VETERANS OF THEIR COUNTRY'S MILITARY SERVICE.

DECEMBER SANTA AWARD: DECEMBER 1 THRU 31 CONTACT 25 MEMBERS WITH A MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ENDING WITH A 2 OR A 5.

EMAIL YOUR QUALIFYING QSO'S TO: awards@ylsystem.org



Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

19158 KA5PXE Christopher AL

19159 KO4RHF Michael NC

19160 W9ROX Charles IN

19161 NI0WA Richard IA

19162 K4BTA Luis GA

19163 N3SCF David MD

19164 KM4GQV Daniel TN

19165 KJ5PBZ Robert TX

19166 WA5DXO Ken TX

19167 KD9TLS George IL

19168 KE8ZQP Donald MI

19169 KE8SXM Leamond WV

19170 K5GBA Gregory AR

19171 W9VOF David WI

19172 N6OIX Steve CA

19173 W5EPA Jim TX

19174 KE7RG Robert WY

19175 K4VSK James FL

19176 W7CNY Christine AZ

19177 KF4EUD Stephen NC

19178 KG4BMG Shane TN

19179 KN4GFG Charles GA

19180 W5WES Wesley TX

19181 N6LEE James

19182 NA0Z Ron KS

19183 K6TGW Tory CA

19184 K0HPO Richard KS

SILENT KEYS

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

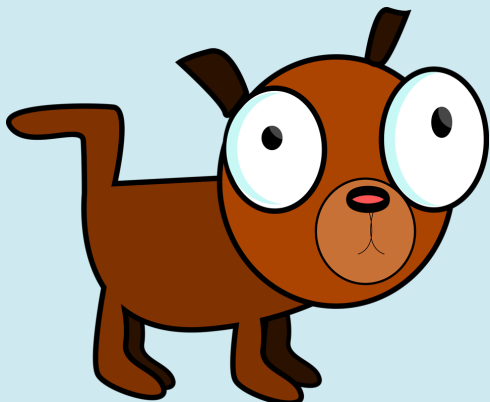


N1PVT JANE K. OLIVER YLISSB-15616 SYSTEM CONTROL
K2WO GEORGE SEREIKAS YLISSB-18530
K9BJM LAWRENCE W. PETRY YLISSB-7131

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



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!