



# *YL-Harmonics*

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2020 including the following

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Pamela Saalbach, KC3LCX

Sandra (Sandy) June Skinner, WB6NVO

You will be missed.

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## **President's Message de Barbara Yasson, AC7UH**

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September and October continued the busy routine. Of course, I helped it along with the end of September Board meeting to approve the By-Laws and the membership Privacy Policy; please find that report elsewhere in this issue.

Keeping busy can be fun. The fun was doing our latest ladies' Technician license class. The class is offered twice a year. It was scheduled to start just as Washington began the COVID-19 shutdown, so we cancelled. The three instructors wanted to do our October class, but found our usual venue closed, so we decided to do the class online via my paid Zoom account. Since we have always made use of PowerPoint presentations, it was easy to transition them to the online class. We spent a couple of weeks practicing how to share the screen, and the other procedures we needed for the class. By the first day of class we were ready. The in-person class would have somewhere around 6 – 12 students, all of whom were from the local Vancouver-Portland area. We averaged 17 for each of the 5 online class sessions including two out of state students and one new friend of Michelle, W5MQC, who attended the last session and plans to pursue a class closer to her Oklahoma home. Thankfully, the students appreciated the class and our teaching style. Six of them attended the in-person VE session offered as the 6<sup>th</sup> class session. All passed and two aced the test with 100%. It was fun to meet all of the ladies in the class and to be able to help them get their licenses. Some of the class who didn't test in October expect to test before the end of the year. We know many of the students found out by word of mouth as well as from my network of friends who spread the word, and the local radio club's PIO, who does a fabulous job of getting the word out about the class. A few students found us in the local newspaper.

One of the perks of being YLRL President is that I get to work with so many of the members who do the work of the organization. It is time to express gratitude to them for their hard work and for patiently working with me. Unfortunately, when the president calls or sends email, it may mean more work. The last few months, being busy, has meant I've asked people questions, their opinions on issues, and if they would please do something for YLRL. Margaret, AE7MB; Robin, KJ7BI; and Val, VE5AQ; have put in plenty of time and effort on the Membership Application. Thanks to Val it is now one page. We'll need to update it again after the By-laws update is approved, but for now it looks good and has what we need. Thanks for all of your efforts and your patience, ladies! It would not have worked without you. My President's Advisory Committee has been particularly busy reading all of my email ideas and answering my questions. Anne, WB1ARU; Bobbie, W1JX; and Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD; have been especially helpful and a source of really good ideas since we started email delivery of YL

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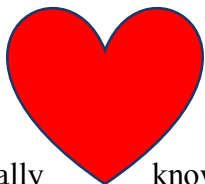
Here we are in November going into December. I believe propagation is suffering a severe case of Covid 19. When will it end?

Every November, YLs in the Northern Hemisphere are throwing another blanket on the bed, digging out winter coats, and surfing the snow. Meanwhile, YLs in the Southern Hemisphere are tossing that blanket, digging out their sandals and surfing the sand.

Whether it be snow or sand, there is one thing we have in common; surfing the dials for QSOs. Autumn or Spring, there's always a YLRL contest for relief from the cold and hot.

The 2020 DX/NA YL Anniversary contest is in the history book, but will return next October. Results will be posted in the next issue of YL Harmonics. Dates for 2021 Anniversary Party are: 1400 UTC October 8 to 0200 UTC October 10.

In the midst of winter, the YLRL hosts a most specialized sweethearts of sweethearts' contest.



### *Will You Be Our Valentine?*

Officially known as the **YL/OM Contest**, it started in 1950 and was designed to be held around Valentine's Day. Each year since then this annual "guys and dolls" activity has been high on the popularity list. Rules are simple: OMs call "CQ-YL" and YLs call "CQ-OM."

***2021 Contest Dates: 1400 UTC February 12 to 0200 February 14***

Cupid's arrow will be fluttering hearts around the world.

A hearty toast of 33s to ending the year with the promise of new beginnings in 2021.

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Harmonics. In addition, Michelle, W5MQC; Anne, KC9YL; and Margaret, AE7MB; have elevated the art of the second opinion to greater heights. Thanks to everyone for your skills and abilities that make YLRL a better organization.

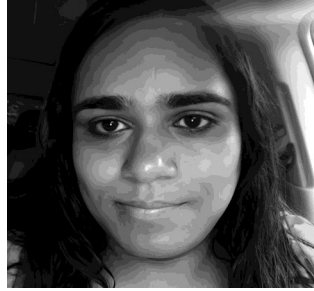
The holidays are forthcoming. May they be peaceful.

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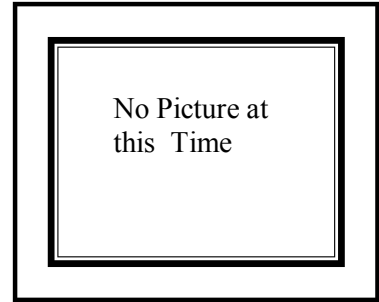
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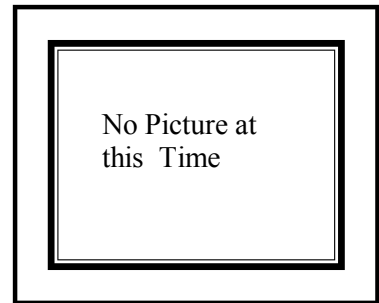
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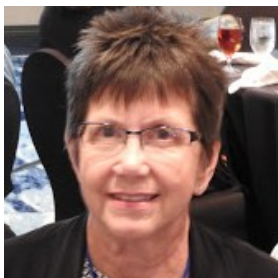
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Welcome to these new members! We look forward to meeting you on the air soon!

If any information is incorrect in this listing, please let Anne, WB1ARU know.

### Name and Email Change

KK4WVO, Paula Merrifield is now Paula **Thompson**  
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## Scholarship Information de Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

**Scholarship Information**  
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The following donations were received:

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Michelle Carey (W5MQC)

Thank you for your generous contribution.

Contributions to this fund support three annual YL Scholarships in the pursuit of higher education. The Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) administers the amateur radio-related scholarships including those sponsored by YLRL. Applications are submitted to FAR in April of each year and the scholarship winners are selected in June/ July and announced in the November/ December YL Harmonics. Information about FAR can be found at the following web site:

<http://www.farweb.org>

### **Sandra (Sandy) June Skinner**

It is with profound regret that we announce the passing of Sandra Skinner. Born in Bellingham, Washington in 1946, she was called to Heaven on 18 September 2020 after a long, difficult, and valiant battle with Metastatic Breast Cancer. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, James (Jim) Skinner, sisters Janice Carter, Laura Jankord, Patricia Culley, Susan Hardwick, brothers Kenneth Thomason, Dennis Thomason, Daughters Donna Drissel, Janet Washbon, Jeanna Lynch and many very dear nieces, nephews and grand and great grandchildren.

Sandra was the consummate business professional holding positions from Line Assembler to Production Control Manager and Senior Data Analyst in several Aerospace companies. She was an Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator (WB6NVO) and enjoyed the comradery of her fellow "Hams" (including husband K6BPT) for 32 years.

Sandra was very dedicated to her Church assisting in every aspect of participation and support including Crafting, Choir and the Food Bank Ministry of Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in Tucson, Arizona.

Sandra's ashes will be interred at Santa Cruz Lutheran Church Memorial Garden. A Memorial will be announced in the coming months. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made in Sandra's honor to the Arizona Oncology Foundation ([www.arizonaoncologyfoundation.org](http://www.arizonaoncologyfoundation.org)) or a charity of your choice.

## Rules for All YLRL Contests

1. Check to make certain you are sending logs to the CURRENT Vice-President.
  2. Logs must be postmarked no later than 30 days after each contest ends.
  3. Scoring:
  4. Phone and CW contests will be scored separately. Separate logs must be submitted for each contest.
  5. One point is earned for each different station worked on each band. The same station may be worked on different bands. In the YL-OM contest only, YLs count OMs and OMs count YLs.
  6. Multiplier will be the ARRL sections and/or DX countries, whichever is appropriate. Canadian provinces are counted individually. Multipliers are used only once on all bands when figuring the score.
  7. Contestants running 5W or less will be considered QRP and earn a power factor of 3. Contestants running 5W to 100W will be considered low power and earn a power factor of 1.5. Contestants running over 100W will be high power. If no transmitter power is listed on logs, no power factor will be given.
- Total scored claimed is calculated by multiplying the points times the multiplier times the power factor.

### Logs

1. All logs must show the operator's ARRL section, VE province, or country to qualify for awards. Where applicable, logs must state whether or not the operator is a member of YLRL. For each QSO, logs must also state the power output. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet.
  2. Please type or print. If you print a log from a logging program or photocopy your log book, be sure they include all the required information.
  3. Logs must be signed and show claimed score. No logs will be returned.
- Entries in log must also show time, band, date and transmitter power.

### Exchange

Station worked, QSO number given and received, RS(T) given and received, and section/province/country.

### Entry categories

Single operator and YL clubs/groups.

## Report from the YLRL Board Meeting September 29 - October 4

The YLRL Board met via email beginning on September 29 to discuss two documents.

The first document was the YLRL Constitution and By-Laws, which defines the foundation and structure of YLRL, identifies who YLRL is, what we do, and how we do it. Parliamentarian Anne Manna, WB1ARU, formed a committee to look at those documents for readability and grammar as well as looking for anything that was incorrect or out of date. Membership renewal for three years was the major addition to the By-Laws. After the Board approved the updated document during the Sept./Oct. meeting, I asked for the addition of a Website Committee that would be a standing committee, designed to help Webmistress Val Lemko with updates and changes to the website. Thanks, Anne, for taking that back to the committee.

Thanks to Anne, WB1ARU, and the By-Laws Committee for looking closely at the YLRL Constitution and By-Laws. The committee is made up of Anne Manna, WB1ARU; Anne Dirkman, KC9YL; Dot Timmerman, AC4HH; Rita McConnell, NE0DB; and Robin Resnick, KJ7BI. It takes many eyes to make those updates; thanks for being there to make the edits. After the edits are finished the membership will vote on the updated document. That timetable is in the works; there should be more information about that in the near future. Until the membership approves the updated Constitution and By-Laws, membership dues payment for three years will not take effect, nor will the Website Committee be formed.

The second document the Board discussed was the Membership Privacy Policy. Please remember that the privacy policy is a policy, a course of action that the Board can decide to take. Policies need board approval to become part of the actions that YLRL can take. With the Board's approval the Membership Privacy Policy became part of the list of actions that YLRL takes. See the Procedure Policy for other YLRL policies and procedures; find the link on the [ylrl.org](http://ylrl.org) website.

Michelle Carey, W5MQC, and Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD, were very helpful and knowledgeable when it came to developing the Membership Privacy Policy. What we put together is not complicated, and should get the job done with regard to identifying what personal data YLRL collects from members. As an organization, YLRL is a ham radio club for women; we do not share or sell the personal data we collect. YL Harmonics and the [ylrl.org](http://ylrl.org) website make use of what information and pictures we have from our members for the benefit of the members.

Thanks to Michelle and Nancy for sharing their time to put together the privacy policy, and thanks to the Board for understanding the importance of the privacy policy to YLRL members.

As always, implementation is everything. To provide the platform for members to consent to the policy, the membership application has seen some additions. We ask that when you renew your membership for 2021 that you consent to the Membership Privacy Policy and the Privacy Policy for the [ylrl.org](http://ylrl.org) website. As with many of these policies, if you do not choose to consent to the policy you cannot be a member. If you are unable to permit YLRL to collect your information to maintain our membership records, as well as to include members in YLH and the website, then you cannot be a member.

Margaret has reproduced the updated membership application in this YLH issue to give you an idea of what it will look like. Feel free to copy the membership form and use it to send in with your check to renew for 2021. Give us a bit more time for the web version to be up and available to use with PayPal membership payments. It should be out just after the first of November. The two Receiving Treasurers and the Database Manager, a position we are looking at filling for the first time in several years, will work with the membership records and ensure that a member's consent to the privacy policy is added with the rest of the membership data. At the other end of the process, the Database Manager will work with the YL Harmonics Editor to ensure that the personal information in our publication is being published properly. As you can see, this is another one of the YLRL team efforts that depends on good communications and everyone pitching in to do their job, all of which keep YLRL moving along. After the Receiving Treasurers, Database Manager, and YLH Editor have added the Membership Privacy Policy into what they do, I will work with the Board to decide the best path to take to determine what form the Directory issue will take, if we determine we are able to publish it.

The Board meeting finished up on October 4 after two announcements. The first announcement was that Leah Ohse, W3LEO, has agreed to become the incoming Supplies Chairwoman. Leah is working with Barb Bender, KA3VXR, and the committee that is helping with the sales of as many of the supplies as possible to facilitate the transfer of the remaining supplies from Barb to Leah. Leah will work with the committee to put up new supplies ideas. Thanks to Leah for volunteering to succeed Barb as well as to Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ; Anne Dirkman, KC9YL; and Rita, NE0DB for facilitating the supplies sale and the transfer of supplies to Leah. The second announcement was that Linda Hynan, AC5QQ, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, has named the committee members, for 2020 and 2021. Thanks to Judi Jaksa, WQ0JJ; Susan King, K5DU; and Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB; for agreeing to serve on the Budget and Finance Committee.

The Sept./Oct. Board meeting represents the next step in the process to fully implement email delivery of YLH as well as adding the three year membership renewal. With guidance from the privacy policy we are in a better position to take actions that will reduce the exposure of members' personal information to the harm that can be found on the internet. Thanks to the Board for their support.

# YLRL MEMBERSHIP PRIVACY POLICY

## **Privacy/Security Policy**

The Young Ladies Radio League, Inc. (hereafter referred to as “the operator” or “YLRL”, is a registered Non-Profit in the USA. Our website address is <https://www.ylhamonics.com>.

**We recognize that respecting user privacy in YL Harmonics (YLH) and in our correspondence is of utmost importance.**

This privacy statement is designed to provide information about policy and data collection practices for the YL Harmonics and during our correspondence with members.

## **Identifying Information**

YLRL collects the following information when you join: name, call sign, address, phone, and email, and other appropriate information needed to provide you with these services. YLRL officers, committee members, and members may also have name, call sign, address, phone, email, and likeness included in YL Harmonics and the YLRL websites. In all instances, if you receive a newsletter or mailing from us, you will always be able to “unsubscribe” from these mailings at any time.

## **Data Security**

We implement a variety of security measures to maintain the safety of your personal information.

## **Contact Forms**

We use the contact form to manage contact form submissions. The information is sent as email messages that only a select few are allowed to access. The information is also stored in the database on our hosting server for backup and later reference purposes.

We do not set a particular time limit on storing information because we need it for future reference. If you want your information to be removed from our database, please contact us. We will remove it anytime there are concerns about your privacy.

## **What we will do with your information**

If you choose to give us personal information for any of the purposes above, this information is retained by the operator and will only be used by the operator to support your membership relationship with us.

**We will not add you to a mailing list, or newsletter without your explicit registration for such service**

We will only contact you if further information is required from you to complete a service, for example, as District Chairwoman requesting news for YLH. In that situation we will blind carbon copy (BCC) the distribution list or use a mailing service that does not show everyone's email address.

**What Others May Do With Your Information**

We **do not** share, rent, or sell any personally identifying information provided to any outside organization for use in its marketing or solicitations.

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We **will not** share aggregate information about our members and our web site visitors to any advertisers, business partners, and other third parties.

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**Changes to this Policy**

We may from time to time revise this privacy policy. You should therefore periodically visit, and review this page, so you are aware of any such revisions. We will not, however, use your existing information in a manner not previously disclosed. You will be advised and have the opportunity to opt out of any new use of your information.

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**If Model is under the age of 18:**

I \_\_\_\_\_ am the parent/legal guardian of the individual named above, I have read this release and approve of its terms.

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## DUES ARE DUE!



It's that time again - time to renew your YLRL dues! The membership year runs the same as the calendar – January to December - so why not avoid the holiday rush!!!

Dues are still only \$15.00. (There are additional fees for a few of you who require first class or international mail. Your Receiving Treasurer will remind you personally if that applies to you).

PayPal makes it easy for you to submit your dues – the link is located on the YLRL membership page:

<https://yrl.org/wp/join-yrl/>

For the rest of you, you may pay by check or money order and mail your dues and renewal form to the appropriate treasurer:

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Something new this year, every member will need to complete a renewal/membership form. We have updated our privacy policy and members need to accept the policy using the checkbox on your enrollment form, which is available on the YLRL membership page.

Please see detailed information on page 17 in the newsletter.

As a reminder, go to the YLRL membership page listed above.

SAVE the PDF to your computer, fill it in, SAVE it again, and send that as an attachment to your receiving treasurer.

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**Please fill out all sections marked in "red" whether a renewal or a new membership**

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**\*Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*City** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*State** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Zipcode** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Telephone Number ( )** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Unlisted** Y  N

**\*New Member?** Y  N  **Former Member?** Y  N  **Renewing Member** Y

**\*Class of license held** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Year first licensed** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*E-mail address/web page** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Member of ARRL?** Y  N

**\*Has any information changed since you joined YLRL?** Y  N  **If yes, what** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parental permission for under 18**

**I \_\_\_\_\_ am the parent/legal guardian of the individual named above; I consent to the Privacy Policy, published in the November/December 2020 YL Harmonics and found on the YLRL.org website as well as the Membership Privacy policy found on the YLRL.org website.**

**Parent/legal guardian's call sign/phone/e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

**I understand that by not giving consent to the privacy policies I cannot be a member of YLRL.**

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Dues for renewal of continuous membership shall be paid in advance, shall be due and payable on January 1st of each year and shall become delinquent if not paid by March 31st of that year. **Current dues are as follows:**

_____ \$15.00 regular member, bulk mail (USA only)	_____ \$ 3.00 family member residing at same address (No additional YL Harmonics)
_____ \$15.00 email to any DX YL	_____ \$15.00 subscriber (USA only)

**Rates subject to change as needed. Please mail completed form and your check made payable to "YLRL" to the appropriate receiving treasurer.**

**IF YOU ARE SPONSORING A DX YL, PLEASE SEND YOUR ADOPTEE'S DUES TO THE DX TREASURER!** **Please do NOT send US and DX dues together.**

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# District News

## District 1

From Anne Manna WB1ARU:

Anne, WB1ARU is still looking for contacts with YLs on Wednesday evenings. She is on the air from about 9 - 10pm (Eastern time). The first half hour is scheduled for 20m and then 40m for the second half. However, if 20m is dead, she will go to 40m earlier. The frequencies are 14.288 for 20m and 7.197 for 40m. These are approximate depending on QRM; the actual frequency could be lower or higher. This is meant to be a chance to get on the air and find another YL to talk to, not a controlled net. All YLs are welcome. Please call "CQ YL" especially if you do not hear any other YLs transmitting. Just listening doesn't create any activity on the air!

From Barbara Irby KC1KGS:

With work and some radio, life seems to be very busy. I think the antennas to my rig are now all set—let's just hope the fall and winter winds don't do them in!

New to POTA and SOTA-

I was part of a group that activated Callahan State Park in Framingham, MA as a POTA site in September. I didn't make any contacts myself, as we were sharing a radio, but I got an idea about the process.

In October, I joined our club (Sci-Tech Amateur Radio Society) for a SOTA event at Mt. Wachusett, MA. Some of the group hiked up, while my husband and I and several others drove up to the 2006 ft summit. It was a beautiful day - sunny, windy and it reached about 70 degrees. Some activated on 20 meters and got to California and France. I was on a 2M HT with an Arrow handheld Yagi and got to Mt Greylock, MA and Alander Mountain in SW Mass, as well as southeast to Weymouth, MA. Fun day with friends and PR about ham radio with hikers passing through.(see photo)



I had the privilege of writing a snippet of a commentary about my experience with the QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo that was published in the November 2020 issue of QST.

With the "live" HamXposition in Marlborough, MA being cancelled this year, I signed up for the online Zoom ARES Academy series and the Ham Bootcamp (since I still have lots to learn). Still busy with nets at times that I'm available to participate, and online VE sessions about once a week these days.

33 and keep safe, all! Barbara KC1KGS



Editor's Note: This article is a continuation of an article that Linda wrote for the July/August YLH

(This item should have appeared in the Sept/Oct issue-I apologize for the omission-Barbara KC1KGS)

From Linda Robinson, W1MP:

In the end my son, who is studying for his license, did both repairs. For 2 months the grounding clamp was on the counter next to the basement door. I was going to make that repair before my son got here and, nobody will be surprised, it had disappeared and still hasn't been found. So I had to order it again, curbside pickup from the local hardware store.

My son followed all the instructions and suggestions given to me by a local ham friend. The hardest repair, of course, was to the ladder line. I've included pictures, not sure how easy it will be to see the repair. On Monday [in early August] we fired up the rig and tried the antennas, it didn't transmit but was able to tune the dipole for 80M and maybe I will get onto Yankee Lassies at some point to get a report.

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Here's the first part of the repair, he stripped back to good clean copper wire and made the twists. One side went very well because there was room to swing the wire end around but the other side was quite difficult because now he had to work in space of about an inch wide.



Then soldered it all, the red zip ties were to help relieve any strain on the joint,



wrap in electrician tape,



and then wrap in ordinary duct tape.

## District 4

The following is news from Nancy, N4ZM: I designed and erected an 80-meter full-wave horizontal loop. Unfortunately, I could only put it 10-feet high, but it still works great. I also became an Official Relay Station for the ARRL and I'm a "net rep" between the Tropical Fast net and the Eagle net. The Tropical Fast Net is an acronym for the Tropical Florida Amateur Sideband net, which is a statewide Florida net. The Eagle net is a daily net meeting each evening serving the Southwest Florida section, comprised of 10 counties.

From Dot, AC4HH: My OM and I put up a 100-foot long wire half-wave antenna from the balcony on our second-floor apartment to a tree in the side yard. This is a replacement for an antenna we lost during the tornado in the spring. We are still chasing RF interference caused by something in the apartment complex. We found one source of some minor interference in our own apartment—the source was some Plug-in devices touted to repel insects. However, the documentation with them stated that they could cause radio and television interference. So, we unplugged the three we had and trashed them. (They may have repelled some insects, but not all anyway.)

The Chattanooga Amateur Radio Club has recently offered a couple of training opportunities. The first was a 4-hour session on using Winlink. The second was on a Saturday and Sunday at an outside pavilion at a County Park. The theme for these sessions was "Putting It All Together" and covered a variety of ham-related activities including: radio power connections; coax cable connections (soldered and solder-free); connecting radios to power sources, antennas, and grounding; using portable antennas; and radio direction finding (search and rescue operations and how to locate sources of interference). The power sources discussed were: AC (shore power), automotive power (battery), and solar power.

Carol Laferty, K4SAF in Kentucky writes:

The 2020 Pandemic restrictions have been difficult for me, but amateur radio has helped me get through it. When I bought the new Yaesu FTdx101D, a year and a half ago, I knew I wanted to do much more hamming. But I had no idea that I would have more fun than in my 63 years of being a ham!

In July I participated in the 13 Colonies Event. I worked all colony stations, plus the bonus WM3PEN, all on each mode: CW, SSB, and Digital. The Great Britain station eluded me. Next year! I participated in the Route 66 Event in September and worked all 21 stations across the Route 66 states, from Chicago to California's coast. The QSLs are still coming in. Both Events are annual and are a lot of fun.

I was never one to really care much about awards and certificates in the amateur radio hobby. But I set some goals during 2020 and have accomplished many of them. I have gotten Worked All States (WAS) Mixed, and along with that, WAS endorsements on 80, 40, 30, and 20 meters. Also, I completed WAS Digital, 80, 40, 30, and 20. The most prized so far for me is the CW WAS





When you change QTHs, you must start anew with contacts for ARRL WAS awards. So, I could not count any contacts I made at previous locations.

What makes the success in earning the awards even more meaningful to me is that I have done it with 100 watts max and a wire, low off-center-feed dipole (OFC) up about 35 feet.



DXCC is within reach and if all entities confirm, I will have more than 100. The world-wide Pandemic has interfered with Direct QSLs over the world. Another goal of mine is the ARRL Triple Play award. All contacts must be confirmed on LoTW, Logbook of the World, ARRL's Logbook. My CW and Digital 50 states are completed, and now I must get on SSB and work all 50 states to complete it. SSB has never been my mode of choice, but I will be much prominent on the phone bands while I try to complete that. One award I have long sought is the YLRL Worked All States YL. That one is by far the hardest to come by. I need four more states for that and am trying every means I know to make it happen. I need Delaware, Montana, Rhode Island and Utah. It will happen someday, but it will not be easy to complete. We need more of our YLs active on all bands.

To keep the YL QSL cards for WAS, I put them in old photo books. I wrote the state abbreviations on the pages, so I could easily see what is still needed. The only state confirmed through LoTW is Oregon, and the YL worked is Amy Haptonstall, AG7GP, a YLRL member. She was on one of her SOTA treks when I talked to her on CW. We both confirmed through LoTW. There has been some discussion of how we count that for YL WAS. I printed the confirmation info to put in the photo book. I think that is the way to go on that when it does come up.



## District 5

### 2020 YL Meet Up at the War Memorial Park

War Memorial Park is home of the USS Batfish (WW2SUB) and one of the largest pieces recovered from the USS Oklahoma (WW2OK)

15 YLs from Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas participated in the event Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 until Oct 11, 2020. Participating YLs were Barb, KD0WAU; Leah, W3LEO; Virginia, NV5F; Lynda, KF5JUO; Beth, KC5RWW; Judi, N5KUO; Aria, KI5BDF; Noelle, KI5KFQ; Sandi, KI5CHP; Kathleen, KI5CHL; Tanya, KF5VBU; Faith, K5FTS; Lesley, KI5AQS; Victoria (no call sign) and Michelle, W5MQC. We had a few OMs and members of the USS Batfish Radio Club in attendance. Ages ranged from 8 years old to ... not telling.

We set up 3 Radio stations, one in a tent near the USS Batfish, one in the break room of the Museum, and one in the parking lot of the museum. The tent station used an IC7200 and a hex



beam antenna about 60ft. The Museum station used an IC7600 and a scout antenna about 40 ft. The parking lot station used a FT-857 radio and a dipole antenna about 20ft connected to a Yeti 400 battery.

We started on Friday evening getting the tent, radios and antenna set up for the station near the USS Batfish, and the dipole antennas set up for the station in the parking lot. Then went out to dinner. Saturday morning, we participated the USS Batfish Radio Club's meeting, going over safety procedures for the event. Afterwards we set up the 3<sup>rd</sup> station in the museum and the scout antenna. We were off!!!!

Being YLs we all brought food and enjoyed breaking bread together and catching up with each other. Afterwards we got back on the air! We closed Saturday evening relaxing by the fire. We worked a few hours Sunday morning, then it was time to tear down and pack up.

All YLs learned to set up antennas, radios, tents, spot, log and call CQ. We made 240 contacts. Our contacts were all over the USA, Canada, Mexico, Germany, Lithuania and Slovenia.

Everyone had a great time!!!

### **In other District 5 News**

Leah, W3LEO, and her club are preparing for Midwest City's Trick or Treat City and the Veteran's Day Parade next month.

Judy, KC5BOO, will participating in a Halloween event.

### **District 7**

From Barbara, AC7UH: The MINOW luncheon get together on September 12 was great fun. Margaret, AE7MB; Marge, KJ7JUD; Marilyn, AF7MM; Vanessa, KE7UBB; and me. We also enjoyed the company of Bob Hardwick, WA6NFJ, and Pat McCoy, KE7UBF. Vanessa and Pat were amazing hosts and provided quite a spread that was supplemented by the potluck salads, vegetables, and deserts... It was a lovely time. As our annual MINOW meeting in May was online, we were unable to do our gift exchange and silent auction. We had time for them after lunch. In addition I presented Marilyn with a plaque recognizing her for being YLRL President in 2018 -2019. I have been told that each president should recognize the immediate past president with a plaque, so we got that done. Marilyn was surprised and pleased.



From Barbara, KI7BR: I'm busy settling into my new home, still digging out of eleventy zillion boxes (sigh). But my work-from-home office/ham shack is coming along well, at least! The

j-pole is up and I'm making 2 m., 70 cm., and D-Star contacts. The base and concrete are poured, and the HF antenna will likely be up by the end of October. Grandma and I are settling in to the new digs well, and enjoying the fall colors that are emerging. I hope everyone stays safe and healthy, and enjoys the rest of the year!  
33, KI7BR

From Margaret, AE7MB: It's been a busy summer. I walk outside every day and look forward to Mondays when I walk with another YL at our county park. Being out in the fresh air and the woods with a river nearby really does wonders for the soul.

Barbara, AC7UH; Linda, AA6MR, and I put on another "YL Technician's Class". We've been doing this for several years now, but October was the first time that we did it on Zoom. Yes, you can teach old dogs new tricks! We also learned the importance of having a Plan B, when I lost internet connection on one of the Saturday mornings. We had put all of our scripts and slide shows in Dropbox, so Barbara and Linda were able to do my presentations that day.

## **District 8**

I want to welcome a new YLRL member, Ai who just received her vanity call AI8AI. Very cool!!

Sylvia Hutchinson, K8SYL, Secretary/Treasurer of TASYL and President Linda Nordstrand, AD8AR, wrote: The Auto State Young Ladies (TASYL) celebrated 55 years as a club with a luncheon on September 26th in Holt, Michigan. Myriam Gregg ,K8ILN, and Verline Ferris, KI8V, have both been members since 1965, but were unable to be with us. Because of Covid-19 there were only 12 of us there, even after changing the date from spring to fall. We shared the floral arrangement and some cupcakes with Myriam at her daughter's home, where she was staying after some health problems and her third hospital stay since January. Our membership has declined due to recent silent keys (for whom we send in memorials to the YLRL Scholarship Fund), but we have also received 4 new members during that time. Our newest member, Janet Sprague, KE9MXN, joined us in November of last year as a new ham, who built her own antenna so she could join our TASYL Net on 80 meters (3940 @ 9 AM local time) and is on our Net Control schedule already. She has stepped up since Grace Switzer, N8NJT, has had to drop out of active participation.

Finally, please be sure to give a call or send an email to your family and friends during this time of COVID we all find ourselves living in. Especially for those living alone, a simple call or email will really brighten their day. Be well and stay safe.  
de KC4IYD/8, Nancy

## VE News

Well, the season is rapidly changing and autumn has arrived on the West Coast of Canada bringing with it blustery Southeast winds and heavy rains. I have just about finished putting the garden to bed for the year and my flower beds and little veggie garden are looking fairly neat. Planted mini-iris, tulips and winter pansies for a bit of colour early in the springtime. My tiny veggie garden is still giving me salad greens but it's days are numbered.

We have a Provincial Government election near the end of October so I have opted to "Vote by Mail". Did not fancy, in this time of Covid-19, to be standing in line at a Polling Station with all and sundry. Better to be safe, than sorry. Package arrived by mail and I have completed and mailed it.

Ann, VE3HAI, has a friend, Darren, who is an absolute whiz when it comes to computers and their problems !! My daughter-in-law, Fone, thought she had lost all of her photos including some financial information she was keeping. Was most upset when no technician in Victoria seemed willing to help her. I asked Ann, Ann asked Darren and he obliged by sending a list of things for Fone to try. Fone went through his suggestions, one by one, with not much success. Then she tried a card reader and Voila !! It suddenly started to find and pick up things. Fone was doing a tap dance watching it all happen!! It took several days before she was sure everything was actually recovered and now has them stored happily and safely on her hard drive. We all think Darren is an absolute genius and absolutely the BEST !!! Good to have good friends who have good friends, isn't it ?? Keep well and stay safe. 33 Suzanne VE7IM

Helen, VA1YL, writes: We are so glad we got Ramona, the kitty, before we were shut down! She is a wonderful cat. Our old kitty died before we went to the Galapagos in January. Here in Nova Scotia there are hardly any people with the disease so we can go out and have people in. We can wear masks when we go to public places and all Nova Scotians like to do that! I have made 330 masks and handed them out to people. Now I am making Charity Quilts. My neighbour is having a baby in November so I made her a baby quilt. Then I found some stash and I made a quilt for my daughter. My daughter Anne, VE2WHO, is in the UK so she may not be able to come for Christmas. Our other daughter Margaret, VE2ZOO, has to go to Ecuador to pick up her boat by January.  
33 Helen Archibald VA1YL

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: With enthusiasm this month. She has graduated from fracture clinic and walks without any aids thanks to a miracle physiotherapist. On Monday, Oct. 5th at 7 a.m., Ann presented herself to the fracture clinic head doctor. Reading her chart was something else. The head doc (who has a great sense of humour) said: "Ann, you graduated. Go forth and don't fall again. However, if you do come right on back, we will be happy to see you and to treat you."

In closing Ann says "Isn't it great that one can be enthusiastic about recuperating from an accident ?" 33 Ann VE3HAI

## DX News

Hello to all! No matter which hemisphere you're in, the seasons are certainly changing. I hope this issue finds you healthy and active. The new sunspot cycle has begun, and we are all looking forward to improved band conditions. In the meantime, even if you don't have HF radios or lofty antennas, you can enjoy amateur radio on simplex, local repeaters and Echolink. Zoom and Skype get-togethers are also fun – it's nice to see the faces in addition to hearing the voices, especially since many of our Ham Fests, Swap Meets and Conventions have been cancelled. Don't forget, if you haven't been receiving your YL Harmonics issues they are always at <https://ylharmonics.com/> Contact me if you need the members-only password to access the back issues or if you're having any other problems: [dxtreas@y1rl.org](mailto:dxtreas@y1rl.org)  
Anne KC9YL

Yukiko, 7K4TKB (Japan)

Due to COVID-19 many amateur radio events were cancelled in Japan including Tokyo Ham Fair, the biggest in the country. My club, JLRS, has a beginner support program called "WAKABA Support," but its portable operations have been difficult to do now, unfortunately. I would like to get together with our members and enjoy operations, but I will have to wait for a while until the end of pandemic.

I made my debut on CW mode on 40m at JLRS Party Contest. I was SO nervous, but started to feel that CW might be fun to operate once I got the knack of it. Practice makes perfect, I believe.

At this contest and the Day of the YLs contest I was not able to hear any DX stations on 20m. I hope the band conditions will get better soon.

My husband and I work at home most of the time, and my university student daughter takes classes online. Our lifestyle has changed dramatically since this spring, and I wish for the days to come soon that we can go anywhere freely, nationwide and worldwide.

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Tammie, M3ENF (England)

It's been about a year since I've been on the air! Even when lockdown started over here, I had no desire to turn the rig on. And, I was put off because I realized I didn't have my equipment grounded. Long story short, the old earth wire had been attached to a ground rod in the garden until we put a patio down about 3 years ago and the rod was pulled out and the wire cut off. I briefly operated last October on FT8 but was worried about lack of grounding.

Fast forward to now. A few weeks ago, the switch that powers all the sockets under my desk became faulty, you'd turn it on and it would flicker then go out. It took a number of on/off attempts to get the thing to stay on. It powers the router as well as the computer - I'm one of those people who doesn't like leaving things switched on unnecessarily. I contacted a local electrician who came out and said the socket just needed replacing. Whilst he was here, I asked him if he could put a ground rod in for me and he said he could, so that was done this week along with the socket. I feel much happier now about going back on the air.

I'm looking to expand my antennas with a 6m/2m vertical and possibly a HF vertical. It's going to take some work to install, as I'm not that great at putting antennas together, so may have to enlist someone to help me. My Dad is a licensed ham too but he's registered blind so can't put things together like he used too. Wish me luck!

Dot, VK2DB (Australia)

I'm secretary for our senior's club and would dearly love to pass it onto someone else. The wild friendly lorikeets now come to the front door to let us know they are there for food. The kookaburras let us know it's time to put the cat's plates out with his uneaten food and the lizards and frogs join me while I'm gardening. Spring is wonderful. We've had lovely warm sunny days and a bit of rain at night, so the garden is flourishing at present. I'm getting a good daily dose of vitamin D. The rural fire is doing a lot burn offs to try to avoid the firestorms of last year. In NSW they think we've lost 73% of our koala population in the last fires. So sad, they are the cutest animals with funny personalities. We don't have any on our property but they used to be here before houses were built. We have the wallabies regularly in the garden so I have wire covering as much as possible, but we throw the vege peelings and weeds out for them. They are cute but always ready for a fight, you don't tussle with a wallaby. We've had a few large kangaroos here but not for over 30 years. They are quite scary and can be dangerous. Back to the garden.

[Ed: Check out Dot's husband's Flower Pot antennas!]

The Flowerpot antenna is on John's website [vk2zoi.com](http://vk2zoi.com) and there are pages to the other antennas and some in progress. If you look at the heading FLOWER POTS, you'll see a photo of John's first demonstration in 1993 (slimmer and beardless in those days). We had Bill and Ben - the flowerpot men - on it and they fell off as he wheeled it into the room.

He gets emails from around the world . In England one club had a flowerpot building night, and hikers who go hiking with a flowerpot attached to their rucksack, sturdier than a plain whip. He gave a lot of talks and demonstrations to clubs around Sydney and in country towns and I'd give a talk about ALARA.

33 Dot VK2DB



