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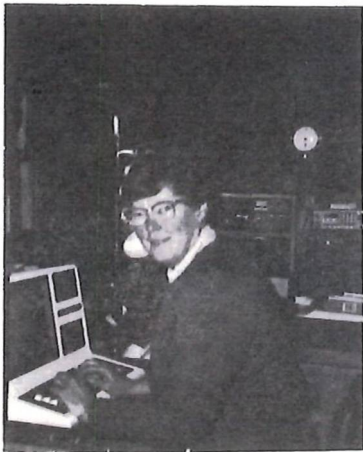
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By the time you read this Jan, WB2JCE, and I will be back from our trip to ZL, VK, and JA lands and our one week DXpedition to Niue Island. We shall be reporting in the next issue how things went.

So far this year your Board of Directors has been busy making plans for the 50th Anniversary year. First of all, a special certificate for working 50 YLRL members is being planned. It will be run much like the ARRL's DXCC-Golden Jubilee Certificate, i.e. only log information is to be submitted and QSL cards are not required. Joan Gibson, KG1F, has generously volunteered to assist with the planning and to be the Custodian. She will be working closely with our Vice President, Carol, WI4K, on the details, announcements, etc. We shall be announcing more about the certificate in the near future.

Anyway, everyone that can, should plan to be on the air as much as possible in 1989 as there will be a lot of people looking for us. The activity on the bands should be good public relations for us.

A committee is being appointed to look into some type of souvenir memento to celebrate the occasion. Several of you may have received from a JIRL YL, a charm on a chain which celebrated their 30th Anniversary year. Inscribed on the back of the charm was the individual's call. It was felt that a lot of our members would be interested in some kind of souvenir. Several ideas for souvenirs have been proposed by the Board members and these have been passed on to the Committee. Any ideas that you may have along this line would be most welcome by the Committee Chairman, Marion Dixon, WA7TLL.

Other plans are in the works and I shall let you know about them as soon as they are well enough formulated. Again, if you have ideas, please let us know.

After I return from our trip, I plan to go to the Dayton Hamvention the end of April. Hopefully, I shall have the opportunity to meet with a lot of you there.

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Mary Lou, NM7N

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Once again, I ask you to keep me informed promptly of any change of address or any update in your license. let me give a brief rundown of what happens when you do not send me your change of address. Your Harmonics WILL be forwarded to you. If you normally receive it via bulk mail, it will arrive at your new address with 39 cents postage due. If you pay for first class mail for your Harmonics, it will be forwarded with no postage due. In either case, I will receive a notice from the Post Office (form 3547) giving me your forwarding address—this notice arrives at my QTH with 30 cents postage due. Apparently not all foreign countries forward mail. I just received one returned from Germany with the new address on the back. It was NOT forwarded and I had to mail it back to the new address at an additional cost of \$1.12, which is the current air mail rate to most of Europe. I had one returned from Australia as undeliverable and with no forwarding address. Eventually I received the YL's new address and re-mailed her copy at an additional cost of \$1.35! All this proves to be rather costly to YLRL. We are trying to keep expenses down but this sort of thing adds to our expenses considerably. We make every effort to see that every member receives all copies of YIH so it would be appreciated very much if you will all cooperate in this matter.

You will notice that this issue has more in the way of articles in it. I want to thank all of you that have submitted these articles Perhaps seeing these articles getting printed will encourage others of you to submit more articles. As mentioned last issue, they need not be highly technical. You might have had amusing experiences involving ham radio, field day, mobiling, or what have you. Just remember the rules—the article must have some relation to a Yland ham radio—the editor reserves the right to edit or use the article or not, depending on content and availability of space. Also, no articles will be returned so please be sure to keep a copy.

We hope you like the changes in the makeup of YIH. We are trying our best to find articles of general interest and amusement. As long as the YIs continue to contribute articles, we will reach that goal. If you have any comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to send them in.

If any of you would like to send in questions on any facet dealing with ham radio, particularly as it relates to YIs, please do so. We will do our best to find answers.

New to the subject of photographs. If at all possible, send black and white pictures, they reproduce 100% better than color. Whether black and white or color, be sure to check the lighting. Even if the pictures are taken in bright outdoor light, if the face is in the shadow, we can't use it. If there is a bright background and the face is in shadow, try using a flash, large group shots do not do well. Consider the colors in a color photo. A YL in a blue dress in front of a bluish wall will NOT reproduce well. You will do better if there are "warm" colors. PLEASE be sure and identify the subjects so we can tell who's who. List them left to right as viewed from the front of the picture. Remember, if you want to have the pictures returned to you, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Again, we are trying our best to keep YIH costs down.

I want to thank you for responding so well to our pleas to get your dues paid in a timely manner. It saves YLRL expense and saves many of us a lot of needless work.

Enough rag chewing from me. Thank you for listening and

33s, Jean

TOE BEGINNING DXer
by Carol Shrader, WI4K

So you want to be a DXer?.., and you're not really sure where to begin?.. and you feel a little intimidated by the savvy operators that you hear on the air?..and your're a great deal afraid that you'll make an embarrassing mistake? Where should you start? How about a contest!

Operating on a major contest weekend will give you a monumental leap towards that elusive DXCC certificate. During a major contest the bands are crowded with stations who are just "begging" for another contact to add to their contest total. Not only do you have a multitude of stations to choose from, but you also have a ready-made opportunity to "get your feet wet" without having the world listen. If you begin your quest with a rare DXpedition, the world will be listening on that one frequency. But on a contest weekend, the world is spread out over 6 bands and you can do quite a lot of "practice DXing" to perfect your "pile-up skills" in a relatively unnoticed fashion. TOe most exciting thing about operating during a contest is that, with a little effort and knowledge, it is very possible to work DXCC (100 countries) during just one weekend. You can't beat that, can you?

Major DX contest activity for the calendar year begins with the ARRL CW DX Contest in February. Phone operators will have to wait until March for the SSB version. March also brings another "biggie", the CQ WPX SSB Contest, on the last full weekend in March. CW ops must wait until the last weekend in May for their WPX. Check QST Magazine for exact dates each year.

In the fall a DXers fancy turns to...wrong! TOe answer is not love, neither is it football or the world series. TOe correct answer is CQWW. TOat stands for the granddaddy of all the DX contests - TOe CQ Worldwide DX Contest. TOe SSB version falls on the last full weekend in October. TOe CW version is the corresponding weekend in November.

Complete rules for each contest are published in all the major ham magazines but for the non-serious contester who just wants to run up his DXCC total, it suffices to know when the contest begins and the exchange. TOe above three contests all begin at 0000Z on Saturday (that's Friday night for all us statesiders). TOe exchange is the report that you give to the station that you are working. TOe first part of the exchange is the signal report (5-9). Now you ask, "What about all the people that are not 5-9?" TOat doesn't matter. A little listening will tell you that the signal report in contests is always 5-9. It complicates the record keeping of the serious contester when you give him an accurate signal report. So make him happy-remember that everybody is always 5-9. Hi!

TOe second part of the exchange varies with the above three contests. TOe ARRL contest requires that stateside and VE give their state or province while the rest of the world give their power level. TOe WPX contest requires a consecutive number. TOe CQWW requires your CQ zone number.

In the ARRL contest, it's Stateside and Canada versus the rest of the world. In the WPX everyone works everyone else since the multiplier in this contest is your prefix rather than your country. In CQWW you may work anyone but you do not receive points for anyone that you work within your own country. If you plan to submit a log and become a serious contestant you should work one person in each of the zones within your country since they are multipliers for you and will greatly increase your score.

Speaking of multipliers, if you plan to submit a score rather than working the contest just for fun, remember that your score increases in two

different ways. You get points for each contact, but you can greatly increase your score with Multipliers. Your final score is computed by multiplying your total points by your total multipliers. So it doesn't take a mathematical genius to see that a few extra multipliers can make a tremendous difference in your score. Multipliers in the ARRL contest are USA states, VE districts plus VO & VY1 and DXCC countries. As stated earlier, callign prefixes are the multipliers in the WPX contest. CQWW uses the ARRL countries list with a few additions from the WAE list.

Where should you listen? Since we are just coming out of the sunspot cycle low, the status of the high bands (10-15-20) is anybody's guess. But that's where your daytime action will be. If you're not familiar with the behavior of these bands you should do a little advance work by studying the propagation charts in some of the major magazines. Even if the prognosis for 10 and 15 is poor, you should not forget to check these bands from time to time. You will get a lot of nice north-south paths without the extreme competition that you'll find on 20 meters. Statesiders and South Americans will benefit from the plethora of contest expeditions in the Caribbean and you may be able to snag a number of countries and get an easy QSL card as a bonus (more about that later).

The hot nighttime bands will be 40 and 80 meters. Don't believe anyone who tells you that you can't work DX on the low bands! 1! You should be able to work the world on 40 all night long with the same propagation homework that we assigned earlier. Don't forget to check 20 meters in the evening. You'll be surprised what just might pop up. You can work quite a lot of DX on 160 meters. This low sunspot time is as great for the low bands as it is bad for the high bands.

There are a few things to remember about the nighttime bands that differ from the high bands. Forty meters is allocated differently in the various regions of the world. Split frequency capabilities are a requirement for stateside versus DX SSB action on 40 meters. The allocations for 80 meters also vary around the world but are not as extreme as 40 meters. Therefore you can have many simplex stateside versus DX SSB contacts. Statesiders should not forget to listen below their portion of the band for those DX who cannot operate in our band allocation. CW freaks don't have to worry about these problems.

Never, never, never ask a serious contest station his QSL information or attempt chit chat of any kind. He is there for one reason - to win the contest - and your question may cost him a number of contacts. How do you know where to send the card? That's too much to cover in this article. I'll explain that later. Just remember - "No Questions, Please!"

Well, you've operated the contest and made some nice contacts but your score is really not high enough to submit. Is there any reason to send in a log when you were just working the contest to run up your DXCC total and have fun? There sure is! Most major contests have a club competition and to many clubs this is really serious business. You might wish to submit your score just to help your club. A lot of small scores will add up just as well as a few big ones. So jump in there, have fun, help your club, increase your DXCC total. But BEWARE, it's really easy to get hooked on contesting. Once you start there may be no stopping!!!

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NOW IS THE HOUR

by Louise Crawley, WB8JIB

Now is the Hour. Sounds like the Maori farewell song, doesn't it? But let's take that concept of "New" and give it a different dimension. A new dimension for many YLs who are now using RITY, or are contemplating using RTTY in the future. Perhaps you are a YL whose CM is active in RTTY but you have never been all that interested. Oh, did I hear you say you can't type? Well, most CMs can't type - they use the hunt and peck system and have a great time anyway because RITY is another facet of ham radio that can quickly become addictive.

RTTY offers one advantage that no other mode of communication can offer, and that is the use of an MSO. The CMs have had the pleasure and convenience of the MSOs for many years and I think it is high time for the YLs to have one for their own use! If we (the YIs) have a designated frequency to use, and are reasonably sure that we will find other YLs with whom to talk on that frequency, we may find that this opens a whole new world for us. This is the reason that the MSCUTB is now on the air for YLs. MSOs are identified by the last three letters (no call area numbers) of the operator's call. One of the most convenient aspects of an MSO is that you can remain in touch with other RITY friends without being restricted to a specified time and frequency.

So let's get on with it and define terms we will be using in discussing the subject.

RITY: A form of telegraphic communication employing typewriter-like machines for generating and receiving a coded set of electrical impulses. Today we use computers and other modem equipment.

MSO: MESSAGE STORAGE OPERATION: also known as "mailboxes". Can be hardware (equipment made especially for RTTY use) or software, a computer program used by a computer. We, HB8ICL (CM) and WB8JIB, are using software for the IHI and/or IEM clone, written by Clark, W9CD which has been performing flawlessly. A method by which hams who are using the RITY mode of communication can store (and retrieve) messages for (and from) other hams who are also using RITY. Storing and retrieving messages are done at the leisure of the operator, eliminating skeds, which at times can be inconvenient, or impossible because of band conditions.

SYSOP: System operator, a ham who operates an MSO.

INTERFACE: The connection between your computer and radio which performs all the "magic" of establishing data and text communication between your station and other stations so equipped. It is also referred to by some manufacturers as a "data controller".

BAUDOT: Refers to speed of transmission. The two most common uses of baudot are 45 baudot (60 wpm) and 75 baudot (100wpm). All sysops use 75 baudot for the MSO's on the auto-start frequency, but this does not preclude the use of a different baudot for MSOs on other bands and frequencies. If, however, you are using RTTY and looking for a QSO on a frequency other than the auto-start mailbox frequency, change to 45 baudot which is 60 wpm.

SHIFT: The difference between mark and carrier frequency is 170. This is the normal shift used for MSO operation.

MARK AND CARRIER FREQUENCIES: will be determined by your audio so you should refer to your manual. The National Auto-start carrier frequency is 14.087.750 and the mark frequency is 14.095.625. This frequency is one that is shared by ten to twelve MSOs across the nation, and by one DX MSO (Guatmail). Unlike other situations where a shared frequency might produce QRM, the MSOs have experienced only minor problems, and these have been due mostly to band conditions.

MOOJIATOR: Frequency-shift keyer which converts pulses and allows them to be sent to a distant point where they are received by a DEMULATOR, a receiving converter which converts the incoming signal into words on your video monitor.

* CARRIAGE RETURN: Use of the key on your keyboard which may be named "Return" or "Enter". This will "left-justify" or place at the extreme left of the monitor the next command or print that you want. This left-justify or C/R is very important. Failure to left-justify before giving commands may be one of the reasons that you would have difficulty accessing or activating a mailbox. (The other reason being inexact frequency).

New that we know some of the RTTY vocabulary, let's discuss the equipment needed for an RTTY station. The bare necessities are a transmitter, receiver, interface, computer/other equipment, and video monitor. A scope for precise tuning and a printer for printing out what you see on your monitor are worthwhile investments. As far as antennas are concerned, most operators run between 50 and 100 watts output, so the antennas you are already using will suffice.

Where can you find the MSOs? The national auto-start frequency for mailboxes is on 20 meters, 14.087.750 (carrier frequency). You MUST be within 40 cycles of the proper frequency as sysops use very selective receivers and demodulators. For example, our station uses a 250Hz. cw filter and a Hal ST-6000 demodulator. This is typical of stations operating on the auto-start frequency. In addition, in order to prevent drifting, mailboxes are usually crystal-controlled.

** How do you access or activate a mailbox? What do you do if you do bring up one? Don't panic, you can't break it! The mailboxes are user-friendly and you need to know only about half a dozen commands. First, regardless of any frequency you are on, RTTY operates on LOWER sideband. Yes, lower sideband even if you are on 10, 15 or 20 meters! Have you switched to ISB? Are you on the exact frequency? Is the frequency in use? If so, wait until you no longer hear tones and then ask for the frequency. If the frequency is clear, power up the transmitter, make 2 or 3 C/R (carriage returns which will left-justify your next command), and type DE your call for identification, another C/R and then type MSCJIB and another C/R. Power off transmitter. Now just sit back and wait for the MSO to become activated and present itself to you on your monitor. When the mailbox is accessed and is shown on your monitor, the last thing in the message is the word "next?" It is now asking you for another command. You probably want to take a look at the directory to see what messages there are, so power up the transmitter, give a couple of C/Rs and now type ".sdir" - notice the period preceding the command, and a C/R. Power off. Now the MSO responds with the directory and the last thing it asks is "next?" You saw a message in the directory with JIB to you and you want to read it. Fewer uyp, 2 C/Rs and type ".read XXX:JIB". (This period ended the sentence and is not part of the command.) C/R. Power off. Again, notice the period preceding the command and the exact name (letters AND spaces) of the stored message as it was given in the directory. The MSO selects the message you asked for and places it on your monitor with the last question of "next?". Now you probably want to print it out for a hard copy if you have a printer and then you will want to delete it from the MSO. Power up, 2 C/Rs, and type ".del XXX:JIB" C/R - Power off.

If you wish to leave a message, the procedure is : Power on, 2 C/Rs, .write AAA-.BBB C/R (AAA= last 3 letters of call you are leaving a message for :BBB= last 3 letters of your call). Type this command 2 separate times to eliminate the possibility of a glitch. Proceed with typing in your message and when you have completed it, give 2 C/Rs and type ".end" C/R - you may

leave as many messages as you please AS IDNG AS EACH ONE BEGINS WITH THE .WRITE COMMAND AND STOPS WITH THE .END COMMAND. Power off. The MSO will now tell you that your messages have been stored and asks "next?". Now you no doubt want to get out of the MSO so power on, 2 C/Rs and type ".exit" C/R- this will allow the MSO to de-activate and turn itself off. If you forget to exit, some MSOs will time out after 5 minutes, but others won't, so you must always remember to exit a machine or it will be left waiting for a legal command, making that particular mailbox unusable to others. If, during a QSO on the auto-start frequency, or while you are storing a message for someone, you need to mention the name of a mailbox, you must write the name with a space between each letter such as M S O J I B. Otherwise, it will trip itself and cause all kinds of confusion. If this happens to you, use the .exit C/R command and start all over.

Briefly then, here are the seven commands:

MSCUIB	left-justified, no period
• sdir	left-justified, preceded by period
.read	Left-justified, preceded by period, use exact name as in directory.
.del	left-justified, preceded by period, erases message
.write	left justified, preceded by period, to store message
.end	left justified, preceded by period, to end message you wrote.
• exit	left-justified, preceded by period to de-activate MSO properly.

* All commands MUST be followed by C/R as indicated in the preceding paragraphs. Remember, you do not really type C/R, you use the "return" or "enter" keys.

A few random facts about mailboxes - if you cannot access the MSO you want because of improper distance or band conditions, access one that is available to you, write your message, then leave a SEPARATE message to the sysop, asking him to forward it. He/she will be happy to do so. Bear in mind that a QSO on a mailbox frequency is not illegal, only inconsiderate. If you wish a QSO with a specified person, make a sked by leaving a message in the mailbox, meet on the mailbox frequency and then QSY up or down. Most of the mailboxes have for your convenience stored a message called MSO HELPER 1, MSO HET PER 2 and MSO NEWCOMER. They contain some of the information in this article and if you have a printer, may be printed out for you to use as guides. If you don't have a printer and would like hard copy info, leave a message for me in the MSO and I will see that you get it via the mail.

New that you know how, what and why of the mailboxes, is that all you can do on RTTY?. Heavens no! You may operate on 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, and 80 meters. By mutual agreement, RTTY activity is centered in certain portions of each HF band. 80 mtrs 3.600-3.630; 40 mtrs 7.080-7.100; 15 mtrs. 21.050-21.100; 20 mtrs. 14.080-14.100; 10 mtrs. 28.080-28.100; 30 mtrs. entire band with the exception of 10.109-10.115. On each band in addition to the MSOs you will find RTTY traffic nets, RTTY DX, and just plain rag-chewing.

I believe I have covered the essential material necessary to becoming familiar with MSO operation. The MSQJIB is at this time on the air and ready for use. The rest is up to you if you want an MSO for YL use. Spread the word to your YL friends who use RTTY. Experiment, play with it - remember we said before, "You can't break it". Most sysops will be very helpful to a newcomer and will do everything they can to help you, although some sysops will turn their MSO off IF THERE IS NO PROPER IDENTIFICATION MADE AT THE TIME OF ACCESS.

Try it! You just may discover a very compatible side of radio that will give you great pleasure. (Makes me wish I still had my RTTY. Ed.)

LOCAL RADIO OPERATORS PROVIDE AID DURING OIL BARGE SINKING



scout Gorman

When the Skagit Co. Dept. of Emergency Management got the word about the Jan. 31 oil barge sinking at Shannon Point, one of the first people they contacted was Mary Lou Brown.

(Mary Lou) Brown, of Guemes Island, is President of the Young Ladies Radio League, which will celebrate its 50th year of service in 1989.

Her group, along with other area ham radio operators, is an invaluable aid to communication and monitoring needs during an emergency, says a spokesman for the county emergency management department. "With their help, we can create this incredible communication network," says Dan Cain, emergency management coordinator. "It enables us to have coverage we could never have on our own."

"One of our main purposes is public service," says (Mary Lou) Brown, "assistance in times of disaster and emergencies."

(Mary Lou) Brown and other ham operators were asked by emergency management chief Tom Sheehan to respond to the oil barge crisis for assistance in monitoring emergency communications, and to stand by for actual giving and receiving of instructions if needed.

(Mary Lou) Brown, who is ARES (American Radio Emergency Services) coordinator for Skagit County, says she can get 15 operators on site at a moment's notice. "Our main function is simply to be on hand if someone needs help."

"Ham operators have a net that goes coast-to-coast, region-to-region, state-to-state," Cain says, "we consider them a very valuable resource."

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SWIEM, MARY FRANCIS IN PARADISE

Vibrant colours, sunshine, warm winds, the clear sparkling water of the blue Pacific; velvety night skies with brilliant stars and planets; the scent of the frangipani trees and the perfection of their blossoms..these are some of the things that have drawn us back to the Pacific Islands again and again.

We began our married life in the south of New Zealand, Dunedin; and began our family with a Kiwi daughter. Nine years later in Vanuatu at Onesua High School, where the CM was Headmaster, we had another daughter and two sons to take back to N.Z. with us. On the NE coast of Efate, the island with the administrative capitol, Onesua, is a lovely spot, catching all the trade winds most of the year. An exciting and interesting reef with the sea pounding onto it provided endless hours of enjoyment. The beaches and little rivers were very safe for children though they had to wear shoes because of the stone-fish that hide in the sand and coral. We had a small canoe which provided endless fun for the children and the students, many of whom came from inland villages and could neither swim nor paddle a canoe. We sometimes think that all islanders should be able to paddle a canoe but it is not so. My days were busy with correspondence lessons, gardening and watching the Teleradio skeds and inter-island communications. We had Z31's - old N.Z. sets bought for the communications of the P.C.V. (Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu.)

Another Island Chapter saw us on Niue Island; Bill was the Headmaster of the Govt. Sec. School. Our youngest son was born here and I was encouraged to return to my Physiotherapy work. This time we lived in a huge house perched on the top of an 80' cliff, overlooking the sea. The coral reef was small and wild, but we did have a small cave beach where we could swim when the tide was out. The frangipani trees on Niue were nearly all coloured, a creamy-white tree being rare. It was lovely to see the blend of red, pink, yellow and an orange shade, possibly these were all cross fertilised because here in Samoa we see different varieties and sizes but each quite distinct. At Onesua all our trees were a white with deep creamy centres until I struggled to grow a pink flowered tree and then a red flowered tree.

The next chapter of Island life took us back to Vanuatu in 1983 to the northern end of the Group, on a tiny island off the mainland of Espirito Santo. We joined the Santo Radio Club and had the call sign YJ8ES. Eventually, we got our licenses and the call signs YJ8NEF and YJ8NWD. To live on an island with a glorious view of the mainland - row on row of green clad mountains with the sweep of two beautiful bays coming to the point of our landing spot was a lovely experience. The blue waters encouraged us to learn to sail and the snorkling was fantastic though one kept an eye out for sharks. Plenty of frustrations waiting for the canoes or dingy to take you across to the other side and you never arrived in town feeling free of salt water! Generator lights at night and gas stove with the help of a Hoovermatic washing machine were really a touch of luxury and it was bliss to have no telephone or TV. Amateur Radio kept us in touch with the family in N.Z., our son-in-law, ZL1BHJ was joined by our son ZL1CAD.

I wonder if this will be our final chapter of Pacific adventures. Two years in Western Samoa. The glorious cream frangipani trees out the front of this 140 year old house that is solid stone, verandah all round and so cool, are covered in blossoms and heavy with fragrance. We had had a lovely dry, cool season, marvelous for mangoes and bougainvillea. Nowhere else in the Pacific that we have been, have we found so many varieties of bougainvillea, single and double blossoms of ten varieties that I have counted.

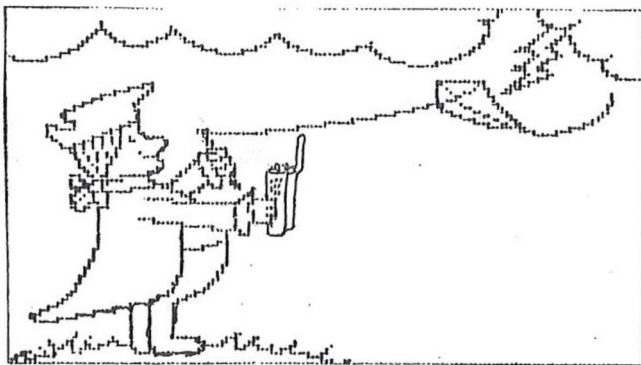
The family are all in N.Z. now with both daughters married and twin

granddaughters who love to talk on the radio to us. leading a Cub Scout Pack, doing a little Physio work, being involved with various church groups, keeps me pretty busy so that most of my DX work is done at night when the CM hands over. Polynesia is very different from Melanesia culturally but we have found that people are the same no matter where you live and we have many good friends and many happy memories.

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Many thanks to Mary Francis for sending us her biographical sketch. It conjurs up all sorts of visions, doesn't it? It makes one think of palm trees swaying in the Trade winds and beautiful maidens running around in sarongs, or do they wear sarongs anymore?

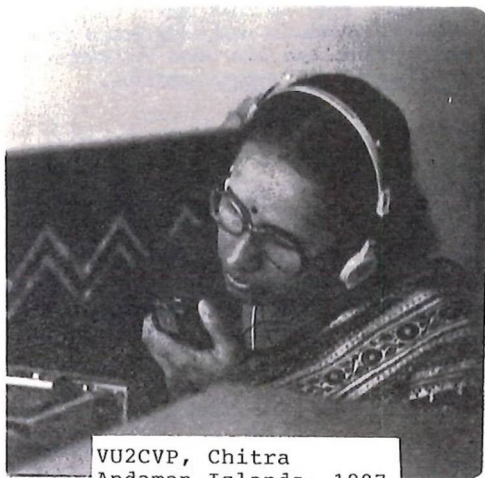
Next issue we should have a report from Mary Lou and Jan about their DXpedition.



The first handheld



Betty Christian, VR6YL
Bounty Bay in the background



VU2CVP, Chitra
Andaman Islands, 1987



W7LIZ, Edith with her
beautiful quilt won at
the Mini-convention in FL



Akira
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JAOCYK 1st

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daughter

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The Foundation for Amateur Radio

NEWS RELEASE

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THE FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO, INC., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, DC, plans to award twenty-eight scholarships for the academic year 1988-89 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The foundation, composed of fifty local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds six of these scholarships with the income from grants and its annual Hamfest. It administers without cost to the donors, seven (7) scholarships for the Quarter Century Wireless Association, two (2) each for the Dade (FL) Radio Club, the Baltimore (MD) Amateur Radio Club, the Department of State Amateur Radio Club, the Amateur Radio News Service, the 10-10 International Net, the Radio Club of America and one (1) each for the Richard G. Chichester Memorial, the Young Ladies' Radio League, the Columbia (MD) Amateur Radio Association, the Frederick (MD) Amateur Radio Club and the Vienna (VA) Wireless Society.

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Jeannette Ellis, W04U, Custodian
January 1, to February 29, 1988

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YICC CERTIFICATE

June Braunz, KM8E, Custodian
February, 1988

#1038 Gay Chaffin, WB5SKQ

I received only one notice of an upgrade this time. Congratulations to:
Fay Facer, KA8BPD, who upgraded to Technician Class. Fay reports that she passed the test with flying colors and the VEC then had her take the test for general and she almost passed that one too! Keep up the good work. Fay.

NEW MEMBERS

- KA2JRA: Kim P. VanGrol, 270 Palmer Rd., Churchville, NY 01442. Technician Class. She is attending school for Word Processing. Her parents are WB2FNF and WA2AIW.
- KA5SKJ: Cinday Brazzel, 2524 Craig Lane, Denton, TX 76201. Technician Class. She has two young sons; is interested in traffic handling, emergency procedures and has a Black Belt in Okinawan Karate-Do. Her CM is NQ5X.
- KA6TAL: Christine I. Wilson, 7925 Dominion Way, Elverta, CA 05626. Technician Class. She is Editor of World Radio Magazine.
- KB6VCR: Sharon lang, 1800 Lincoln Village Circle, #2322, Larkspur, CA 94939. Novice Class. She has a four year old son; enjoys jogging and needlecraft. Her parents are: N5COS and KEEL.
- KA7TDA: Stacey Burlingame, 15621 S.E. 26th St., Bellevue, WA 98008. Novice Class. Other hams in her family are N7EYO, N5CFO, and KB7CP0.
- KB7ADT: Mary Lou Zehendner, 15226 N.E. Clackamas St., Portland, OR 07230-5344. Advanced Class. She is a Veterinary Assistant. Her 12 year old son, Michael is KB7ADV.
- KA9ZNA: Debra Crull, 69 A Northmeadow Wig., Normal IL, 61761. Technician Class. She is a teacher. Other family hams are her brother, sister-in-law and nephew.

Here we are again! Spring must be on its way, but the talk is of snow again. Those of us who ski during February vacation had a nice week, although more snow would have been nice then. We "flatlanders" really don't care about having any more on the highways to keep us home from school. His school year is running on toward July as it is!

First of all, we all want to send our best wishes to Onie, Wizen, who has been hospitalized again. I know she appreciates all your cards and letters, so keep them coming.

I had a nice note from Blanche, W4GXZ, one of our "snowbirds". She and her CM went to San Diego for the QCWA Convention, then they went on the San Francisco to visit Esther, W6BDE, for a week. There she had a chance to spend an afternoon with some of the BAYIARCS. While in Florida, she has been busy with hamfests, but manages to keep in touch with 1-land regularly. They'll be back in New England in time for the WRONE Spring luncheon.

Speaking of that event, I hope to see many of you in Orleans (on Cape Cod) May 7. We always have a wonderful time.

Travel always seems to be a big part of the lives of many hams. Dot, AK1R, is no exception. Three years ago, she and her CM Eric, AK1S, were married in Hawaii, so what better way to celebrate their anniversary than another trip to Hawaii! They went to Oahu, Maui, and Kauai.

Ham radio brings people together in many ways - we all have had our own experiences, but Maxine, K1OGU, and her CM Guy, K1NYS, were able to bring together their family because of our hobby. It seems that Guy's youngest sister was adopted by another family after their mother dies over 52 years ago, and they had not had contact with each other since. She discovered that Barb, N1BHB, was a friend of his sister, so a contact was made. After some "getting used to", the family was reunited; a wonderful tribute to the "small world" of ham radio.

News seems a little slim this time - I hope a few of you will share some tidbits with me before next issue.

33,
Anne

Hi, everybody! Time to think Spring! Hurray! We've got a few tulips peeking out of the ground already, since we had a few warm days in early February. Pretty soon it will be time to watch for robins, too!

Betty, W2PVS, and her family had a 2 month, 9000mi trip in Sept, in their camper. They had a good time with no mishaps and visited many friends and relatives in Pennsylvania, Missouri, Kansas, N. Dakota, and Canada. They also visited the Redwood forest, dunes, and mountains along the Pacific on the way to San Diego, where they attended the QCWA convention. They enjoyed the observatory at Kitt Peak in Arizona; met ham friends in Texas. They had a surprise when they got home Oct. 4 and found an 18" snowfall had left "branches all over the yard". Wiring was restored and TV and ham antennas were OK, but wiring to the ham shack still needs fixing.

Elsie, KA2ES0, had a trip around the country with CM Hill, KA2DYB, and November. They spent Thanksgiving with their daughter Tina, KA2DYD, at Fort Sill Amy Base. Tina was then able to join Elsie and Phil for a week. They saw Edison's home in Ohio; London Bridge in Arizona around which a town has been built; Pike's Peak and the canyons. They also visited the National Bureau of Standards; saw a sun-rise in Laramie; and visited the Alamo in Texas. Highlights for them were visits to Indian reservations (that bring Elsie's heritage) and museums, parks, and game refuges. She and Phil spent Christmas holidays in Louisiana, seeing the Mardi Gras and French Quarter areas. On to Florida, where they visited Disney World and Epcot Center. With New Year's, came the end to a no doubt much-enjoyed trip. Thank you for the report, Elsie.

Lia, WA2NFY, had some items to share. She and Marcie, WA2URE, and Mencie's daughter had recently gone cross-country skiing in Maplewood Park (Rochester) which also isn't far from Lia's. It's a beautiful park and they enjoyed going. Sounds like a good workout, too.

Lia, WA2NFY, made 56 contacts in" the YL-CM contest. Nice going, Lia.

Billie, WB2FNF, is home after her hip surgery and is coming along. Keep up the good work.

Minerva, WB2JNL, has a new grandchild #24?! Congratulations to all and God bless baby.

Ginny, WB2KCT, is now out of the hospital after having a heart valve replacement. She needed two operations instead of one. Get well soon, Ginny.

The Rochester Hamfest is coming up May 21-22 at the Dome Arena. I missed it last year - maybe I'll get there this year.

Marcie, WA2URE, is worloing on the "We the People" award and has only about 13 states left to contact. Good luck Marcie, especially with trying to get Alaska and Hawaii.

Speaking of Hawaii, I hope everybody is saving up those convention pennies (dimes, nickels, etc.)! 1989 will be here before we know it!

Well, that's it for this time. Thanks again for your news. Aloha and a blessed Easter and Passover season to you all.

They saw that time flies when you are having fun, but it also flies when you are busy. It is hard to believe that winter is behind us and spring is in the air. It does feel good though doesn't it? For the most part, our winter was a mild one with unseasonably warm days and a lot of rain.

Many thanks to all you girls who sent new our way. We really appreciate it and we hope to hear from more of you before the next issue. We like to hear about the ham activities of YIs in every state in 4-land.

Millie, KB4YRW, enjoyed a visit to New Zealand and Australia where she found the advantage of an HY. She was guest speaker at the local radio club meeting in New Castle; had the privilege of showing a group of Aussie children how Amateur Radio works. It is really great when you can combine a vacation with radio and be a Good Will Ambassador at the same time.

Dot, K4ACH, and her CM took their mobile home to Helen, GA. for a 4-day vacation in the mountains. (That is one of our favorite places. Dot. We go up there every time we get the chance.) They also drove to Myrtle Beach, SC to visit Martha, WD4NKP, and her CM Ron, WA4FED.

Martha, WD4NKP, stays busy during the season, helping manage a motel. In the winter time they have to make the necessary repairs in preparation for the next season. They did manage a few days off to visit their daughter and her family in North Carolina, and their son and his family in Charleston, SC. We are glad they could take a much deserved vacation. Their 4th grandchild will soon be here so they need to get plenty of rest for some baby sitting!

Sue, N4ENX, has been too busy to ham for awhile. She and her CM John, ND4N, painted and their home and installed new carpet. That is a job that is nice to have completed but hard to go through.

Marty, NY4H, and her CM, Make have been commuting between home and their beach home.

Alice, N4DDK, hopes to be back in Florida soon. She reports that her back has progressed nicely, and that is good to hear. Welcome back, Alice.

Carol, WI4K, is enjoying her new life in Virginia, and I believe she is staying as busy there as she did here in Georgia. Much of her activities are the same and she has found dx-ing very good now that her antennas are back in the air. She has been elected Secty/Treas. of the Virginia DX Century Club and is editor of their news letter; serves as a committee member for the Tidewater Radio Convention; and has just recently been elected Assistant Director of the ARRL for the Roanoke Division.

The MALARCS in Atlanta had a special outing at the Old Roswell Mill Mall for lunch and shopping in some of the quaint shops. They have some special trips planned for this spring that will be a lot of fun.

Jeanette, W04U, and her CM John, W4MRT, hosted the MAIARCS during the YIRL sponsored YL/CM contest. They had a big turn out with lots of fun. I am sorry to have missed that but we had to change our plans at the last minute.

Sharon, N4MA0, now has her Mother living with her. She has moved down from Chicago.

Sandy, KL7JAR, has been elected Secretary and Editor of the South Eastern DX Club in Atlanta.

Thanks to all who sent me news. I was glad to hear from each one of you and I'm looking forward to hearing more about your ham activities in the future. Have a Happy Spring

33s, Dot

Hi Gals, I'm back again with lots of 7-land news. First of all I want to brag, Patsy, KA7MZZ, (me), got her W.A.S., 10 mtr, SSB!! 1

Rozv, KA7CED, has been elected President of the Hoodview Amateur Radio Club in Portland, Oregon. Hoodview members participated in the Bicentennial with the club call WB2QIWI from Feb. 13 through Feb 19 and what a blast! A lot of YIRL member were involved: Mary, WB7SUO, was on 15 meter CW; Mary Lou, KB7ADT, on 80 meter SSB; Carol, KB7ADX and Patsy, KA7MZZ, worked 10 meter SSB. Together with the OM's we made almost 1000 contacts.

Inis, NX7V, is busy working on a Bachelor's Degree and working two jobs to boot!

Joan, KD7YB, visited Jean, K600D, at the end of February to help Jean get started with her new job as Editor of Harmonics. (Actualy she cleaned out her ham shack and dumped a lot of YIRL "stuff" on my doorstep! Ed) Joan is also planning her next trip to Mt. Shasta to attend the 4th semi-annual luncheon of the 1-5 YIs. Joan enjoyed her favorite job at the pre-registration desk at the Rickreall Ham Fair.

Surprise! Mary Lewis, W7QGP, our former ARRL Northwest Division Director was seen poking around at the ham fest at Rickreall on Feb. 20th. Sure was good to see her there.

Donna, WB7FDE, and CM John, AE7P, own two businesses, teach school, and she has been appointed to a state-wide task force in education for the state of Washington. Her free time is SLEEPING once in a while!

While in Raratonga, Ruth, W7RVA, operated as ZK1XR from the shack of ZK10G during the OQ World Wide Phone contest and found it to be very exciting indeed!! In March Ruth and her CM N7CY will travel to China.

Ruby, W7CME, is feeling a lot better. She and CM Reggie, W7ROL, celebrated their 59th Anniversary at dinner with daughter and son-in-law who were also celebrating an anniversary.

YIRL President, Mary Lou, NM7N, worked 100 countries for the Golden Jubilee Award and di it QRP! Mary lou was E.C. Monitor for a near-by oil spill. She was busy practicing with a new antenna to be used on the DX-pedition to Niue, N.Z., Australia, and Japan. When she returns home in April, she plan to leave again on April 6th to operate QRP contest in Montana and Wyoming on her way to Massachusetts. She looks forward to visiting with many YL's at the Dayton Hamvention and will return home in early May.

Margaret, WA7RBR, and her CM Barney, W7GR, celebrated their 47th anniversary. Barney gave Margaret a beautiful diamond ring to commemorate the event.

We are very sorry to hear that TaVeme, K7NKZ, is very ill with cancer. We are all praying for her recovery.

K70G0, Mae's, CM Nick, K7AOA, had lady luck touch him at the casino so they now have a free standing 40' Rhone tower and rotator.

Arlene, KC7EW, checked into the MINOW net after being off the air for 2 years with radio and rotator problems.

Anna, KA7JYA, is taking language courses in preparation for the around-the-world cruise on the sailboat in about a year. We hope they will be maritime mobile!.

That is all from this time. I want to thank you all for the news. let's have more news about your ham activities.

33, Patsy

We hope to be welcoming Spring pretty soon here in Ohio.

At the Mansfield Hamfest they had Connie, WD8MI0, Joyce, KD8HV, Sally, N8FEG, Joanne, KJ3Q, Verline, and Pat, N8FED, sign in. Connie has passed her Extra theory test and just has the code to go. Super, Connie.

N8FOS, Betty won a pretty door prize at the Marion Hamfest. She met Sally, N8EHG and her CM, Bill there too.

KE8KH, Patti, CM N8EWV, Larry and son N8EZO, Alan, were able to work the American Red Cross float in the Rose Parade on January 1st on 20 meters. She said it was great to see the float on television and be able to work them at the same time.

N8HOD, Mary Jean, is Editor and Secretary of the Lorain County ARC.

KJ3Q, Joanne, has been re-elected for the 5th time as Secty-Treas. and Newsletter Editor for the Portage ARC. All plans are ready for the Portage Hamfair on May 22nd.

KD8SC, Rosemary, had a group of Cub Scouts at her home to see her nice ham shack in November.

The very active Alliance ARC is new a Special Service Club. Congrats to N8IAK, Pam, who was named Ham of the Month - she is the Program Chairman, Newsletter Editor and Club Secty.

The Lake County ARC (ICARA), of which W8WRJ and her CM K8BIB are members, is a Special Service Club too. Also the Cuyahoga ARC, of which we are members, does a lot of Public Service work too. Thank goodness this is my last year of being Pres, of the Chix on Six too. Yes, I guess I'm an active person, you could say. I love it! Yes, I work full time too.

N8BFI, Marilyn is busier than ever, working a full time job, plus 10-20 hours a week on a part time job. No wonder we don't hear her on the air much!

N8CGM, Susie is the new Recording Secty. for OH-KY-IN ARS, as well as the continuing Editor of the "Q-Fiver".

KE8EKH, Carol has been re-elected Corresponding Secty. for OH-KY-IN ARS.

WD8BIS, Polly made reservations for the 1988 Buckeye Belle Picnic on August 11th at Brookside Park in Ashland, OH. She says it is a very nice park with lots of things for the families to do.

KB8YS, Donna has a new granddaughter, Tamara Lee, born Nov. 11th. Kgsn!

KD8HB, Eila and Jim W8BU have closed their cottage on Kelly's Island for the winter and are new back on the air. They received over 200 65th Anniversary cards and plan on mounting them in a book.

KA8VDX, Bev has been checking into the Michigan traffic nets.

W8QOY, Donna says that N8AILL, Jodie has been in Brazil.

NT8Y, Anna and Floyd are in Florida. She says N2AKC, Myrtle, and Glenn visited them for a few days and they took in the Ft. Myers Hamfest where they saw WB2JCE, Jan and several other YLs she met at the Mini-Convention last year. She's been checking into the Tangle Net occasionally and a couple of local nets. They plan on attending the Orlando Hamcation and she hopes everyone will be at Dayton this year. Also, she is looking forward to the YIRL Convention in Hawaii.

Most of this news was taken from the Buckeye Burr. Thanks so much Doris.

Greetings from Illinois! I've had enough snow and cold and am ready for spring. I've been keeping busy taking several classes at our local college. I wish I could talk to you all on the air, but right now I am without a radio. Please be sure to send me any news about your ham activities.

We send our condolences to the family of Dori Leiser, W9VNG, who became a Silent Key on October 28th. Doris was the first female licensed in Lake County, IL, in 1952. She had been a member of ARRL, YLRL, H.A.W.K., Amateur Radio News Service, a volunteer for numerous organizations, reporter of A.R. groups, and QSL manager for numerous DX stations. She brought joy into every life she touched, and she will be greatly missed.

Roxann, N09W, talks frequently with Sister Barbara, CP5IE, and SISTER Rosemary, CP5FH. They are helping with a mission project with Roxann's Sunday School class of 4th and 5th graders. The kids enjoy talking on the radio with Bolivia! Their families were able to meet last July in Michigan and they had a wonderful time.

Dot, N9AIC, and CM Bob, W9INQ, are active in the VE program for the Hanfesters Radio Club. They find it gratifying to see someone get their first license and it makes the time spent worth while. They are both avid DXers and Dot has reached the coveted "300" mark. New countries are hard to find. She received the Golden Jubilee certificate and needs two more states for the "We the People" award. They both plan to operate Field Day from their summer place near Valparaiso, IN where Beta operates CW and Dot takes over on phone. A lot of you YIs probably know Bob as he has participated in the YI/CM contest for the past 25 years or more. Dot is also a member of QCWA, QCWW, and some local organizations. Besides the radio, she keeps busy with her family which includes 16 grandchildren and 5 greatgrandchildren, so that doesn't leave much time to worry about growing older, hi! One other note of interest - Bob is celebrating his 50th year as a licensed operator. KGNs.

Evelyn, KC7ET, has moved back to her native state of Illinois and has an apartment in Bloomington. Several hams put a dipole on the roof of her apartment building so she's on the air with a new TS440S, but running low power to avoid causing any RFI for her neighbors. However, winter ice and snow storms have played havoc with her antennas—it's impossible to use 75 meters and Evelyn misses checking into the H.A.W.K. Roost net. Evelyn is enjoying meeting many of the YIs as part of her new position as Receiving Treasurer #3. She's very active in the Central Illinois Radio Club. In February they met for a Washington Day Cherry Pie Festival. Now they're getting a station together for Field Day. They just selected a club logo and will be getting jackets soon.

Ann, K9RXK, is in her last year of teaching school. Knowing her, I'm sure she will find a million things to do to keep her busy. You did a fine job as 9th DC, Ann

Adah, W9RTH, was enjoying the 70 degree weather in Sarasota, FL. She has 3 raccoons come to her patio every morning for the cat food and cookies she leaves out for them. She went to the QCWW dinner and had a good time.

Mary Lou, KS9N, was having rig trouble—it went south on her; she got it fixed, and it did it again. She hopes to be back on the air soon.

Lou Ann, KA9NBE, has been doing some DXing in the "wee hours," Congratulations on being HHH Ham of the Month.

Dot, W9NBW, and her CM Mac have not been in the best of health lately. Hope you're both feeling better by now.

Happy Spring and 33s, Marilyn

10TH DISTRICT NEWS Dana Tramba, NOFYQ

News Release from S.A.R.E.S.:

Karen Schultz, KAQCDN, of Aurora, Colorado became the first recipient of an award to be presented annually by the State Amateur Radio Emergency Services. (S.A.R.E.S.). The award, "Outstanding Achievements through Communications" was presented to Karen during the ARRL Colorado State Convention which was held on March 20, 1988.

Karen has been an amateur for 10 years, nine of which she has held the Amateur Extra Class License, choosing to maintain her original first call issued. Few aspects if any of the multitude of facets of amateur radio have escaped her participation.

The lists of clubs, individuals and organizations she has assisted are too numerous to mention. Karen was chosen for this award for her total dedication to improvement of our hobby, helping fellow amateurs, and building an image of respect and admiration by the amateurs of Colorado through public service.

Karen was one of the first volunteer examiners in the Colorado Section and along with the help of her husband, Glenn WOIJR, they have established one of the most progressive and up-to-date V.E. programs in the nation, with tests scheduled monthly for a full year in advance. She is presently serving as President of the Mile Hi DX Club, and is getting very close to earning her place on the DXCC Honor Roll.

VE DISTRICT NEWS Thelma Woodhouse, VE3CET

I have not received any letters nor phone calls so news is short.

At the Ontario Trilliums Christmas Party at the Queen Elizabeth hospital VE30EH, President Audrey McDermott, VE3CCO, presented the hospital with a Bunka embroidered and framed picture donated by an CM, John (who is in a 6&T class). The picture will be hung in a suitable place so all may enjoy it.

Mary, VE3C0H, and Tom, VE3GZV both competed in Scarborough ARC novice round-up in February. Mary is only the second YL to compete for the award CQNR. Bade in 1967 Ivy Smyth Post, VE3IV won the honour under her old call. The award started in 1966.

When Tom VE3GZV retired, a party was organized by friends and business associates. Mary and Tern were presented with a travelling cheque for \$2000. for a trip or cruise. The funds are gathering interest until plans can be finalized.

Doris, VE3BBO, had successful surgery in January and is recuperating at home and is very grateful for good neighbours. She was ploughed out after a heavy snowfall in February.

Jean, VE3BVJ and CM just returned after a two week holiday in the Hawaiian Islands. She loves the place and would like to buy property on Maui. This is their fourth trip and they are planning again for 1989.

I would like to know when YLRL is planning on the 50th Anniversary Convention. There are at least four couples and two odd YLs (including me) interested. If we don't mark our calendars, surely something else will come up and we will get committed.

(Plan tentatively for sometime in August, 1989. Ed)

33s, Thelma, VE3CIIT

Two new DX Yls have recently joined YIRL. Denise, VK5YL, was adopted last August by Karen, KA5WXE. Denise isn't really "new" to YIRL. She was an adoptee of Jean, K600D, back in the early 1960's when Denise's call was VK1YL. She was the only YL in Canberra at that time and very much sought after by DX hounds. She lived in the U.S. 1964-66 and operated /W2. Many hams didn't seem to catch the /W2 and were really excited about working a VKL YL, hi! Back in Australia since 1966, Denise has been busy raising her two children, celebrating their marriages, becoming a grandmother, and teaching math to juniors and seniors in high school. Her OM Dave, VK5RN, is now a retired physicist. Their son Peter, age 29 is an architectural draftsman and is father of their 3 year old granddaughter. Their son Jamie, age 28, is a nurse, a theater technician, and a spare time firefighter. Denise is again becoming active on the air 80, 40, 20 meters, AIARA net in summertime and occasional contests. Denise and David have happy memories of being met by a group of Yls at the airport in Ids Angeles and being taken out to lunch by another group of Yls in New York when they were in the States. They have traveled also to Europe, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Betty Christian, VR6YL, was adopted by Darleen, WD5F0X. She is one of only three YL hams on Pitcairn Island and has lived there all her life. Her CM Tom is VR6TC and shares their station. They hope to be able to set up a second station so each can operate their own. They have four daughters ages 10, 12, 14, 17. The oldest, Jacqueline, is going to college in New Zealand and doesn't get home often due to infrequent and irregular passage by ship to Pitcairn. Betty works at their commercial radio station as operator and weather observer. They have been very busy finishing the building of their house, begun two years ago - they have to wait for building materials shipped from New Zealand (ship comes 3 times in a year!) She tries to get on the air as often as she can, usually at 1700 VTC on Tues., (14.178) and Wed. (21.325) and at 0300 Wed. eve. (14.240).

R. Chen BY4AA, had a wonderful trip to Japan and visited Miyo, JR3MVF and her OM, JA3UB.

Christel, DF1LV, and her CM have begun work for the first issue of the year for DL YL Informationen. She is looking forward to the big 88 YL meeting in Leinburg/Lahn in May.

Annv, DF2SL, enjoyed the visit from Lia, WA3NFY.

Anita, DKLHH, Ella, DK9ZL met Inge, PY2JY in Frankfurt and had some fun time shopping. Ella also had a nice visit with Ruth, K5OPT and Isolde, DF4ZX. Waltraud, DK8WV, sent a lovely Christmas picture of herself, her CM Franz, and son Dieter, who recently passed the test for class C license and has the call DG2ZQ.

Ursula, DL3IS, traveled rather extensively during 1987. First to Norway, then Bavaria (where they met Ruth, K5OPT, and her CM, Gene, W5EFT. Next came a cruise on the Baltic Sea and finally through Germany for reunions of school friends and ham friends. Then on to Freiburg for a meeting of a YL 80 meter net.

Rosemarie, DL4NAN, had surgery on her toes and is having trouble wearing shoes. She was unable to get their usual winter crosscountry skiing holiday.

Renee, F5RC and her family have moved back into their remodeled house. Hopie the antennas get up in the spring and we hear you on the air soon.

Marie-Noelle, F6ISN and her family were able to go aboard the USS Nimitz when it was in Toulon last spring. They met three sailor hams, Charly,

KB4ISA, Greg, KB2ANG, and Dave, WD8JZQ. During the summer they enjoyed a visit from Aimee, KF8FA and her friend F04MU/rm.

Christine, GM4YMM, reports a change in the BYIARA Award. The BYIARA Award is for working 30 YL members of BYIARA. There is now the Scottish BYIARA Award for working 15 YIs from Scotland. The Award Manager for both awards is Joy Stirling, CMOGOU, 159 Methlick Brae, Glenrothes, Fife, KY7 GUF, Scotland, U.K. Further details about the award may be obtained from Joy. Margaret, GW4GSH, and her CM Colin live at a Transmitting Station, are active on 2M and go to many Rallies. Margaret hopes to get on 10 and 15 meters more as they begin to open up.

Greta, HB9ARC, went to the banquet of the National Swiss Short Wave Union in Winterthur last September. They also went to Singapore and Kusu Island and then to Bali.

Margrit, HB9CYH, went on the DXpedition to HBO that Kurt, HB9MX, set up. Propagation was poor and there was a 150Km/hr wind so antenna rotor went on strike most of the time. Margrit said it was an experience being on the receiving end of a big pile up but they did have some fun! Margrit enjoyed visits from Lauri, OH2WO Ken, NK6E, and Irma, OD5KS.

Ada, ILMQ, was glad to be able to help the Medical Italian Amateur Radio Groups in getting information about a cancer center in Odessa that was not available any other way. With improving propagation conditions she hopes to be able to resume her sked with Liz, W3CDQ.

Hiromi, JJCAS, was licensed in 1975 but became inactive after two or three years. She recently joined JIBS and became active again. Hiromi hopes to have more frequent contacts between JIRS members and YIRL members in the States. She says that 10% of JIRS membership are DX members.

Tonny Pels-Eringaard, PA3ENL, had the high score for the D.Y.L.C. Kofficontest. Congratulations, Tonny.

Mariina, PY1DVU, received a phone call one day from her sponsor, Jody, N8AU who was on a cruise off the coast of Brazil. They were unable to get together but enjoyed talking. Her daughter Tonya, also a ham, lives with Marina in an apartment building near Sugar loaf Mountain (on top of which is her antenna!). Tonya has been an exchange student in Icw and Marina has had exchange students at their home several times. Marina often gets on the Brazilian YL net which meets 19 to 21 UTC Wednesdays at 14.248.

Margaret, VK3EML, completed three and a half years as Secty/Treas. of their local club and took up a new hobby, spinning. As members of the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, she and cm George, VK3AGM provide first aid and radio check points from their 21' cabin cruiser for the many canoe races on the Murray river. In September Margaret and George went to Adelaide for the AIARA meeting. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Sept. Heartiest congratulations to you both!

Gwen, VK3DYL, Is coming to the U.S. May 27th to visit her sponsor Inis, WB3EF0, and will also stay with the WA3HUP and WB3CQN during June and July.

Ursula, VP2MDY has a new call. She is now VP2MT. Looks like Ursula is having lots of fun coming up with plans to go to F.O.C. banquet in Connecticut in May and the UK in August. Glad that your daughter Eileen in UK is working toward her Class A License - will make communications easier for you!.

Kari, VR6KY, had a marvelous four months "holiday" with family and friends in Norway - first time she had been away from Pitcairn in five years. She was offered free passage over on a Norwegian ship and, though Brian and the children couldn't go with her, Brian urged her to take the chance. She earned return fare by substitute teaching and returned via Chicago, Los Angeles and Houston where she got a ship back home.

Grace, VU2ATG, reports that in five years the number of YL hams in India has grown from a handful to nearly 350 and they take part in public service communications along with the OMs. Hams helped with communications for the mobile science exhibition to commemorate Nobel Prize winner Dr. Raman's contributions to science. It traveled all across India, ending up in Bhopal.

Chitra, VU2CVP, reports that they made a total of 31,000 contacts from the DXpedition to Andaman Island. She is planning to come to the U.S. in April to be with her sister in Maryland when she has a baby in June.

Alenka, YT3YL, missed the YIAP contest last time around due to her studies, but hopes to be in the next one.

Jeanne, ZI2BOD, has a 17 year old daughter who would be most happy to have a pen pal her age in the U.S. Her name is Dianne and she likes cycling, traveling, art, electronics, physics, and music and collects stamps. Address is the same as Jeanne's

Diane, ZS5DC, has finally retired from working (at her CM John's urging) and is working on her CW skills with John, they were able to help with their radios during last year's devastating floods. Our condolences on the loss of John's young brother.

Katy, 4X6KT, sent an envelope and stamp of the Israel Radio Amateurs that is a first in Israel and marks the 40th Anniversary of the club and of Israel.

BYIARA Net meets Mondays at 1915 British time on 3.688 MHz minus QRM. Net controls are GM4YMM, K0BIR, GM4WEW, GW4SUE, GOEMQ, G4KNQ, G4VFC, or GM8BYE.

EUROPEAN YL Net meets Wednesdays at 2000 British time on 3.650 MHz +/- QRM. Net control is GOGAE (alias G4YOS).

YIs in India have a net and would like other YIs to call in. The net meets every Monday at 1200 OTC on 14.188 MHz +/- QRM.

I have certainly enjoyed reading sill the letters and Christmas cards. In time I promise I will write to each of you. The "early bird" renewals I have received are also much appreciated.

33s, Mary, KA0OMX



Lois, KC1NX on the right
and her sponsor, Jennie, KA9VJF

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