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The President's Letter *de Cheryl NOWB VMuhr*

Hello Ladies!

By the time you read this Dayton will have passed and Field Day will be looming. Don't forget to get on the air for Field Day! Groups often need CW operators, especially if you like to go fast. If you get on SSB, a woman's voice gets through really well and can really generate points.

I am pleased to say I have heard more ladies on recently. There have been a number of contests and who you hear can depend on propagation, but gals are out there calling CQ. I heard a number of women in the CLARA contest for instance. Even if you aren't participating in a contest, let people know it is going on and that there are YLs looking for contacts. I only participated lightly in the CLARA Contest, but everyone I talked to heard about it. There were at least four contests going on that weekend and explaining the different calls and CQs going out became second nature to a frequently asked question!

One of the best ways to let people know that YLs are out there on the air is for YLs to get on the air. Another good way is to let people know when contests and events are happening. If we don't communicate we won't get the word out!

Don't forget to renew your DX adoptees when you renew your membership! Send the renewals to **Carol Hall WD8DQG** our DX Chairwoman. There have been quite a few new members this year. Check out the information in our New Members section and welcome them all to the YLRL.

It is a great day to get on the radio, so that's where I'm headed next. I look forward to hearing from you! Take care and see you on the bands.

33 & 73, Cheryl NOWBV

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I thank You God for this most amazing day; for the leaping
greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky; and
for everything which is natural which is infinite which is
yes. - e.e. cummings

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de Nancy KS2YL Fontana

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Contest Results - YL-OM 2004

de Mary WX4MM Moore

CW-YL

Carolyn Donner	N8ST	2218.5	First Place
Lia Zwack	WA2NFY	121.5	Second Place

SSB - OM

John G. Wallis	WB0YJT	9	First Place
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SSB - YL

Jane K. Oliver	N1PVT	11799	First Place
Sitsa D. Tigaraki	SV3AGQ	11088	Second Place
Lois Gutshall	WB3EFQ	3726	Third Place
Carolyn Donner	N8ST	2437.5	
Sara J. Lyon	AB7PS	1875	
Carol Hall	WD8DQG	1736	
Lia Zwack	WA2NFY	1089	
Melba L. Hoss	KA0BAT	594	
Dorothy Hanzlik	K2YEH	420	

Check Log submitted by Mary Moore WX4MM

Contest Results from DX-YL -NA-YL April 2004

Teresa Cardoso	PT2TF	High Score DX
Mary Moore	WX4MM	High Score NA

Achievement seems to be connected with action.
Successful men and women keep moving. They make
mistakes, but they don't quit. - *Conrad Hilton*

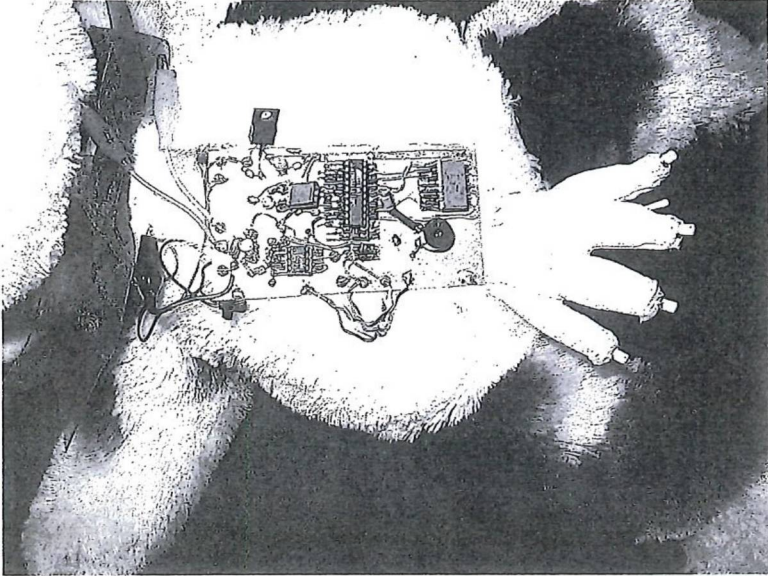
ELSIE

by Judith KC8BOM Cerreto

Hi .This is **Judith KC8BOM**. I have a little info for the Harmonics. The weekend of March 26 and 27 my **OM, Robert WA1FXT**, a friend, **LEE KB8WEV**, and myself went to Maryland for Atlanticon.

The Atlanticon QRP Forum is a weekend of QRP fun, presentations and social gathering hosted by the NJQRP Club and sponsored by the AmQRP Club each year in the spring. QRPers from all over the US (and Internationally) show up for this annual event held in Baltimore, Maryland.

There is always a special Atlanticon kit for those attending. This year's kit was ELSIE a low cost L-C Meter. This kit is built Manhattan style.



Elsie's Brains

The heart of ELSIE is an ATmel microcontroller that reads the frequency of a tuned circuit formed with the inductor or capacitor being measured. The controller computes the values of the component-under-test and announces the readings in Morse code via a miniature speaker and seven segment LED display. When the user presses the "C" pushbutton, the capacitance is announced. When the "L" pushbutton is pressed, the inductance value is announced

There is always a contest using that year's kit. This year there were two. One was for how close the component readings were, the second was for beauty. (From the AMQRP Website): While up at the table, each contestant also had their ELSIE entry judged for a combination of construction quality, feature extensiveness and originality. It's interesting to note that most home brewers built the Advanced Features into their ELSIE (LED display, serial output, frequency counting, etc.) With so

many good entries, it was a tough judging, and Joe/Steve/John had a rough go of it. But ultimately the leaders emerged!

2nd Place: **Judith Cerreto KC8BOM** — **Judith** built her **ELSIE** into a stuffed animal cow, with the pushbuttons embedded at the teats of the utter and the RS232 jack located under the tail. It even made a moo sound when the measurements were announced. This was an unbelievable construction job ... and one that you might next see in a nightmare! :-)
Seriously, and it was hard being serious while presenting the prize to her, **Judith** received a nice AmQRP kit for her efforts.



Elsie

The last picture is me with George Heron N2APB and Joe Everhart N2CX. They are both volunteer leaders for the AMQRP and NJQRP Clubs.



New YLRL Members *de Lois WB3EFQ Gutshall*

Welcome to all the new members, we look forward to a long friendship with each and every one of you!

New members

Diane M. Brentlinger KB9PAV

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Diane is a member of the Wabash Valley Radio Association and the newly affiliated Crossroads of America Amateur Radio Ladies Association. She participates in several nets and her **OM, Ted**, is **WB9QFE**.

Marion A. Bigelow KA5VJU

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Marion says that she is just getting started in the hobby and has a sister, **Esther WD5EMZ** in the hobby. **Marion** was sponsored by **Alma AB5BA**

Marilynn Lutz AE6FH

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Marilynn is active in 2-meter nets and enjoys Field Day. She holds an extra class license and has been licensed since 1999. Her OM is **Michael AD6VC**. She also enjoys knitting, spinning and astronomy.

Vickie P Dallman K9VIX

4516 Stonewall Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Birthday: October 3 e-mail: bizzymom@flash.net or k9vix@arrl.net

Vickie has been licensed since 2002 joining quite a family of hams, including her **OM, K9VIC**, and in-laws **N9ANA, KC9BZT, K9NIX** and **W9NIX**. She serves as membership chair for the **W9DUP** club and is active on 2 meters. She hopes to upgrade soon to enjoy DX privileges.

Suzie M. Reedy KB9BLH

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Suzie is a member of Crossroads of America Amateur Radio Ladies Association (ALRA) and participates in weekly nets, weather nets and

helps to teach new ham classes. She also comes from a ham family, which includes **WA9DRO**, **KB9ILH** and **KB9JQH**. She was endorsed by **Debbie KC9AOR**.

Charla K. Evinger N9TRS

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Charla is also a member of the Crossroads of America ARLA as well as **WVARA** and she participates in Sky warn. Other hams in her family include **WD9EKA** and **KC9FDF**. **Charla** was endorsed by **Debbie KC9AOR**.

Christine Rudolph KK7RC

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Christine has been licensed since 1994 and holds an extra class license. She participates in field day and enjoys DX. Her OM is **Kurt KD7JYK**.

Bethe B. Hayes KD7RLC

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Phone: 541-607-8518

Bethe has been licensed since 2002 and holds a tech license. She joins her **OM**, **Dale R KD7LYN**, and daughter, **Stacey KD7ZHR**, in the hobby. Both she and **Stacey** were endorsed by **Lory N7KYT** and **Carolyn WA7SW**

Stacey Rae Hayes KD7ZHR

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Pat Wheeler KA9ALI

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Pat holds a general license and is active on 2 meters. She comes from a large ham family including **K9ERE**, **KB9JCD**, **KB9IWW**, **KC9AXX** and **KC9EZZ**.

Cassandra L. Copeland KD7WXJ
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Chriss is newly licensed and enjoys hamfest and belongs to WACOM. She has two sons **James KB3JHP** and **Josh** and her **OM** is **Kevin KB3JHO**. She enjoys current events club, scrap booking, stained glass, and sewing vintage aprons.

Linda Sue Boehmer KB3KXN
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Also newly licensed this year **Linda** works 2 meters and is mother to one daughter, **Crystal**. She owns her own business doing technology consulting and enjoys music - flutes, flying, and knitting. She was endorsed by **Jackie N3ZEL**.

Rejoin —

Barbara Woemer KAOGON
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Barbara has been licensed since 1980 but has been inactive due to family commitments. She belongs to the Lincoln ARC and works in a long term care facility. She is starting over with YL gear and at present has a HT but hopes to get back on HF. Welcome back

Dianne Grundy VA3SJF
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Dianne lists herself as a household executive and is kept busy with her five children and **OM**, **Alan VE3SJF**. She enjoys music, both voice and guitar, and handcrafts.

Throughout the last several articles, I've mentioned the fact that youthful YLs are a bit scarcer than youthful OMs. Now, I have a question: Why is this? Is it because girls and ladies are not interested in ham radio? Is it because of the old tradition of women being housewives? Or, is it because young females do not know about Amateur Radio?

It seems that the answer to this question is a combination of all three of those ideas. Some girls are not interested in Amateur Radio, while others probably still believe in the old tradition, while still others don't know that ham radio exists.

You may be wondering how this relates to us. Well, if girls are not involved in Amateur Radio because they believe in old tradition, or for some other reason, there is probably not much we, as young females, can do about it. However, we can certainly "reel in" those who are currently uninterested or who have not heard of ham radio.

A good chance to introduce one of your friends to ham radio is just around the corner- Amateur Radio Field Day. Personally, although I had known about Amateur Radio several years before my first Field Day, it was not until after experiencing Field Day that I actually decided to earn my license. So, if you have friends who know about Amateur Radio but aren't really interested, maybe, if you can convince them to try Field Day, they will become interested. And, if you have friends who have never heard of Amateur Radio, what better time to show them how much fun it is?

If you yourself have never been to Field Day, make sure not to miss it this year: June 26 and 27. In case you don't know, Field Day is an emergency preparedness drill, sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). In a nutshell, hams all across the U.S. go to a remote location and set up communications. Then, they try to make as many contacts as possible in a 24-hour period. The best part (I think) is that operations continue all night, and many times, there is a midnight meal. There are several different ways that you can participate, such as with a club or by yourself.

Visit <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/> for all of the details and a complete Field Day package. Find a club Field Day to attend, or call CQ by yourself, but, most importantly, be sure to participate, and remember, you, being a female, have an advantage over fellow operators.

It is pretty obvious that male hams outnumber female hams, but what is not so obvious is that it is up to us to change that. Youthful females aren't going to just wake up one day and say, "Oh, I think I'll get my Amateur Radio license today." They need urging and encouragement from their peers. So, if you go to Field Day this year (and I hope you will), see if you can get a friend, or two, or more, to go with you. If they show an interest, set them up with some study materials and continue to support them. Maybe, if we work together, more youth (including females) will become involved in Amateur Radio.

As always, please send any suggestions or comments to **YL** youth -
e-mail: ylyouth@bellsouth.net or 2323 Orion Ct. Grayson, GA 30017.
73 and 33 until next time, KG4IUM, Andrea Hartlage

District One

de Anne WBIARU Manna

Happy Spring to everyone! At least we hope that we will have spring and not just jump right into summer! News is a little slim - I hope all is well with all the 1-land YLs!

WIMP - Linda wrote, "I completed the online Emergency Communications Course I, have my certificate, my patch and best of all my refund - hi hi! NN1C - **Deb** was my mentor and did a super job! I'm participating in a steering committee for ARES in my part of the state. We have meetings every other month and have started a weekly training net that alternates on local repeaters. This is the first new net in a very long time. My **OM** and I have joined the St. Albans Amateur Radio Club (STARC) here in Vermont and are enjoying a lively group of hams and interesting monthly programs. The last was on APRS with one of the hams traveling around the area with an HT while we followed her progress on the computer. We have a new grandchild, our sixth (and only the second granddaughter). We will be traveling to Virginia shortly to see the new baby. Our WWV group will be getting together for a luncheon next month. My **OM** and I will be at Boxboro in August and hope to see everyone there."

KA1TLP - Sandy wrote, "I can't share very much in the way of Ham news. Ten-meter-band activity has been very small due to poor band conditions in our area. **OM AA1NC - Ray** did manage to make enough contacts to upgrade several of his 10-10 chapters this spring. (He is retired now so he gets a few contacts when the band opens.) Better weather and green grass is a welcome sight here in Walpole. Even a few spring flowers are appearing as well as my first spring peepers calling one rainy morning this week. This tells me to be on the lookout for the Northern Orioles to be arriving soon. This means we put half an orange out to feed them a treat and watch them choose a nest site nearby."

WBIARU - Anne - was able to get on the Yankee Lassies Net in April and heard checkins from **KA2ZKM - Marion**, **KAI VAX - Betsy**, **W1LJO - Arline**, and **WB1EHS - Barb**. A couple of others checked in, but my noise level increased and I couldn't hear them. Field Day is coming up soon and will be followed by the District 1 Convention in Boxboro. I hope that many YLs will participate and I'll have more news next time! 33,
Anne WBIARU

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say
thank you? - *William A. Ward*

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District Two *de* MYRTLE N2AKC FARNSWORTH

Hello Everyone. It is hard to believe another column is due. Seems like only yesterday that one was written and here we are back at the computer with heaps and heaps of news. Oh, how I wish!!! At least winter is gone and spring finally arrived. However, our weather has been on the cold side.

In fact Easter Sunday was not a typical spring day. It was really nasty with wind howling, rain pouring down and fog, so there were no Easter Parades in this area. Hope your weather was better, and the Easter Bunny had a smile on his "happy face."

Talking about happy faces, **Vera WA1JYO** had just that! **Vera** went to her son's house for dinner along with all the family, and that included her new great-granddaughter little six month old **Vera**. Since the little one does not live close by it was an extra special day for **Vera**. That and having her family together was like the icing on the cake. The weather wasn't great there either but **Vera** is hoping all the rain will make the bulbs that were planted in her garden start popping up real soon. We hope to see pictures when all those flowers are in bloom, so **Vera** get your camera ready.

I met **Mag KA3QBF** and her **OM, Arnie WA5MQM**, when **Glenn** and I went to Shady Maple Smorgasbord in East Earl, Pennsylvania. A group of us Roosters travel there every year on the 1st Saturday in April. This year was our sixth year. We had started out with about ten of us and this year there were 67 for the most delicious dinner one could have. If you are in the area on vacation or just a day trip to the Dutch Country put that on your list. Believe me you won't be sorry. We had Roosters from PA-NJ-MD-NY-VA-DE so you can just bet it is worth going to.

Speaking of Roosters **Marion KA2ZKM** got on the net this morning to let us all know her **OM, Joe-K2ZLF**, is going into the hospital to have two knee replacement operations. Please keep Joe in your prayers, and if you can send him a cheery note or card. I'm sure **Joe** and **Marion** would appreciate hearing from you.

Hearing from you - that strikes a cord. I didn't send e-mail this time to any gals, but I did make some phone calls, leaving messages, but guess what - no response. Oh my, what's a gal to do? Just wait until next column is due and hope that after you read this column you will get the desire to write and let us know about happenings in your life. "Who could ask for anything more."

So, ladies, on that happy note, I wish you a Happy Memorial Day, and don't forget to put out the flag, if it isn't already out there flying in the breeze.

Remember it is nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice. Have fun and enjoy - God Bless

33 Myrtle N2AKC e-mail: N2AKC@comcast.net

District Three

de Barb KA3 VXR Bender

Hello 3-Land YLs. Greetings from South Central Pennsylvania where I think, finally, spring is beginning to show its sunny face. It has been a long winter! As I write this, the sun is shining and out my window I can enjoy the daffodils, tulips and other early spring flowers. The forsythia is heavenly this year and lilacs are budding.

I hope that all of you who are meeting in Dayton in May will have an exciting time. Remember to visit the **YLRL** & Buckeye Bells table for that is where the excitement will be. I know **Lois WB3EFQ** and her **OM, Tom W3BZN**, are going. My **OM, Richie W3SYY**, and **I** were supposed to travel with them, but my granddaughter in Texas is getting confirmed and asked me to be her sponsor, so that is where I will be instead.

On June 6th **Lois WB3EFQ** and I will be manning a **YLRL** table at the Butler Hamfest, so if you are meandering about, please be sure to look us up. We enjoy seeing and talking to all the YLs who attend.

Jacqueline N3ZEL writes that she was elected President of the WACOM (Washington Amateur Communications) Club in Washington, Pennsylvania. Congratulations! She represented WACOM at the Western PA Section S-1 Club Presidents and EC Conference on April 10 and enjoyed a very interesting day. She said it is really nice to meet other hams, section officials and faces to put the names and calls with. She reminds everyone not to forget the WACOM Hamfest on October 3rd at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Check out the club's website: www.wacomarc.org

Lois NX7V celebrated her 20th year of being a ham on March 4th, also 20 years of membership in **YLRL**! She got her first license in January 1984 and within two months joined **YLRL**. Thank you, **Lois**, for sharing your good news with and thanks for being a dedicated member of **YLRL**.

Be sure to write and let me know how your Field Day went. My **OM** and I usually take our 6M equipment and antenna and I have a ball working that band all weekend. But I will be absent from our Horseshoe ARC Field Day this year because I will be in Denver for a conference from the 17th-20th and then in Casper, Wyoming the 20th-23rd visiting my son and his wife and three children. Then I will fly back to Pittsburgh and catch a flight to Maxwell AFB, Alabama where my youngest son is in Officer Training School. He will graduate on the 25th as a 2nd Lieutenant and then go off with his wife and daughter to Tyndell AFB, Florida to Air Battle Manager School to prepare to fly aboard an AW ACS airplane.

I was supposed to go to Japan in March to visit with our daughter, Lt. Sandy, MD, who is stationed at the Yokosuka Naval Hospital and hoped to also visit my **YLRL** adoptee **Toshiko JP3DPU** in Kyoto. BUT, as luck would have it the military changes plans and my daughter's leave was cancelled. She was sent off to Diego Garcia (a small island south of India) to man a Naval Clinic there instead. She has now returned to Japan and when her tour of duty there is finished in September, she will come home for a training session and then ship off to Crete to man a Naval Clinic

there. She said as a consolation prize I could visit her there and we would tour Greece. We will see!

My son and granddaughter in Iraq are safe so far. We don't hear from them very often and they said things are very tense around their camp. I hope by the time you are reading this that peace has been established and some of our military are on their way home. 73/33 de Barb KA3VXR ka3vxr@msn.com

District Five

de Alma AB5BA Lang

Well, it is time again to share some news with all of YLRL. As for my self I have been busy with taking care Of **Jim K5VRJ** — who had surgery in December. At first it was some doing's, helping him with just about any move he had to make - but now it is a different story --I get worried about him wanting to get on the tractor and mow - or what ever excuse he can find to get out — Bless his heart, he has always kept our quarter mile road side mowed and cleaned up from trash pitched out of cars — Well, last summer the made our two- lane road a four lane and had to mess up all the area from the added lane to our fence - well, that has been sowed with something type of grass that looks and heads up like oats — **Jim** has cut it down along the entry to our gate -- There are millions of small to monster-size rocks - so no way can he keep that neat -- Think that would be all that would mess up his nice kept entry - NO - today the electric company had to put in a new taller power pole - which stands at the front of our house on the road right of away - well, to get to it they had to bring their HUGE truck on our driveway and had to back up and go forward a dozen times (not quite that many - hi) - but we had lots of rain every day last week and this black soil is very easy to get stuck in - they made ruts about 12 inches deep on either side of our driveway and down to where they put the pole. Now it is awful - **Jim** worked trying to get it smoothed out on each side of entry way, but the soil is just too wet yet for him to work. So much for that.

We have little tomatoes showing on the plants in our little garden of 12 tomato plants. We had to cover every thing up last night as it was forecasted to be a light frost - it was a big frost, but all our garden made it.

Well, as most of you know I am a member of TYLRUN - we have so many members that work or have moved in retirements homes that can't get on the air with us. After talking with some of them about this, I asked the officers if we could take theft check-ins per e-mail then I would relay it to net control - then send out a letter of what was talked about on the air . It has gone over real well. Some check-ins are not members, but we are working on that. I must say that I feel real proud to be doing this - and getting all the THANK YOU ALMA!! - Now I have to say here I could not do it with out all the other YLs But I heard someplace years ago that a group of YLs together could do just about any thing they set their minds to. Everyone, have a great summer — **33 Alma**

Ladies send me some news for our next issue -- PLEASE

Doris K5BNQ Anderson Christ is risen! Hallelujah! I hope you had a lovely Easter as we did. This is a multi-purpose letter. First, to tell you we have changed our e-mail address to get rid of some of the spam we have been receiving; second, to tell you I appreciate your getting the e-mails to share with TYLR.UN; third, to let the net know why I haven't been on lately; fourth to share a little for Harmonics. I'm having a great deal of trouble with spasms in my buttocks, knees and legs. I am taking physical therapy which includes water aerobics. The only time we can get the pool is from 8:00-9:00 on Tuesday and Thursday. It is helping me quite a lot so I must continue it at least for a few weeks.

We've attended two hamfests recently - the Green Country on March 19 and 20 in Claremore, Oklahoma and one on April 3 at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Both were interesting and we visited with quite a few people. Seems like, though, there are not many dealers anymore and we had to order out of Denver two Kenmore handheld transmitters we wanted. They are on 2 meters and 440 - Like them very much. Our Easter services this morning were beautiful. Our combined choirs did two of the three morning services, and we sang a beautiful "swing" arrangement of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and of course "The Hallelujah Chorus!"

We hope you and **Jim** are enjoying this beautiful spring weather. Stay well! 33, *Doris K5BNQ*

33 and 88, Alma AB5BA

District Six

de Dawn KB6LHPBiocca

Hi from District 6. Unfortunately, I don't have much to report. I would like to invite any YJLRL member from District 6 to send me information on what you are all doing. I know that there are a lot of things going on and would like to have items to put in the Harmonics. I will be attending the Dayton Hamvention in May with my OM and this will be our second trip. If you haven't done this you should think about going at least once. It is bigger than I dreamed and packed with information. I have an 18 year old daughter who will be graduating from high school and preparing for college so that is keeping me busy and I am not looking forward to the separation - Just taking one day at a time. I finally hooked up my radio and made my first contact on it. It was not as scary as I thought it would be. Hope all of you are enjoying the weather in the Bay Area - it has been beautiful. Have a great spring/summer and I know that I will hear from you on your Field Day activities. This year I can't attend Field Day because I am going to attend our church Bible Camp one last time and team council it with my daughter. Once she goes to college I will not do it again and can attend Field Day with my husband. We have a big Field Day in the Sierra Mountains at 6,000 FT. elevation. For me it is a relaxing time to visit with other HAM friends. 33 *Dawn KB6LHP*

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Lena Horne

District Seven

de Sara AB7PS Lyon



Front - KD7KPZ Dana, N7UXV Beth, N7NII Judy, W7HPA Mary, AB7PS Sara Back -
KD7OJQ Kay, W6VJH Tami, KB6UTT Lola, K7JIL Jill (in front of Lola) KD7FAS
Kitty, KD7YEZ Breanna, K7TAM Tammy, KC7LMR JoAnn

Hello to all the YLs. Spring is here and activities are springing up everywhere.

The Evergreen Intertie YL Net had their table as usual at the Mike and Key Electronic Flea Market on Saturday, March 6 with 21 YLs signing in and 13 of us lined up for a YL photo (*See above*).

The net on Monday evenings is doing well - it's fun having several YLs check in regularly via Echolink including **Elaine KE4YYJ** from NC. You will find the info about the node and how to connect on our Webpage. Yes, the Website is now up and running. The URL is www.evergreenyl.org Please check it out! **Tammy K7TAM** and her **OM, Henry WB7UVB**, have done a great job setting it up and have plans to add more information, photos and links.

The MINOW Net will have their annual meeting at Brookings, Oregon on May 15 and 16. The MINOW YLs in Brookings have planned an interesting weekend - I'll tell you about it next time! **Barbara AC7UH** has just mailed out the Spring Newsletter which includes news of members - **Peggy KC7CLI** is a merit badge counselor for the local **BSA** troops and has started a monthly ham radio activity at the Cedar River Middle School in Maple Valley, WA. **Marilyn KA7SUG** and her **OM** will be active in the Oregon Trail Travelers again this year. **Cecil K7VFC** spent the winter in Arizona and will soon be on the way home to Wilsonville.

Barbara AC7UH writes: The Two Rivers Net Post-holiday YL luncheon was Saturday April 3, 2004 at the QTH of **Barbara** and **Phil Yasson** in Vancouver, Washington. There were subtle reminders of holidays past, such as the 2000 piece candy cane jig saw puzzle and the three ceramic Christmas trees tastefully displayed on the TV stand. Attending were: **Claire Fillinger K6ZCR**, **Laura Seitlinger KC7LOK**, **Loni Marcotte KD7YWG**, **Marti Brutcher W7AYL**, **Peggy Stone KB7SBK**, and **Barbara Yasson, AC7UH**. After lunch and dessert we discussed the SeaPac YLRL booth and YL luncheon.

Don't forget the YLRL luncheon at SeaPac at Seaside on Saturday, June 19!

I'm happy to see several new members to YLRL from the Seventh District. Welcome to **KK7RC Christine**, **KD7RLC Bethe**, **KD7ZH Stacy**, **KL7FLS/7 Bessie**, and **KB7WXJ Cassandra**. But I need more news! Please send me an e-mail jean3@arrl.net or drop me a note to let me know about your activities. Happy springtime to all! 33, *Sara AB7PS*

District Eight

de Carolyn N8ST Donner

A lot has been happening in 8-Land over the past few months, so I'll get right to the news ...

First off a big CONGRATULATION goes to **Dotti KC8SYF** who will be married by the time we all read this.

Dorothy O'Neil KC8SYF, or should I say - the soon to be Mrs. Meleski. I am getting married April 24 and, yes, he is also a ham. His name is **George Meleski KC8RJS**. We have been together for six years now and decided to make it official. We both got into amateur radio about three years ago thanks to a close friend of ours who has been in it for 25 years. **George** and I got our licenses so we could talk to each other and be involved in Skywarn. We are also actively involved in EMA and our local Club the 20/9 Amateur radio club. Unfortunately, our honeymoon is going to be cut short because I am in the Police Academy and have class the week after we get married so we are going away for a few days but we are taking a delayed honeymoon sometime in the fall. I guess that's my big news for now. I have been working on the wedding for the past few months - we got engaged last Easter so I have been planning for a year but it doesn't seem that no matter how far in advance you plan you never get everything done. And between the wedding and the Academy my life is packed full right now....of course for the best though. Thanks 73, *Dotti*

I have not been very active on radio lately. In fact, I recently unhooked my dipole and have only been active on 2 meters. My interest recently has been Spanish. I went to Bolivia last July with Habitat for Humanity and helped to build two houses. Since then, I have been studying Spanish at Ohio Wesleyan University. Next October I plan to go to Mexico with the Jimmy Carter Habitat crew and then in November go to Nicaragua on a mission trip with a group from my church. I am afraid radio has taken a back seat. Where I have been in Spanish speaking countries, the people are too poor to have radios and in some cases there is no electricity available, so I do not even try to take along my two meter equipment. 73, *Jean WB8FIC*

Here are a few news items for you from The Auto State Young Ladies club: We are very proud of **DonnaWSQOY** for her completion in March of being active in Amateur Radio for 50 years. We held our 39th Annual Meeting at the Marshall Hamfest on March 20 which included the election of officers for 2004. New officers are as follows: President- **N8NJT Grace**; Vice President - **KC8FSK Jane**, and Secretary-Treasurer - **K8SYL Sylvia**. I think that is it for now. Have a nice spring, *N8NJT Grace*

Judith KC8BOM had a lot of fun the weekend of March 26 at Atlanticon QRP forum where she won 2nd place for her work creating the low cost L-C meter which she put into the stomach of a stuffed cow (Elsie). It's really quite an innovative design. <grin> And works too! Thanks, **Judith**, for making my day!

I was just finishing up with the Easter egg hunt with my niece and nephew. It looked like the Easter bunny had his wagon full of eggs spill in the front yard - we had four dozen colored real eggs and two and a half dozen plastic candy-filled eggs. Chanelle, my niece, is doing better, although she is still having her therapy two times a week. She is back to dance class and school full time now. She has her moments, though. It is so hard to believe, since she was sick and in Children's Hospital last fall with encephalitis and meningitis, to look at her now. I celebrated my 32nd birthday on March 18th but was not mentioned in the newsletter. I am hard at work studying for my General class exam and my code as well. The Coshocton County Amateur Radio Club's VE team will be having a test session June 5th at the Coshocton Public Library. If any one is interested, please contact the club. Also our new website is fully operational; you should all check it out at <http://www.w8cca.org/>. I am also working on a club history with **Pat** Tucker **KB8CRB**. Well that is all for now 73 *KC8STS Sandy* Robinson

I was elected Net Manager for the Ohio Single Sideband Net and take office on May 1. This is after a year off and two **OM** were running against me. I feel honored! My **OM** is in his second week of radiation for his cancer and it is taking its toll on him. He feels lousy, aching all over. I sure hope the treatments do the trick though. We will head to Maryland for our grandson's graduation from Medical School on May 15 so will miss my first Hamvention since he was born back in 1978. Not too shabby a record. 33 and Teddy Bear Hugs, *Connie N8IO*

And now for what I (**Carolyn N8ST**) have been doing <grin>. **Dot KB8TQU** and I are working on the USS JURASSIC (Star Trek and Amateur Radio club) project that creates and donates baby-size afghans to hospitals, Pregnancy Crisis Centers, and adoption centers around the country. Recently a new Veterans Retirement home opened in Brown County, Ohio (where we live). **Dot** and I thought that lap robes wouldn't be much bigger than a baby size afghan, so we thought we'd volunteer to make lap robes for some of the residents at the Southern Ohio Veterans Home. The idea was met with great enthusiasm at the home. I asked how many they would like by Christmas thinking this would be a great gift for some of the residents. Without hesitation I was told ... 168! That's how many residents they will have at the home by December. Well, after picking ourselves up off the floor, **Dot** and I looked at each other and said ... "We're going to need help with this!" We're asking anyone who would like to help to contact us at n8st@att.net. So far we have commitments for about 15 of the lap robes, but are going to need a lot more. **Dot** and I are crocheting lap robes, but we have some others who are going to make some quilted ones, so either type will work. We just don't want to disappoint any of the residents. If you can help by making a lap robe and

sending it to us, or by donating yarn, please let me know as soon as possible. Thanks in advance. 33, *Carolyn N8STS*

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- *Lena Horne*

District Nine

de Carole WB9RUS Burke

Happy spring and it is finally spring here in Indiana. I was a little suspicious over the weekend though, because it looked like spring, it smelled like spring, but it felt like winter. We are finally getting the weather we should have for spring, nice days with cool to cold evenings. I can handle this. And baseball has started.

We got back from Florida a week ago and back to reality. While we were in Florida, we went to a couple of Cardinal spring training games. We also got to go deep-sea fishing again. This year I couldn't even catch a small fish, in fact the fish were barely taking the bait off my hook, but it was fun anyway. The second week we there in Florida, we had rented a condo on Fort Myers Beach and our daughter and her family came down for Spring Break. We had a great time with them. The girls, Elizabeth, eight and Erica, three, had never been to the beach before. They loved playing in the sand, but they didn't like the Gulf. They preferred the pool. Me, I like the Gulf the best. While **AI** and our son-in-law went deep-sea fishing, I took the girls on a cruise of Naples Bay to see dolphins and, boy, did we see dolphins, there must have been at least two dozen following the boat at one point. I had to really hold on to Erica because she was so excited I was afraid she would jump overboard to get to them. The whole week was wonderful.

On the Fox Hunt this month, we (me, my **OM**, **AI** **WB9SSE**, **Jim K9OMA** and **Anne ICA9YYI**) were the foxes since we had won the fox hunt last month. The guys hid the transmitter in a grassy area by a highway cloverleaf. It was in the knothole of a tree about eight feet up. It was a great hunt. I don't know which is more fun, hunting the fox or being the fox.

As promised in the last column, I am including **Dot N9ALC**'s letter that she so graciously sent. I'm really sorry I didn't get it in the last issue. She and her **OM**, **Bob**, operated a Special Event Station in October to celebrate their club's 65th anniversary. They made over 100 contacts. **Dot** was the QSL manager and she said that they had some very impressive certificates printed to send out. In the process, she learned a little calligraphy printing the call letters on the certificates.

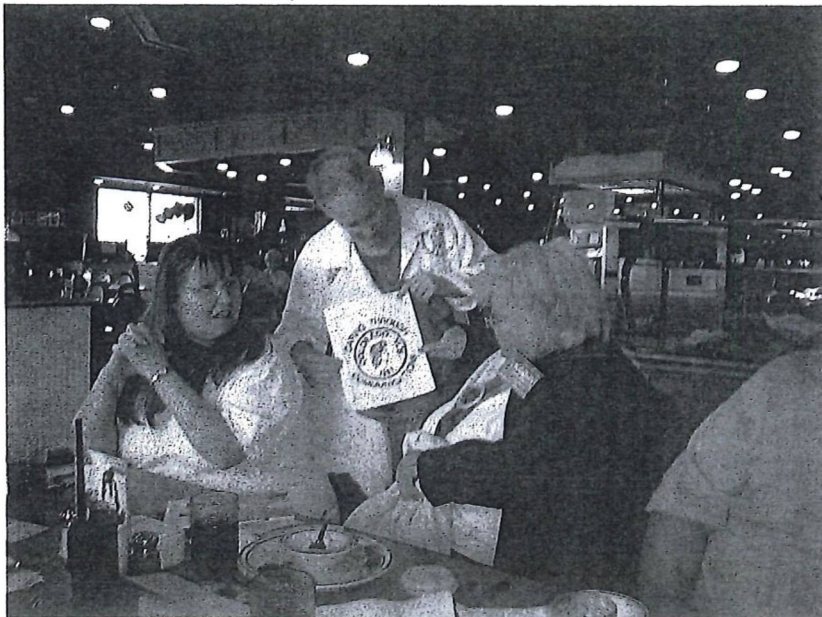
Their club's Christmas party was December 5th with lots of nice prizes and all the ladies received a special gift. She and Bob were presented with a beautiful plaque for operating the Special Event Station. It is hanging in their shack. She said that Christmas was busy with all the family activities.

Thank you, Dot, for writing again. I do appreciate it and then I have something to write about other than what my family does. I would love to get news from other 9-land YLs so we can all get to know each other. Just

drop me a note or e-mail me with a line or two. Have a great spring and I hope to see a lot of you at Dayton. 33, *Carole WB9RUS*

District Ten

de Doshia KBONAS Kretke



Colorado YL Chair Sharlene and members Judy and Cathy look over a CYL emblem to be put into a quilt for the YLRL convention.

The Colorado YLs are looking forward to seeing everyone here. 33, *Dosllia KBONAS*

DX News

de Carol WB8DQG Hall

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The saying, "No news is good news" is not always good, especially when I don't get any news to write about. Propagation has been very poor. We can only hope it improves during the summer. If my information is correct, **Truus VE3MRS** and **Christa DJ1TE** have new grandbabies.

June VK4SJ and her **OM** are visiting the United States in May. They are visiting here in Montana, and I'll them down to Yellowstone Park for a tour of the geysers and hope we see a lot of wildlife. Then they are planning on visiting other radio friends and attend the Dayton Hamvention, then fly to the Vancouver and take a ship up to see Alaska. **Kyoko**

Miyoshi **JR3MNA** sent me this beautiful picture of the cherry blossoms in Osaka, Japan. Thank you, they are very pretty. The scent of all the blooms must be wonderful. Only half of the DX dues have been paid...They are due in March. Remember, the international YL conference in Seoul, Korea, October 7-16, 2004. Payment must be in to **Chae Do Sook HL2KDW** by June 4, 2004. I planned to get on the air for the **DX-YL** to North American YL contest, but got sidetracked by other responsibilities. Please drop me a line about what you're doing on the radio...maybe by the next "Harmonics" I will be proficient on RTTY. 33, Carol L. Hall, WB8DQG e-mail: CLVHall@attglobal.net

VE YL News

de Elizabeth VE7YL Anderson

Elizabeth Baggoo VE7TLK - Had just a short note from **Elizabeth** to say she had been suffering from a head/chest cold so was spending time in bed resting trying to get rid of it.

Dianne Grundy VA3SJF wrote to send Easter Greetings to all. Life is busy these days and they have just purchased a new house. They will take possession in August. They will be moving to Brampton, just 20 minutes away. The big job will be downsizing what they have accumulated over the nine years. What fun. She is also taking a course at the Rockwood Rail Museum in order to drive the trolleys. The exam is next weekend. Her daffodils are ready to burst open. Spring is here.

Elizabeth VE7YL - I'm having my kitchen remodeled and it is causing havoc with my golf! Next week will be the hardwood floor then that is it for a while! Easter weekend was just lovely - up to 81 °F which is amazing for April. Am looking forward to the YL conference at the beginning of May - **VE7TLK** is organizing it and it will be held in North Vancouver. I made a quick trip to my sister in Portland last month for a family wedding which was held in a small town on the Oregon Coast. Lovely weather, lovely coast and beautiful bride! My sister drove me back home and stayed for a visit. Hope everyone is having a great spring. I have been nominated to be a member of the ARRL A-1 Operator Club. Got my certificate ten days ago and am thrilled! 33, *Elizabeth VE7YL*

YLRL Changes, Corrections, etc., etc., etc.

Please change **Ellen KA9CJA Hardy's** mailing address to read: 1104 Karin Court, Normal, IL 61761 e-mail is: rcrishardy@earthlink.net

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Please change **Judy KC7KPG**'s address to read: PO Box 3206, Milan, NM 87021-3206 - also her e-mail address to read: nurentj@grand-canyon.az.us - don't know how that got missed for so long, Judy, please excuse the delay!!!

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Please change **Patricia ICB7TW**'s address to read: 1976 Conifer Drive, Ferndale, WA 98248-9759 (Ed note: It's only four blocks away from her old address, so I'm presuming the phone will remain the same!)

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Lost Lambs CQ, CQ, Where are you?

This is a new column, new to me, that is: I found the idea in an issue of YLHarmonics that came out some years ago. We all have been hying to make sure all the Harmonics went out to the correct addresses, but, sad to say, a few have fallen through the cracks! Please, if anyone knows of the correct addresses for the following, let me know immediately and then their Harmonics copies can be sent on to them. Until the addresses are corrected, no further issues will be sent out to these addresses — it's just too costly for us all!

Along with the list will be the post office's notation on the return envelope(s).

Pat Michaud **W7RED**, 1608 Northeast 120, Portland, Oregon 97220 - Not deliverable as addressed.

Birgitta Astrom **SM0FIB**, Karlavgan 115 3TR, Stockholm, SE-11526, Sweden - Demdnagd/Flyttat

Zenda B. Benton **ICD5MD**, Rte 3 Box 33356, Winnsboro, Texas 75494 - Not deliverable as addressed.

Kuniko Iha **JH6BFF**, 3-34-72 Obiyama, Kumamoto City, 862 Japan - Unknown

Ruth Tollefsen **LA6ZH**, PO Box 17, Tveita, N-0617, Oslo 6, Noiway - Flyttet, ny adresse ukjent/ddmeñage.Nouvelle adresse inconnue

Ann Taylor **GOLAN**, Brigantia Sessay Thirask, Yorkshire, England, YO7 3NL, UK - Gone away/Ddmdnagd

Anne McMaster **ZL3VR**, 15 Gree Road, RD1, Kaiapoi 82252, New Zealand - Not known

Simone Komm **DM2GS**, Hapstr 47 Ihringen 79241 Germany - Zurück/Inconnu/Adresse insuffisante

Kuniko Iha **JH6BFF**, 3-34-72 Obiy Ama, Kumamoto City, 862 Japan - Unknown

Maxine Yarborough **N7LTM**, 6065 Southwest 68th Court, Portland, Oregon 97223-7563 - Moved, left no address, unable to forward

Again, I ask that anyone who knows of a good address for any of the above, please let me know ASAPH!

YLRL CONDOLENCES

I lost my husband, **Bill N5OIN**, last month and it has been really hard. We had our 52nd* Wedding Anniversary in January of this year.

He was in the hospital here in Denton for over a month, with the doctors doing everything possible -- radiation and chemo. It was discovered too late that he had cancer in his right lung - Stage III - Cancer really is a silent killer. I stayed with him day and night and I am thankful for that.

Dorothy KA5DWR Ed: *Our prayers are with you, Dorothy; I know it's a sad time for you. Our tnx go to Alma AB5BA for bringing the info to us.*

Ed: Just received this info - KD7CFH Sherry! Martin became a SK March 01,2004 -- joined in 1988 - Our prayers go out to her family.

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From the Editor

de Caroll NV7YL Massie

This will be short, and sweet. Received Lia's card WA2NFY-heart problem — Dorothy's N7MXA - just the opposite - both of these YLs are such dear friends, sure glad we 're living in the day and age where they can do both these procedures!

Just wanted to add something to the VE Column - I was reminded recently, none too gently I might add, that A-1 means CIV! So now you know the rest of the story!

33, Liebe, Bis spelter ...auf WiederhSren... Caroll NV7YL

A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small bundle. - Benjamin Franklin

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