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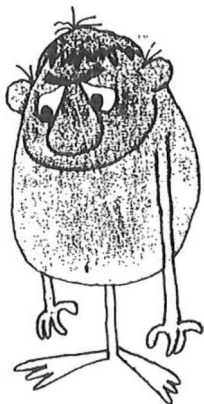
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## FROM THE EMBARRASSED EDITOR



Or, the "is My Face Ever Red?" department. My most sincere apologies to Elli, N5BYF, for listing her as the newly elected 5th DC for 199D/1991. But my MOST abject apologies to Joyce, W5MWK, who is really the newly elected 5th D/C. Joan, KD7YB, says I should explain that I have been in a great deal of pain with a torn hamstring and with the constant application of ice to the injured joint, my brain must have frozen, hi!

Anent the injury, I would like to thank Virginia, WA6PUV, and my daughter Kate who helped with the stuffing of the last issue. Also, to my most helpful postal clerk, Bill Rice, who was kind enough to bring the mailing trays to me (since my OM was out of town) and also saw to it that I had the necessary postage stamps for DX and 1st class. If it wasn't for these kind people, I wouldn't have gotten YLH out when I did. Fortunately the OM got back in town in time to get them to the P.O. first thing Monday morning, July 31st! He had not been made aware of my injury as I did not wish him to cut a very important trip short.

I wish to thank Elizabeth, KA6NJK, who graciously consented to write a report on the convention. A fine job she did, too. In addition there are others who sent in reports which have been included as we don't wish anyone left out, hi! Also included is a copy of the address at the ARRL convention in Dallas; a copy of the letter from the Mayor of Genoa, Italy; and a copy of Gianna's address to the Forum. Our sincere gratitude to Carla, W06X, for providing us with the translation of the Mayor's letter!

## ANNOUNCING!!!

Dana Tramba, NDFYQ, has accepted appointment as Vice Pres, for 1990/91

Doris Smith, WD8IKC, has accepted appointment as 8th D/C for 1990/91

Kay Eyman, WAOWOF, has accepted appointment as Librarian/Historian

Sylvia Soble, W3SLF, has accepted appointment as Chairman of the

Membership Committee.

Congratulations, ladies, and thank you!

"Proofreading is more effective AFTER publication." How true!!!

YL HARMONICS DEADLINE FOR THE NOV/DEC ISSUE IS OCTOBER 15TH!

That is the date you should have your news to your D/C so she may get her news column to the Editor before November 1st.

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1990 WESTERN YL ROUND UP 'Miniventon'

Plans are still being formulated for a Sixth and Seventh District miniventon to be held in Reno, NV in October of 199D. Negotiations with Bally's are being conducted at the present time which call for the convention to run from Sunday, Oct. 14th through Tuesday, Oct. 16th. The "steering committee" has held its first meeting and we are now awaiting the contract from Bally's. Even though it is a year in advance, Bally's will guarantee our room rates but the Catering Dept, can't guarantee the food prices. Well, you all know what goes on with food prices these days!

YLS from the 6th and 7th Districts are working on this but any YL, (female amateur radio operator) anywhere will be most welcome. We are trying to keep the costs down as much as possible. Any of you who have RVs of any sort may avail yourselves of the RV park at Bally's at a very reasonable rate which includes all hook-ups and a bath house facility, plus full hotel privileges.

Tentative plans are as follows:

A sumptuous Buffet Banquet and get-together on Sunday night.

Monday morning if enough are interested we will arrange a bus tour of the sights, shopping, and landmarks of Reno, culminating in a tour of Harrah's Automobile Museum. (Price \$12.00, not including admission to Harrah's). This would be followed by a sit-down luncheon at Bally's and the program, including prize drawings. You would be on your own Monday evening.

Tuesday morning there will be a choice of two tours, either one would take about 8 hours from hotel to destination and return. One tour would be the Virginia City/Lake Tahoe tour (Price \$30.). Walk main street Virginia City, home of the historic Comstock Lode. Take in the area's splendor while stopping for various points of interest, lunch, and pictures along the shores of Lake Tahoe. The other tour would be the Ponderosa Ranch on the north shore of Lake Tahoe, location for the TV program "Bonanza"-----"Hossburger" lunch and souvenir tin cup included! (Price of tour, including lunch, \$23.00)

Ye olde Editor is general Chairman and will give more information as it becomes available. The OMs are included in all activities—we plan no "YLS only" activities.

## CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

Jeanette Ellis, NP2C, Custodian

FIVE YEARS:	KA1LBV	KD2CJ	N3FFI	KC3LM	KA4A0L
N4DTC	N4MML	WY4G	WB4K	KB6CLL	KB5FBK
N7DRP	WA7FRM	N7GBX	W7KAE	N7KEL	KA7KRW
NX7V	N8FLT	KA8HPW	NM8N	WBBShP	KA8SWV
NT8Y	WOAYL	KA0BAT	KA0JOK	KA0QVE	KDOSD
KL7P	VE3IRS	BY4AA	DL2NAM	G4BWK	GOCCI
0E3YHU	0Z1GLN	SV1VH	VK4A0E	XE2FEM	ZS5VF

TEN YEARS:	AG1U	AG6C	KB2B	KA2CLX	KA2EAU
KA3CE0	W3CG	WB3FQH	WB3JUT	WD4MM0	WA4MNU
K5IH	W6HTS	N6KFC	NV6L	W6RYL	KA6V
NBAKI	KB8RT	KI8V	KA9BAC	N9BAE	WD9BCG
WB9UKD	WB9ZNA	WBOZZR	WBOZQZ	VE3C0H	VE7YL
G3JZP	G4IAQ	GW4GSH	LX1TP	VK2A0K	VK2HD
VK6YL	VU2UGI	ZL1ALE			VK3BIR

FIFTEEN YEARS:	WA2RX0	WA3HEN	WA3U0C	WA7QQN	DL7TQ
0H2YL	VU2CP				

TWENTYEARS:	WB2RWT	K4KUU	K5ECP	WB6H0J	WA7GVB
WAORRJ	KL7AZJ				

TWENTYFIVE YEARS:	W1YL	W3KE0	K3ZDN	K7MFS	K8YFB
WA9EYL	PA3DST				

THIRTY YEARS:	W1ICV	K50PT	KE5ZI	K7CHA	WA7UJI
K8ITF	K8KCD	K8MZT			

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DX-YL CERTIFICATES January '87 to October '87

Phyllis Davis, KA1JC

New winter address is : 5282 Boyle Terrace, Pt. Charlotte, FL 33981

I have not issued very many which is why I have not sent in a list before. s/Phyllis

#266 Alenka Celik, YT3YL, Yugoslavia #269 Nellie Lazard, XE1CI, Mex.

#267 Remeeur Chardet, PA3CUZ, Nether. #270 Rosemary Shoo, KDBXS, Ohio

#268 Akihiro Ikeda, JA4FM, Japan #272 Paula Marsh, KK40K, Virg.

Most endorsements—Christa Elksnat, DJ1TE, Germany - total of 62!

1989 YLRL YL-OM CONTEST RESULTSYL PHONE

Gold Cup: WB7FDE,	151,190	2nd: KA6ZYF	118,656	3rd: WE7D	117,656
I3KVW* 102,564	N7IXI* 25,284	KD8SC	13,050	WA4SRD	1,875
KA2ANF* 101,640	NOIDR/5 24,219	N4LZL*	12,163	KA3UBJ*	1,796
WA2EOV 09,010	KA5GIS/1* 20,232	KAOBAT	8,235	WA1UVJ	1,575
FY4FC 94,856	KA00MX* 19,314	NAOV	6,212	NL7NB*	1,170
VE7YL 43,710	KB5HPH 18,090	KD5MD	4,089	VP2MBQ/W4	960
N5IMW* 37,191	WA8YPY* 17,820	KB4RGW	3,792	GOBIR	672
N2CYL 27,000	KU7F 16,848	KBODVZ	3,338	KB4VAR	378
G3KNU* 26,670	NP2C* 14,718	WQ7V	2,385	NM7N	331
WB1BTJ/2* 26,074	WA8FSX/7 14,700	N5ITY	2,175		

OM PHONE

Gold Cup: W1HOZ,	3,780	2nd: KOETA	3,168	3rd: N9CQQ	3,111
K4NNQ* 3,780	HB9MX 825	N4HM	306	WC5Z	135
W8YGR* 1,661	W7AHZ* 780	CT1AVR*	252	W5EIJ	64
W1OPZ* 1,463	VE6UP* 756	KI6PG	248	W9LNQ	54
KAOBHO* 1,346	WOIZV 621	W8XT	225	AA4XM	45
KDIE 1,260	KD2PC 480	K9JIG*	221	W5KI	38
W6HAL* 1,198	N7ETN 405	NX5B	204	CT1CLR	36
VE4MG* 1,025	WV5K* 399	GODYO*	189	W5NR	16
N1FJX 945	W8TSF 360	JA3VXH*	189	12LVN	6
KB2BUY* 882	OH6SU* 360	NFOQ	180		

YL CW

Gold Cup: WE7B,	57,998	2nd: VE7YL,	26,565	3rd: WA8YPY,	19,074
WA2WHE* 13,500	K8ONV/4* 8,085	DJ6US	4,095	0K2BBI*	2,160
N5IMW* 13,038	KAOOMX* 5,940	KA5GIS/1	3,660	NM7N	1,823
WL7BHT* 12,012	DFSL* 5,670	N4LZL	2,772	WB8SUO	940
WA8FSZ/7* 9,165	WA2NFY 4,779	DF6UI	2,697	I5UNA	759
W8YL* 8,970	WA4SRD 4,386	IO2KYM*	2,448	DL6KCR	684

OM CW

Gold Cup: N9CQQ,	1,340	2nd: W9DYG	972	3rd: KOBM,	842
VE6UP* 783	W9DU* 383	N4SUU	231	FD1MYW	60
W1HOZ* 768	WOIZV* 377	WA1SPK	198	W8XT	36
HB9MX* 756	W2AAU* 352	W5EIJ*	169	W6TUR	36
W8YGR* 740	AA4XM 351	W8EA0	165	KAOBHO	24
K4NNQ* 648	NC8X 351	W5NR	132	YU7SF	11
HP1AC* 629	VE2ABO* 312	WEOQ	120	UA3DJY	9
W1OPZ 540	W2AOY 294	W2KTF	108	OH7NW	6
W8TSF 5000	W9ACU 264	W4ZPR	72		

\* Denotes Certif icate Winners      Check Logs: \* 1/E7X0, N6SLE

The following was presented at ARRL 75th Anniversary in Dallas, June, 1909 by Cindy Jones, W5ZPD

This is the 75th Anniversary of an organization whose aims and ideals have no limitations! The outstanding record of amateur radio, under the direction of the American Radio Relay League, to render public service is a wonderful tribute to the hobby. The principal means of communication in storms, earthquakes, floods and other types of emergencies - - experimental ability, offering not only advancement to the art, but adding to the progress of a better life for all.

The Young Ladies' Relay League congratulates the 75 years of dedication to amateur radio by the American Radio Relay League.

The Young Ladies' Relay League is celebrating their 50th anniversary, outnumbered by her brother ham, she is proud to walk side by side with him in the advancement of the art, through experimental ability, emergency work, and the many forms of public service, rendered without material reward, helping to uphold the high standard of conduct, loyalty and dedication to the tradition and ideals that have made amateur radio one of the worlds most respected hobbies.

Members of the American Radio Relay League, you paved the way, you set the standards.

Happy Anniversary, You've Come a Long Way Baby.

## CONVENTION REPORTS

### YLRL FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION, KAUI, HI

by Elizabeth James, KA6NZK

At times it seemed that the YLRL Fiftieth Anniversary Convention would be a case of TOD FEW trying to do TOO MUCH for TOO MANY, but that was countered by the relaxed attitude of Kauai and the beautiful balmy weather, so that generally speaking, it was a very pleasant and productive event. The Cocoa Palms Hotel is beautiful; set in lovely grounds, including a real coconut plantation. Headquarters for YLRL Convention activity was one end of the spacious lobby. Over 140 YLs and more than fifty OMs were present to enjoy a full program of activities and meetings as well as lots of meeting and reminiscing with people who belonged to familiar voices. Those attending were made welcome by the local Kauai Radio Club and invited to visit and operate from the Club station a few miles north of the hotel.

Full convention activities began with the presentations of the DX-YLs on Wednesday evening. Ten countries were represented, with the twelve-member Japanese delegation being the largest. Both the President and Vice-president of the JLRS, Chizue Yamada, JA1EYL, and Yasuko Tanaka, JF1 IZM were present. Each of the twelve Japanese YLs spoke briefly in English, and the group brought a gorgeous hand-made quilt to be included in the prize raffle. Germany was represented by Christa Elksnat, DJ1TE, and Friedel Meissner, DK6FM, while Gianna Capitani, I1IEP, brought greetings from Italy. Gianna also brought a plaque made of engraved slate and carrying a message from the people of her home town, Genoa, the home town of Christopher Columbus.

Sylvia Whitehead, G4VET, and Sheila Gabriel, G3HCQ, brought good wishes and gift scarves from the members of BYLARA in the British Isles. Sweden had one of the larger delegations with five women attending the convention. Raija Lilin, SMOHNV, Kirsten Bengtsson, SM5EUU, Agneta Anderlund, SM5ILO, Gunilia Forsman, SM5CXC, and Birgitta Astrom, SMDFIB, were dressed in traditional costumes of their country and presented slides showing spring scenes in Sweden. To accompany the pictures, they sang beautifully of the flowers of their land.

Greta Hubacher, HB9ARC, was present from Switzerland, and Nellie Lazard, XE1CI, described her radio activities in her country of Mexico. Two VE YLs, Truus Rosenthal, VE3MRS, and Elizabeth Anderson, VE7YL, gave a bit of their background in amateur radio and were obviously recognized by the audience for the veteran operators they are.

New Zealand had a sizeable delegation including the President of their national organization Carol Gaudin, ZL2VQ. Attending the convention with her were Aola Johnston, ZL1ALE, Winifred Barr, ZL1BBN, Cathy Purdy, ZL2ADK, and Biny Owen, ZL2AZY. They too entertained, singing a Maori song and then a translation of it, which were beautifully done.

On Thursday morning the YL Forum was ably chaired by President Mary Lou and well attended by YLRL members with plenty of suggestions for improving or expanding the organization. Most prominent ideas presented were that:

- all YLRL members get on the air more often and mention YLRL to other YLs they meet on the air.
- novices be made aware of YLRL and its advantages as soon as they are licensed.
- YLRL members be more active in their local amateur radio clubs and make the other club members aware of YLRL.

Some of the long-time members of YLRL noted that these same suggestions are made at each Forum and it is now time to work harder at putting them into practice.



The Hawaiian quilt was displayed by Vai, KH6QI, who commented on its symbols and construction. It is a truly beautiful piece of work which reflects great credit on everyone who had a part in its creation.

The convention photograph of the entire group of YLs was taken following the Forum in the room the hotel called "The Queen's Audience Hall". While it would probably have served very well for royal gatherings, it was a dark and difficult setting in which to photograph such a large group. The young man who was commissioned to do the job seemed unprepared for the size of the group and somewhat intimidated by so many women, but he gamely "coped". However, he probably should have taken more time to see that every person would be equally visible in the finished photo.

The YL-OM Luncheon which followed was a thoroughly pleasant get-together which included a tasty meal in a nicely appointed dining room. Mary Lou did a great job of the "after lunch" comments, introducing past presidents of YLRL, the president and vice-president of the local radio club and many other significant folk as well as accepting greetings from various YL groups not represented in person.

The raffle of prizes was most ably conducted by Madeline, 1I12EE0, and OM, W2LH. (Just the logistical problems of getting the many prizes to Kauai must have been quite a challenge!) The loom 2-AT hand-held was won by Joan McDonnell, WA6QKC, of Thousand Oaks, CA and the J-Pole by Ruth Jank, K50PT, of San Antonio, TX. The Hawaiian quilt went to Nancy Muth, NDKBW with the winning ticket being sold by Margaret, KOIQ both of Colorado. The beautiful quilt contributed by the Japanese YLs was won by yours truly Elizabeth, KA6NZK, who is still feeling dazed by her good fortune. This is truly a work of art which I would like you all to be able to see, so I will try to find a way to display it at future YL and other gatherings. Among other special presentations at the luncheon were a plaque from New Zealand WARO and a check for \$150. for the scholarship fund from WRONE which was brought by Anne Manna, WB1ARU.

The Luau which closed the convention was all that had been promised and I didn't hear a single negative comment. The setting was a beautiful garden, the meal was delicious and included some of the traditional island foods such as poi. The end of the festive evening was a dramatic presentation about the gathering of various Pacific rim peoples to become the people of the Island of Kauai.

All in all it was a very memorable gathering.

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Following is the report included in Mary Lou's President's Message which arrived too late to be included in the last issue.

The 50th Anniversary convention count a total of 141 YLs attended, opportunity to meet and talk with 32 countries. On Wednesday evening themselves and told something about their presentation, the five Swedish YLs sang slides of spring wild flowers. Barbara, area in Poland around her QTH. Many of the native costumes for the DX session.

During the course of the convention, several beautiful plaques and certificates anniversary. Plaques were presented by the Society, Women's Amateur Radio Organization of Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters. Amateur Radio Association presented us with a beautiful certificate. A wonderful carved slate relief from Italy was presented by Gianna IIIIEP on behalf of the mayor of her home town. We also received many messages, wishing us well on our 50th anniversary from stateside and DX members and friends.

The Kauai Amateur Radio Club opened their shack for our use and in true Hawaiian spirit made us feel right at home. Thanks to 2-meter simplex between the hotel and the shack, the three who stayed many hours at the club station were able to work at least 50 YLs for their anniversary certificate.

Thursday was a big day of convention activities starting with the YL forum at 9:00 AM. After the forum we gathered for the convention picture. Following that was the YL-OM luncheon. We were pleased that Ethel, K4LMB, was able to attend and speak to say a few words at the luncheon. Following the luncheon program, prize drawings were held. We were indeed fortunate to receive so many beautiful prizes from all over the world. Many were made specially for the occasion such as the beautiful quilted bedspread from Japan. We particularly wish to thank all those who contributed prizes for our convention. Following the prize drawing the quilt drawing took place. Vai, KH6QI, had displayed the Flowers of Hawaii quilt and described the various squares at the forum. It was won by a YL ham in Colorado and was shipped out to her the next day. A big thank you to all the YLs who made all those little stitches.

Friday was an all day bus tour to Waimea Canyon, Spouting Horn,

of YLRL is now history. At last A highlight for all of us was the of our DX members representing 10 each of our DX YLs introduced country. As part of their a Swedish song while showing SP2FF, showed slides of the DX YLs were dressed in their

YLRL was presented with commemorating our 50th Japanese Ladies' Radio New Zealand and the New The Australian Ladies

The Australian Ladies

WWV-H, and the missile tracking station. The weather cooperated throughout the tour and treated us to spectacular views of this beautiful island. At WWV-H we were able to get a good view of the station and its antennas, including separate large transmitters for each frequency used in the broadcasts. In the evening the convention concluded with a luau and show of Pacific regional dances.

While there is not space to list all of the committees and many helpers, I wish to thank them most sincerely for the many hours of work they put in making this convention a big success.

33 and Aloha, Mary Lou

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Next is a report on the convention from Ruth Barber, KIIF

YLRs 50th anniversary convention in the 50th state was a truly exciting one. About 135 attended with some spouses, children and friends. The first pleasant surprise was when the bulk of our group arrived. The hotel had a welcome party in the lobby for us while we checked in. Then we discovered, in our packets, the beautiful souvenir pin/pendant!

That was the beginning of a convention full of surprises. We had been told that the hotel had too much QRN to get out and we tried fairly successfully. We had arranged with the hotel for the antennas to be put on the roof, and we had brought a SPIDER antenna, ICOM 735 with power supply and tuning unit, and we put the radials out of the roof and the lead-in into our room. To our delight, some worked Maine (W1UKR) on Field Day. That seemed real DX until someone worked Bahrain and another Luxemburg!

The Kauai Amateur Radio Club had offered the use of their club station and Mary Lou gave them hours when we'd be most likely to use it. Even so, they manned it all the time, and many of the YLs and their OMs took advantage of that station and the kindness of the KARC. Across the street from the Coco Palms and down a block or so, but walking distance was a shopping center where the owner, a ham from Iowa had offered his station, too. His antenna didn't get out as well as hoped as the trees were too close, but some walked over and tried that one, too. The tiny Chinese restaurant in that arcade proved a popular place, for a dinner plate cost \$4.50. The Sizzler across the road was the most popular with its price of a senior dinner of entree, fruit/salad bar, soup, beverage, etc. all for \$7.69!

After Jack and I had the radio working in the room, I worked the KARC Field Day and they invited us over. I sat in on the most elaborate Field Day site I'd ever seen. The station was in a horse trailer and the Tandy laptop was programmed for duping...the tower with tribander must have been 60 feet up, there on the beach! The satellite equipment was being installed as we left, and we marvelled at the generator purring along beside it all as it sat on its trailer.

Wednesday morning during the Directors meeting, Madeleine and Arthur Greenberg were closeted in the hospitality suite with the precious cargo which would become our prizes after they had catalogued everything. Some continued to flow in, even Thursday morning during the Forum! They did a marvelous job, and the hotel management had, as promised, received and guarded the large package Arthur had shipped on ahead.

When the photographer came to take our picture, the OMs also came with their cameras. Sign-up sheets were passed for the \$18.00 group pictures, and 127 call signs were counted. He had promised the pictures would be ready by Friday night, and sure enough! at the luau, the owner came to me and said they were there. What we didn't expect was that there were mailing tubes, too. Although that complicated the collecting of \$18., it surely made it easier to take home. When I told the photographer what a beautiful picture he'd made, he told me it was the largest order for photos the lab had produced. They had worked all night getting them finished, and the paper had been specially flown in for the job. Incidentally, the photographer's name is Steve Gnazzo of KiloHan Studio, if there are any YLs who want to order from him. As we went over the 100 mark, we got them for the \$18., and I suspect he'd send them along for that still.

We did goof on the naming of the YLs. There were 3 of us taking down names, and the interpretation of who was in what row caused us to miss a few names. We have added those we know of who are missing, Gunilia, Betty and another, but we'd like to hear of any others.

Also, it took a while to get those names photocopied at the desk and quite a few YLs who got their pictures in the early bunch didn't get our printout of the names for the back of the photo. I have them here for the price of a SASE (business sized enveloped, please).

Our tour of the island was tiring and exciting. One bus busied itself getting all the YLs working each other. Vai took another over to her house and Mary Lou had to talk to someone over at the Pacific missile firing range to get us into the facility. They allow 40, not 203 who had signed up for it, but she was successful. Even more interesting for us was the WWV-H with all the equipment checking

itself. Some of us felt that the Collins complete station, with beam and tower were a shameful waste (no ham on the staff any longer), but they assured us that rapid transmissions nowadays are done by fax machines!

Now that the convention is over, I've asked people to send me all the suggestions they have for the next convention. There must be a more detailed convention manual. I ask any who attended to forward suggestions, and those who didn't should also send along any they have. There used to be one, but so far it is not to be tracked down. Most of us did our jobs using experience from previous conventions we've worked on. That's obviously not enough.

33, Ruth

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### CONVENTION COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

To date, I have been unable to obtain an ACCURATE and COMPLETE list of VLRL members attending the convention. The number varies from 120 to 140 and some lists I have seen include non-members and even some who are not even amateur radio operators. Also, no record was kept of the recipients of the various prizes other than those listed in Elizabeth's report. Apparently there were so very, very many prizes donated that it was impossible to keep track of them all.

There were many, many prizes brought to the Convention and I have been unable to obtain a complete listing of all the donors. At this point I can only say "Thank you, one and all for your generosity."

There is in existence a six-page "YLRL CONVENTION GUIDE LINES" which was compiled several years ago by Sylvia-W3SLF, Rose Ellen-N2RE, and Jan-WB2JCE, a copy of which was provided the President's files. It would appear to me that it is a good basic guide to be adapted to suit individual convention needs. The last paragraph says; "These are not hard and fast rules, but are intended to guide future convention committees in what to expect when they organize. Naturally, each convention committee will have new and fresh ideas, and these are always encouraged. Hopefully, each convention committee will add to the guidelines as soon after the convention as possible, while events are still fresh in their minds."

Probably the most valuable addition to this would be a section "Pitfalls to be avoided"!

Letter from Comm. Rag. Fillippo Zavatteri, Mayor of Genoa, Italy.

Commune of S. Colobano Certenoli  
The Mayor

July B, 1989

Mrs. Mary Lou Brown, NM7N  
President of YLRL  
Convention, Kauai, HI, USA

Dear Mrs. Brown:

The convention celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of your organization has given me the opportunity to convey to you by way of Mrs. Gianna Capitani Grassetti a plaque engraved on slate ston of Lifuria. Reproduced on this plaque is the emblem of this community together with the "Lantern" that is the symbol, not only of Genoa, but of all Ligurians, including Christopher Columbus.

I am very happy to have this plaque brought to you by Mrs. Grassetti as one of many voices. I also feel that it is my duty to commend my fellow citizen for the honors that she brings to Italy and San Colombano Certenoli with her activities and achievements using the gift to the world of Guglielmo Marconi.

Happy Anniversary!

Sincerely

Comm. Rag. Fillippo Zavatteri

Gianna's address to the Forum:

Dear YLs and OMs:

From Italy, the homeland of Christopher Columbus and Guglielmo Marconi I send warm greetings to all.

I am proud to be here today, because it allows me to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the YLRL foundation, and offers the opportunity to meet in person some of the friends that I have made on the air, and, at the same time I will meet some in person whom I hope to meet on the air at a later time.

It would be my desire to bring each of you a present, but, since that is not possible, this commemorative slab is for all of you. The little village of my residence has a great mayor who made this possible.

This stone is made of slate that is found only in Liguria. It has been carved by a great sculptor from Genoa who, for customs reasons, has not signed it. This in no way subtracts from its beauty nor the

spirit in which it is given.

My hope is that this precious present will find a worthy place at Newington, Connecticut to forever remind viewers of this great event here in Hawaii, and to forever be a reminder of the spirit and love that exists among the YLs of the world.

I present it to our president together with a letter from my Mayor.

With best wishes for our future,

Gianna, 11IEP

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Pat, N4RPN, submitted the following information in hopes it might be of interest and assistance to the YLs wishing to contact the Soviet space station.

#### SATELLITE NEWS DE W4ITJ

MIR Operations - Alex, U4MIR, continues to be very active from the Russian space station, MIR. Reports have indicated that his operations were generally in the 1700-1900 UTC time periods, but he has been heard locally only in the early morning hours. A technique devised by Jim, N4PUQ, proved to be very successful. Jim set the receive frequency to 145.550 Mhz, advanced the squelch to full quieting, turned the volume up and place the receiver near the bed and went to sleep. When MIR was in range the signals broke the squelch and Jim was on the air calling within a minute or two. Since then others, using this method, have been successful in their QSO attempts, including Betty, N4LZL. Jim's technique certainly is better than the antiquated technique involving the use of the "old fashioned" computer to select time and place. It shouldn't be surprising that Alex can be heard so easily. MIR is in essentially the same type of orbit as was the Univ, of Surry satellite, 0-11 when we all copied the ski trekker's progress via the regular bulletins using only hand held 2M rigs. For those interested you may want to make your attempts reasonably soon as a new crew is scheduled to go up to MIR sometime in April. I understand that the new crew will also include a ham operator, but we won't know til it actually happens.

QSL's may be sent % Boris Stepanov, UW3AX, P.O. Box 679, Moscow, 107207, USSR. Good luck!

## FOR ALL THOSE BORN BEFORE 1945 --WE ARE SURVIVORS!

submitted by Dot Beam, N4DTC

Consider the changes we have witnessed. We were born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastic (yes plastic), contact lenses, Frisbees and the PILL.

We were born before credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and the ever popular ball point pen. We are pre: pantyhose, dishwashers, drip dry clothes, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners.... and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first, then lived together. How quaint can you be!

In our time, closets were for clothes, not for "coming out of". Bunnies were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagens; designer jeans were scheming girls; and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along well with your cousins.

We thought fast food was what you ate during lent, gay meant happy, and Outer Space was the back of the Riviera Theater.

We hit the scene before house husbands, computer dating, dual careers, and computer marriages. We were before day care centers, group therapy, and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing ear rings. For us, time share meant togetherness...not computers or condominiums. A chip was a piece of wood, hardware was hinges, locks, and fuses, and software wasn't even a word.

In 1940 "made in Czechoslovakia, Japan, China, Korea, etc" meant junk and junk meant junk. (Nobody had heard of Taiwan.) "Making out" referred to how well you did on your exams, and "MacDonalds" and instant coffee were still a figment of someone's imagination.

When we first walked this earth there were 5 & 10 cent stores, where you bought things for five and ten cents. Wilson', Sander's, or Schultz' Ice Cream Parlors sold ice cream cones for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a street car, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi, or enough stamps to mail a letter AND two postcards (and they got there!). You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600.00, but who could afford one? A pity too, because gas was only 11 cents a gallon.

In our day grass was mowed, Coke was a cold drink, and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was Grandma sitting in a rocking chair humming a lullaby. Back then AIDS were helpers in the principal's office. We were before "sex changes", we made do with what we had. We were so dumb we thought you had to have a husband in order to have a baby.

No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap.

BUT WE SURVIVED. WHAT BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE?



## AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL YLRL ACTIVE MEMBERS:

Your organization is making available a certificate which I would very much like to obtain. The problem is, I work six days a week and I can't find any girls on in the evenings and Saturday evenings or Sundays. I would like to arrange schedules with individuals in the evenings and weekends in order to work the required fifty girls. With some advance notice I can meet a schedule most anytime after 7:00 Pfl and all day Sunday and after 5:PM on Saturday. I am all bands except 12M. While I am attempting to drum up some YL activity, I like to work the YL-OM contests, but I usually can't find more than about a dozen girls! I know that you get on your YL nets, but doesn't any one get on to chat anymore? i'll be waiting for some cards with suggested scheds. Thanks, s/ Ralph Rickett, W8BTW, 6772 SR 605, New Albany, OH 43054

From the Editor: I think this gentleman has a reasonable request. Won't some of you please help him out? I would love to but my beam is still in its box and my tower is lying on the ground, waiting for a block of concrete to be poured on which to set it! (incidentally, Ralph, the YL-OM contest was always my favorite contest.)

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YLs INVADE THE SOUTH PACIFIC  
PART I - WALLIS ISLAND - July 6-13, 1989  
by Mary Lou Brown, NM7N

It seemed only natural that an all-YL DXpedition should take place after the YLRL convention in Hawaii. After consulting with the ARRL and writing to various South Pacific islands for licensing procedures, two were selected—Wallis and Fiji. I filled out applications right away in case there were problems and sent copies to the rest of the group, so all said the same thing regarding equipment, etc. The one for Wallis took a little time as it was in French. My French dictionary was a little dated, since it didn't even have the word for radio!

The list of interested YLs started with eight, then went to nine, and by the end we were reduced to four for the trip to Wallis (N7HAT-Audrey, N4DDK-Alice, KAODMX-Mary, and myself) and further reduced to three for the Fiji operation as Audrey had to leave early for home.

In due time we heard back from Wallis and all was well. The next step was to find a place to stay. I wrote to the three hotels listed in Fodor's Guide, but as of April, no response. I was getting nervous.

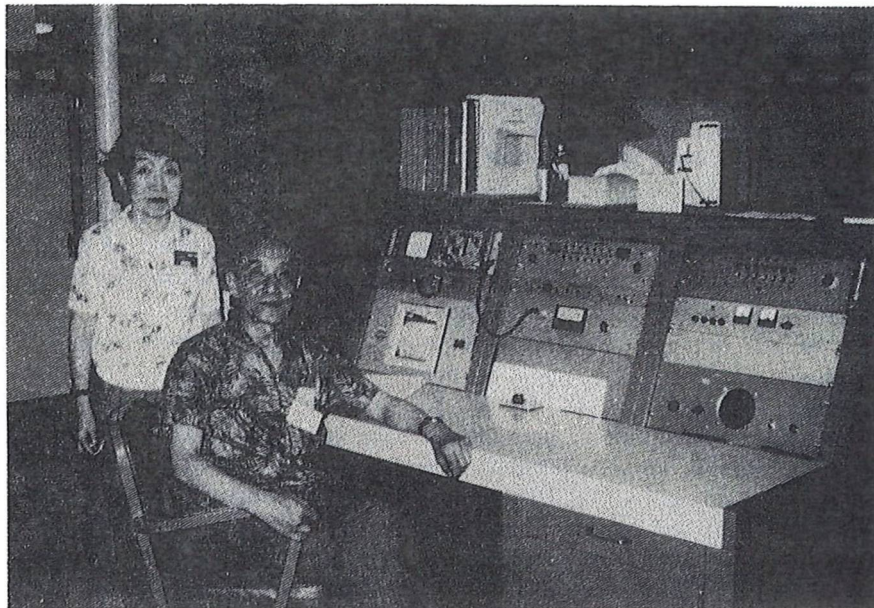
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JAPANESE YLS IN THEIR BEAUTIFUL KIMONOS  
AT THE CONVENTION IN HAWAII



SWEDISH YLS IN THEIR  
COSTUMES AT THE YLRL  
CONVENTION IN HAWAII



KUNI, JA1YL AND O1\*1 MIYAO,  
JA1C0 AT CONTROL STATION  
AT W11A/H



KALMB, DJ1TE, JH3SQN, WAIUVJ & NI\*17N

Although I was willing to take my chances when I got there, I didn't want to involve others in the risk. Elizabeth, VE7YL, contacted ZL1AF1O for us while he was operating on Wallis. He suggested the Restaurante Teone and Bungalows. It took three days to get a phone call through, but contact was finally made (referred to by Mary as the French Connection). I proceeded with the sentences concocted during a ten-minute French lesson and made the arrangements in spite of a poor connection (everything I said came back to me a couple of seconds later.) Only at the end did I realize they were answering in very broken English and I was struggling in very broken French.

On our arrival on Wallis we were all a little apprehensive about finding transportation to the hotel. A local who was on the plane, spoke a little English. He set out to find our transportation for the Restaurante Teone. Pretty soon he was back with Paia and his truck plus another vehicle. We were bundled in and on our way. When we passed the hotel and kept going, we began to wonder, but were informed that the hotel was full and we would be staying at the Hotel Moana Hou. As it turned out it was an ideal place for our tri-band beam and for operating. It was run by a local Polynesian family, who tried their best to accommodate our needs. The oldest daughter, a most enjoyable girl, spoke a little English and took every chance she could to be with us and practice English. It was obvious that hams had stayed there before, as the boys knew just what I wanted when I asked one to climb the breadfruit tree with the line for one end of our dipole.

The first thing we did after getting settled was to walk into town to see Fir. Boucard, the Director of Telecommunications, for our licenses. Since all banks were closed for the next two days, we had no local money for the fee. We had tried without success to get the French Pacific Francs before leaving Fiji. That didn't seem to be a problem as we could bring it by another day. He was a charming fellow and came the next day to take us for a drive and show us the satellite station and to visit with Aime Bel, FW5BA, the only resident ham on Wallis.

When we went to the bank for money on Monday, the teller turned out to be the owner of the Restaurante Teone, who wondered where we were staying. We then got suspicious that we had been hijacked by Paia and his friend. However, in talking with the daughter, we found out that they had been expecting us and she had even written two letters in English which I never received. I had received a letter in French a couple of weeks before leaving, but it was too late to write and tell them that we already had a place. Hence we finally decided it was an honest mix-up. Anyway it was lucky for us, as their place was much better for radio as it would have been difficult to erect the beam at

the Restaurante Teone. We did decide to go to the Restaurante Teone for dinner one night, which turned out to be a mistake. While the food was good the price wasn't, and we had to dig deep into, our pockets.

The weather was quite pleasant for a spot only 13° from the equator. Fortunately we were there in "winter" and the temperature stayed in the lower 80's. Also, there was a constant 20+ knot easterly wind. During a couple of squalls it probably reached 50+ knots. That made it great for erecting the beam! We were able to walk around quite a bit when not scheduled to operate. It is really a beautiful spot. On our walks, as well as the local sights, we enjoyed the many pigs, dogs, and chickens running loose. Pigs came in all colors and sizes. One day the wife of one of the French officials came by and invited the three of us not on the air for a sightseeing drive. She took us up to see where the U.S. airfield had been during WW II and to see one of the volcanic craters, which now is a deep lake. All of us made trips to a local crafts center where the women were making tapa tapestries, weaving baskets, etc. They were most excited that we wanted to take their pictures.

It didn't take the world long to find out we were on Wallis, so we had lots of experience with big pile-ups. It was nice to be on our end of it instead of trying to work the "rare" DX ourselves. Being called by stations such as Ascension Island, and the Somali Republic was also a thrill. We would have expected the pile-up to be on them. We learned a lot about the sociology of pile-ups in various parts of the world. Some are polite and let you work the station you pick up, and some just kept transmitting right on top of them. We scheduled ourselves round the clock in two hour shifts, which gave each of us two hours on and six hours off, conditions permitting. As it turned out, the bands usually folded sometime between three and four a.m. We did have to take an hour out for a continental breakfast and an hour out for dinner as the hotel fed us all at once. We were all impressed with Audrey's expertise in pouring the hot milk and hot coffee into, the cup at once.

After a week and 3,437 contacts we packed up our gear. With a feeling of success we were ready for the next week on Fiji.

Part II will appear in a later issue of YLH-----hopefully with pictures!!

And speaking of pictures—did anyone take any pictures of all those beautiful plaques presented to YLRL at the Convention??

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PLEASE NDTE: News for the Nov/Dec issue still goes to the CURRENT District Chairmen—the new D/Cs take office January 1, 1990 and news for the Jan/Feb issue should go to them.

The DCs had been requested to go easy on the District News this issue so we could include as much about the convention as possible.

#### F.A.R. SCHOLARSHIP

Victoria Gruen, KA2VHR of Runnymede, NJ, has been chosen by the F.A.R. as recipient of the YLRL Scholarship. Her major field of study at Stetson U (DeLand, FL) is computer science and mathematics. She is also involved in various theater productions.

### Condolences

W6ZYD, Jean Baptie and OM Boyde on the recent loss of their son Robert  
DL3YBV, Karin on the loss of her father in June  
JA1YL, Kuni Kan, on the recent loss of her brother



#### UPGRADES

Linda van Doel, KA1RJG to General—new call is NIGRffl  
Carolyn Helm, N5ITY to Advanced—new call is KG5UI

#### CONGRATULATIONS

I1IEP, Gianna and O(4, Fiorenzo who celebrated their 40th Anniversary at the YLRL convention in Hawaii!



**Tltpce** Sylvia Soble, W3SLF, 9357 Hoff St., Philadelphia, PA 19115

Nobody wrote any news to Syl so we'll have to do the best we can. Only YL from 3-land who attended the YLRL Convention was Carol Lentz, AD1P/3.

The only other news we have is that Sylvia has been appointed the new Chairman of the Membership Committee. Syl is hard at work already, devising ways and means of recruiting new members for YLRL and trying to wean back some of our former members who have dropped out.

Please write Sylvia with news of your radio activities. The November/December issue will be her last as your D/C.



JH3SQM, OM OF NOZOMI, JH3SQN



Linda Kukuk, AA5GS, at her very neat station.



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Dot Beam, N4DTC, Box 488, Mableton, GA 30059

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First of all I want to thank everyone for your cooperation for the past two years. This is your publication and without your help this portion would have been impossible.

The Atlanta Hamfest was enjoyed by many and we had a good time visiting with "old friends". The MALARC luncheon was attended by several of the members. Nancy, N4TXV (and her mother Nan as her guest); Ginny, KD4DDQ; Ann, K4JGK; Jane, KB4QKX; Margaret, KB4QKW; Liz Forney (granddaughter of Margaret); Marian, WA4URY; Jeannette, NP2C; Claire, N4HJE; and myself.

Sharon, KB4IH, is the newly elected President of the Atlanta Radio Club. We know you will be a successful President, Sharon.

The new MALARC officers are: President, Dot, N4DTC; Vice President, Ann, K4JGK; Secretary, Ann, WB4SSS; and Treasurer Nancy, N4TXV.

Several 4-land YLs got to go to the convention. Among them were: Ethel, K4LMB; Louise, KA4A0L; Virginia, KA4DDQ; Anne, KB4SS and OM Jim, K4DLI; Rachel, N4BVP; and Alice, N4DDK. Ann, KB4SSS and Finny, KA4DDQ reported a great time. Ann and her OM Jim stayed on the island for the DX Convention, then visited Oahu for several days, enjoying a trip to Pearl Harbor and tour of the Polynesian Cultural Center.

Jeanette-NP2C, and OM John-NP28, were back in town for the Atlanta Hamfest. Although our visits are brief it is always good to see her.

Marian, WA4URY, has just returned from a trip to St. Croix and a visit with Jeanette.

Ginny, KA4DDQ, is recovering from extensive surgery and we are glad to see her up and about again.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their help and I know you will support your new District Chairman Joyce Tomanek, KA4EE0 in 1990.

33, Dot

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GRISSOM'S LAW—The smallest hole will eventually empty the largest container, unless it is made intentionally for drainage, in which case it will clog.

(HENRY) KISSINGER'S DISCOVERY—The nice thing about being a celebrity is that when you bore people, they think it's their fault.

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**Five** Ellie Odom, N5BYF, 1416 Autumn Oaks Dr., Jackson, MS 39211

Congratulations Joyce, W5MWK, on winning the 5th D/C race. You will do a super fine job, I know. Good Luck!

"Well done" Carolyn, N5ITY on passing the Advanced exam. OM Michael and 9 month old son Angus enjoyed going along to HamCom this summer, also getting to meet the TYLRUN girls Carolyn talks to on the net. Field Day was fun as the family camped out with brother N5NNA, sister N5KDZ, and OM N5NAT. They didn't score as high as they would have liked but at least stayed cool jumping into a nearby creek when things on the radio got too hot, hi.

Helen, K85FZQ gives an up-date on the new YL Club in Baton Rouge, LA. Election of officers will be at the September meeting. The number of interested YLs is increasing. They helped out during the recent National Hot Air Balloon Championships which was a great success. The Amateur Radio Community played a major role in assisting National Guard and the Red Cross during the aftermath of a killer tornado which virtually wiped out Grosse Tete, LA, killing two and injuring many. Helen, DM Ricky, KB5FZZ, friends Wayne KG5SG and Linda, KB5DLS put in some long hours. There will be an article in a future QST. Good luck to daughter Jenny, KB5FZP with all of her plans and offices for the coming school year Helen, and to you success on your up-grade!

On August 6th, Darleen WD5FQX hosted a get-together highlighted by a dinner in Hot Springs, AR. Guests of honor were Aola, ZL1ALE and OM Dave, ZL1AMN. What a privilege to meet them. Space does not permit listing all who were present but between many Hot Springs ARC girls and guys, visiting ND9W-Roxann with ON N09V-John around 40 plus folk were there. Diane, KG5CS is attending the "Page School" in Washington, DC while also serving as page in the US House of Representatives during the upcoming semester. Congratulations to the Magens on this outstanding achievement.

N5BYF (me) is studying the article on "Ferrite Beads for RFI" in #3 Harmonics, hi. If my neighbor would talk to me, we might even continue to work on the problem here. I guess she still enjoys getting music from a nearby commercial radio station through her phone also. Wonder if my Technicians used the right kind of beads to put behind her phone? Guess we'll never know - oh well.

That's all for now — God bless and 33, Ellie, N5BYF







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## **.Hawaii**

Tuddy Lake, KH6PI, P.O. Box 2136, Kamuela, HI 96743

Aloha to all from Kauai, flay I first introduce myself to you. My name is Tuddy, KH6PI. I am the brand new kid on the block. Having gotten my feet wet at the 50th year convention and attending my first Board of Directors meeting, I know I have a wonderful support system to fall back on. Fleeting and sharing different experiences—it is very hard to put it all in words. Time and space are not on my side.

I do want to mention here and now Vai von Holt, KH6QI, former KH6-D/C. Through the years Vai has contributed much to the YLs. I want to say thank you for all that you have done. I hope I can fulfill my role as D/C.

The DX-YLs were there and a wonderful program was put on; gifts presented to YLRL. Many got to eye each other after working each other for years; the Swedish YLs sharing their slides and song in their costumes; the JAs in their beautiful kiminos; 11IEP Gianna Capitani from Genoa, Italy presented a slate plaque to Mary Lou NM7N for YLRL from the Mayor of her town; a special Aloha to Sherry, KA5VOP and OM Matt, KA5NG0; Nancy KL7FCG/KH6—memories we cannot forget. Along with them all the YLs from New Zealand, we know there will be nights that will not be quickly forgotten. Betty Marsh, KL7FJW and OM sailed from Baja California to Kauai; Eila Russell, WA8EBS looking younger; Phyllis Shanks W2GLB—will not forget her good advice; the many YLs that cannot all be mentioned. A special thanks to all the DMs who patiently stood by and followed orders to the "T". Kauai will be remembered by one and all.

To all my new found friends I say Aloha Nui Loa for now.

33, Tuddy, KH6PI



NATHALIE, PAULETTE (LX1PZ),  
TANIA (LX1TZ) & JOHNY LX1JZ

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Irene, VE3AUR and myself had a lovely trip for 18 days in May to Portugal, Spain, Morrocco, and Gibraltar. In Morrocco we visited King Hassan's palace in Rabat and took a picture of his lovely antennas. He was in residence but we did not see any of the royal family. Irene and I had our picture taken with the guard at the gates. The weather was good and the group congenial.

I\*ly family had a special birthday party for me this year with about 30 family members and Irene, VE3AUR, Mary VE3XOH and 01\*1 Tom, VE3GZV were all there. Quite a surprise for me. Mary and Tom took me to a dinner theatre to see "Oliver" the following week.

I have been busy doing communications for the Soccer Tournament—proceeds for MS and the Cardathon (Community Association for Riding for the Disabled)—192 horses with riders and about \$51,000 raised in pledges for the cause. There were 15 disabled took part in riding.

The CNE opened on Aug. 16th until Sept. 4th and the President's Council Committee had an Amateur Radio exhibit set up in the Arts and Crafts Building and Amateurs from 22 clubs manned the booth during the 21-day affair. Many of the Ontario Trilliums and CLARA members took part.

Received a lovely letter from Ebba, VE3DZ, Sask. She is still living in her own home and doing lots of traveling, not active on the bands at present. Busy with grandchildren's graduations and a granddaughter's wedding in October in B.C. Just a couple of days before the wedding she tripped and broke her right wrist. It was in a case for 6 weeks. Lovely wedding and the weather cooperated. In the spring a granddaughter graduated for nursing and is now working at the University Hospital in Saskatoon. A grandson in agriculture and farming now with his father is planning a wedding in October. Ebba has a small vegetable garden, growing enough to eat and can. Still doing her handwork, does beautiful crochet work and is involved with the seniors group in her area.

I) X Mary Ketzler, KAODMX, Rt 1, Box 194AA, Mondovi, 11)1 54755

PLEASE NOTE MARY'S NEW ADDRESS SHOWN ABOVE!!!

News from DX YLs

DJ9SB, Renata attended an FOC meeting near Cologne the end of May, which was great fun. She has kept especially busy the last few months, helping to care for her mother, age 87, who needs constant help now. She shares the caring with her sister, but it requires that she be away from OM Gerd for weeks at a time, and also away from radio. When she is at home she does volunteer work with sick and elderly, takes evening classes in Spanish and French conversation and gives some private lessons as well.

DL3YPB, Karin and OM Volkert look forward to moving into their new home this fall. At last, a home all their own and room for radio and antenna!

DL4NAN, Rosmarie went to their club field day the end of June at the same place where John and I visited them 4 years ago, sent greetings from all. Her son Manfred completed school and was married in June. While he attends to his 15-month conscription in the army, his wife Doris will study for her radio amateur licens.

FK8FA, Aimee worked the YL contests in March and April from French Guiana, but did not encounter many YLs, only 21 on CW. She flew back to New Caledonia in July, stopping in Asia and Australia on the way. Next year's end, she says, she will plan to visit some of the states again.

HB9ZC0, Helene was disappointed to find only 5 U.S. YLs in the last contest and that with great difficulty - due to very poor propagation. She thoroughly enjoyed a visit from K6DLL, Marcia and her OM Ted last fall.

I1IEP, Giana and her OM brought a big inscribed, slate plaque from their home town of Calvari, which may be on display at the ARRL headquarters soon.

I5UNA, Lina was delighted to attend the YLRC Elletra Marconi assembly at the Marina di Grosseto, to see so many friends again and meet others for the first time. She also enjoyed a bit of vacation by the sea - fresh air and bicycling, which is not possible in the city of Firenze, where there is too much traffic.

LX1TZ, Tanja, daughter of LX1PZ, Paulette earned her ham license last February and was adopted by ND9W, Roxann Moss as a family member in YLRL. The family is planning a trip to the U.S. in the near future. Paulette's OM LX1JZ, Johny was recovered well from a triple bypass surgery 2 years ago.



LX2EL, Farida was so pleased to meet her sponsor KA7IVA finally on the air this summer! She does not have as much radio time as earlier because she works part time at a bank in the city. Her daughter Tania, LX1MD works full time at the same bank, so they ride in together mornings. Farida's OM Lucien has been very active on the radio on 80 meters, earning his DXCC. She tries to be on the air evenings, but propagation not so good as mornings.

ON5KI, Nadine is secretary of her local radio club and member of the Belgian YL Club and is active on the nets on 80 meters and 2 meters. The BYLC also has a convention and offers an award. President of the BYLC is DN60W, Mia. Nadine has been to Florida and plans to go to San Francisco in September 1990. She like to play tennis and table tennis in her free time. She works as a Secretary.

News from DX YL bulletins!

Don't forget to look for JA YLs in their contests

SSB - Sept. 23 at 0300 GMT to Sept. 24 at 0300 GMT

Cli! - Sept. 30 at 0300 GMT to Oct. 1 at 0300 GMT

Contact YLs or OMs, give RST and QSO nr. start 2001

(OMs D01, JLRS 5001)

BYLARA had a successful 10th Birthday Party at Drayton Manor Park Rally on May 14. A souvenir booklet is in the planning stages-complete with photographs and stories.

Top scorers in the sixth BYLARA contest were GOBIR, Ann in the phone section and GM4YMM, Christina in the mixed section. Top scorer in the Midwinter contest for YL in CW was OHBCD, Marja. Congratulations!

YLs in Germany have been busy with hamfests and meetings during the summer and fall. In July was the YL field day in Schleswig Holstein. In August the DNAT meet in Bad Bentheim included a YL Roundtable. In September there were the YL-OM meeting in Duesseldorf-Grafenberg and the YL meeting in Hamburg. Most ham meetings in Germany are family oriented with activities for children as well as OMs and YLs. This last one had pony rides, ball fields, and hiking in nearby wilderness. There are usually fox hunts that young people, even non-licensed, can participate in. And some even have babysitting (or Kindergarten) provided for little ones while Moms attend ham meetings.

In the German DARC listing there are shown 11 YLs who hold district president office, 22 YLs are club chairs, and 356 YLs serve as other club officers.

Many thanks to the DX YLs who came to the YLRL convention in Hawaii and gave a wonderful program! It was so exciting to meet all of you and I only wish I had had the time to visit with each of you a bit longer! But I have memories and faces now to connect with the call signs when I write to you or talk to you on the air, which is what is so nice about "eyelash QSOs".

YLRL welcomes any DX YLs as Associate Members. You are entitled to vote for officers, you receive the YL Harmonics bulletins, and you are eligible for some contest awards that are for members only. A DX-YL may join YLRL by paying her own dues or by being adopted by a US member who pays for her. Our adoptee program's objective is to promote friendship and understanding for licensed YL amateurs throughout the world. We hope that the DX YL adoptees will write to their sponsors often during the year and let us know something of their ham activities from time to time. We hope also that the sponsors will write to their adoptees and perhaps make radio schedules with them when possible. May DX YL members also sponsor their sponsors in a YL organization of their country if one exists. Dues are payable on Mar. each year except that a NEW member may pay a half year dues if joining after August 31st and dues for the following year may be paid at the same time.

Amateur Activities in India - by VU2AIG, Grace Dasan (adapted by KAOOMX)

The continued interest of the younger generation to become hams coupled with the liberalisation of the amateur licensing procedure and the support of the Indian government has resulted in a steady growth in number of hams in India, from 1500 to 5000 in the last ten years. Of those 5000, 385 are YLs.

Over the last 10 to 12 years, a few hams and I have planned and organized various nets and have contributed valuable services to the Civil authorities during disasters like Morvi Flood, Bhopal gas disaster and during cyclones. Medical traffic is another area of development which has proved to be successful—like running a rural eye operation camp or providing the communication necessary to arrange for medical services - such as arranging for blood donor and drugs and transportation to a hospital for a child with a blood disorder to obtain a marrow transplant.

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