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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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VOLUNTEER

Last month I asked for a volunteer, and received an almost immediate response. Thanks so much, that is what makes me proud of the YL System. Members are willing to pitch in and help where needed.

CONVENTION 2021

We sincerely hope that the virus ends its days this year, and life can get back to normal. Look for information about the 2021 Convention in Wisconsin in this and future issues of the Communicator.

MONTHLY AWARDS

October is our Halloween Award 2020. Contact 31 members with a membership number ending in a three or a one for this beautiful award. Information is on the Web site.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW TFO'S

The Top Flight Operators (TFO) Committee has issued 18 TFO's to deserving members. I thank the Committee for their hard work, and the members for their excellent operating practices.

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The President's Report (Cont.)

The Board of Directors has decided to put the program on hold until some time next year, while they work at solving a few problems. So, don't expect any more TFO's to be issued for several months.

NEW MEMBER OF THE EMERITUS COUNCIL

I'm please to announce that Ron VE9GU is the latest member to join the Emeritus Council. Congratulations and thanks for all you've done for the System.

USE OF THE TERM YL

Just a reminder. This is the YL System. It is a System, but was named YL in honor of our founder, K4ICA. It is important when referring to our group that we use the term YL SYSTEM. You do not have a YL number, you have a Sideband number, or a System number, or a YLISSB number. It gets confusing to some of our newer members and visitors when the incorrect terminology is used. So, please be careful, and remember, this is the YL SYSTEM...it is not a net, and you don't have a YL number!

73's Rose, KL7FQQ

October Anniversaries

KD0PBZ Andrew & Bethany
N0AAH Stephen & Barbara
K0LU Leon & Cindy
K0MAF Jack & Linda
K0UB Bill & Irene
WD0FIN John & Lori
KE0CAS Ken & Diana
KE0FDR Earlene & KE0ELU
Laren
K0MAF Jack & Linda
AD1ET Ron & Patti
N2EKO Fred & Luly
KD2RRB Jeff & Spouse
AC2NG Luly & Fred
VA2BIG Bob & Spouse
KR1SS Kristyn & KJ7DSE Lyn
KB3ITJ Jerry & Doris
K3UMV William & Joyce
KO3US Brian & Robyn
KC3MXI Rob & Cathy
KM4RDX Larry & Louise
K4JZQ Larry & Vicky
KJ4DCK Sharen & K4HLE
Harvey
KA4WGW JC & Sarah
W4OKT Henry & Spouse
KM4WNK Bill & Chris
KJ4NVF TC & Beverly
K4LHG Larry & Louise
KM4PIX Brad & Colleen
W4CJR Chris & Spouse
N4XI Jeff & Anita

KI4VMK Charles & Dorothy
KE4SFI Eric & Liz
KC5EVR Richard & KC5KWI
Charlotte
K5LLR Skip & Spouse
AI5A Jerry & Shari
W5TDN Tom & Beverly
KG5KNA Dan & Sally
K5DTD Don & Cathrine
K5IGB Ron & Bali Ree
KE5GFY Ken & April
K5IPG David & Spouse
KE6LL Rick & Ruth
KB6DAN Dan & Fay
K6MAF Michael & Spouse
K6RXP Ruth & Ralph
W6UNT Ralph & Ruth
W6HB Doug & Ana
KB6TAZ Jon & Jan
K7MOJ Lu & Ken
KB7RMG Flash & Spouse
K8JGG John & Carol
WB8CCK Don & Donna
KE8AUO Keith & Beth
NJ8G Walt & Patricia
KB8IST Phil & Diane
K9VFS Dave & Spouse
KE9PK Jim & Janet
W9VSA Ron & Jacalyn
K9ICP Bruce & Patti
,,, and one I missed last time...
K2BXG Hutch & Anna Marie in
August

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

Awards and TFOs

Congratulations to our latest Top Flight Operators, (TFOs). They are...

<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>YLISSB#</u>	<u>TFO</u>
W0LFV	Stormey	17092	590
KN4QKS	Jim	17560	591
KR0ARK	Roark	17140	592
KX7KX	Alan	17531	593
W5HEH	A.J.	17338	594
AD5UJ	Bill	17218	595
W8BF	Ron	17670	596
WA2WAP	Dave	17407	597
N5LEC	Larry	17359	598
KL7WG	Bill	17374	599
KG5RMY	Steve	17363	600
KF5FSK	Andre	16578	601
KE9PK	Jim	17004	602
KD0USN	Bob	16943	603
KB4SGA	John	17590	604
K7NKL	Bill	3254	605
K3EDP	Bob	17114	606
AG5GP	Shelby	17343	607

And congratulations to Steven Bamber VE2JKJ who earned the Independence Day and Summer Heat awards this month.

October Birthdays

N0NJS	WA2WAP	KG5VUG	WD7WW
W0KOA	W2PBY	DL5MC	KB7ITR
N0GNR	KC2BLF	KF5GTX	NL7X
KC0DAS	WA2000	K5WZS	K7HK
WA0BJY	K2WC	NV5F	KE7MP
KD0PDW	K2LAX	KG5GXF	KL7HRO
WD0FTM	N2QF	K5SSL	W7QHZ
K0WML	KC2OSR	AG5GP	W7BBA
K0DDS	K3UMV	W5BQO	NT7J
KD0HYG	K3PAU	KD5LWU	K7CRR
KC0YHU	K3ILA	K5KEY	KC7ORY
NE0JD	WA3EOP	KE5GBC	N8CSR
W0AES	N3KER	WA5RRT	WD8ELH
W0OWE	G3NHS	KE5ZVQ	W8VOX
WY0U	KN4UCN	K5HYD	K8SAR
KB0MLP	N4LJK	KE5ZQV	KD8PYY
KA0DDW	K4PIO	KG5WDM	KE8LGO
KI0RR	WD4ESX	W5BQO	N8KCM
KK1TLS	KW4NFL	N5ARR	K9VFS
KC1BEP	N4ODI	WB5MPV	W9DLK
K1IEB	WD4RBX	KI5EIB	AC9DK
K1TXU	W4KIN	KI5HDT	K9UDS
KC1ELA	KM4IQB	KF5UV	KD9ADB
AD1ET	KT4MA	KE6LL	KT9X
N1EDN	W4SFR	KQ6LU	
WB1IIX	K4GFW	KA6VPZ	
K1HK	WA4ZAZ	WB6ASQ	
KB1WYF	K4LCA	KM6VXX	
W2JFI	AB4DU	W6VY	
VE2KRM	KN4QKS	N6OUP	
WB2KUT	N4RJR	WA6KEL	
WM2W	AB4DU	KX6G	
	KK4EKK	W6BQZ	
	KB4CAU	K6QN	
	K4ZDH	KN6EZR	
	KE4SFI	WK7A	
	N4LKL	KE7JBK	

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...

17854 K2EVK Joe from Florida
17855 W5ZYG Jim from Texas
17856 KI5FIT Arlyn from Arkansas
17857 N1TGB Cliff from New Hampshire
17858 KE5DME Dave from Texas
17859 K7EDU Karen from Washington
17860 N6GEB Glen from California
17861 W3UF Frank from Pennsylvania
17862 AE2EE Dennis from New York
17863 KE2EF Ed from Florida
17864 KJ7LTE Joe from Utah
17865 WP4OMQ Greg from Puerto Rico
17866 N4ZRK Rick from Florida
17867 KW4RI Mike from Tennessee
17868 K5FEL Jim from Oklahoma
17869 KD5HLV Pastor Greg from Texas
17870 KI7MJU Frank from Arizona
17871 WA6LBU Clay from Oklahoma
17872 KC3MXI Rob from Maryland

Silent Keys

For the **SECOND** time since I've been serving as the Condolence Chair, there were no members advancing to Silent Key status this month.

Please include Bob KD0USN in your thoughts and prayers. His mother passed away this month.

And our thoughts and prayers are also with Karen KB8NSA, her young granddaughter was killed in a mowing accident.

This is a tough time for all of us, so take care and take care of each other.

YLISB – Tracing the History

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

The following is a summary of the preliminary beginnings of the YLISB written by Jessie (WA6OET-#46), second President of the YLISB, and V. Mayree Tallman (K4ICA-#1), Foundress and first President. This was documented in the YL International SSB'er, Special Historical Edition dated October-November 1974.

It began one night in November of 1961. There came a small feminine voice from Johannesburg, South Africa, running low power, plaintively, calling in a wilderness of KWs, futilely attempting to be recognized by some stateside stations. Her calls fell into a void of space and silence.

I (V. Mayree) zeroed her. At length she was asked: "Would you be sympathetic to low power stations and YL's only?" "I would, I would!" she exclaimed, "but is it possible?" Her enthusiasm so elated me that my instant reply was, "Even the impossible is mostly possible!"

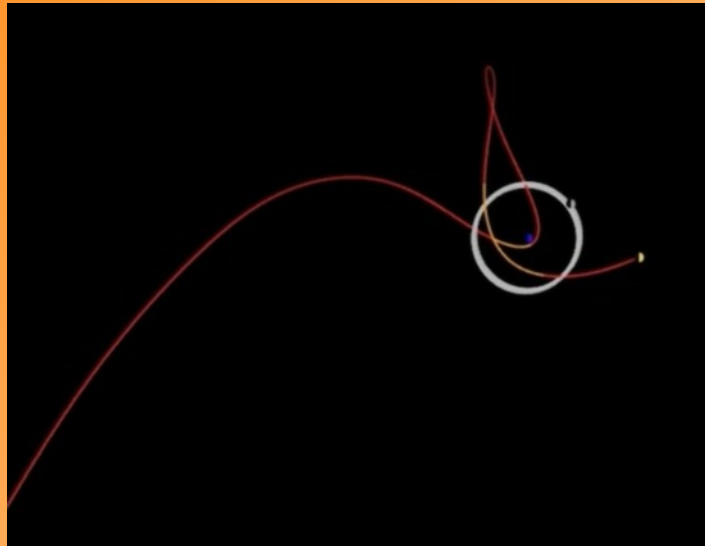
The following day 49 letters to 49 DX YL's in 49 separate countries hit the post. Response was instantaneous, unanimous, positive. Jubilation filled their replies.

December 7, 1961 was set for the first meeting. Around the DX world they had spread the word and in our initial two-hour session, 67 DX YL's checked in. We were unable to recognize many others calling in our allotted time of two hours. Fantastic!

It was unbelievable their eagerness to communicate and we responded – our hands met theirs across the sea and around the world in joyous anticipation of friendship and goodwill. And there was lit this day, a bright and shining candle in the hearts of us all.

To be continued next month ...

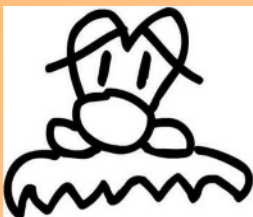
And finally...



.And thanks to EarthSky.org, as if we didn't have enough to worry about, the red loopy thing is the path taken by our new "moon" as it was captured by the Earth's gravity field. After hanging around for a bit it is expected to exit to the right. The white circle is the Moon's orbit.

The "moon" is believed to be the rocket booster of Surveyor 2, a satellite launched in 1966.

... and it's about the size of a school bus...



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!