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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

September 2022

It is hard to believe that summer is almost a memory as Labor Day arrives. We are in the process of re-doing the Special Days and Monthly Awards after a revue determined eight of the twenty-four could not be easily accomplished. With these changes and dropping the \$5 dollar submission fee, it is my hope that participation in the Awards will increase.

Last month I announced the Super Award. It is designed to be super hard and the ultimate in challenges of any award the System has had before. There will only be **one** winner who will receive a very valuable gift card to one of the large amateur radio supply companies. The Super Award will begin January 1, 2023.

We hear the mantra—The future of amateur radio is vested in the youth. The System has taken the challenge and has formed The YLSystem Young Hams Division. Our Young Hams range in age from 12 to 17. They all have HF privileges and paid subscriptions to QRZ. The System has gifted them memberships and they will be eligible to apply for a scholarship when they are graduating high school. Young Hams premiered on Sunday, August 21, 2022,

AWARDS AND TFOs

August had no TFOs or Awards

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directly after the Sunrise at 1500z on 14.332. Our Young Hams will be on each Sunday following the Sunrise and will be on the System schedule.

Special Day and Monthly Awards

Special Day-- **September 21 – 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.

Monthly Award—**Autumn Eagle Award** – Contact 25 members with a sideband number ending with a number six (6) or eight (8).

Please submit your Award Applications to our Awards Managers:

Lynn N0PMQ lynnjanes@ymail.com
Elsie N0ESJ elsiejanes@yahoo.com

Attention TFO Holders

You are eligible to vote for a deserving member, one who demonstrates above average operating skills in order for them to be awarded a TFO number after accruing 10 votes. The nominee must be current on their dues. The list of current members is on the website. You can vote for 12 members per year. Remember the feeling you had when notified you were a TFO recipient. Your participation is needed to extend that experience to another member.

Please send your votes to be recorded by our Awards Managers:

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The YL SYSTEM

Please remember, we are a System, not a net. For nearly 60 years, we have been known as the YL SYSTEM. It is in our DNA. The use of the term “net” is VERBOTEN !!

A Big Thank You

John W5PDW has volunteered to be our QSL Manager. John is a 50+ years member with a YLISSB # 4076. John is active on all periods and is on the committee revamping the Awards. John is a great example for all members—volunteering is not painful !!

Help Needed

Do you have computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office 365 and Excel to and a various databases. If interested, please contact me via my email lkddslkdds@gmail.com or my cell 908-377-6067.

Treasurer's Monthly Report

The Treasurer's Monthly report is now available on the website under Club Documents.

As always, I appreciate your commitment to the System.

73.

Larry AB3TY





SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

AE0GU D & Judy	K4ZEE Vic & Joyce	W7BES Ken & Grace
N0EYZ Jim & Barb	KM4DCQ David & Spouse	W7TUE Peter & Sue
W0KNI Steve & Spouse	K4ECP Jim & Barbara	K8SAR Steve & Maeva
AE0LC Norm & Spouse	KW4RI Mike & Ramona	KD8PYY Jack & Spouse
K0ELO Dick & Teana	KN4TOZ Dave & Karen	K8SAR Steve & Maeva
KE0SPN Eric & Spouse	KN4GQB Sloan & Spouse	W8TRU Brian & Kim
N0BNP Toby & Spouse	K5AEB Ann & Spouse	W8TOG Henry & Rebecca
KC1AU Bob & Donna	N5UOV Jack & Rodena	KD8KBX Robert & Jerilyn
KB1TSE Norm & Lee	KI5EGG James & Linda	N8IJY Glenn & Becky
AA1XD Gene & Sally	KE5ES Steven Ray & Julie	N8ISS Chief & Annette
K1IEB Tim & Eva	KA5UVN Jerry & Becky	KC9W Danica & John
N1YZO Jack & Michelle	KI5WG Ernie & Spouse	K9LUV Michael & Fran
KX1A David & Nikki	N5WC Wendell & Spouse	KF9GS Dick & Janie
N1TGB Cliff & Cindy	KI5HDT Stan & Spouse	W3KWT Tom & DEB
K1SAZ Joe & Spouse	N5DWE Doug & Linda	KE0RMP Dan & Spouse
W1XMM Brian & Linda	KI5FIT Arlyn & Colleen	KJ7OEN Johnny & Spouse
WA2OOO Bill & Audrey	KI5GNU Colleen & Arlyn	W1XMM Brian & Linda
KC2VAL Nick & Denise	KE5DG Henry & KE5DGT Charlotte	W5TOC Chuck and Mary
KE2EF Ed & Barbara	KG5WSA David & Spouse	KW4RI Mike & Ramona
K3CDQ Dick & Judy	KH6G Clarence & Maverline	KD7LYS Theo & KD7QPS Melinda
KC3EYB Anne & AB3TY Larry	N6GEB Glen & Vicki	KI5SPD Marcus & Spouse
KA3BVH John & Spouse	KD6GNP John & Alice	KJ7OOR Jon & Spouse
KC3PXC Paul & Spouse	KZ7I Len & K0NJS Amy	W7GNM Sam & Spouse
W4FEB Randy & Charlyne	WD7ALE Dale & Sharon	AD4GH Greg & Cathy
KS4SW Ron & BJ	W7CAP Cary & Denise	AE5KI Don & Elizabeth
K4ADY Bill & Gwen	W7MDP Mike & Susan	KA3UTD Terry & Debbie

If I missed your anniversary, please let me know at i.am.k9sun.shine@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES (cont'd)

KD7RH Robert & Marcia

WB8VPM William & Janet

KI5VOV Anthony & Spouse

KD4IKV Harry & Rhonda

N6EXW John & Britanie

KI5UXC Larry & Denise

N8DAW Michael & Jennifer

KN6RSX Tack & KN6TCZ Christine

AE8RN Robert & Karen

NE1JT Joseph & Peggy

K4CUA Gregory & Kim



The other day, KC5SAM, Virginia, YLISSB member 15575, was driving down the freeway in MN when she spotted a person driving along in a wheelchair amid the traffic. She stopped and found out he had no idea where he was going or what he was doing on the road. She was able to use her radio to get help for the man. So, this morning, I received this from her and thought I'd share it. Rose

I have a new purpose, a new campaign, something I want to promote. "TURN YOUR RADIO ON, ...in the car, in the house, wherever you are and LISTEN". You don't have to talk or announce your presence, but someone may need help and not have a cell signal, or a dead battery in the phone.

Not one station in Minnesota was on the DMR MN Talk group when I needed to reach someone to call for help for the man in the wheelchair on the highway. N8CQD recently moved to where he couldn't have antennas and was just on the air when I said it was an emergency. He was in Greenville, NC and he somehow found the phone number for the nursing home in Lake City, MN and had to explain how he knew about the man on highway 61.....

Turn your radio on and listen, please.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

K4KRK	KB2VRO	KA5UVN	KI7MJU	N5EKC
KD0USN	N2QIL	KM5FF	KB7BIB	KB5UVU
K0MBM	W2NM	K5LJB	W7PML	W5VL
N0LTT	K3UUF	KI5CHB	KB7FHK	KE5DX
NE0DA	KB3CRD	K5AVL	K7MPS	W5ISH
KE0GGG	KO3US	KF5QWV	K8TAS	WB6EFW
N0XGI	K3WHD	N5DWE	KE8GC	KC5ALM
KE0RTD	W4ZGH	WW5ENZ	N8ZVB	K5KDI
W0JCP	W4LLY	K5GRS	KA8MNT	W7LAD
NG0L	KV4X	K5IPG	N8IJY	K4TLS
KE0NTO	W4CT	KI5MIM	KD8OVQ	KD5TEO
KE0ABS	K4DXM	KC5US	N8DXZ	KE5UHO
KF0FCQ	K4JAL	KI5KEV	KA9OUT	KD4IKV
KE0SPN	K4LHG	KF5LNM	KF9GS	W5WRU
N0BNP	KI4EUI	W6FWS	K9TYR	N7CCA
K1LOK	VA4YL	KG6CYC	WA9TT	
N1LSM	KM4GBM	KM6WNU	W9HVV	
K1FJG	ND4BT	KF6JKC	WA9TT	
W1RWA	N4DAK	KM6DDJ	KI9NE	
AC1EG	K4SAF	KK6INF	K9SUN	
WA1F	KM4AF	VA7JSF	KN6OZW	
NG1V	KI4DFG	KE7VSC	N7NQZ	
KD2QKU	K5ESF	K7ASM	W3KWT	
W2FBS	N5EDG	WA7BHC	NW3D	
KD2EKP	W5PDW	KD7YAK	W5FDD	
KE2EF	KE5HLU	W7LUD	AI1B	

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

While looking through some of the older editions of The SSB'ers Voice, I happened upon an interesting item related to use of phonetics. The following item was taken from October 1983. Please note that today we encourage everyone to use standard phonetics. If you have done DX operations, you more than likely noticed the use of other phonetics.

Phonetics...

Since phonetics are such an important part of SSB'ers systems we often confuse our DX members with works unfamiliar to them. FG7XL, Monique, once submitted to the system phonetics easily understood by DX from many countries:

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| A ... America | N ... November, Nicaragua, Norway |
| B ... Boston, Baltimore, Baker | O ... Oscar, Ontario, Ocean (Oboe is confusing) |
| C ... Canada, Charlie | P ... Portugal, Peter, Panama |
| D ... Denmark, Delaware | Q ... Quebec, Quito (not Queen) |
| E ... Echo Ecuador, England | R ... Radio, Romeo, Robert |
| F ... France, Florida | S ... Spain, Santiago, Susan |
| G ... George, Germany, Guatemala | T ... Tango, Texas, Tokyo |
| H ... Hotel, Honolulu | U ... Uniform, Uruguay (Uncle is confusing) |
| I ... India, Italy | V ... Victor, Venezuela |
| J ... Juliette | W ... William, Washington |
| K ... Kilowatt, Kentucky (not King) | X ... X-ray |
| L ... Lima, London, Lewis | Y ... Yokohama (not Yankee) |
| M ... Mike, Mexico | Z ... Zanzibar, Zulu, Zebra |

Monique reminds us that sounds in other languages are not always the same as in English. For example, letters "i" and "e". Also, we pronounce the name of countries in different ways, such as Japan and Spain (Espana).

Being French, Monique has been speaking English only for a short time, and most of it has been learned on the air.

To be continued next month...

Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 18537 WB7WVG Terry OK | 18551 AE8RN Robert OH |
| 18538 WD0J Bruce KA | 18552 KD2WTR Finn NY |
| 18539 AC7DW Pete WY | 18553 K0NNK Collin IA |
| 18540 KB7WOJ Connie WY | 18554 KO4PPD Nicholas FL |
| 18541 KI7HCK Larry AZ | 18555 KL5IS Ace AK |
| 18542 KI7KCJ Margot AZ | 18556 KI5DUS Alden TX |
| 18543 KO4ZJL Bill GA | 18557 K6LBP Jimmy CA |
| 18544W9OQI Chip WI | 18558 KD9VAN Jim IL |
| 18545 KC5ABJ Edd OK | 18559 AG5SR Frank TX |
| 18546 AG4RO David MS | 18560 N0BN Daniel CO |
| 18547 KB3HXG Joe PA | 18561 KI5WPU Rick AR |
| 18548 K4WOW Frank FL | 18562 WN5CWT Ken TX |
| 18549 N7AZX Bob MT | 18563 KD5OWW Deb TX |
| 18550 KC6CDR Pat CA | 18564 KQ4AQD Andy FL |

SILENT KEYS

I regret to inform you that the following members have reached Silent Key status...

Charlie Troxell – KH2OP – YLISSB:16168

John R. Staats – KB8RJ – YLISSB:10784

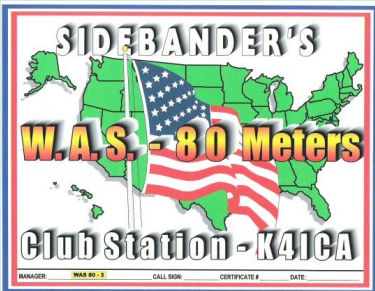
Respectfully,
Jim Pandzik KE9PK
Condolence Chair



For the year 2022, 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 2022, 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.



Plaque: ALL STATES: (50)

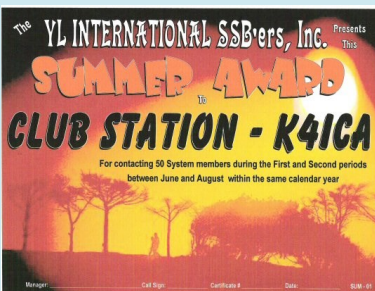
After all 50 individual State certificates are collected, the holder may then apply for an All States 10 by 50 Plaque.

The cost of the plaque will be determined at the time of application, UNLESS the applicant rendered \$5.00 for each of the 50 state certificates. If the \$5.00 fee was paid each time, the Plaque will be free to that person. The All States Plaque will be worth an additional 50 points toward the Award Program in addition to the (5) points earned with each of the State Certificate.

AMBASSADOR CORPS AWARD – 15

Fee— No Fee
Start date January 1

Issued for contacting 14 Ambassador Corps members plus one Ambassador Extraordinaire. Contacts may be made on any combination of System frequencies or modes. All contacts must be made without assistance.



SEPTEMBER: AUTUMN EAGLE AWARD — September 1 thru 30, 2022

Contact 25 members with a membership number ending with a number 6, or 8.

USPS Mail your payment and qualifying QSO's to:

Lynn Janes, N0PMQ
Elsie Janes N0ESJ
7415 S 525 Road
El Dorado Springs, MO 64744
awards@ylsystem.org

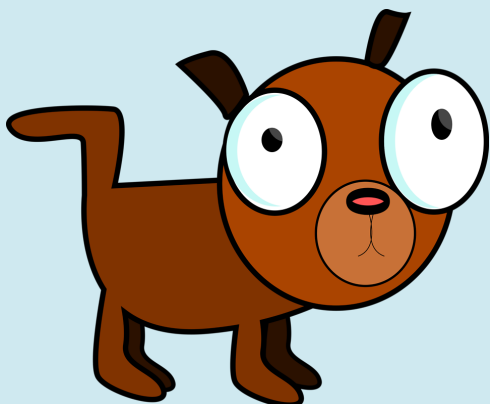
Need more information? Go to <https://ylsystem.org/award-programs/>

See all the contest awards available to you while making contacts with members of our YL International Single Sideband System!

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Did you complete the
SUMMER AWARD
June 1 thru August 31,
2022?
Make sure to send your
qualifying QSO's to our
contest coordinators.

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El Dorado Springs, MO 64744
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As of July 9, 2022, there will no longer be a \$5 fee to participate in any Monthly or Special Day award. It is Board's hope that this change will spur your involvement in the Awards program.



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!