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President's Message

Christine Haycock, WB2YBA

This will be my last editorial as President. First, I want to thank all the officers and committee chairs who have been such a big help the past two years. Without them I could not have done my tasks. I would like to extend special thanks to Ethel, K4LMB, our indomitable founder, for all the advice and guidance she has given so unselfishly by phone and mail. Of course, our *Harmonics* Editor Kay, WAOWOF, was invaluable as were our Database Manager Mary, AD4HC, and all the district chairpersons. So to all I say, "God bless you."

There are still a number of tasks that need attention. The dues issue must be voted on as well as the slight change in wording in the by-laws relating to our scholarship. The largest issue remains membership. If only each member were to recruit one new one we would be in great shape. Whenever I hear a new YL on the air I ask if she is a member. If she isn't I send her a copy of *Harmonics* and a membership application. It really isn't difficult.

My miniature schnauzer Holly had six puppies—two girls and four boys on August 17th. They are cute little rascals, but a lot of work. I helped deliver them from 2:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. I'm a surgeon and now I feel like an obstetrician! Or at least a Godmother!

I am looking forward to the YLRL Convention next July in Albany, New York. I was unable to attend the SAYLARC luncheon in September, but I am sure there will be news about it in the Second District report, at least.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all the new officers and wish them the best for their terms. I am sure that they will be able to stir up lots of enthusiasm for the future. I will certainly be willing to assist in any way that I can. May I also wish everyone health and happiness during the coming holidays.

33, Christine, WB2YBA

**See you at the YLRL Convention in Albany, New York,
July 11 -14, 1996!**

Congratulations!



Crissandra N. Thrun, N2U0P,
is the 1995 recipient of
YLRL's \$1200 Scholarship.

Her letter of acceptance is shown below. The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc., which administers the scholarship, noted there were 57 eligible female applicants this year and 14 were recipients of other scholarships. A total of 55 scholarships were awarded.

1963 Four Mile Road
Allegany, NY 14706

July 31, 1995

Thank you for selecting me as the recipient of the YLRL scholarship. It will be used toward my Veterinary Technician degree from SUNY Delhi this fall.

I am a 1995 honor graduate from Allegany Central School. Activities during my senior year included: National Honor Society, Co-President of Senior Steering committee, member of school chorus, and editor of school newspaper. I am also active in my church youth group and I have been a Girl Scout for twelve years. I attained my Gold Award through Amateur Radio. I have been appointed Assistant Emergency Coordinator for Cattaraugus County by Emergency Coordinator David Thrun, N2KZB. I am in charge of recruitment and assisting in the development of an emergency plan for A.R.E.S.

About four years ago my father, N2KZB, got me interested in Amateur Radio. I expected this to be a good hobby, but found it to be a very useful form of communication. About two years ago I was in a minor car accident and because of my license I was able to contact help quickly. I have since used Amateur Radio to talk with friends. I especially enjoy assisting with communications for local bike races and even sled dog races with the Mckean County Amateur Radio Club.

Amateur Radio is one of the best hobbies I've gotten into. I also love horseback riding and I like to trail ride. So, everyone knows me as "N2UOP horse mobile." Thanks again, (t/s) Crissandra N. Thrun, N2UOP

Certificates and Awards

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July 1, 1995, to October 31, 1995

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NV3B.....	5	KA5HPI . . .	10	W3CUL.....	15	NS5H	25
N3IOP.....	5	N6DOC.....	10	WA3RFW . . .	15	WA6OUH . . .	25
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KG7TK.....	5	N7HDB.....	10	W1UKR.....	20	W4KZT	40
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YL CENTURY CLUB

Le Henderson, Custodian

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—YL Contests—

Meet the Novices and Technicians Day

CW & SSB: 1500 UTC, January 13, to 0500 UTC, January 14, 1996

YL-OM Contest

SSB: 1400 UTC, February 10, 1996, to 0200 UTC, February 12, 1996

CW: 1400 UTC, February 24, 1996, to 0200 UTC, February 26, 1996

Complete rules for these two contests are in the 1995 Directory issue.

The 12th BYLARA Contest

DATE: Thursday, February 15, 1996. **TIME:** 1900 to 2200 UTC.

DATE: Saturday, February 17, 1996. **TIME:** 1000 to 1300 UTC.

BANDS: 80m: 3.72 to 3.775 MHz 40m: 7.05 to 7.09 MHz
 20m: 14.250 to 14.280 MHz 15m: 21.350 to 21.400 MHz
 10m: 28.350 to 28.410 and 28.650 to 28.700 MHz
 2m: NOT 144.750 - 145.175 OR 145.600 - 146.000 MHz
 70cm: NOT 432.800 - 433.375 OR 434.600 - 434.975

SECTIONS: HF Phone VHF Phone Mixed HF and VHF Phone

At least one-third of the operating time must be operated either on HF or VHF. Only one period of operation (either Thursday or Saturday) counts for each entry, but more than one section may be entered.

PROCEDURE: Call "CQ BYLARA Contest." YLs to work YLs and OMs. OMs to work YLs only.

EXCHANGE: Callsigns, RS, serial number (starting with 001 for both Thursday and Saturday), name, and whether you are a BYLARA member for the year 1995-1996.

SCORING: 5 points per YL BYLARA member.
 3 points per YL non-member.
 2 points per OM associate BYLARA member.
 1 point per other OM contact.
EACH DAY IS A SEPARATE ENTRY TOTAL.

SWL: 5 points per each different YL BYLARA member heard.
 3 points per each different YL non-member heard.
 2 points per each OM associate BYLARA member heard.
LOGS MUST SHOW THE STATION BEING WORKED.

Entries for the non-scoring day are welcome as check logs.

ENTRIES: National Society log sheets (or similar) showing the claimed score and including a declaration that the entrant has abided by his/her license regulations, application IARU Band Plans, and the above rules. They must be received by April 4, 1996.

SEND TO: Ella Tugwell, G0FIP, 67 Upper Kingston Lane, Shoreham-By-Sea, Sussex BN43 6TG. England.

YLRL CONVENTION INFORMATION

Minerva Fronhofer, WB2JNL, President of SAYLARC

Please fill in the form on the opposite page and send it with your check, made payable to "SAYLARC 1996 Convention Fund," to the Convention Treasurer Wanda Traver, N2JBK, at the address given. Don't forget to put your callsign on the check. You will receive confirmation from the Treasurer and enclosed with this confirmation will be a registration card, which you are to bring with you when you come to Albany.

The Omni Hotel is located in the center of downtown Albany, within easy walking distance of all points of interest. There are trolley tours where you can get on and off at selected sites along the way. The hotel supplies transportation to and from the airport and train station. There is free underground parking for those who will be driving.

A block of rooms is being held for the convention. The cut-off date for our rooms will be June 28, 1996. We do have several Alcove suites available for \$100.00 a night if any group or individuals are interested.

There are two RV parks close to Albany: Alps Family Campground, Rt 43, Averill Park, NY 12018 (518) 674-5565 and Deer Run Campground, Schaghticoke, NY 12154 (518) 664-2084. For further information on the campgrounds, please write to Carlene Drake, WB1BTJ, P. O. Box 159, Stephentown, NY 12168.

The weather will probably be hot so summer clothes are in order. The hotel has an indoor pool which opens onto a nice terrace. There is also a spa.

Radios will be set up in our hospitality suite. We will have QSL cards printed with the call of Miriam Lamb, AA2DX, for our convention.

Jan Scheuerman, WB2JCE, and Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC, will be in charge of registration and the hospitality room. Several have offered their help and anyone wishing to help may contact them. There will be tables set up with refreshments on Thursday evening and a get-acquainted social is scheduled on Friday evening.

Our prize chairman is Miriam Lamb, AA2DX, and you may contact her for any information. If you have prizes, you may also send them to Minerva Fronhofer, WB2JNL.

NOTE: Checks are made out to "SAYLARC 1996 Convention Fund" because SAYLARC has a tax-free number that can be readily used by our Treasurer. For her to use the YLRL tax-free number would take reams of paperwork.

YLRL 1996 Convention
Albany, New York----- July 11 -14, 1996

YLRL CONVENTION 1996 REGISTRATION FORM**Albany, New York — July 11-14, 1996****GENERAL REGISTRATION:**

Registration, Get-Acquainted Social, Banquet - \$45.00 @ # J \$ 90.00
 Baked Scrod #
 Chicken Breast Chardonnay #
 YLRL Luncheon - \$15.00 @ # / \$ S.<2d
 Sunday's Farewell Brunch - \$12.25 @ # 2 \$ ^Y.5'd

TOURS:

Friday: ARRL and Lunch - \$20.00 @ # \$.
 Saturday: OM tour, Hudson River Cruise, Lunch-\$20.00 @ # \$.
 Group Photo: \$10.00, if mailed to U. S. address # / \$ ID'OO
 \$12.00, if mailed overseas # \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

\$

Make your reservations with the Omni Hotel, State and Lodge Streets, Albany, NY 12207. Telephone: (518) 462-6611 and FAX: (518) 462-2901

Rooms: Single and Double, per night: \$89.00

Triple and Quad, per night: \$94.00.

To get these rates, mention the YLRL Convention. Also, please fill in the following information for our records and return this sheet, together with your check, to the **Convention Treasurer** at the address below.

I expect to stay at the Omni Hotel for nights and I will arrive on

. I will be rooming with: Call, if

any: Name:

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NAME: CALL:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

Include your call sign on your check, which you should make payable to **SAYLARC 1996 Convention Fund**. Send it to the Convention Treasurer:

Wanda Traver, N2JBK
 48 Carroll Street
 Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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FROM THE EDITOR: This will be my last issue as Editor of *YL Harmonics*, and I would like to thank all of you for the kind notes, phone calls, and support you have given me during the last four years. I have really enjoyed serving in this position, and it's been a great joy to work with so many dedicated and enthusiastic YLs. Thanks very much to all the officers, district chairmen, certificate custodians, and others who have contributed to these pages. And special thanks go to the other members of the *YL Harmonics* staff: Joan Gibson, KG1F, and Mary Harper, AD4HC, the two Database Managers, and Ethel Smith, K4LMB, the Circulation Manager. We've had a good time working together to get *YL Harmonics* *io* you.

Mary, AD4HC, will continue to serve as Database Manager, but replacements are needed for the Editor and Circulation Manager positions. Please contact YLRL President-Elect Marti Brutcher, N6XDS, telephone (503) 590-YLRL, if you would like to serve in either of these positions. Marti also needs a YL to serve as Supplies Chairman, and there may be other positions to fill so please contact her if you can help.

At present, the Editor prepares each issue and mails it in time for the Circulation Manager to receive it by the 15th. The Circulation Manager has it printed and then completes the mailing, using labels prepared and furnished by the Database Manager. (This is why it is vital that each of you keep the Database Manager informed of any address changes or periods of time that you will be away from home.)

It would be helpful if one person could handle both positions or perhaps share the jobs with another YL who lives in the same area. Please consider volunteering for these important jobs in YLRL, and you can be sure that Ethel and I will help to make the transitions as easy as possible.

On a different, although related, topic, there were several reports received from members who did not receive their copies of the big Directory issue. Several copies were returned to Ethel by the Post Office, with "Temporarily Away" notices, and other copies apparently went astray.

Because of the increased printing costs and the special envelopes required, all copies of the Directory were mailed at the non-profit bulk rate, in an effort to reduce the total cost to YLRL. Although the mail delivery may be (and usually is) slower when the bulk rate applies, it is as reliable, and the difference in transit time should not be more than a week or two.

Donations to help cover the cost of this special edition of the Directory would be welcome and should be sent to Ginger Franzen, AB6WS, the Disbursing Treasurer.

God Jul Happy Hanukkah Joyeaux Noel

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Miriam Lamb, AA2DX

I'll keep this one short because there is much about the convention in other parts of this issue of **YL Harmonics**. I did want to tell all you DX gals that I would be most happy to help you in any way I can with reservations at the Omni Hotel. You might find it easier to go through me. Just wanted you to know I'm available—and I'm in the callbook, as well as the great new Directory!

I also have an e-mail address—mblamb@ix.netcom.com—which is an easy way to reach me if any of you anywhere have any questions. Don't hesitate to ask. Hope to see you all in '96!

OOO

Carl Smith, N4AA, wrote to inform us that his wife Miriam, KB4C, is a silent key. A part of his letter is reproduced below:

"It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of my wife, Miriam W. Smith, KB4C, on July 26, 1995. She had just received her new membership card and treasured her membership in Y.L.R.L. very much.

Her passing was very unexpected at age 48. I have received a tremendous outpouring of condolences from her many friends all over the country. She was very dedicated to public service from her earliest days in Amateur Radio in 1976. She was my partner in publishing QRZ DX, Weekly DX Bulletin, handling the production, circulation and accounting chores. I will miss her very much, as will her many ham friends everywhere."

YLRL members extend heartfelt condolences to Carl.

OOO

Diane Ortiz, KA2GWM, invites all YLs to check into the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club (LIMARC) YL Net, Thursday nights at 9:00 p.m. local on the 147.375 MHz repeater. This repeater is located on the Long Island Expressway in Plainview and has two inputs, 114.8 to the west for New York city and western Nassau County, and 136.5 for eastern Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The repeater has very good coverage, and Diane even received a QSL from an OM in Boston who listens to the net regularly.

OMs are also invited to participate and a wide range of topics are discussed. Diane and Nancy, N2TKA, share net control duties and would be glad to have YLs from other areas check in. For more information, you can reach Diane through her e-mail address: HAMYL@AOL.COM.

OOO

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In the Eye of a Storm

Jeanette Ellis, NP2C

I have heard there is an old Chinese curse that goes, "May you live in interesting times". I think somebody put it on these islands. Hurricanes are, in fact, quite interesting, but they are indeed a curse.

Let me say first of all that we are fine. We had no damage to our house or boat. The boat, a 22 foot Mako with twin outboards, was tied down in the backyard. The only damage we got happened after the storm when, as my OM was driving to the Emergency Operations Center in my brand new Nissan Pathfinder, a telephone pole fell on the right front fender. Fortunately, John was not hurt and the car is being repaired.

To tell about the storm properly, I will need to tell about the whole season. We got one near miss (Iris), one graze (Luis), and one hit dead center (Marilyn). It's like somebody was aiming at us and it took three times to get it right.

With Iris, it wasn't so bad. All we expected was a tropical storm, and nobody was too upset. We went ahead and took our boat out (it was in a slip at the yacht club) because we didn't want to wait till the last minute. All we got from Iris was a little wind and the seas kicked up a tad. We didn't even get any rain— which we could have used.

Then came Luis. This time we got nervous. This was a big storm—140 mph winds or better. We remembered only too well how Hugo devastated this island in 1989, and we could see it happening again. The mood of the people at that time is hard to describe. When I went to the store to get my supplies, I did not see one person smile. They simply went about their business listlessly, and if they saw someone they knew they would wish each other good luck. Many of these people did not have any insurance because it became too expensive after Hugo, and they knew that if they had extensive damage they could not rebuild. I don't mind telling you I was afraid. I too, remember Hugo, and I didn't want to do it again. That was an experience that I never want to repeat.

We called our good friend Lou, KV4JC, and suggested he come over to our house for the storm. He lives alone and we didn't think he should go through something like this alone. He agreed, and once he had his house ready, he headed over with his Rhodesian Ridgeback, Nikko. For those who aren't familiar with a Ridgeback let's just say it's a big dog. Nikko is a real sweetheart, and my two Cairn terriers liked her just fine. The cat, however, took one look at her and retired to the bathroom.

This was all the night before. The next day we started to get some winds but it wasn't too bad. We still had cable TV and watched the Weather Channel. The reports from the other islands were bad, but it started to look like the storm might turn away from us. For awhile the cute little prediction chart they were showing put us right in the middle of the

red zone (hurricane force winds), but slowly the red zone moved north until finally we were in the yellow (tropical storm force winds).

After the power went off (they turn it off here if we're within six hours of a hurricane - or something like that) I talked to my sister Nancy, N4TXV, in Atlanta, and continued to get updates. Also NP2Z and NP2K in Atlanta kept us posted. Actually we did this by phone, not radio, because the phone lines never went down. The reports we got made us happy little campers, and in the end it was just a tropical storm for us. Some of the island got damaged, but it was nothing like we had feared.

After Luis, our concern was for the other islands. Several had been badly devastated. One of our Senators got together some supplies to send to them, and my OM John, NP2B, planned to go along to pass health and welfare traffic. Then he found out that the governments of those islands were not lifting third-party restrictions, and realized that there was no point in going. As it turned out, I thank God he didn't. I remember asking, "What will I do if we have another hurricane?" He said, "Oh, that's not going to happen." Wrong, John!

Marilyn. Just a little storm, well to the south and moving west— no problem. The day before she hit I began to sense that things might be changing. I was scheduled to play golf with a friend and went ahead and did so. I knew I would have time to do what I needed to do when I got home. On the way home, I stopped by the store and got a few things and then stopped at the gas station to fill the tank. When I got home I helped John take down the tower. We have a crank-up fold-over, and during one of these things we always fold it over, take the beam off and lay it flat on the ground. Worked in Hugo, worked in Luis, worked again.

Lou called and wanted to know when to come over. I told him I thought he should come over that evening because by morning it might already be blowing. He came along about 5:00 p.m., and this time Nikko and the cat got along like old friends.

We kept our eyes on The Weather Channel, and unlike Luis, the reports weren't making us real happy. Marilyn was getting on up towards category II and was moving north. Not what we wanted to hear!

By noon the next day it was blowing fairly well, and we had gotten some pretty heavy rain, though not too bad. We still had power and The Weather Channel, and I still had a sick feeling in my stomach and a lump in my throat. This feeling had come shortly before Luis and had never totally left. One thing that bothered me was that if we still had power, and if what I had heard about turning power off six hours from a hurricane was true, we had a long way to go. These things always last longer than I think they should.

By mid-afternoon power was off and not long after that phones were gone. Now we depended on the radio for our reports. John had strung up a 20 meter dipole down the hall, and he had us on generator power. He was on the air with the National Hurricane Center, so we were well in-

formed. By late afternoon we were well into hurricane force winds. I went into what I call my denial phase. I got a book, went into the bedroom, laid down and read. It helped a little.

When I went back into the living room there was water coming in under the doors. I moved the furniture to the middle of the room and covered it with plastic. I also covered the TV and computers with plastic. The floor I wasn't concerned with. It's tile, and a little water won't hurt it.

By 6:00 p.m., it was getting pretty bad and the Hurricane Center said the eye should be fairly close to us but a little to the east. Not long after that the winds started to die down and suddenly we realized that this was it—the eye. This storm, that was supposed to go south or east or anywhere but here, had hit us dead center.

I had never experienced an eye of a storm before. In Hugo the eye had passed over the island to the south and west of us. This time we got the benefit of about an hour and a half of calm—not all bad.

An eye is a unique experience. It's eerie. I thought the sky would be blue, but it wasn't. It was completely overcast, but no wind or rain. The Hurricane Center wanted to know every detail. Is the sky blue? Is there any wind at all? What is the barometric pressure? The barometer is in the living room, so I went in there and read off the pressure changes to John. I could practically see the movement of the needle as it went down. It got all the way to 28.60 before starting back up.

They say the back side of a storm is worse than the front, but I couldn't tell the difference. It started back up about 7:30 or so, and to me, it seemed about like it had been just before the eye, only from the opposite direction. We had been told it would be that way so we were ready for that. I opened the windows that had been closed, and closed the windows that had been opened. Understand that we do not have glass windows. We learned that from Hugo. We have wooden louvers over screens. We don't have to board up; we just crank the louvers closed. I had heard that you should keep some windows opened to keep the pressure from building and taking off your roof. That's the reason for the opening and closing windows routine. Keep them closed to windward and open to leeward. Maybe it worked—the roof stayed on.

About an hour or so after the eye had passed, we decided we had seen the worst so we could go to bed. John went down to turn off the generator, which worried me a bit, but he assured me that the wind was not that bad and that he could make it. He was right, he made it fine.

Oddly enough I actually slept. I never thought I would, but I guess knowing that the worst was over calmed me enough to allow me to sleep. That's one advantage of going through the eye. You know where you stand.

The next morning we looked around to see the damage. There was plenty, but not like Hugo. Most of the houses were standing, and most had roofs. Some didn't though, and some of our friends have lost their homes.

Some will go back to the States. Things will never be the same.

St. Thomas got it worse than we did—some say as bad as we got it in Hugo. We feel very sad for them because we know what they are going through.

When we checked Lou's house we found that he had lost the roof over his bedroom, just as he did in Hugo. He was having some difficulty dealing with that so we suggested he go to visit his daughter in St. Louis. He's there now and feeling much better. The roof is back on and some friends are staying at his house and taking care of Nikko.

After the storm, the hams came through, as always. For at least a week the only communication between St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas, was by two amateur radio 2-meter repeaters. One is the repeater maintained and operated by the ARES - RACES group, and the other is John's machine. The ARES - RACES machine was up from the beginning, and they got the generator going to John's a day or so later. Many of our hams spent long hours at the Emergency Operations Center passing traffic between the various government agencies.

Because there was some phone service after the storm, we didn't have to handle as much health and welfare traffic as after Hugo. I think we only passed about 200 messages from here, and I expect it was about the same for the other hams.

Meanwhile, recovery goes on slowly—too slowly. It has been almost three weeks now (written on October 3), and it appears that it will be many more before we see power again.

Many decisions will have to be made in the coming months. Many people will decide to leave, many to stay. We too, must decide. We came through fine, but do we want to do this again? The aftermath is what gets you down. Time will tell.

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Sister Alverna O'Laughlin, WAOSGJ

June 21st was the start of a life-long dream I never expected would be a reality. Three Franciscans, Sisters Regina, Alice, and myself, loaded our green Mercury with food and clothing for the month. Of course, the two radios, HF and VHF, were already in place. Our journey took us up the Alaskan Highway, through the rugged country of the Northwest Territory, into the state of Alaska, down through the inner passage via ferry to Prince Rupert and east through Jasper, Lake Louise, and back home.

Lots of planning assured us of a place to stay, as well as a way to be contacted by folks back home. Daily we prayed for divine protection, knowing our guardian angels would need to be on watch 24 hours a day. We were not so naive to think we could safely travel 12,000 miles without heavenly assistance!

The first big stop was the International Peace Gardens—two different countries working toward peace. It made me feel proud to see the flags flying together this way. It brought a tear of joy!

As a mobile station, I listened a lot and transmitted less frequently, because it was Field Day weekend. You can imagine my pleasure to hear KOLTC, the Robbinsdale radio club station. When the operator repeated my call slowly, "WA0SGH/VE6," his voice was much louder as he said, "Hey, it's Sister Alverna!" to the folks in earshot. Later I contacted the Albert Lea station NOLDT with similar results. It was great fun!

Two lovely days were spent with friends in Fairview, Alberta, with VE6FAK, Alan and Sandy Kreutzer. We toured the city, learning a lot about the early settlers as well as the people now living there. We really enjoyed their wonderful strawberry patch. Sandy gave us a large plastic container full to enjoy while traveling.

Early Monday morning we left for Fort St. Johns where we met HANDI-HAM VE7EQO, Vinny, and Armony Samarco at the Shepherds Inn. We feasted on warm freshly-baked breads and coffee. There was lots of news to catch up on and so little time. We had a good hour to visit before it seemed wise to get back on the highway. Travel was uncertain—300 miles can be a long drive when roads are poor. Gratefully, they're in good condition, a nice surprise!

The early risers left Ft. Nelson feeling refreshed. Soon road construction began to hamper travels. There was loose gravel and rocks. One fellow needed to replace his gas tank, another the windshield. We arrived in Watson Lake, tired but safe. After dinner we felt refreshed. That evening we posted our sign at the famous historical sign post forest. We checked out many of the 20,000 there already. Awesome!

Preparing to leave the motel the next morning, Sister Alice was

checking the car when a fellow came over and asked her, "Are you a ham?" "No, but she is a pro."

Glancing at me, he said, "I'm KOOUX." I replied, "I'm WAOSGJ." "I thought you were Sister Alverna!"

Vic and a friend had driven their Harley Davidsons up the same road we did the day before and were able to exchange stories. He had been up the Alaskan Highway a couple of times so nothing surprised him.

Band conditions in Northern British Columbia and the Yukon were very poor. I heard few stations during this time, but then out of nowhere KL7AM came through 5-9. He told me that his name was Bob, age 87, and that he was in Fairbanks. I told him we would be staying in Fairbanks that night. "Call me when you get to Fairbanks!" he said.

When I had not called him by 10:00 a.m. the following morning, he called us at the motel. He had spoken to his wife Louisa and they wanted us to have dinner at their home. Bob and Louisa (WL7BNX) Hisamoto were delightful. Seven of their 15 children have amateur licenses! As we became better acquainted I remembered meeting him some 12 years ago in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at the ARRL National Convention where he was the banquet speaker. Bob is a physicist and still enjoys stretching his mind during weekly seminars on "Creative Thinking" he conducts at his home. He tells those present, "I want to stimulate your thinking to benefit you." It was 10:30 p.m. before we knew it. Louisa drove us back to the hotel.

Though it was late, arrangements had been made to see HANDI-HAM members Lee and Mike Rice, NL7YD and KL7YV. Apologetically, I introduced myself to Mike as he came to the door. He assured us that is the way things are done in Alaska. People do anything when it is light, even if it is 11:00 p.m. They showed us Fairbanks. Mike told us interesting bits about the city; we saw the pipeline; permafrost holes; homes that were tipping due to the permafrost, and the university where they are students. The local spring has wonderful water so we came home with a gallon.

Denali Park was lovely! I was disappointed I did not see a bear up close. There were smaller animals.

We stopped at the Trapper Creek General Store for directions. When the storekeeper saw our car he said, "You better stay here! You will never make it. That's deep in the bush!"

"Well, we came all the way up the Alaskan Highway just fine," I said.

"You will never make it."

"Oh, sure we will," I said, confidently.

"In THAT?" he said, pointing to our Mercury Tracer. "And where are your MEN?"

But we pressed on, dodging monster potholes, the likes of which we hadn't seen...even in Minnesota, and we made it! McKinley Foothills B&B

was home for two nights. HANDI-HAM member Vilma, NL7YK, and Bob Anderson own three cabins nestled in the bush country near Trapper Creek. They generate their own electricity, fish for King Salmon in the river—life is simple and hard in this quite out-of-the way place. It would be hard to get someone to come fix things that need repair or replacement. As Vilma said, “We don’t toss anything out, it is recycled. There is always someone that needs what we don’t use.”

Patricia Daft, AL7PF, lives in Willow with her wonderful dog who enjoys walking along the gravel roads, pulling Pat’s wheelchair. They make a great team. I expressed concern for her safety out in the forest. She said, “It’s better than where I came from back East. I have good neighbors.” We saw that to be true as we walked—the road crews all greeted her, asking if she needed anything.

In Haines, we visited with HANDI-HAM member Paul Fitzpatrick, AL7CI. He met us at the Chilkat Bakery where we visited and ate a second breakfast, then it was off to the ferry by 10:30. Juneau was our next stop—the only access was by water.

Juneau, the capital of Alaska, has a population of 26,800 and is a beautiful, well-kept city on the waterway. Saturday evening after Mass, the priest invited all the visitors to stand up and tell where they were from. “We are three Franciscan Sisters from Rochester, Minnesota,” said Sister Alice,

From behind me a fellow stood up and said, “I know that Sister. She is from Iona, Minnesota.”

Sister Alice looked puzzled and said, “Who are you?”

“Victor Voss, Joe’s son. We went to school together.”

Once she confirmed that they did in fact know each other, Vic said, “Iona is a town of 300 people in southwestern Minnesota. We attended the same Catholic school.” Everyone clapped. After a short visit, we agreed to have breakfast at their house at 8:00 a.m. There was lots to say. One of the most interesting questions was, “What do you do way up here?”

“I’m the Treasurer for the state of Alaska.” So ends the saga of this most memorable visit to Alaska’s capital.

Our trip down the waterway was lovely and informative. There were forest rangers on the ferry giving informative sessions about sea life, glaciers, and the people who make their living on the water. It was not until we got to Jasper, B.C., that we saw a plentiful number of animals. They were so tame they walked along next to our car.

We all agreed the trip was enhanced greatly by being able to talk with people around the world. Contacts with W0ZSW, the HANDI-HAM Headquarters, were always a joy. All of us take every chance we have to share what we have seen. It was a near perfect trip.

Eila Russell, WA8EBS—Persona Extraordinaire

Shirley Rex, K8MZT

Eila Davis was a legal secretary. Jim Russell, W8BU, was a young lawyer. They married September 15, 1922, and moved to Fairview Park, Ohio, in the early '30s.

Eila wanted Fairview Park to remain one of the best school systems in the westside suburbs of Cleveland. She served on the Board of Education for 20 years and was a trustee of the Ohio School Board Association, speaking on panels and serving as moderator at national board association conventions. She was a member of the city's Recreation Board for 12 years, serving as President and then Secretary.

Eila joined the Fairview Community Church, where she became a contralto soloist, choir director, and President of the Women's Association. In 1957, she was Fairview Park's Citizen of the Year.

The family had a cottage on Kelly's Island, where Eila and Jim were host to friends and family during the summers. The garden at 4348 West 223rd also needed attention. Watering and weeding was done by the family, and when harvest time came, Eila was canning tomatoes, beans, peppers, and whatever else they had grown. Her larder was well-supplied for the fall and winter so she could entertain economically! Eila was proud of her domestic activities and skills.

In 1962, Eila decided to join Jim in his Amateur Radio endeavors and earned the callsign WA8EBS. She immediately became involved with the women's activities and joined The Chix-on-Six, the Buckeye Belles, YLRL, and several local radio clubs.

In 1973, Eila was elected Vice-President of YLRL and later served two terms as President, in 1974 and 1978. She was responsible for the YLRL Scholarship Program, even though it was in the idea stage for some time, and it was through her untiring efforts that YLRL's non-profit status was finally granted.

The Continuous Membership Program of the Buckeye Belles was instigated by Eila, and she has been President of The Chix and the Buckeye Belles numerous times throughout the years.

In September, 1992, Mayor Karl Kubb issued a proclamation in recognition of Eila's and Jim's 70th wedding anniversary. During the last few years when Eila's health suffered, she still attended the meetings of the Chix and Belles whenever she was able, including a Chix meeting in April, 1995, in Cleveland Heights.

At age 94, on August 12, 1995, Eila went to sleep peacefully after having visited with Jim and other family members. She was a very special person, and we are grateful for knowing her.

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First District

Anne Manna, WB1ARU

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WRONE had three gatherings in 1995. In May, the Spring Luncheon was held in Pembroke, Massachusetts. It was well-attended and a great time was had by all. In August, a Family Picnic was held at Otter River State Park, in Baldwinville, Massachusetts. Those who were able to attend had such a wonderful time that another is planned for '96. Hopefully, it won't compete with any hamfests next year.

Norwich, VT, was the site of the Fall Luncheon for WRONE. The committee did an outstanding job of planning, including tours of the Cold Regions Engineering Lab, the control tower at West Lebanon, New Hampshire Airport, and King Arthur Flour. The Twin State Radio Club also demonstrated their portable antenna tower and mobile emergency operating station. There were members present from 5 of the 6 New England states; only Rhode Island was missing. (That's OK—next fall WRONE will be in Rhode Island!) The 40th Anniversary Spring Luncheon will be held in New Ashford, MA. Plan now to attend this special event on May 4, 1996. Let's try to have 100 members present!

Field Day was successful in 1-land this year. Three clubs scored in the top 10, and many 1-land clubs were near the top in their respective divisions. Max, N1LYA, participated with the Blackstone Valley ARC in Rhode Island; Anne, WB1ARU, was with the Capeway RC in Massachusetts; Arline, N1OMA, worked with the Girl Scouts and Wellesley ARS in Massachusetts, and Deb, KB1AOV, and Dot, KAI LDS, were with a group in Rutland, Vermont. Perhaps others were active, but I didn't hear from them. Deb and I worked each other sometime in the middle of the night!

Gladys, W1VPH, was Chairman of the QCWA National Convention in New Hampshire in October. The committee included Blanche, W4GXZ, Norma, W1MUW, and Dot, W1TGY. QCWW also met and presented an award to Betty, W2PVS. Those seen at the convention included Eunice, W1UKR; Lorraine, WAI EDR; Ruth, KI IIF; Betty, KA1JKV; Jean, K1TVT; Betty, WB1FIQ; Ethel, K4LMB, and Esther, W6BDE. All the New England chapters hosted the successful event.

Kit, WAI WQM, went bowling at a local alley one day. As she pulled into the lot, she noticed a Vermont license plate—K2TOG. Excited, she went in and asked around for the ham, getting only blank looks in return. After bowling, she rushed out to watch for the driver. A woman came to the car, so Kit rushed over to introduce herself as a fellow ham. The puzzled car owner finally explained—"K2TOG means Knit Two Together." She owned a knitting shop!

Happy holidays to everyone! Please send news for the next issue. You can call me at (617) 878-9235 between 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. 33!

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Second District

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Miriam Lamb, AA2DX

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SAYLARCs had a great luncheon way back on September 30, 1995, at the Omni Hotel, in Albany—the site of the '96 YLRL convention. It was a well-attended meeting. Present were President Minerva Fronhofer, WB2JNL; Vice-President Betty Strattan, W2PVS; Editor of *Chirp* Carli Drake, WB1BTJ/2; Secretary/Treasurer Miriam Lamb, AA2DX; Audrey Foody, N2QJZ; Lia Zwack, WA2NFY; Gladys Zickler, WB2RWT; Barbara Sweet, WA2KCL; Wanda Traver, N2JBK; Ruth Kredell-Carman, N2PXB; Elsie Muller, KA2ESQ; Kathy Farina, N2SHC, and Kathy Casey, N2SQY.

The entire meeting was given over to discussion of plans for the convention. The results of some of that can be seen elsewhere in this issue of *Harmonics*. Everyone pitched in with offers of help. Carli showed us some of her decoration plans. Audrey Foody had designs of at least one quilt she will make for a raffle effort. Minerva gave a general briefing on all plans, as well as a specific one on the bus trip to ARRL. This should be greatly appealing to all the membership. The “two Kathys”—Casey and Farina—will do the 2-meter talk-in since they are residents of Albany and know the area well. And so it went with one enthusiastic idea after another—not only ideas but offers to back them up with direct assistance. We are really lucky to have so many great members.

The slate of candidates for offices in SAYLARC for 1996 is as follows:

President: Betty Strattan, W2PVS

Vice-President: Audrey Foody, N2QJZ, or Kathy Farina, N2SHC

Secretary/Treasurer: Wanda Traver, N2JBK

Membership: Carlene Drake, WB1BTJ/2, or Kathy Casey, N2SQY

All SAYLARCs, be sure to vote. The ballot is in the latest issue of

Chirp.

One final note—*we* were all greatly saddened when Elsie, KA2ESQ, announced this would be her last get-together with us. She and her OM Phil, for a variety of reasons, are giving up all association with ham radio. Let's hope we can add “for the time being” to that statement and that the day will come when they rejoin us. Meanwhile, we wish them both all success and happiness in their endeavors.

Until next time, 33, Miriam, AA2DX

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Two important things are to have a genuine interest in people and to be kind to them. Kindness, I've discovered, is everything in life. (Isaac Bashevis Singer)

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Third District
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Ruthanna Pearson, WB3CQN
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I have heard from Bert, W3TNP, and am sad to report the death of Jane Clarkson, KA3FRG, who became a Silent Key on July 28, 1995.

It was good to hear from Jane, K3ZDN, who had toured the state of Oregon. What a beautiful state! She took her HT and enjoyed the contacts she made. In October, she headed for the Mediterranean for a 12-day cruise on the "Song of Norway," starting in Barcelona and ending in Venice. The ship visited nine ports in four countries. I'm sure Jane had a great time.

Yours truly left August 10th for Livermore, California, for four months. I'm still in California. On September 2nd, I flew to Vancouver with some friends to board the "Nieuw Amsterdam" for a 7-day cruise to the Inside Passage and Glacier Bay, Alaska. What a fantastic trip. We went ashore in Ketchikan, Juneau, and Sitka. We had beautiful weather, with sunshine every day. The only time we needed a heavy jacket was in Glacier Bay.

We stopped in Vancouver for two days on the way back to California and took a 13-hour tour to Victoria. I have never seen such beautiful gardens. It's a beautiful city. As soon as I arrived in Vancouver, I called Elizabeth, VE7YL. We talked and she was able to meet me for breakfast, and then we really talked non-stop. It was great to see her and she was able to talk to Heather, VK2HD, and let her know we got together.

I'm enjoying my stay in California, and we're having beautiful weather. I've been to San Francisco three times and had a great trip to Mt. Diablo State Park, which has an elevation of 3,849'. It took almost an hour to get to the top, but what a view! I've also visited the wine country, the windmills, and the countryside but haven't met any hams. I have my 2-meter rig but there's not much going on in the area.

I had a letter from Mavis, VK3KS, and she and Ivor are doing OK. She had a birthday and received a lot of good wishes.

Gwen, VK2DYL, is home from her trip to Canada and was able to get together with Elizabeth, VE7YL.

I heard from Poppy, VK6YF, and she and her OM Les have been visiting their girls and their families. It seems Les had a cold but I'm sure he's better now.

I want to thank Ton, JR6XIX, for being my sponsor in JLRS.

Maryann, WA3HUP, is busy with her QSLing for the recent DX group, which included Nellie, XE1CI, that went to Easter Island.

Mary Gundlach, N3RBT, and Bob have moved to 2829 Glen Hollow Dr, York, PA 17402. 33 de Ruthanna, WB3CQN

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Fourth District
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Mary Moore, KL7P/4
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I can probably speak for all of us in the Southeast in saying we're sure glad the hurricane season is over. Opal made its mark by coming inland and leaving a wide trail of damage from Florida to North Carolina. We were without power for nine days at our house but were fortunate not to have had any structural damage to our property.

It has been a destructive year for my adoptee Dorothea, VP2EE, who has been hit by consecutive hurricanes. Now we just have to get through the tornados. Be prepared to help whenever and wherever needed. Keep your batteries charged and have a spare. We never know when Mother Nature will challenge us.

I received a letter from Helen, W4DEV. She wants to thank everyone for the cards and letters of sympathy sent because of the loss of her OM Ralph. Helen invites anyone in the Blairsville, Georgia, area to stop and visit.

I lost my notes from the last couple of hamfests and apologize to those YLs I met and intended to write about. I also intended to send some material to several of the gals. Maybe I'll see them in Mobile and can start over.

My news is that I am finally a grandmother. Little Sydney Marie Brown was born on August 21 and I am so proud of her. Watch out for the pictures at the convention!

The YL packet net is going strong, and the Directory issue was great. I would like to see YL meetings, forums, or just gatherings at the hamfests for an hour or so. We need to gather whenever possible to personally meet each other and to encourage new YLs to join with us. If every member would get just one new member, we could double our membership in one year.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and that the new year brings all that you desire for health and happiness. 33, Mary, KL7P

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Fifth District

Doris Anderson, K5BNQ

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At this writing, the OM, W5IWL, and I are touring fabulous, colorful New England, thereby completing the visitation of all 50 states! We have been spellbound with the autumn beauty, the picturesque villages, and the historical significance of New England. One of the outstanding highlights was visiting the ARRL Headquarters and W1AW, in Newington, Connecticut. We were very impressed! An awesome experience!

Just before we left on this trip we attended the 41st Birthday Party of the Texas YL Round-Up Net in Gatesville, Texas. Party hostesses were Alma, AB5BA, and Ann, N5GHS. They did a fantastic job. Alma even made fancy decorative tote bags for each YL attending. Others attending were Liz, K5DLI; Harryette, W6QGX; Kathy, K5IHF; Joyce, W5MWW; Julia, K5JFJ; June, KB5YAX; Dede, N5ZEC; Stacey, KC5PQV; Judi, NOIDR; Lyn, W5RYX; Jan, N5LVI; Lynn, N5IYW; Carole, KA5ZAL, and Doris, K5BNQ.

TYLRUN officers elected for 1996 are: President - Julia Young, K5JFJ; Vice-President - Carole Frye, KA5ZAL; Secretary/Treasurer - Alma Lang, AB5BA, and Publicity Chairman - Doris Anderson, K5BNQ. The 1996 party will be in Commerce, Texas.

Judi, NOIDR, has been very busy at NORTEL, where she works, organizing an Amateur Radio club and gathering members by giving exams as a VE. The club is the NT/BNR Amateur Radio Club. Judi and OM Dave, WOVX, have been very involved with getting two daughters married in a three month period—one in September and the other in December. Even as busy a lady as she is, Judi has been making dresses and doing all the attendant "busy work" in organizing and preparing for not one but two weddings. And she's getting their #3 daughter off to college! She deserves a restful vacation!

Louisa, W5RZJ, and OM Joe enjoyed a bus trip which took them to several national parks. There were also several other hams on the trip if I remember correctly. (I misplaced her card.) As always, Louisa is encouraging everyone to go to the convention in Albany. She and Harryette, W6QGX, have perfect attendance at all the YLRL conventions.

Gotta go! We're catching a ferry from Cape May, New Jersey, to Lewes, Delaware, for another interesting adventure. 33, Doris, K5BNQ

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The right to do something does not mean that doing it is right.
(William Satire)

Sixth District

Vi Barrett, W6CBA

The Southwestern Division ARRL Convention held over Labor Day weekend is now history. It went very well. Some of the stats were 2,000 pre-registrants, with 1,000 walk-ins in Saturday, and 611 banquet dinners served. The banquet program was put on by Dr. George Fishbeck, of our Channel 2 TV station. Dr. George is an amazing person. He got his license KE6SBY (Storm Brewing Yet) a few months ago, after retiring from doing the weatherman segment and special newsworthy programs related to the community. Master of Ceremonies was Ray Briem, N6FFT, late night talkshow host from radio station KABC. I organized a YLRL Forum, with around 50 gals and a few OMs attending. On the panel were newly-elected Presidents: Marti, N6XDS, of YLRL, Midge, K6BUS, of YLRC-LA, and Edna, KC6TXB, of LARA. I was Mistress of Ceremonies and also told the audience about the Cactus Keys in Arizona. It went very well. Thanks to Phyllis, K7SEC, for the YLRL membership applications, Karen, WA0NCC, President of the Cactus Keys, and Phyllis, W2GLB/7, for info on the club.

A table was shared by YLRL, YLRC-LA, and LARA at the convention, and membership applications were handed out, along with an explanation of the various YL clubs. Let's hope some new members will come into all three organizations.

Martha, KA6TYO, had custody of the special quilt that the LARA gals made for the convention. Each square has a club member's call on it.

Vada, W6CEE, has books (novels) for sale on Internet Worldwide Web Lighthouse Bookstores. The books are a three-part series, based on Biblical characters named Philip: **Philip: The Healed Disciple; Philip: Aflame With the Spirit**, and **Philip: The Bishop**.

Madge, WA6LWE, dropped me a note in August telling me she had cataract surgery, but that she is doing well. She also informed me that Christine Andres, KA6YGI, has upgraded her license to General.

Midge, K6BUS, and OM Frank, WA6JEY, put on their yearly chili feed in August. Around 50 hams, wives, and girl friends attended. Even though it rained some at their summer home in Forrest Falls, California, spirits were not dampened.

My OM Don, KA6DJK, and I took our motor home to Portland, Oregon, and attended the YL-ISSB Convention in June. It was great seeing everyone. Then it was home for two weeks and then down to San Diego with the motor home for 10 days, treating two of our grandsons, Jason and Steven, to beach life. Yes, we FELT the 5.8 Ridgecrest earthquake in Whittier. Our two seismic instruments in the garage went crazy. One is connected to my computer that runs 24 hours a day and Don's chart recorder has a pen that goes back and forth on the paper.

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Seventh District

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Norma Griffin, N7GLQ

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This is my last column. Just wanted you to know that I have enjoyed being your District 7 Chair. Thanks to everyone who sent me news. I have enjoyed all the letters and will miss them. Thanks also to Anne Marie, N6QPY/7, who said yes when asked if she would be on the ballot as your 7th District Chair.

Ruth, WA7RVA, and her OM have had a very busy year. In March, they traveled to Costa Rica. The scenery, flowers, and weather were gorgeous! This summer they have been entertaining house guests, such as K7JA and XYL from California and cousins from Florida. Then they had a bridal shower for their granddaughter, topped off with a wedding for her in their backyard. Ruth says the weather was perfect, thank heavens!

Flo, W7QYA, does not get on the air much anymore and has not been able to attend the hamfests. She missed the hamfest at Glacier Park and has only missed it once in 45 years. She has sold the motor home, but that has not stopped her from traveling the world. Recently she has been to Hong Kong, Bangkok, Bali, Singapore, South Pacific islands, Chile, and Turkey. She talked with some hams in Pitcairn in the South Pacific and asked Miralda what to bring them. Miralda said they were working on a tennis court so Flo purchased a lightweight tennis net, rackets and balls, which she carried in a big suitcase. On the boat, people wanted to know what was in the big suitcase, and she said, "Tennis court, Wimbledon, complete with spectators!"

Carmen, K7WXY, has seen no change in her health. She is paralyzed on her right side, from head to toe. In May, she was moved to the Washoe Care Center in Sparks, Nevada. Her new mailing address is 3235 Verde Way, Las Vegas, NV 89031. My thoughts and prayers are with Carmen and her OM George, N7MRI.

The Cactus Keys had a booth at the Ft. Tuthill Hamfest in July. Forty YLs signed in, and Bobby, KA7MIZ, won the crocheted granny square quilt made by Inez, WB7USZ. Phyllis, K7SEC; Beth, KA7AKK; Inez, WB7USZ; Inez's friend Grace, and Karen, WAONNC, operated the booth. The next meeting was in Mesa, on September 16.

Other Cactus Keys news is: Jo, KB7BY, has been making the rounds in the motor home; Phyllis, W2GLB, and her OM Bill, W2GTX, traveled to Finland and Russia and just missed the bomb scare in New York city, and Linda, KJ7DU, and family are in Italy for six months.

Thanks for making my job so enjoyable. Next news is due by Christmas! Put Anne Marie on your mailing list. (Anne Marie Collins, N6QPY/7, P. O. Box 508, Pahrump, NV 89041.) Happy Holidays! 33!

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Eighth District

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Carol Hall, WD8DQG

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I wasn't on the radio much this past summer, but I sure was on the road. Three days after a trip to Kansas in June for my OM's 40th high school class reunion, he flew back out to Liberal, Kansas, to do some work and had the opportunity to visit with Marte, KOEPE, and her OM Pete. Three weeks later, we went back to Kansas for a wedding, and this time stopped for coffee with Kay, WAOWOF, and her OM Mike. I certainly hope there isn't any message here! No offense, Kay and Marte, but the wind blows too much and you have tornadoes!

I check into the Buckeye Belles Net, which is Memorial Station WB8MBI, on Tuesday evenings, where Doris, WD8IKC, has been serving as net control. There is usually a good turnout, with Kay, WD8DLB; Dottie, W8RZN; Georgia, K8FTS; Millie, W8MRJ; Sally, N8EEG; Donna, W8QOI, and several others checking in. Doris helped out with communications at a rest area on the 4th of July. Donna has been teaching a Novice class.

The TASYL's annual picnic was held at Donna's QTH, in Branch, Michigan, on August 12th. Donna will serve as President of TASYL for this term.

The Buckeye Belle's annual picnic was at the QTH of Jean, WB8FIC, and her OM, in Delaware, Ohio, on August 6th. Lilo, KA8IWD, received the Founder's Award at the Buckeye Belles' annual meeting. The Ohio gals are selling raffle tickets for a quilt made by N8MZJ, which will be drawn for in Albany.

We were sorry to hear that Eila, WA8EBS, became a silent key. She will be greatly missed. W8WRJ, Carol lam's OM was in the hospital with a heart attack, and we are glad to hear that he is now home.

I received a radiogram nearly two weeks after it was sent from Cincinnati, Ohio, by Carol, K8DHK, on Field Day. They seemed to be having a good time. Congratulations to Carol who was elected Vice-President of YLRL.

We're off to the Findlay Hamfest where we will have a YLRL table and enjoy visiting with all the YLs. Then we'll take off to view the fall colors in New England.

33, Carol, WD8DQG

IMPORTANT NOTE: 1996 membership renewal forms will be published in the next issue of *YL Harmonics*. Dues are \$8.00 and should be sent to your area Receiving Treasurer. (You may add \$4.00 for 1st class mail delivery.) For DX renewals, send \$16.00 to the #4 Receiving Treasurer. Please note any callsign or address changes on the form.

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Ninth District

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Carole Burke, WB9RUS

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Hi, everyone. Well, all I can say is...it's a girl! She was born August 15, at 9:00, weighing in at 7 lb. 15 oz., 21 1/2" long. Her name is Elizabeth Claire-Ann, and, of course, she is beautiful. Mother and daughter are doing fine, and Dad is hanging in there too. Even though her big brother insisted he wanted a brother, he is in love with her too. Her cousins Sean and Tyler also think she is pretty special. In fact, Sean got to hold her before I did.

Some other big news in our family is that we have a new ham. My daughter-in-law Loann got her license in September and is KC8BVD. She didn't tell us she had taken the test but just showed up on the repeater. What a surprise! So now there are four of us in the family. We have to work on my daughter and her husband.

I had a note from Ann, K9RXK, some time ago. She had a visit from her adoptee, Teresa, PT2TF, and Walter, PT2TG. They came to visit after the Dayton Hamvention, and it sounds like they had a wonderful visit. Ann had also been to Washington, D.C. and to Columbus, Indiana, to see some architecture.

Fran, K9ILK, had a rig down for a few weeks but she is back on the air again.

Adah, W9RTH, is well and celebrated her birthday. Ann, K9RXK, spent the night with Adah and went to a local radio club meeting.

Peggy, W9JUJ, saw lots of gals at the Bedford Hamfest, including Adah, W9RTH; Fran, K9ILK; Mary Jane, WA9DPO, and Marge, WD9HEE. Peggy said it was the first time she had met Fran in person.

I also heard from Jodie, N8ALJ. Unfortunately, I missed a phone call from her a couple of months ago as she passed through Fort Wayne on her way to visit her daughter in Detroit. One of the hazards of working is missing great people.

Jodie has been very busy. In addition to her trip to Detroit, she took a Baltic cruise in June and visited Norway, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Estonia, Poland, and Russia! She says the highlight was seeing the special exhibit at the Hermitage in St. Petersburg of the painting the Russians had taken from the Nazis. Jodie also sent a picture of her new "baby," Stella by Starlight, a Sphynx kitten. She looks like a doll. Her real baby, a grandson, is six months old. He was the reason she missed the Dayton Hamvention. That is a good excuse.

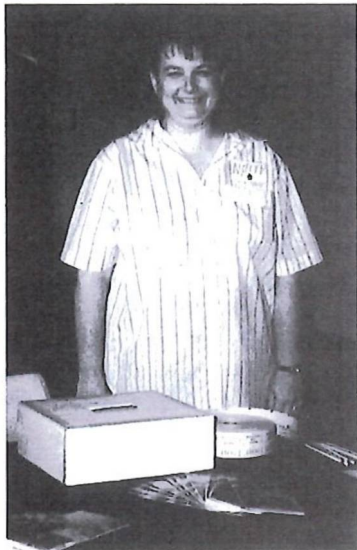
Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. See you all next year.

33, Carole, WB9RUS

A volunteer is a gift that money can't buy.

Tenth District

Chery! Muhr, NOWBV



Above, Sonjia, NOTYV

Linda Davis, KBOPHS, is YLRL's District 8-10 Convention Kit Custodian, and she had YLRL membership applications and other info on hand to pass out at the Wichita Hamfest.

Linda also raised \$25.00 for YLRL's scholarship fund with the donation tickets she had received from Marte, K0EPE.

Congratulations to both Sonjia and Linda for their successful efforts!

Linda was preparing a talk for the 99s, a group of women pilots. Can anyone send her info on YLRL's past support of the Powder Puff Derby?

Sonjia Cowart-Clover, NOTYV, organized the YL activities at the Wichita Hamfest in September.

She also had organized a special fund-raising project to benefit the YLRL scholarship fund. A drawing for two beautiful afghans was held and the winners were Lyle Surtees, WOUUS, and John Van, NOUBQ. \$25.00 was added to the scholarship fund. Sonjia hopes to make this an annual event.

She has also been appointed Chairman of the 1996 Kansas ARRL Convention and was already taking a survey of YLs to find out what activities they would like to have on the agenda for next year.

Below, Linda, KBOPHS



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VE District

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Jeanne Gordon, VA3WX

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Marge, VE1VCH, writes that old friends Art, VE7RIP, and Glen, VE7DMO, from Penticton came for a visit in July. They got caught up on the news from that area as they used to live there. Hopefully, the visits for therapy will soon end and they are both looking forward to a healthy winter.

Jeannine, VE9YL, and OM Robert will take a trip overseas in November. They are planning a stopover in London and are renting a car to drive and visit with Margaret, GOBMQ, and John, G3JRL.

Thelma, VE3CLT, had a most enjoyable cruise for ten days aboard Holland America's "**M.S. Westerdam.**" They sailed from New York on September 23rd and arrived back in New York on October 3rd. She finds her new cat great company following the loss of her dog in April. Thelma attended the get-together for CLARA members at the Milton Hamfest. Her 14th great-grandchild, a girl, arrived on September 11th.

Mary, VE3COH, was glad to have attended the Milton Hamfest where she met old friends.

Pauline, VE3LQA, became an Associate Matron with Eastern Star in October. She did a workshop for the first time in October and made a wallet of fabric. She was getting into the Christmas spirit with the making of crafts in October.

Joyce, VE6JOY, is a new member of YLRL and we extend a warm welcome! In early July, she had a nice eyeball with Joan, VE5TAW, from Estevan, Sask. In August, she spent a lovely afternoon with Gwen, VK3DYL.

Vicki, VE7DKS, is wearing two hats right now with CLARA—one as President and the other as Editor—and is a very busy lady. She took a few days of R&R and went to Vancouver to visit her friend Cari, VE7CHJ. In August, she had a luncheon with YLs from her area in honour of the visit of Gwen, VK3DYL.

Jeanne, VA3WX, now proudly shows off two trophies in her ham shack that were presented to her at Milton—Past-President and Dedicated Member. She, the OM, and dog motored to VEI-land in mid-July and she had HF and 2-meter contacts. In mid-October, she made a visit to North Bay to visit Pauline, VE3LQA, and a grand time was had. Winning \$30 at BINGO was a big event. Jeanne did a craft and Pauline sent her back home with other Christmas crafts, with instructions on how to make same.

May everyone have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a happy and healthy new year.

33, Jeanne, VA3WX



DX YL News

Lorraine Witkowski, WAIEDR



I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very nice holiday season. Merry Christmas and I wish you a happy and healthy new year of 1996.

I have enjoyed serving as DX-YL Chairman very much. I would like to thank everyone who has written to me the past three years. We have a great program going and I hope you will give our new DX-YL Chairman Cheryl Whitlock, N4JFV, all the love and cooperation you have give to me. Cheryl's address is 1101 Staley Ave, Opelika, AL 36801.

Introducing New DX YLs

Margarita Kalmaeve, EV1Y, operates on the 15 and 20 meter bands and prefers CW, usually between 1400-1500 UTC. She was a radio operator during WW II. Margarita was a Communication Technician and has held a First Class license since 1957, but now she is retired. Margarita enjoys working DX and has worked 224 countries and has 210 confirmed. She enjoys reading interesting books, exercising, and making things for herself, and is a member of UDXC and UCWC. Her daughter Ludmila, aged 49, is married with no children, and son Slava, aged 46, is married with one daughter, who is 18. Her sponsor is Betty Maxson, KC4DWT.

Malinee Chantrasm, HS1OVH, is a pharmacist but is no longer practicing. She was licensed November 6, 1990, and is active on the 20 meter band, usually between 1300-1600 UTC, around 14.070 MHz. Her OM is Virach, HS1NYH, and her 24-year-old son Kanok is HS1PDY. Malinee visited California, Missouri, Florida, and Louisiana in 1991; Vancouver and California in 1993, and Germany and Austria in 1994. Her son is working on a Master's degree in Computer Science Engineering in Melbourne, Australia, and she visited him in November, 1994.

Vicki Durance, VE7DKS, is President of CLARA, the Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Association, and is also Editor of its newsletter **CLARION**. Vicki is active on HF, both SSB and CW, and often operates between 0300-0600 UTC and from 1700 UTC until the band gets noisy. She also enjoys photography, stamp collecting, meeting YLs, and really likes cats. Vicki graduated from California State University at Fresno, and she became hooked on the NFL while she was there. She participates in the emergency program for the community. Vicki's OM is Jim, VE7DJR, and she is sponsored by Miriam Lamb, AA2DX.

Give yourself a new friend for a Christmas present. Adopt a DX-YL!

News of DX YL Members

Mabel Bell, GI8SXN, has taken over as the DX Sponsorship Coordinator for BYLARA. If anyone is interested in reciprocal sponsorship, please let me or Cheryl, N4JFV, know. Mabel is a primary school teacher. She has two children, Andrew, aged 18, who has finished school and hopes to go to the university, and Sharon, 14, who is in grammar school. Mabel and her OM Stanley visited Jersey and Tenerife last summer.

Use Senkel, DK2KD, says her hometown Buer is a suburb of Gelsenkirchen. It has about 120,000 residents and is almost 600 years old. She lives downtown where conditions are good for antennas. Her rig is a Kenwood TS-530S, with a homemade power amplifier. Use is a chairwoman for her local radio club, which has 50 members. All are OMs. There is a YL net each Wednesday and three YLs share net control duties. They are Anita, DK1HH, Isolde, DF4ZX, and herself. She's active on 80 meters, and the YLs of her 80-meter net met in Traunstein, Bavaria, in October. Each year they meet in a different town.

Tuulikki Hartikainen, OH7XX, has been writing some articles for the local and provincial newspapers and also takes pictures to go with her articles. She did a big job on her computer for a man. It was a biography manuscript, which she printed. Tuulikki also does some bookkeeping for a couple of farmers. She has had quite a bit of trouble with the lower part of her spine which makes it very painful to sit. She plans to attend the Worldwide YL Meeting in Berlin, in 1996.

Pamela Beedan, G7IKY, holds a Class B license and hopes to upgrade to a Class A license. She has been licensed for two years and enjoys using packet. Pamela works fulltime for an accountants' firm. She is interested in handicrafts and enjoys cross-stitch, tapestry, and embroidery. She also plays the piano, organ, and flute. Pamela's OM is also a ham. She wishes to thank Cheryl for sponsoring her in YLRL.

Anny Jenk, HB9YL, spent ten days in the U. K. in July, in a castle near Hereford and sent us greetings from Ross on Wye in Wales. Anny was hiking every day and there was no rain at all. Back home in Switzerland, the summer was very hot, but the weather was bad at the end of August. There was so much snow that all passes over 1400 meters above sea-level were closed and cattle on the mountains had to be rescued by helicopters. Even in Ittigen, in the flat region, it was cold, with temperatures of only 5-6 degrees C. during the nights. Her house was not heated but she had a little electric stove. On September 23rd, she went to her youngest daughter's home and for two weeks they vacationed in Greece. Anny had to go to watch the porpoises and the cat.

Alenka Celik, S59YL, and her OM Boris, S57A, vacationed in Spain in July. She sends greetings to all YLs.

Ursula Buerger, DL3LS, and her OM Heinz, DL1RA, were in Bad Birnback for thermal bathing on October 3, 1995. The following week they went to a YL meeting in Vavaria and then on to Hars to visit with relatives. Ursula says her foot is much better. She invites all members to come to the YL meeting in Berlin, Germany, in 1995.

Ingrid Wolfangel, DL3SAP, and her OM Walter, DF3SP, visited us at our QTH in Sun City Center, Florida, on September 7. Ingrid and Walter flew to the U. S. with their 16-year-old daughter Kirshin, DG9SBT. Kirshin is attending the first semester of 10th grade at the high school in Gainesville, Florida, and will be flying back home to Germany in January.

Lorraine, WAI EDR, at left, and Ingrid, DL3SAP, right, met in Florida



Christine Taylor, VK5CTY, wants to thank her new sponsor Barbara Reid. She has lived in her home in the Black Forest for 41 years but has a bush shack about two hours away, where they spend quite a bit of time. At the bush house, they generate their own electricity at 12 volts from solar panels and a wind generator and use gas for most other needs. Christine feels they have the best of both worlds with Amateur Radio to keep in touch at both places. It has been the five-year plan to move up the bush for ten years now. It's still the five-year plan!

Gina Quenzer, DF1GQ, sent a postcard to her sponsor Elfy, N6DOC, from Cody, Wyoming, in September. Gina was traveling with her son Klaus, his wife Sonja, and their two daughters Franziska, 8, and Rosanna, 5 months, in an RV. Gina's OM Wolfgang, DJ9QW, had a heart attack and became a Silent Key in November, 1994.

Sigrid Wittmann, DL3LG, sent a card in October from the YL 80-meter net meeting. She was in Florida in November to visit friends in

Clearwater and also visited with Lorraine, WAI EDR.

Constance Hall, G8LY, is now 84 1/2 years young. She was licensed in 1936 and used to build all her own ham gear. She hopes conditions for DX will get better in a year or so. Until that time, she is straightening out her cupboards and ham gear that she cannot part with. Constance wants to wish all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Yukari Kato, JIOKFF, was adopted by Jerrie Stonier, K6INK. Jerrie says, "Yukari is my adopted granddaughter. She was so kind to us on our trip to Japan and took us to many places of interest. This included driving us from Tokyo to the YL convention, a five-hour drive. Yukari is a secretary and is a lovely young lady. After the JLRL Convention, she decided to get her license. Yukari also attended our YLRL Convention in Wichita with her mother Masako, JAOCYL, who was our hostess in Japan."

Teresa Cardoso, PT2TF, and her O'M Walter, PT2TG, visited Ann Arnholt, K9RXX, the first of May. Teresa is Ann's adoptee in YLRL, and they had talked on 15 meters and written many letters over the years. Teresa and Walter attended the Dayton Hamvention and then drove to Ann's QTH. After their visit, they drove to Chicago to visit relatives and then flew to Texas and Florida before returning home to Brazil.

Teresa, PT2TF, and Walter, PT2TG, at the 1995 Dayton Hamvention



Our condolences to these members who have lost loved ones:

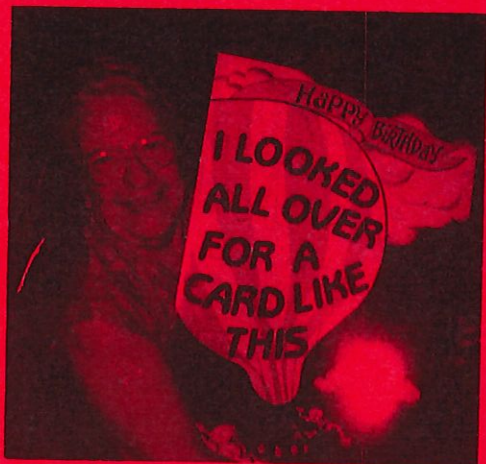
K1ADY, Mary Hadley, whose OM Ed, W1EXD, is a Silent Key
 DF1GQ, Gina Quenzer, whose OM Wolfgang, DJ9QW, is a Silent Key

These YLRL members were listed as SKs in the Directory issue:

Jane Clarkson, KA3FRG Miriam Smith, KB4C Eila Russell, WA8EBS

Celebrating 90 Years!

Hazel Cain, K9QGR



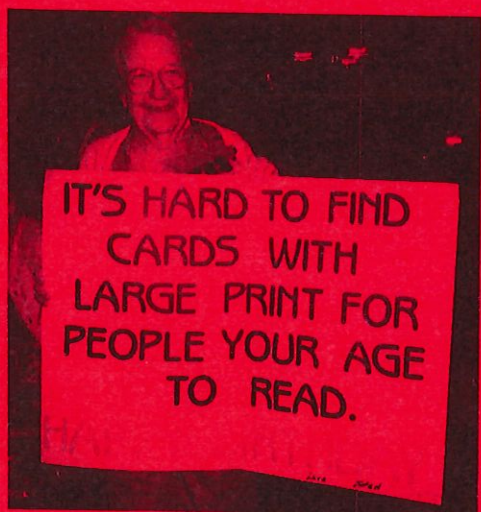
My son and daughter hosted a dinner party of 15 family members for my 90th birthday at a cafe.

When I opened this card, it caused a riot of laughter and clapping, and we had the whole cafe joining in to wish me a happy birthday.

A highlight of that party was that I got to see and hold my great-great-grandson for the first time. We had five generations present, and the management said it was the first time a five-generation group was present at the cafe and took our picture. It's one party I'll never forget.

We are in a retirement home and have all our ham gear set up here. I keep busy as a hostess, work in the mail room, and call the Bingo games.

I hope I can make it to New York for the YLRL Convention in 1996. I hope the YLs who win the things I've made for the '96 convention will like them, especially the beautiful bed doll that I made. I hope she brings in a lot of cash for the scholarship fund. 33, Hazel



Recommended Reading

Esther Given, W6BDE, writes an excellent YL column in the **QCWA Journal**, and she had a great write-up on Irma Weber, K6KCI, in the Fall 1995 issue. There's a rumor that the next column in the Winter 1995 issue, due out in December, will feature Marte Wessel, K0EPE.

Remember **CQ-YL** would make a wonderful Christmas present!

Donors to the scholarship fund during the first half of 1995 are listed below. Thanks very much for your generosity.

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