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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greetings from the Board of Directors. We have had a busy time following our convention. We have the corporate documents ready for your review and vote on the website. Please take the time to read over and vote. There is also a special edition Voice jammed packed with information of interest.

I want to remind all TFO holders that you can vote monthly for new candidates as Top Flight Operators. This is a wonderful recognition of proper radio practices on the air.

Please consider pitching in and helping as Control Operators. We need controls during the daytime sessions. Give Jim, KM4TTT and Larry, N5LEC a call if you can help.

We enjoy serving the System, and look forward to getting you in our logs!

AWARDS AND TFOs

William (Bill) Bozian
18543 TFO # 618

On Behalf of the Board of Directors,
Mac Steinmeyer
AF4PS #18393 TFO#611
System Secretary and President Pro Tem.



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| AA1XD Gene & Sally | KD7LYS Theo & KD7QPS
Melinda | KS4SW Ron & BJ | WA5FFL Joseph & Spouse |
| AD4GH Greg & Cathy | KD7RH Robert & Marcia | KW4RI Mike & Ramona | WB8VPM William & Janet |
| AEOGU D & Judy | KD8KBX Robert & Jerilyn | KW4RI Mike & Ramona | WD7ALE Dale & Sharon |
| AEOLC Norm & Spouse | KD8PYY Jack & Spouse | KX1A David & Nikki | WN8Q Larry & Cheryl |
| AE5KI Don & Elizabeth | KEORMP Dan & Spouse | KY4VC Shawn & KQ4HQM Vera | |
| AE8RN Robert & Karen | KEOSPN Eric & Spouse | KZ7I Len & KONJS Amy | |
| KOELO Dick & Teana | KE2EF Ed & Barbara | NOBNP Toby & Spouse | |
| K1IEB Tim & Eva | KE5DG Henry & KE5DGT
Charlotte | NOEYZ Jim & Barb | |
| K1SAZ Joe & Spouse | KE5ES Steven Ray & Julie | N1TGB Cliff & Cindy | |
| K3CDQ Dick & Judy | KE8TCW Neal & Ruth Ann | N1YZO Jack & Michelle | |
| K4ADY Bill & Gwen | KE8UKY Darrell & Spouse | N5DWE Doug & Linda | |
| K4CUA Gregory & Kim | KFOERT Ronnie & Spouse | N5UOV Jack & Rodena | |
| K4ECP Jim & Barbara | KF9GS Dick & Janie | N5WC Wendell & Spouse | |
| K4ZEE Vic & Joyce | KG5WSA David & Spouse | N6EXW John & Britanie | |
| K5AEB Ann & Spouse | KH6G Clarence & Maverline | N6GEB Glen & Vicki | |
| K5CIP Paul & Kathy | KI5EGG James & Linda | N8DAW Michael & Jennifer | |
| K5VCZ Vince & Spouse | KI5FIT Arlyn & Colleen | N8IJY Glenn & Becky | |
| K7SWK Paul & Spouse | KI5GNU Colleen & Arlyn | N8ISS Chief & Annette | |
| K8SAR Steve & Maeva | KI5HDT Stan & Spouse | N9WY Dwight & Elaine | |
| K8SAR Steve & Maeva | KI5SPD Marcus & Spouse | NE1JT Joseph & Peggy | |
| K9LUV Michael & Fran | KI5TPF Charles & Carol | WOKNI Steve & Spouse | |
| KA3BVH John & Spouse | KI5UXC Larry & Denise | W1XMM Brian & Linda | |
| KA3UTD Terry & Debbie | KI5VOV Anthony & Spouse | W1XMM Brian & Linda | |
| KA5UVN Jerry & Becky | KI5WG Ernie & Spouse | W2DGO Thomas & Maggie | |
| KB1JDN Sally & Gene | KJ7OEN Johnny & Spouse | W3KWT Tom & DEB | |
| KB1TSE Norm & Lee | KJ7OOR Jon & Spouse | W4FEB Randy & Charlyne | |
| KC1AU Bob & Donna | KJ7ORK David & Faith | W5TOC Chuck and Mary | |
| KC2VAL Nick & Denise | KK6MRN Timothy & Jessica | W7BES Ken & Grace | |
| KC3EYB Anne & AB3TY Larry | KM4DCQ David & Spouse | W7CAP Cary & Denise | |
| KC3PXC Paul & Spouse | KN4GQB Sloan & Spouse | W7GNM Sam & Spouse | |
| KC3TBI George & Spouse | KN4TOZ Dave & Karen | W7MDP Mike & Susan | |
| KC7UXM Craig & Veronica | KN6RSX Tack & KN6TCZ
Christine | W7TUE Peter & Sue | |
| KC9W Danica & John | KO4YZI James & Spouse | W8TOG Henry & Rebecca | |
| KD4IKV Harry & Rhonda | | W8TRU Brian & Kim | |
| KD6GNP John & Alice | | WA2000 Bill & Audrey | |

If I missed your anniversary, please let me know at

i.am.k9sun.shine@gmail.com



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

AC1EG	KA5UVN	KE5DX	KN6OZW	W1RWA
AI1B	KA8MNT	KE5HLU	KO3US	W2FBS
HK3AVR	KA9ISA	KE5UHO	KO4LEM	W2NM
K0MBM	KA9OUT	KE7VSC	KO4NOR	W3KWT
K1FJG	KB1ZNK	KE8GC	KV4X	W4CT
K1LOK	KB2VRO	KE8WGI	KW9Q	W4LLY
K3AVR	KB3CRD	KF0FCQ	N0BNP	W4ZGH
K3UUF	KB5UVU	KF5LNM	N0LTT	W5FDD
K3WHD	KB7BIB	KF5QWV	N0XGI	W5GFM
K4BFR	KB7FHK	KF6JKC	N1LSM	W5ISH
K4DXM	KC3TBI	KF9GS	N2QIL	W5PDW
K4JAL	KC5ALM	KG4ERF	N4DAK	W5VL
K4KRK	KC5US	KG6CYC	N5DWE	W5WRU
K4LHG	KD0USN	KI4DFG	N5EDG	W6FWS
K4SAF	KD1CV	KI4EUI	N5EKC	W7LAD
K4TLS	KD2EKP	KI4KEZ	N7CCA	W7LUD
K5AVL	KD2HZG	KI5CHB	N7NQZ	W7PML
K5ESF	KD2QKU	KI5KEV	N8DXZ	W8DCR
K5GRS	KD4IKV	KI5MIM	N8IJY	W8LDM
K5IPG	KD5TEO	KI5ZLF	N8ZVB	W9HVV
K5KDI	KD7YAK	KI7MJU	ND4BT	WA1F
K5KUE	KD8OVQ	KI9NE	NE0DA	WA7BHC
K5LJB	KE0ABS	KK6INF	NG0L	WA9TT
K7ASM	KE0GGG	KM4AF	NG1V	WA9TT
K7MPS	KE0NTO	KM4GBM	NW3D	WB6EFW
K8TAS	KE0RTD	KM5FF	VA4YL	WN0K
K9SUN	KE0SPN	KM6DDJ	VA7JSF	WW5ENZ
K9TYR	KE2EF	KM6WNU	W0JCP	

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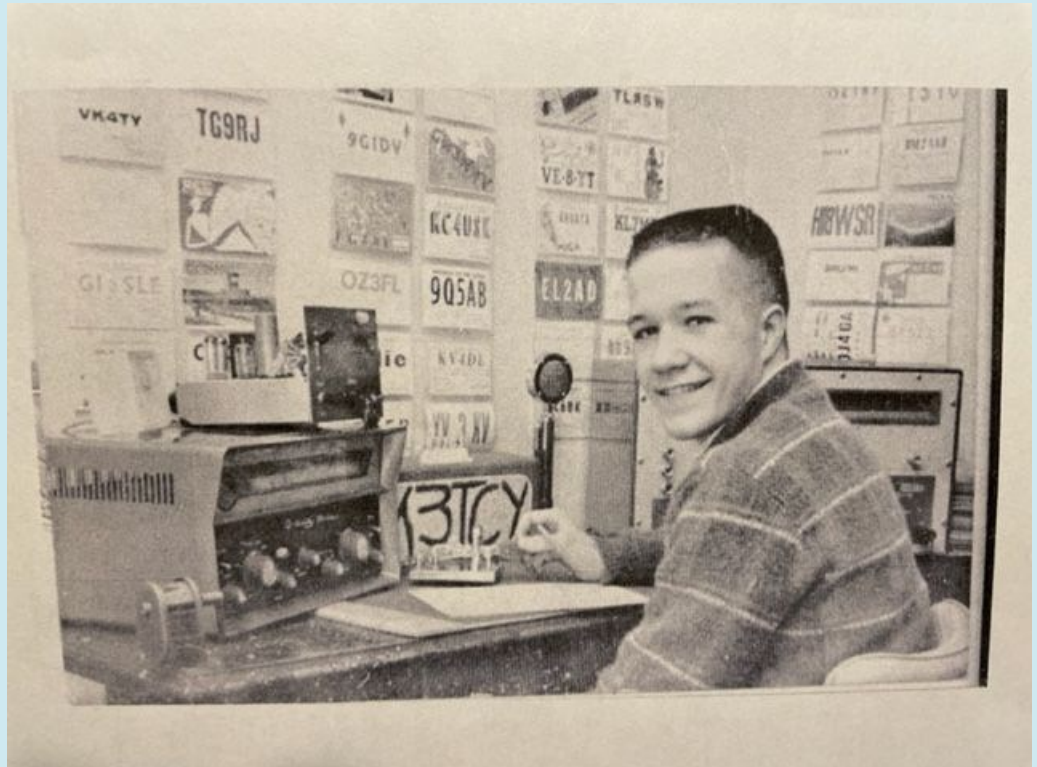
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(Summarized by Bruce J. Tisdale – K9ICP – YLISSB Historian)

This month, I will highlight another one of our members who have been with the YLISSB for an extended period of time.

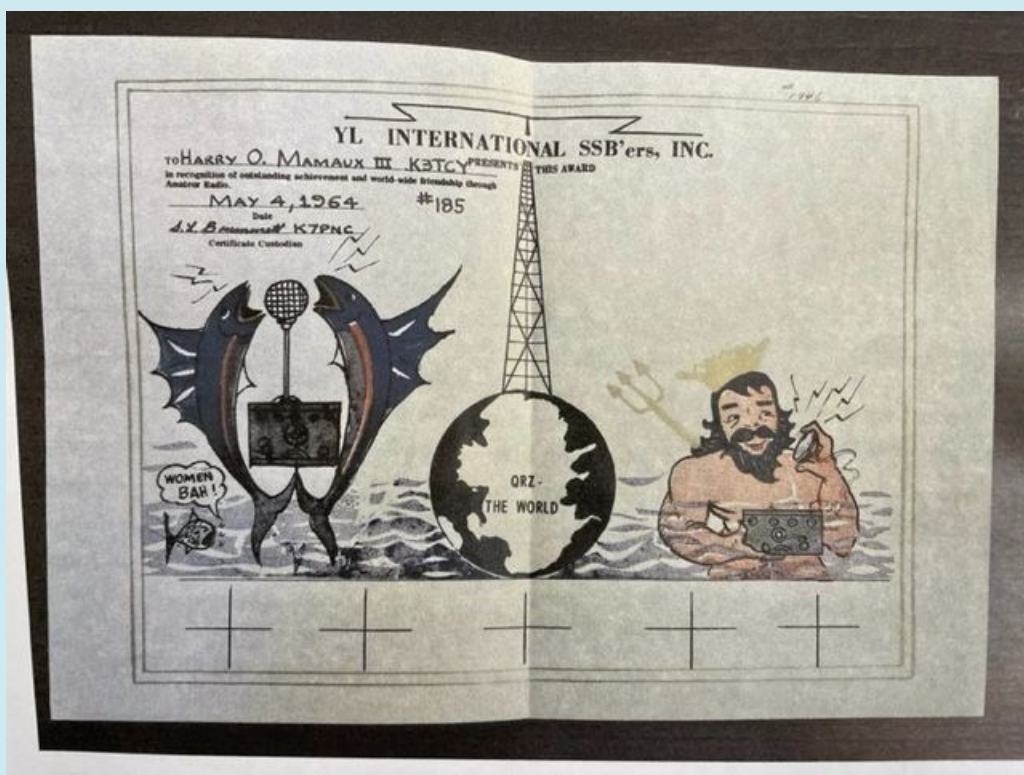
Harry Mamaux, III (K3NF - System # 1949): Like many of us, Harry started off listening to foreign broadcast radio on his father's Zenith Trans-Oceanic. He would also send for QSL cards from stations such as HCJB, Quito, Ecuador and BBC, London. (editor's note: I wanted one of those radios with the long extended antenna so badly as a kid). When he was in the Boy Scouts he worked on achieving a radio merit badge. A scout radio advisor (W3VXW) further peaked his interest while watch him talk to hams all over the US.



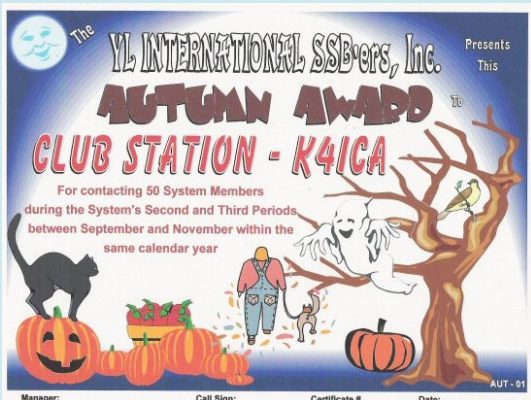
Harry indicated that he was "hooked" and learned the code and got his novice license in 1962. He got his general license in the Fall of 1963 with the call of K3TCY. He lived in Pittsburgh at that time. He states that he was very interested in contacted DX stations. He tuned across the band and found the YL System. He soon checked-in and noticed that there were usually 4-5 countries a day there (particularly difficult to get African stations). Harry noted that he didn't have the occasion to personally meet or QSO with V. Mayree (K4ICA - System Foundress). However, he recalls back at that time the System was almost all run with XYL's. He would get home from school about 3:30-4:00 pm and turn on the radio. It seemed an easy way to get DX. At that time there were many stations from Africa,

Central and South America, and sometimes even the Pacific. His early equipment included a Heathkit Marauder. He frequently operated CW.

Harry has had several call signs over the years. Currently, he lives in Virginia and operates as K3NF. We appreciate that Harry still checks-in to the System and is willing to share his history. Below is a picture of young Harry at his operating station and an award he achieved through the System for his DXing effort.



To be continued next month ...



SEPTEMBER:
AUTUMN EAGLE
AWARD:
September 1 thru 30



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

This award is earned by working any 50 members during the Second and Third daily periods and ONLY during the months of September, October, and November.

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

Almost Instant Messenger (AIM)

Most of you are familiar with and use NetLogger (download at this [link](#)) as a tool to help see and track who is currently checked into the System. An additional feature with Netlogger is Almost Instant Messenger or AIM. Once a person has downloaded NetLogger onto their computer, they also have access to the AIM dialog system. This program allows operators to directly communicate with other people who are logged into NetLogger.

AIM is a wonderful tool that allows you to communicate in a written format when band conditions are poor. It also allows communication that doesn't disrupt others trying to check-in on the radio. Net controls can use AIM to help determine if someone is trying to check in, but not being heard and to transition between controls while operating.

AIM has been a useful tool for System operations. However, it is important to keep in mind that it is also a very public system that is visible to anyone using NetLogger. Consequently, care should be given to how it is used. Below are a few basic rules for proper use of AIM.

In everything we do, remember our Motto: "Dedicated to the building of friendship among all the peoples of the earth through amateur radio, and to be of service to our fellowman".

- Always be polite
- Never use crude or inappropriate language
- Keep interactions brief so others can use AIM
- Avoid topics that are controversial or may offend/alienate others
- Be a good example to others who may not have used AIM

Thanks to everyone for keeping the YL system a positive and friendly place to enjoy the technology afforded us in the hobby.

From the Netlogger Coordinator:

We are always looking for additional controls. You must be a current paid member and subscribe to minimum QRZ xml. If interested, will help you get started with logging procedures, etc., and get you a spot at a time that will work for you. Email w7toa@aol.com or prefer the phone (520) 508-3052. Or Jim, KM4TTT, exbusdr@embarqmail.com or phone (850) 544-9535.



Welcome



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|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 18899 KC0KZY Billy MO | 18908 N4VGE Van SC | 18917 KI4PLB Scott FL |
| 18900 NB5Z Randy TX | 18909 KJ5CCV Leon LA | 18918 N5AFK Shawn AR |
| 18901 KD0GOK Donald MO | 18910 N7DPC Dennis UT | 18919 W1LDN David CO |
| 18902 KK7CZD Donald OR | 18911 W4DNN Dennis FL | 18920 KJ4ZOY Stephen TX |
| 18903 KN4NCJ Braden TN | 18912 K4KLQ Ruth FL | 18921 AG5UZ James IA |
| 18904 K0ATP Douglas CO | 18913 W0ZZK Martin NE | 18922 WN0K James MN |
| 18905 W0TBR Allen OR | 18914 KO4SAS Steve NC | 18923 AA0TD Tony KS |
| 18906 KJ5BYE William TX | 18915 N8ENX James MI | |
| 18907 KE5TAY Landon TX | 18916 W0VKW James MO | |



IT is with deep regret that I report the passing of our YLISSB FAMILY MEMBERS for the month of AUGUST 2023:

W1BBU JOHN F. HALES YLISSB-18274

W1DAM STEPHEN MOLNAR YLISSB-18392

K4DMW DIANE M. WELLS YLISSB-16779

K5FKT RAY L.MOTE JR YLISSB-6342

W5DRI SYLVIA H. MORGAN YLISS-17130



Respectfully,
Mario K2ZD #7485
Condolence Chair

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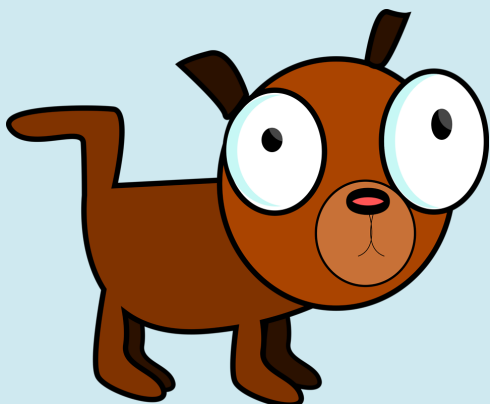
DID YOU COMPLETE?
AUGUST: SUMMER HEAT AWARD
2023: August 1 thru 31, 2023
Contact 30 members who have a TFO number, or the Rigel Award. Each member contacted counts as only one contact.

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

SEPT 21: AUTUMN DAY AWARD—Contact 9 members whose Sideband number ends in a nine (9) or a zero (0). K4ICA will count as two 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.

Find more information on our website.

E-Mail qualifying QSO's to:
Frances AF7YL. Her email is 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!