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The September-October 2020 YL Harmonics Members' Only issue is publishing much of the expected information including the 2019 Disbursing Treasurer Financial Report, approved by the YLRL Board at the June 22 - 26 2020 meeting as well as the YLRL Contest Rules and Certificate information. Sadly the publication of the membership directory portion of this issue has been postponed pending the development of a YLRL Privacy Policy and the mechanism to opt-in to the use of personal information and/or photos where it may appear in YL Harmonics and the membership directory. Thanks for your patience with the development of the YLRL Privacy Policy and the other documentation necessary to secure the personal information of all YLRL members and the postponement of the membership directory. In the interim, we hope you enjoy this issue with September-October member news and the annual information you have come to expect.

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President's Message de Barbara Yasson, AC7UH

August has been a really busy month with the Board Meeting and a couple of ARES exercises. The good news was that we sent Winlink messages from the hospital in Vancouver, WA, to Portland, OR, hospitals in a system of hospitals that has not practiced Winlink in a while. It was a practice drill prior to major I-5 Bridge work that will dramatically slow down traffic through-out the area for a few weeks. I'm looking for things to settle down a bit with no trips across the bridge.

We want to welcome the new members who have joined YLRL this summer. We are glad you found us and hope you enjoy getting to know the other local and District YLs. Make contact with your District Chairwoman to find out what is happening in your area.

In my last President's Message I promised that the Board would discuss the membership dues issues and make sense of what has changed. I called a special board meeting in early August to discuss two issues the board had started to work on previously. Both are related to email delivery of the YL Harmonics. The Board worked hard to finish what they did. Please see my Report from the YLRL Board Meeting August 4 - 10 for the results of that meeting. While it still is a work in progress, progress was made. Thanks to the Board for their efforts during the meeting.

The Board has met four times this year, and we will likely have one more meeting later in the year. They have worked hard and set several projects in motion, such as the email delivery of YL Harmonics, an ongoing effort that has provided additional opportunities for us to improve the YLRL organization, the transition to a new Supplies Chairwoman, and the By-Laws revision committee that has just started working on the updates I mentioned in the Board Report. These projects are what will continue to move YLRL forward. Let's keep the momentum going. I said this a couple of months ago and it still applies. Thanks to all of our members for their support of YLRL as we continue to make YLRL the best it can be. The more members who participate in the organization, the better off the organization is.

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Barbara AC7UH

President's Advisory Committee

Anne Manna, WB1ARU; Roberta Donohue, W1JX; Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

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Vice President's Message de Rita McConnell, NE0DB

The shades of summer have passed and the sweet scents of fall are in the air. What better way to kick-off fall than to accept the YLRL's invitation for the Anniversary Parties.

As VP, one of my responsibilities is the YLRL contests. The League conducts two major contests each year; the YL/OM in February and the upcoming 81st YLRL Anniversary in October. Details can be found for the Anniversary Parties in this issue. The league also has seven other ongoing (working) contests that provide challenging opportunities. Individual working contests will be featured in future issue of Harmonics.

Each year, the League presents a Friendship contest. For 2020, it's your "Favorite Bird" with a beautiful certificate for contacting 15 YLs and their favorite birds.

Rules can be found in the January/February issue of Harmonics and www.YLRL.org website. As this contest doesn't end until December 31, it's not too late to make chirps with one another.



You are invited to Soar the Atmosphere with YLRL

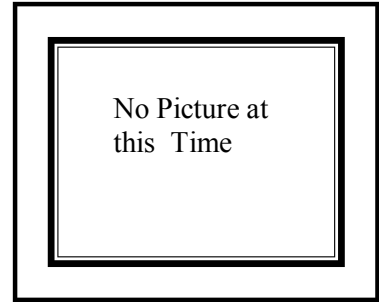
- Who:** All licensed women operators, YL groups and YL clubs throughout the world are invited to participate.
- When:** 1400 UTC October 3 to 0200 UTC October 5, 2020
- Where:** The World



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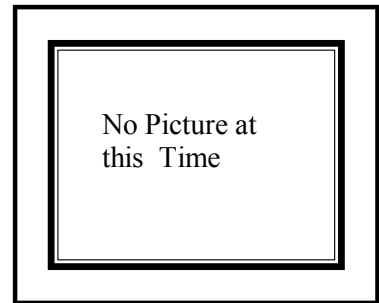
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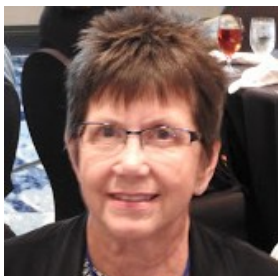
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New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WB1ARU

DISTRICT 4

Judith Gardner K4DF

Judith holds an Extra license.

Laura Robertson KO4DFJ

Laura holds an Extra license and a US Army MSG.

She went from Tech to Extra in less than 30 days and is on 2m until her radio arrives. She is a member of ARC of Augusta and ARC of Columbia Co.

Paula Merrifield KK4WVO

Paula holds a Technician license and is a Paralegal/ Court Clerk. She is a member of Maury ARC. She has recently become more active on the air and wants to meet other YLs.

Betty Greenspan KO4GKT

Betty holds a Technician license and is an RN and Floral Designer. She is also a Real Estate Agent and pilot. She is a member of Sarasota ARA.

DISTRICT 5

Lynda LeCompte KI5JLJ

Lynda holds a Technician license and is the Owner of an archery business.

DISTRICT 6

Sandy Weeks KN6GST

Sandy holds a Technician license. She is returning to a hobby that she was involved with when she was a teen.

DISTRICT 7

Nella Ludlow W7LUD

Nella holds an Extra license and is a Math Professor. She is a member of Pacific NW VHF society and enjoys portable ops while camping. She has been licensed since age 11 and has several hams in her family.

Hannah Rosenfeld W7HER

Hannah holds an Extra license and is a student. She is a member of Valley RC, a VE, and active on most bands. She comes from a ham family: Scott, N7JI; Karen, K3LUX; and Nate, K7NAR.

Marilyn Miller K7YL

Marilyn holds an Extra license. Her former call was AG7KE.

Joanna deFelice KI7YPR

Joanna holds a Technician license and is Retired. She is a member of Valley RC and Lane Co. Sheriff's ARO. Gary, AG7TH, is a family member.

Renee Ross KJ7PMW

Renee holds a brand new Technician license. Her OM is Josh, KE6GEB.

DISTRICT 8

Terri Kovalchik N8TLK

Terri holds an extra license and is Retired. She is finally becoming active after retiring and is the Treasurer and Webmaster of Madison Co ARC. Don, W8DPK, is her OM.

Donna Wheeler W8DMP

REJOIN

Donna holds a Extra license and is Retired. She is a member of QCWA and a Director of Lake Co ARA. She is active on 2, 440, 10, 20, and 40m and an ARRL VE. Paul, W8PJW, is a family member.

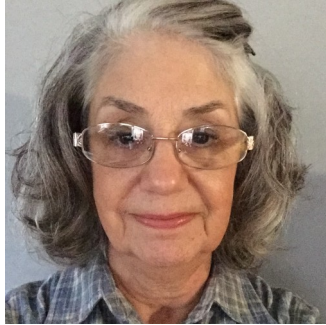
DISTRICT 9

Meghan Warrix KD9ODP

Meghan holds a Technician license and is a Nurse Practitioner. She is active on FT8. Adam, KD9NRT, is a family member.

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.



Continuous Membership de Roberta Donohue, W1JX

2020 Continuous Membership Report

The following people reached these milestones this year.

5 Year Certificate

K1FDL - Susan McQuarrie
K4KTZ - Cora Mercer
W4VPZ - Kelley Vann-Johns
VK5YL - Shirley Tregellas
W4CMG - Catherine Goodrich
KM4CZY - Martha Nelson
WB6NVO - Sandra Skinner
AD7UP - Caroline Brandt
W7EMF - Jessica Coleman
N2RJ - Ria Jairam
KM4ECD - Teri Estes
Z61IVB - Vjolica Belegu-Caka

10 Years

BD5CGH - Linda Sheng
KD0EPN - Lori Yount
SA6YLQ - Ann-Marie Gustavsson
JF1VGD - Naoko Suwabe
K7RVW - Barbara Pace
W9DJS - Donna Streeter
AF7MM - Marilyn Melhorn

15 Years

DF8MN - Cornelia Wellner
K7DUC - Patsy J. Oliver

20 Years

WB3ANE - Hope Smith
AE9YL - Vicky Luetzelschwab
DH2GS - Simone Koom

25 Years

AB7PS - Sara J. Lyon
W1MP - Linda Robinson
DL3LG - Sigrid Wittmann
AE4MG - Barbara Beier
KJ7BI - Robin Resnick
AC7UH - Barbara Yasson

30 Years

DL2FCA - Rosel Dach
K8ILN - Myriam R. Gregg
DL6KCR - Roswitha Otto
DJ0MCL - Olga Schumacher
KA3LVP - Josephine Katrainak
W1UBM - Norma Kornacki
ZL2BOA - Marilyn Thorp

35 Years

GM4YMM - Christine Dons
OH7XX - Tuulikki Hartikainen
OM5MF - Margita Lukackova
4X6KT - Kati Stessel

40 Years

KA8IWD - Liselotte Hermann

45 Years

VE3HQH - Heather Holmes
SP2FF - Barbara Ulatowski

55 Years

K7GAT - Leola Mae Beatty



Scholarship Information de Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

Scholarship Information Memorial Scholarships Ethel Smith, K4LMB Mary Lou Brown, NM7N Martha (Marte) Wessel, K0EPE

The following donations were received:

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Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

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Barbara Yasson, AC7UH

Thank you for your generous gifts!

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>

To make a donation

Make your check payable to: **YLRL Scholarship Fund**

Send your donation to: Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

Report from the YLRL Board Meeting August 4 - 10

The YLRL Board met via email beginning on August 4 to discuss two items:

1. Multiple year membership renewals and the resulting changes to the YLRL Constitution and By-Laws, and the Procedure Policy
2. Protection of YLRL members' personal information and the postponement of the publication of the 2020 Members' Only Issue

Replacing mail delivery of the YL Harmonics with email delivery created questions for the Board to address. The August Board Meeting was a special meeting to discuss the two items mentioned above, which between them encompass many of the questions raised by email delivery of YL Harmonics. Some of the issues have been part of Board discussions in past years, but now that we have moved primarily to email delivery of YL Harmonics, it is time to take a serious look them and find answers. Along with email YL Harmonics this is an opportunity to make the important decisions and document our thinking.

1. Multiple year membership renewal has been an ongoing question. In the past some multiple year renewals were done, but not as a standard policy. When the Board originally addressed the issue at the June meeting there was agreement that the number of years a membership can be renewed must be set and multiple year membership renewals should be standard. After discussion the Board agreed that one and three year renewals were the options. This means that all members have the option to continue to renew their membership for one year at a time. If they want to invest for more than one year, then the three year membership renewal is an option. Currently the By-Laws state that membership can be renewed for one year only, so that will be updated before we start three-year renewals.

Another point of discussion was pro-rating the amount of dues paid when paying after June 30. The practice has turned out to be rather confusing for the Receiving Treasurers to implement. The By-Laws indicate that dues may be pro-rated and the conditions under which that is the case. The Board agreed that as of their August meeting pro-rating dues will cease. This means that the membership year is January through the end of December; dues are delinquent if not paid by March 31; if a new member joins in August, they still owe the full dues amount for the year; if an existing member renews in August, they still owe the full dues amount for the year; both memberships based on the January - December membership year. The By-Laws will be updated NOT to allow pro-rating of dues.

One of our long-time practices has been to send back copies of YL Harmonics to members who have missed issues due to late renewals. With email delivery of YL Harmonics back issue questions may be different from when all of the back issues were printed and stored until needed. The policies and procedures related to back and missed issues of YL Harmonics are covered in our Procedure Policy document and will be considered for board approval. Both the Constitution and By-Laws and the Procedure Policy are available on the homepage of the YLRL.org website.

Changes to the By-Laws require a membership vote, so before any of the changes can be implemented, the membership must vote on the changes. Anne Manna, WB1ARU, the YLRL Parliamentarian has a committee working on these By-Laws updates. The committee is made up of Anne, WB1ARU; Anne Dirkman, KC9YL; Rita McConnell, NE0DB; Robin Resnick, KJ7BI; and Dot Timmerman, AC4HH. Thanks to these YLs for volunteering to help with the By-Laws updates. After the committee has the changes in place, the Board must approve them and then the membership will receive a ballot to vote on the By-Laws changes.

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Implementing the multiple year renewals adds another layer to some of the record-keeping done in this organization. The positions involved with receiving, recording, and accounting for the dues are the US/VE and DX Receiving Treasurers, the Disbursing Treasurer, and the Continuous Membership Chair. The membership records and accounting forms maintained by YLRL must be updated to account for the multiple year renewal options. The new dues renewal policy must be updated on the YLRL.org website, as well as in YL Harmonics, and membership and publicity materials. After the changes have been approved by the membership, we need to be sure that everyone involved understands how these changes impact what they do with the dues and that the membership and accounting records are updated with the renewal options. While the timeline is still uncertain, we hope to be able to offer one and three year membership renewal for the 2022 membership year.

2. At the beginning of the third decade of the 21st century we find ourselves in an information age that appears to provide the “bad guys” with information for which they have no business and should not have access, i.e. our personal information and identities. Legislation has been passed around the world to help protect “the good guys” from the negative effects of what the “bad guys” can do. YLRL is an international ladies' radio club with a website and a program to distribute our bi-monthly magazine via email as well as a membership program that collects and stores a certain amount of your personal information and photos. As the organization moves into the third decade of the 21st century, we realize we need to provide what protections we can to our membership data. According to legislation we must identify what personal information, photos, etc. we collect and what we do with it. If you think you have seen more and longer privacy statements recently, this would be why. We need to ask you if it is OK for us to use your personal information, photos, etc. and to give you the option to opt in or opt out of requested use.

Because we did not have a plan or policies in place to implement prior to publishing the Sept/Oct Member Only directory issue of YL Harmonics, we have placed the publication on hold until we have the policies in place to identify our intentions with members' personal information and photos, and to obtain member permission for the uses we make of them. These issues have been part of Board discussions in the past, but unless we agree to take positive action nothing will happen. Placing a publication on hold may not appear to be positive action; however we recognized the need for the policy and obtaining permission from the membership for our use of their data, and publishing one more Directory issue without the privacy policy permission simply would not have been the best way to get the policy discussions moving. The sooner we do this the safer your personal data will be. Now one of the goals of the process is to find a way to put the pieces in place that will allow us to publish a membership directory. Until we have the policies in place and permission from our members to publish membership information in a directory, we will not know if the directory can happen and what form it may take.

With our policies and agreement from the membership in place about what information can be used, the Board will work with everyone involved to see that our publications and the website are in agreement with our privacy policy. That will be the positive result of placing the Directory issue on hold.

Thanks for your patience while I put a committee together that will get the work done.

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.

DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest

SSB, CW: 1400 UTC October 3, 2020 to 0200 UTC October 5, 2020

ELIGIBILITY: All licensed women operators throughout the world are invited to participate. YL groups/clubs may also participate provided the YLs operating are listed at the end of the log. Only YLRL members are eligible for the Corcoran and Hager awards.

PROCEDURE: DX YLs call "CQ North America", North American YL's call "CQ DX YL".

OPERATION: All bands may be used except WARC bands. Contacts with OMs do not count. Net contacts and repeater contacts do not count. Participants may work on 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest. Operating breaks should be shown in the log.

EXCHANGE: Station worked, QSO number, RS(T), ARRL section/VE province/country. Entries in log should also show time, band, date, and transmitter power.

SCORING:

(1) Phone and CW and SSB will be scored as separate contests. Digital contacts (RTTY, PSK31, etc) count as CW. Submit separate logs for each contest.

(2) All YL's within one of the U.S. ARRL sections or within a Canadian province shall score one point for each QSO with another station located with a section or province.

(3) Score two points for each contact with a station not located within an ARRL section or province or on another continent, i.e. DX. (DX stations are defined as those not located within an ARRL section/province.)

(4) Multiply the number of QSOs by the total number of different ARRL sections/VE provinces/countries worked. A multiplier is counted only once in each mode (i.e. SSB, CW).

(5) Contestants running 5W or less will be considered QRP and earn a power factor of 3. Contestants running 5W to 100 W will be considered low power and earn a power factor of 1.5. Contestants running over 100 W will be high power. If no transmitter power is listed on logs, no power factor will be given.

LOGS: All logs must show your ARRL section/VE province/country to qualify for awards. Logs must show the station worked, QSO number, RS(T) given and received, ARRL section/VE province/country of the station worked. The time, band, date and transmitter power should also be included. Logs must also state the power output used and the operating breaks taken. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet. Remember to file separate logs for each mode. Logs must show claimed score. All logs go to the current YLRL Vice President and must be submitted within 30 days of contest ends.

AWARDS: Highest scoring DXYL, NAYL, YL group/club in SSB and CW will each receive a first place cup provided there are at least 10 valid contacts. The second and third place winners in each contest will receive certificates. Certificates will be awarded to the highest scoring YLs of each U.S. section/province/country, provided there are at least 10 valid contacts on the log.

CORCORAN AWARD: A plaque will be given for the highest combined CW and SSB score for YLRL members living within a state or province.

HAGER AWARD: A plaque will be given for the highest combined CW and SSB score for YLRL members living within a DX country.

Logs must also state whether or not the operator is a member of YLRL. For each QSO, logs must show the station worked, time, band, and date. Logs must also state the power output used. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet. Remember to file separate logs for each contest. Logs must show claimed score.

AWARDS: For the YLAP, cups will be awarded for both the NA-YL and DX-YL with the highest CW scores and for the highest SSB scores. Only YLRL members are eligible to receive cups. If the winner of either contest is a non-YLRL member a first place certificate will be awarded. If a YL does not wish to receive a cup a first place certificate may be awarded. Second and third certificates will be awarded for each contest. The highest CW and the highest SSB score in each district, province and country will receive a certificate. Certificates will be awarded only if there are at least 10 valid contacts on the log.

District News

District 1

Leandra MacLennan, AF1R, writes:

My news is that I have run a weekly 10M net since March.

In the January VHF contest I won first place in the New England Division as a Limited Rover. See the attached certificate. (Fine print - I was the only Limited Rover in New England during the January VHF contest)

I was 8th place in Eastern MA for the ARRL DX phone contest.

For Field Day I participated from home, using only battery power as 1E.



Brenda Brown, KW1YL writes:

I am a net control for local two UHF nets. One of them is called "Brenda's Breakfast Net."

My husband and I are isolating for safety, so we go nowhere, but I am very involved with various online activities for a local maker space, MakeHaven, as Facilitator for Radio and Outreach. On August 18 I did an online video presentation: "Introduction to Licensed Radio Operation". The event went well. My purpose was to inform the general public about amateur radio, perhaps to inspire some people to consider getting a license, and to give a little advice about how to proceed. It is now on YouTube with the other MakeHaven event videos.

The Yankee Lassies Net meets on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am ET on 75m. The net controls are Bobbie, W1JX; Anne, WB1ARU; Jane, N1PVT; and Henrietta, KA1JVN. Over the past three and a half months there has been an average of 7 to 8 check-ins each week. The YLs are in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and occasionally, Vermont or New Jersey. All YLs are welcome to join the fun. Look for the net between 3.10 and 3.13, depending on QRM.

Anne, WB1ARU, tries to be on the air every Wednesday evening calling "CQ YL". She is the kick-off operator for the YL Meet-Up on either 20m or 40m, sometimes both! Her goal is to have YLs get in touch with other YLs at a given time each week. The 20 m frequency is 14.288 and the 40m frequency is around 7.197. Often Anne starts on 20m at 0100 UTC (summertime) and switches to 40m at 0130 UTC. It varies by band conditions. It would be great if many YLs would just get on the air and call "CQ YL", even if they can't hear Anne. The local time year-round is 9 pm ET, 8 pm CT, 7 pm MT, and 6pm PT.

33, Anne ~ WB1ARU

Barbara Irby, KC1KGS, writes:

My new rig (Yaesu 991A) is set up in my office. I helped my OM Jim, WB4EJR, run the coax through the wall to a long wire antenna hung in the trees.

I tried the 13 Colonies Special Event for the first time and was able to get a sweep. Excitement!

I have been trying to participate in the Yankee Lassies net over the last month or so. Sometimes I get a clearer signal than others, but it's fun to learn more about fellow YLs.

With appropriate social distancing I was a member of a small group at our radio club (New England Amateur Radio) who built WSPR beacons and filters for 20 m with some great

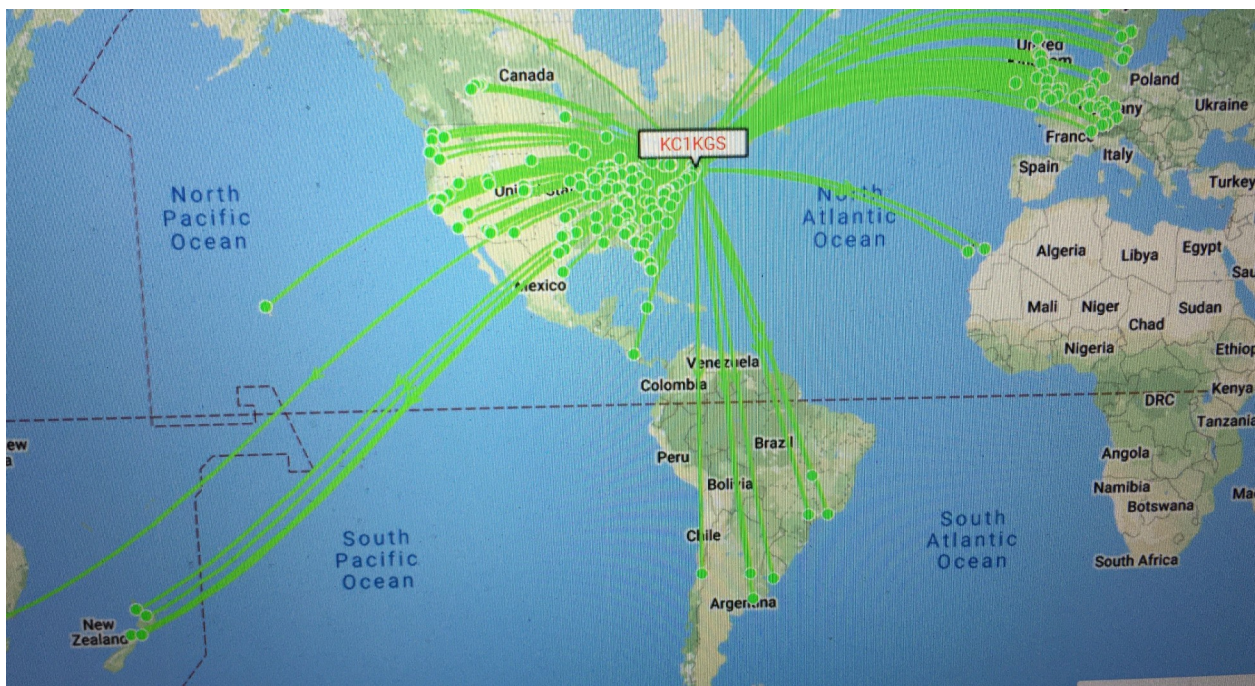
Elmers. At various times, I have been able to spot receivers in Chile, Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, off of Africa and much of western Europe. I am still a regular VE for remote sessions with New England Amateur Radio. Great to add some YLs, one as young as 8!



Barbara, KC1KGS, with her new rig



Barbara, KC1KGS, making WSPR beacon



Barbara, KC1KGS, WSPR spots

Anne, N1YL, writes: Greetings from Western MA. The Covid 19 pandemic changed the nature of my participation in amateur radio events this Spring and Summer. All the bike and running events where I have provided emergency communication services in the past were cancelled this year. Hamfests have gone digital and our club meetings have been done on Zoom. During the Spring I participated in CW Academy Intermediate class and was happy to find another YL in that class. With extra time at home this spring and summer I have been able to dedicate some more time to learning CW. Participating in Long Island CW Club I have met a lot of amazing amateurs and have enjoyed the addition of a YL only class on Sat evenings at 9 ET. I would love to see all YLs join the LICW because there is something for everyone. Check out the LICW at: <https://longislandcwclub.org/> . Recently I have begun to explore and practice head copy for CW using Morse Code Ninja, check it out at: <https://morsecode.ninja/>. As far as events I did Field Day from home with my OM, the NAQP CW, 13 Colonies, and a number of CWTs. I also love participating in nets with my club (emergency, 2 slow speed CW nets, and information net every week), WRONE sponsored "Yankee Lassies Net" on 3.912+/- on Wednesdays at 8:30 am ET, and YL-OP Net – Echolink ALARA Conference Node 286905 (Thursday evenings at 8pm ET). My goals for the next few months are to continue to work on CW, put together a new toy (Morserino 32), get a new QSL card, pick out a new antenna with my OM, and try to get some more QSOs with YLs on the air. 33

District 4

I'm sure the District 4 YLs are busy, but as of this date, none have sent in a report to share in "Harmonics". The Chattanooga, TN Amateur Radio Club has been getting together once a month at a restaurant for Saturday breakfast, but still no face-to-face club meetings. It is still uncertain when we will be able to resume meetings in one of the local hospital's meeting room. However, some clubs in the area have begun holding monthly meetings again.

GOOD NEWS. For those who are tired of staying home, the Sevierville Hamfest is scheduled to happen! Date is September 19, 2020 (one day only). Talk-in will be on 146.740, no tone. Location: Sevier County Fairgrounds, 754 Old Knoxville Highway, Sevierville, TN 37862. For additional information look at <https://seviercountyears.com>.

In September, one of our Chattanooga hams and a dealer of all things amateur radio will present a Ham Radio Workshop. He has arranged to have a large room so we can practice social distances – and, of course, wear masks.

My OM and I have been busy working on a recently purchased Raspberry Pi unit and I will give you an update on our progress in the next issue of "Harmonics". Labor Day weekend is the Tennessee QSO Party, and we hope to make lots of contacts then.

We have a YL net in our area called the TAG YL Net. That stands for Tennessee-Alabama-Georgia YL net because Chattanooga is in close proximity to Alabama and Georgia. It meets at 8:00 Eastern time on Monday evenings. It is on the 145.350 repeater, negative offset, and Tone of 100.0 This is linked to two other repeaters, one on Lookout Mountain and one on Signal Mountain. A person can also join the net on EchoLink Node 387904 aka "SELINK" and on two Allstar nodes: 46530 and 510130. All YLs from anywhere are invited to join in the fun. (Oms are not allowed)!!!

73 & 33 – Dot, AC4HH, District 4 Chairwoman

District 5

It is almost time for the District 5 meet up at the USS Batfish! This is a mentoring opportunity for all YL's. Are you experienced and want to help other YLs? Are you new and need help getting on the air? Do you just want to come and enjoy spending time on the air and meeting other ladies that share the hobby? This is it!!!

When: Oct 9th-11th

Where: War Memorial Park 3500 Batfish Road, Muskogee, Oklahoma

Who: All YLs are welcome!

For more information, send me an email at w5mqc@yahoo.com

Most of the Hamfests have been moved to online or cancelled, this year.

Michelle, W5MQC, did an online presentation for Ham Holiday on making a fan dipole antenna and building a balun. Easy to build while stuck at home!

Leah, W3LEO's, club has been highly creative with testing during this pandemic. They have been using a local park with plenty of fresh air and sunshine, along with lots of room for social distancing to provide an opportunity for Amateur Radio Testing to continue during the lock down.

September 2, 2020 is the 75th anniversary of the end of WW2. In remembrance, Barb, KD0WAU; Virginia, NV5F; and Michelle, W5MQC, along with the rest of the USS Batfish Radio club called CQ from home with the call signs WW2SUB (USS Batfish) and WW2OK (USS Oklahoma), Aug 3rd-Sept 7th. We all worked socially distanced from our home QTH's using N3FJP on linked server for logging. We were able to see where the others in our team were on the band, so we did not overlap each other. At the time of submission this was still going on.

Sept 12th-20th Route 66 on the air begins, Leah, W3LEO, and her club, Mid-Del ARC will be operating with the call sign W6J. We will be in Stroud, OK, operating at the Veterans Memorial gazebo, which is next door to the Rock Cafe. Our QSL card is their logo "Betsy and their grill" (see photo) that has been there in use since 1939. It was built in 1936 using rock from the road as they build Route 66. The current owner is depicted as Sally in the Pixar movie *Cars*. It the only original RT66 business still being used as its original self.

Judi, N5KUO, is back on the air (see photo)! Things are settling down and the radio room is moved, and a new antenna is strung. Judi is planning on making lots of contacts this year!

COVID 19 brought retirement on faster than anticipated for some, Susan, K5NYC, is one them! That means more radio time, right!!

The start of the 2021 School year has been different for all our students and teachers this year, with most going back to school virtually. Sandi, K15CHP, teaches middle school and is planning on starting an after-school radio club at her school once the restrictions are lifted and they can have social activities again.

Its Bird migration time! That means you can find Kelley, K5KTX, with her eyes in the sky! She says "My yard is a flurry of activity. Just had 8 Painted Buntings, 3 Blue Grosbeaks, and an assortment of my usual yard birds. Let's see what else drops in. Keep your bird baths clean and full of water!"



Check out the beautiful “Naked Cake” (see photo) that Vonnie, KE5RKC, made! I can tell you from experiencing her cooking, I am sure it was delicious!!



District 7

From Nella, W7LUD: I have been an amateur radio operator since age 11, as my father, W7QHJ (original call-sign not a vanity) taught me Morse code and electronics, as well as calculus before 1st grade :-). I am active on 160m through 23cm, I do VHF/UHF contests and Field Day. I enjoy portable operations and combining ham radio with camping :-). I am a Professor at Washington State University in Math, and also a Professor in Computer Science at Wright State University in Ohio on a part-time basis, and help try to mentor my students into amateur radio <http://www.math.wsu>.

Barbara, KI7BR: excitedly writes: My big news is that in September I'm moving from Portland to Independence, about 12 miles from Salem, Oregon, and close to Rickreall. My 98-years-young grandmother is making the move with me! It's a newly built house and we were able to get ADA features (ramps, widened doorways), pick out colors and flooring, and I even got a coax feed-line built in (so no drilling)! There's more space to spread out, so I'll now have a room for my home office and ham shack - no more "bedroom ham shack" or working from the dining room table. The move, setting things up, and "nesting" in general is likely to take up most of my fall season. Next time: pics of the new ham shack!



From Robin, KJ7BI: I cannot recall who took this photo, but I am forever indebted because it brings me such wondrous joy! When I was married, we owned an 18' white water raft large enough for my ex to “schlep” everyone and their gear. This raft felt monstrous! This pic is from one of many trips on the Rogue River. I felt strong and healthy! I'm the one living with Multiple Sclerosis and I am sorry that I feel the need to keep repeating myself for new members and debut readers. The trip was FANTASTIC unlike a previous trip when it constantly rained. The weather was “baby bear like” (it was “just right”) and every late afternoon we were able to obtain a splendid campsite. (Nearly all rivers have a first come first serve rule regarding camping, and many require permits so there always is a campsite for each float trip, but some are FAR better than others. On the aforementioned rainy trip, one night the only site available for our tardy group was on a rocky beach where I had excessive difficulty walking.) On this trip,

however, we had stopped to enjoy the sensational weather, to hike around and to do some exploring. I decided to stay behind and rest. One thing you need to know about me is that I have a nearly futile time of telling myself "STOP and REST." Instead, I started climbing the waterfall next to where we had "parked" the raft. I could not avoid such a glorious opportunity to try having some extraordinary fun! Not only did I scale the waterfall without mishap, slowly, slowly, rock by rock (the fall was about 20' high), I found an ice-cold can of Tecate beer in the cataract not long after I began the solo expedition. This treasure had been shoved beneath some rocks in a clandestine hiding place - the waterfall - it seemed like the most wonderful can of beer I'd ever had!! Returning to the raft was not so forthright because, for me, descending anything is much more laborious than ascending because my vision and balance have been affected by the MS. I want to share this photograph because when I see it, I am reminded of many happy memories.



District 8

Welcome to the following new YLRL members from 8-land: Karen, K8ZC; Joan, AD8AQ; Danielle, KE8OIN; and Amy, N8AMY. Welcome ladies!

Elizabeth, KE8FMJ wrote: I had a busy weekend! I participated in the WW DIGI DX contest. I didn't quite make the whole 24 hours and I spent some time chasing new DX instead of raking in points, but I still managed to make 330 contacts. My favorite new contact in the last month is VR2XYL from Hong Kong, another YL! I have been working from home since March. I enjoy it...plus, my radio is right beside me. It is a little different now that my kids have gone back to school. I miss them! I have left my position as Prize Chair for Dayton Hamvention and accepted a new role as Talk In Chair. I am excited to learn a new opportunity. Here's hoping we can get over this pandemic and back to hamfests. I am taking over as team leader for the VE team in my county. Still deputy team leader in Dayton Amateur Radio Association. Other than that, lots of Zoom club meetings and repeater nets to stay busy. 33, Elizabeth KE8FMJ.

Nancy, KC4IYD; Annette, KC8SQM; Dawn, KC8SQN and several other friends have gotten together monthly to do a weekend scrapbooking event. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact Nancy. Also, the 4 of us are still getting together weekly to play Yahtzee. Stay Safe and 33's. Nancy KC4IYD

District 9

Haven't heard much news from District 9 YLs, so this will be short. My OM, Dave, KC8OBH, and I operated field day from our house using our generator. We made about 117 contacts including one in Slovak Republic. Recently I have been trying to assist a YL looking for a test session. I located one, sent her the info and she was going to try to make it. I have been missing going to hamfests this year, hopefully soon we will be getting back to them. Been enjoying the Thursday night Echolink nets.

I would love to hear from any district 9 YLs with anything to share.

33, Linda, KC8PKY

I have been taking advantage of my downtime (no Senior Center mahjong, ukulele, meetings, or lunches with former classmates and co-workers) and getting more radio-active! Watching HamNation episode 456, where I was a featured guest, I listened to Leann, W4LEA, talk about the Long Island CW Club's special class for the ladies. I had heard about LICW after I had made a SSB contact with Katie, KE8LQR, who had recently earned CW through the classes they were offering to youth in response to students being forced to stay at home due to the Covid crisis. I figured I'd pay my membership fee and if I got any direct benefit from the group, that would be a bonus. Well, I'm in "class" 4 nights a week. The group currently teaches 49 classes each week! There are classes to suit every ability and style. My personal favorites are the Sunday night 20/20 class – with the goal to be able to copy/send 20-character speed/20 Farnsworth by the end of the year. Head Copy class is on Tuesday nights and Wednesday is my Intermediate class. Saturday night is YL4CW – a 1-hour class strictly for the ladies! Some nights I lead the breakout session, where we practice CW drills, play games and find out a little about each other through CW questions/answers. (Sometimes, there's an *after party!*) All classes are taught by volunteers - there is truly something for everyone. Check out their website: <https://longislandcwclub.org/>

33, Anne Dirkman, KC9YL

District 10

I think this may be the longest summer ever. Hot and dry is the name of the game, and home. Forest fires here in Colorado and elsewhere in the West—notably California at the moment—give us pale orange sunlight, hazy views at best, and sometimes a smell like campfires in the air. We haven't had significant rain for months, and temperatures hitting the 90's.

My activities have been highly curtailed. We did go up into Rocky Mountain Park, taking a picnic lunch. While there, we checked our ability to get into the Rocky Mountain Ham DMR system from a variety of peaks and valleys—mostly successful—My OM and I did help with the local club testing session for Field Day. It was moved from the usual location, which was too small for good social distancing. We all protected each other by wearing masks, and tables were wiped before and after, alcohol sanitizer all over the room, and one person at each end of ten or twelve foot long tables, scattered about the room. My OM and I were the only ones close together, which did enable putting all three graders at one table.

I was doing something I rarely do, listening to a variety of 2 meter repeaters, and stumbled upon a "YL family net." They checked in, then played a game—in this case, trivia—no score, just for fun. It sounded like net control rotates among the YLs, maybe. What a neat idea!

Doshia, KB0NAS

Rita, NE0DB, (also our VP) in southern Colorado, writes: My OM (Jim) and I participated in the ARRL 2020 Field Day from home on 1E. I have to admit I didn't make many contacts on SSB; quite embarrassing, but my mind-frame was not in the mode for pile-ups. Although we have separate shacks, our antennas were interfering with one another. For most contests, we switch back and forth for one hour on and one hour off. It's a good compromise which allows both of us to participate in various contests. However, I sacrificed my participation to allow Jim to exclusively work CW. He made 236 CW contacts.

It's summertime and quite hot in southern Colorado. My area is in a severe drought; but, that's nothing new. Every summer brings a drought. I did not plant any flowers this year, our two-year old sodded grass in the front yard died as well as two trees.

If you haven't experienced the thrill of calling 911 at 3:30 am and then have paramedics, sheriff officers and a fire truck in the street ... all with flashing lights ... let alone about ten unknown people in your bedroom ... let me say it's not for the faint of heart. Since my OM had a pace-maker installed a little more than one year ago, he was experiencing pains. It's easy to call 911; what's not easy is to talk intelligently while you cry. I do give the 911 operator much credit; she stayed on the phone with me until the paramedics arrived.

After two days in the hospital and numerous tests and scans, it was determined Jim may have had a spike in his blood sugar and may be developing diabetes. Oh, the joys of doctors practicing medicine. With a diabetes nutrition class, I am learning to cook in a new way. I now prepare meals with less carbs, less meat, more fish and adding more fruits and vegetables. I still love my bread and butter and an occasional muffin. And, the good thing is that I don't have to hide my muffins for fear of the OM eating them. I must add that my sister-in-law is in her final stages of cancer. Lots of stuff on my plate at the moment; perhaps, that's why I didn't participate much in Field Day or plant flowers.

To Rita and all of you: this is an especially lonely time, and having an ailing OM is lonely in the best of times. Let us know what is going on with you, and how you are. Do it by e-mail or phone or radio. Let's all hang in there together.

33,

Doshia, KBONAS

Youth

Hi! I'm Madison, KG5ZAO.

My mother told me to send you the info on the scholarship I received and my headshot.

I'm sending you the paragraph with the info on the scholarship the ARRL sent me, and a link to the list of other people in my area who got scholarships to prove it and possibly give you a way to track down the other young women who won scholarships this year.

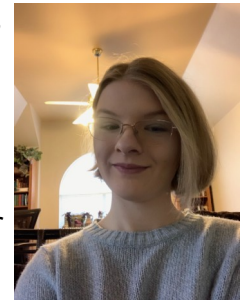
"On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the ARRL Foundation, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on being awarded The Irving W. Cook, WAØCGS, Scholarship for the 2020-2021 academic year. The amount of your scholarship is \$1000. This year, each scholarship will be matched dollar-for-dollar through a generous grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications, Inc. (ARDC)."

www.arrl.org/news/arrl-foundation-announces-2020-scholarship-awards

The Irving W. Cook scholarship usually goes to students pursuing a Baccalaureate in communications, electronics, or related fields. It is one time. I find myself am torn between accounting and mathematics, and thus am pursuing applied mathematics. It leads into the math portion of insurance. We'll see how that turns out, but if it doesn't and I get vastly more interested in something else, that's ok.

Anyways, yeah mom said you'd like info on my scholarship so here it is.

73, Madison, KG5ZAO



Hello all! It's me Audrey McElroy, KM4BUN, and in this edition, I would love to discuss one of the big amateur radio events that happened this month, and the youth/ YL presentations within it. With over 26,000 registrants, the QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo was a very delightful event and even though it had to, unfortunately, be virtual, I believe that they did a great job making it virtual. If you want to see for yourself, visit the page for the QSO Today Expo at <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com> to learn more information on how to view the past videos from the

speakers and more.

Within the vast number of wonderful speakers who spanned about every aspect of amateur radio, the Youth Forum was a popular group of presenters. Carole Perry, WB2MGP, was the leader of all the youth, and she could not have been any better. Seeing as I was one of the presenters, I can say that she is a wonderful advocate, role-model, and teacher. After the Expo, I asked her to let me know her comments on the Youth Forum, she explained: “As moderator of the Youth Forum presentation at the historic QSO Today Virtual Expo, I was duly impressed with my 7 young presenters.” I could not agree with her more, it was a truly wonderful experience and we had 4 youth YLs! These wonderful girls Frances Bonte, KE8HPA; Agnes Wagner, KE8LWP; Bernadette Wagner, KE8LWO; and me, Audrey, KM4BUN; put together a wide variety of topics that I believe were very creative, fun, and engaging. Specifically, Frances Bonte, KE8HPA, discussed a very unique topic, a PSWS (Personal Space Weather System), which falls under a bigger topic of a program called HamSCI(HAM Citizen Science Investigation). A group that has the main goal of advancing scientific research using Amateur Radio! The Wagner sisters and their brother Ben Wagner, KE8JUZ, talked about fox-hunts and how ham radio fits into their everyday life. My presentation focused on bringing more women into STEM and how amateur radio is a great application for encouraging more girls! Carole Perry, WB2MGP, commented on my presentation saying “Especially gratifying to me, was Audrey McElroy’s talk about the role of youth, especially females, in STEM programs, via ham radio, and their contributions to the hi-tech world of the future.”



Once again, I encourage everyone to visit the QSO Today webpage to find out how they can view these wonderful youth presentations, and so much more.

73,
Audrey McElroy, KM4BUN

VE News

Helen, VA1YL, writes: I have made over 300 face masks. I give some of them to friends, but I take them to the clinic where I go once a month. Nova Scotia is way down in the pandemic but we need face masks to go to stores, buses, offices.

Our Pins & Needles is making quilts for Women's Shelters out in a friend's back yard. Too bad we will not be able to work outside in the fall. Hope we can open the Hall where we can work.

My neighbours have been doing gym on my tennis court. We were going to gym and it is now open but 4 of us do it on my tennis court. Of course we may not be able to do it in November!

33 Helen Archibald VA1YL



Carole, VA3WHU, writes: I have completed levels 1 and 2 of CWOPS and have confirmed a place with the level 3 class starting September 1st.

I recently bought a Begali Key from Italy as no Dayton Hamvention this year so I bought it off their website. Bruna was very helpful and I got a good deal.

Brian, VA3BGN, is soldering the wires. It's the Simplex Basic Model. Hope all is well with you. Stay safe. 33 Carole VA3WHU



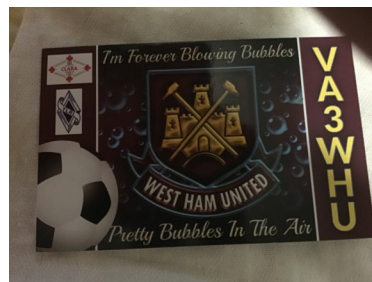
Suzanne, VE7IM, writes: It is mid-August as I write this note and some mornings are giving us a hint of things to come. Temperatures sometimes dip to +5C (41F) with a real nip in the early morning air. Autumn is just around the corner. My tiny little veggie garden is giving me lots of salad greens and I will soon be harvesting the few beets and carrots I planted in the spring.

Just a bit of fun. It has been a super summer for my roses !! They are Scarlet Carpet Roses and each spring they must be pruned right down to about 6" from the ground. Each spring I am positive I have killed them and hover about waiting for the first sign of green shoots. This year was no exception. They started blooming in June and will continue to bloom until almost Christmas, weather permitting. Echolink and Skype are keeping me in touch with YL friends. It's good to chat and share stories during these troublesome times. I hope everyone keeps well and stays safe. This, too, will end one day, and we will all be able to breathe easier and be much happier...

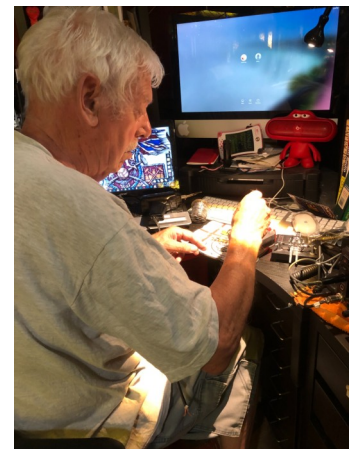
33 Suzanne VE7IM



Bengali Keys packaging



Carole, VA3WHU, QSL Card



Brian, VA3BGN soldering

FERN BLODGETT SUNDE

Fern Blodgett Sunde (1918-1991) was the 1st Canadian female professional wireless radio operator (Sparks) and the 1st to serve as a wireless radio operator, deep sea.

Her amazing story can be found by accessing her name with Google. There are many sites to select that will give you her story. One being www.rac.ca or www.cobourgmuseum.ca

Please take a few minutes to read about this amazing woman and her bravery and professionalism in a day and age when women were not readily accepted. She made 78 perilous crossings during WWII and the fiercely fought Battle of the Atlantic. She won the respect of all those who served aboard the "M/S Mosdale" with her.

The Cobourg Museum has erected a statue in honour of Fern Blodgett Sunde and for those who served during WWII. The unveiling will be on October 17th, 2020 at 1:30pm EST.

With the Pandemic and Covid 19 we will not be able to attend the unveiling as a number of us had planned to do so but the ceremony will be live streamed for us to see: Cobourg Media Facebook, Cobourg Media YouTube or <http://www.cobouirgmedia.ca/fernbloodgettsunde>
33 Suzanne VE7IM

Silent Keys

Sallie Howard, AB5YL, formerly AE5OM

Pamela Saalbach, KC3LSX

Theresa Korn, K7JGU

Celia Reed, ZL1ALK

You will be missed

DX News

Hello YLs

This month I asked my DX YLS what their hometown, state or country was known for. Two Rivers, WI, claims to be the birthplace of the ice cream sundae in 1881. Have you travelled around the U.S. and seen large cranes at construction sites or ice machines in the hallway of your hotel? They were probably manufactured here in Manitowoc. Oh, and did you know that Green Bay, WI, is also known as the "toilet paper capital of the world" ?

Some ladies shared some fun facts about their hometowns, some shared updates. Enjoy!

Anne KC9YL

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Marietjie ZS6CEZ (South Africa)

We are keeping well and it is getting a bit warmer but today the wind is blowing a bit strong. My town Thabazimbi is a Twana word for the mountain of iron They took the iron out of the stones and the mine closed in 2015. We got a game resort about seven miles out of town. Here are lions, giraffes, lots of bucks and so on. We grow corn, and so on. Here is a lot of farmers around the town. It can get cold here in the winter and very hot in the summer. A big river - the Crocodile river - is flowing near us and taking the water to the sea and some of the farmers is using the water to wet the crops.

Keep safe and virus-free and it is going well with me and Abra.

73,88,33

Marietjie and Abra.

Threeza DW3TRZ (Philippines)

As per amateur activities, not much of my time is allotted lately... I am spending most of it with Mom and sisters bonding... Mom is 76, but thankfully she is still very healthy and hope to stay strong for more years to come. We bond by gardening and dog care and sometimes just chatting with sisters watching her favorite noontime show hi hi. I made her a YouTube channel too which she enjoys a lot... So, she is a vlogger now hi hi.

So, my time is more with Mom... I try to be on the air early in the morning and in the evening for net calls only... Bands are really terrible too here @PK04ju and since I am not a big fan of digital/data mode well mostly noise. I stopped x-stitching for a while since the place where I get my materials is isolated. Hopefully good news on the vaccine. So busy with my garden as "PLANTITA" plus more bonding with Mom and family. (although different houses we are in a compound/ precautions are also observed as per COVID issues being careful with the neighbors)

Take care always

33 Mabuhay

Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI (India)

We conduct a YL net every day in India conference in EchoLink at 18:00 IST and 12:30 GMT. We have good number of YL s are joining in the net. We have dx YL s are VA3WHU from Canada, KG6CCB from California, KC9YL, KD2GUT, N2RJ from USA supporting our YL net. Ladies from India are from different states. Some hams are from north India, some hams are from east, some are from west, and some are from south India. We discuss different state cultures, weather, ham radio, making procedures of different pickles etc. We enjoy talking with each and everyone. We have few YLs who work for COVID 19. I have operated with AT2SH special call sign for three months. Mrs. Nisha VU2NIS / KB1UIQ is still working for COVID 19 in Bangalore, and is a frequent check-in to the India net. [She] was a member of VU7NRO, Expedition to Kadmat Island in Lakshadweep Island in 2008 and made 6000

contacts in CW in 2008. Recently [she] worked as a ham volunteer in Citizen Quarantine Squad of COVID-19 organised by Indian Institute of Hams, Bangalore. As a teacher, she is able to “inculcate the awareness of ham radio among students during JOTA/ JOTI.”



Nisha VU2NIS/KB1UIQ

Christine GM4YMM (Scotland)

Radio wise, not a lot.... took part in YL-OM contest in February, but conditions were very poor. It always clashes with the PACC contest and they are not giving way for a YL contest!! Got ready for the JLRS Hina contest in March and got up early.....no JL YLs to be heard. Enjoyed the International Woman's Day activity and made 84 QSOs, mainly in Europe. In May was Florence Nightingale-s 200's birthday and I managed to fill another log-book page. I trained as a Nurse, having started in 1963 for the three years to become a RGN, registered general nurse and have been happy with all the work over many years. My favourite was the operating theatres, about 25 years.

And off course then the lockdown for Corona 19 happened!

Made 189 QSOs in the YL activity in memory of F5ISY Carin., Strange rules and a confusion with dates, but it got sorted.

Our new shower room should have started its refit on 15th March. Cancelled with a stroke.... Should have had a haircut as well.... cancelled, survived that for 5 months, 4 inches were cut off last week, what a relief.

The plumber, electrician and tiler were allowed to start work again beginning of August And we have now got a sparkling new bathroom.

Ken had a sore back for a few weeks as well and I tackled digging and planting on the vegetable patch. Nothing better to do. Couldn't go anywhere at all for month, being in the older age group we had to watch not to meet anyone. Did shopping once a week and that was o.k.

Both of us had Birthdays and with no relatives allowed to visit it was a sad state of affairs. Will have a catch-up-party soon. W1JX and I kept our weekly sked on 14.288.5 every Monday at 15 UTC. Thanks, Bobbie, for keeping me sane.

Finished a big quilt with Celtic patterns and I am very pleased with it. Not found a home for it yet. Looking forward to all the cancelled radio meetings,AGM's . Next year will be busy.

Hope conditions improve for the YL DX contest in October.

Hope you are well



Lesley VK5LOL (Australia)

My QTH is in the suburb of Hallett Cove, 17 kms (10.5 miles) south of the city of Adelaide, in the state of South Australia, Australia.

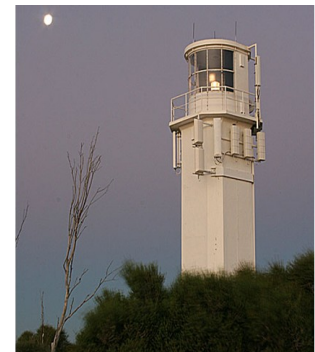
We have a Conservation Park nearby which is great for portable radio operation. The park contains a wonderful coastal walk taking in the geological significance of this site.



Conservation Park

for the Light House activation in August although always somewhat cold at this time of the year.

You can view glacial scratches on a rock which was made by a large Permian ice sheet. There is also a wonderful cafe where you can have oven baked pizzas plus takeaway ice creams in the summer months. We are also close to Marino Conservation Park where there is an active lighthouse which is great



Marino Conservation Park

Hiromi, JJ1CAS (Japan)

I extend our heartfelt concern for the serious damage caused by lightning storm wildfires in California at present, and the extensive damage by Hurricane Isaias across the East Coast a few weeks ago. I sincerely hope that the fire will stop and you will recover from the loss and damage quite soon. I always admire and respect American hams who are systematically training for the disaster relief volunteer and services both on the air and ground. According to Karen, W2ABK, however, I am very sad to learn that they cannot help anyone by putting their food in ice box which they had done usually along with club members in Long Island under the WX disaster, because of fear of spreading the virus Covid19 this year. I hope that you will return to normal Operation and daily life without virus as early as possible. 33

Rosel DL3KWR (Germany)

My family and I are in contact via telephone or email with our daughters and grandchildren. Since July we have again our monthly meeting with the Amateur Radio friends from Greifswald – of course with the necessary safe distance and Corona hygiene rules. My OM Hardy DL3KWF and I had a lot of nice contacts on radio. And we were very busy with download and reorganize our electronical diplomas and certificates as well as finally backup.

Now we will go on holiday in Denmark – with IC7000, AH4, vertical antenna and two PCs. I have the permission from Inger OZ7AGR to activate again the SYLRA Club call OZ6SYL from 8 till 22 September 2020 also I will be a Scandinavian YL again in the CW part of the SAC (Scandinavian Activity Contest).

safe healthy and see you on the air!

33 Rosel DL3KWR

ONE LAST THING.....

We have been receiving lots of positive comments from our US YLs about the electronic version of the *YL Harmonics*. Have you been receiving your copies? There have been a few glitches here in the U.S. with the newsletters going into member's SPAM folders. Please make sure that you have ylharmonics@ylrl.org in your address book. Members who use Gmail have found the newsletters ending up in their Promotions folders. Please check to see if your email provider sorts your emails under different tabs.

If you are missing any issues, please contact me and we'll get you straightened out!

kc9yl.anne@gmail.com

YLRL SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2019			
Money Market		\$20,039.00	
Contributions		3,854.24	
Interest		38.20	
FAR		<u>(10,000.00)</u>	(2 Years)
Final Balance		\$13,931.44	
5 Yr CD	Starting Balance	\$44,897.99	
Interest		<u>722.69</u>	
Final Balance		\$45,620.68	
Linda Hynan			

Approved by the YLRL Board in February 2020

YLRL DISBURSING TREASURERSREPORT 2019

Balance January 1, 2019 checking	checking	Savings	Total
Beginning Balances	\$6,118.92	15016.01	\$21,134.93
<u>Receipts:</u>			
Membership Dues	\$7,389.50		
Postage	\$267.00		
Donation/Gift	\$1,020.00		
Supplies	\$188.75		
interest		5.99	
Total Receipts	\$8,865.25	\$5.99	\$8,871.24
<u>Disbursements:</u>			
Members Harmonics	\$5,108.40		
<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>			
Bulk Permit	\$235.00		
Ballots	\$226.81		
DC5 Michelle	\$157.60		
DC Michelle Texas	\$87.80		
DC1 Neice	\$71.55		
DC7 ARRL Convention	\$82.80		
Dayton Hamfest	\$727.80		
US Treasurer	\$203.77		
Trophy	\$60.57		
Web site	\$225.00		
Secretary Expenses	\$126.61		
Continuous Membership	\$48.20		
Dayton Booth	\$350.00		
Boxbora Hamfest 2019	\$165.60		
YLRL Secretary Harmonics	\$115.35		
Paypal Expenses	\$73.81		
Bounced check /service fee	\$12.00		
Total Disbursements	\$8,078.67		
Balance Checking December 31, 2019	\$6,905.50		
Balance Saving Acct. December 31, 2019		\$15,022.00	
12 Months Account Totals	\$6,905.50	\$15,022.00	\$21,927.50
Petty Cash	\$100.00		
Henrietta C, Horvay, Disbursing Treasurer, 4/16/2020			

Approved by the Board in April 2020

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