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YLs Thank you again for your help with the 2005 Scholarship drive.
"YOU" made it a success.

Marte KOEPE

IT IS TIME TO RENEW!

March means it is time to make sure you have your membership in to YLRL. Please send all checks for US Members to Carol Schmitkons, KI8IM and all DX Sponsor checks or self-renewals to Carol Hall, WD8DQG. If you live in the US and "Snowbird" or live in two addresses, we ask that you please use First Class Postage. Every issue we get returned costs us three times for the issue and we cannot resend bulk mail unless we wait for the next issue. If your mail comes back from the Post Office marked "Temporarily Away" we will now hold all issues until we hear from you. We will then send your issue to the address you have given us on your form. We also have a problem with "Forwarding Order Expired." If you have moved, please send your new information to the YLRL Receiving Treasurer. Once the order has expired, we have no way to find out where you moved to and will hold your issues until we hear from you. If you know someone who has moved and mentioned that they haven't received their *YL-Harmonics* please remind them to update their information. Membership forms can be found at www.ylrl.org. Thank you for your help in keeping our costs down.

Certificate Custodians

WAS-YL, YLCC, YL-DXCC, WAC-YL and Continuous Membership We are currently seeking someone for this position please contact President Mary Moore, WX4MM if you are interested or have questions. Thank you!

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Basic Rules Applicable to All YLRL Certificates

1. Contacts made through repeater devices or any other power relay method cannot be used for any YLRL certificate confirmation.
2. All contacts must be made FROM the same country.
3. DO NOT SEND THE QSL CARDS TO THE CUSTODIAN! Two other amateurs must sign the log verifying that the QSL cards are in the possession of the applicant.
4. No charge is made for a certificate, but sufficient postage for first class mail or a stamped legal-sized envelope must accompany the application to cover the cost of mailing the certificate.
5. For the order in which the contacts must be listed, please check the rules for each certificate.
6. All inquiries should be addressed to the appropriate custodian.
7. Decisions of the custodians regarding interpretations of the rules as here stated or later amended shall be final.
8. Certificate custodians and their addresses are listed above this section.

HEREARE JUST A FEW OF THE CERTIFICATES YOU CAN EARN FOR MORE DETAILS GOTO WWW.YLRL.ORG

YL Century Club (YLCC)

Available to all licensed radio amateurs. Two-way communications must be established on authorized amateur bands, with stations, mobile or fixed operated by 100 different women amateurs. The same YL using different call letters will NOT count. Any and all amateur bands may be used.

Contacts with YLs anywhere in the world are recognized provided only that confirmations clearly indicate that duly licensed women operated the stations amateur radio operators.

List of claimed contacts including the full name of the operator, alphabetically arranged by LAST name, the callsign, date, band, mode and RS(T) of each contact.

Endorsements: Confirmations of contacts accompanied by an alphabetical list, each time 50 additional confirmations are available. Endorsements will be made to the original certificate when application is approved. Gold stickers will be awarded to applicants who have worked their additional contacts from the same country; otherwise silver stickers will be awarded.

Worked All States YL (WAS-YL)

Available to all amateurs. Contact must be made with a duly licensed YL in each of the 50 states in the US. The District of Columbia may be counted for Maryland. There are no time or band limitations.

The call used is immaterial, provided it is licensed to the applicant. In qualifying for this certificate, it is possible to work the SAME YL in each of the 50 states.

The list of contacts must be arranged alphabetically by state and must include the call letters, date, band, mode, RS(T) and the YL's first name.

Worked All Continents-YL (WAC-YL)

Available to any licensed amateur in the world. Two-way communications must be established on the amateur radio bands with the six continents: North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania (Which includes Australia and New Zealand). Any and all authorized amateur radio bands may be used. Cross-band contacts are permitted. Contacts may have been made over any period of time.

Contacts with all six continents must be made with duly licensed women operators. It is not necessary for each contact to be a different YL.

The call used is immaterial provided it is licensed to the applicant.

Submit a list of claimed contacts, including the full name of the operator (alphabetically arranged by continent), her callsign, and the date of each contact.



President's Message

de Mary Moore, WX4MM

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CQ YLs

Here it is already time for another Harmonics. I hope all of you enjoyed working the YLOM contest even though it was not the best of conditions. The Blizzard of '06 was raging in the Northeast and it seems like all I could hear were New England stations. There were half a dozen or so contests going on at the same time but all in all I think YLRL had a good presence on the bands. There were a lot of YLs compared to the last couple of years and I hope all of you submitted your logs.

My "soapbox" for this issue is "support". Our membership is getting smaller each year and the same YLs are volunteering or hanging on to do all the work. We are in need of someone to take over District 2 Chairperson and also need a replacement for Cheryl Whitlock, AA4YL, in District 4. Sherri Brower, W4STB, has graciously volunteered to

do the 4th call area for a couple of months even though she has her plate full being the ARRL Southern FL Section Manager and Chairman of ARRL Public Relations Committee. Cheryl does not know when she will be able to resume as District Chairperson so we need a permanent replacement until the next elections.

Cheryl, NOWBV, has put a lot of time and energy into updating the Harmonics and creating a first class magazine for all of us and we need to have full coverage of all the call areas and some news of what the YLs are doing across the country and the world. If we all put in some effort, we could fill pages and pages every issue. When was the last time you sent some news to your DC? Have you ever been a DC? Have you ever been an officer of the organization? What are you doing to support YLRL? I'll borrow

some words, with a little substitution, from President Kennedy, "ask not what YLRL can do for you, but what can you do for YLRL?" We have a wealth of talent in many forms among our membership. We are doing things just like we've been doing them for years, is it time for a change? Do you have some new ideas, creative ideas, any thoughts inside or outside of the box, as they say? Share those with us. Help YLRL grow. We need all of you.

By the time this gets out for distribution Dayton will be right around the corner. I have reservations and plan to be there. If you are planning to go, don't forget the Buckeye Belle's/YLRL booth and the YLRL Forum.

Dues are due. Check with Carol, WD8DQG, if you'd like to sponsor a DX YL this year. She always has one or two on a list waiting for sponsors. ' 33. de WX4MM QRT

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DX YL to North American YL Contest
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General Rules for 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:

Phone and CW contests will be scored separately. Separate logs must be submitted for each contest.

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.

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.

Contestants running a power output of 100 watts or less on CW and 200 watts PEP or less on SSB, at all times during the contest, earn a power factor of 1.5

Computation is done by multiplying the points times the multiplier times the power factor.

For each duplicate contact that is removed from the log by the Vice-President, a penalty of three additional and equal contacts will be exacted.

4. Logs:

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.

Please type or print. Do not send carbon copies of logs. Photocopies are OK.

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.

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

DX YL TO NORTH AMERICAN YL CONTEST

ELIGIBILITY: All licensed women operators throughout the world are invited to participate.

PROCEDURE: DX YLs call "CQ North American YL". North American YLs call "CQ DX YL."

OPERATION: All bands may be used. Contacts with OMs do not count. Participants may work only 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest. Operating breaks must be shown in the log.

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

SCORING: (1) Phone and CW will be scored as separate contests. Submit separate logs for each contest. (2) DX YLs, including Hawaii and Alaska, may contact all the North American continent, which includes the 48 contiguous states and the Canadian provinces. (3) Contestants on the North American continent (including the 48 contiguous states and Canadian provinces) may contact DX YL stations, including Hawaii and Alaska. (4) A station may be counted once on each band for credit and one point is earned for each station worked once on each band. (5) Multiply the number of QSOs by the number of different ARRL sections/VE provinces/countries worked. A multiplier is counted only once in the contest. (6) Contestants running 150 watts or less on CW and 300 watts PEP or less on SSB, at all times, may multiply the results of 5) above by 1.5 (the low power multiplier).

LOGS: All logs must show your ARRL section/VE province/country to qualify for awards. For each QSO, logs must show the station worked, QSO number given and received, RS(T) given and received, ARRL section/VE province/country of 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. Photocopies are OK, but not carbon copies will be accepted. File separate logs for each contest.

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District One News de Anne Manna, WB1ARU

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Happy Spring to all. Since I am writing this while the remains of our only winter storm (so far) are still on the ground, I can't guess what weather will be like when this gets to your mailbox!

This is an edited version of a press release that was forwarded to me by WAIS Ann. It sounds like we will be listening for her from yet another DX location! WRTC 2006 will be in Brazil in July. It is a team competition within the IARU HF World Championship. *The WRTC 2006 Steering Committee has accepted 4L5A Al's generous offer to specifically sponsor a Team representing the Ham contesting ladies of our hobby in WRTC 2006. Al is donating \$10,000 to WRTC 2006 to have a new slot for a YL TEAM in addition to the other ones already in place. We are pleased and proud to announce an additional team to the WRTC2006 Competition, the "YL WRTC 2006 Team". According with our main philosophy of recognition of actual score as the instrument to choose the competitors, we invited P43E (Emily Thiel) who has the highest-level points among all women to be the YL Team-Leader. Also according to our general practices we gave Emily the free option to nominate her Teammate. She decided to invite WAIS (Ann M. Santos) as Teammate, coincidentally the third YL highest score, de Atilano de Oms*

PY5EG and Alexander Teimurazov 4L5A

NIPVT Jane sent me a note. "I was just elected Vice President of the ISSB ... affectionately known as the YL-System. KL7FQQ Rose, also a YLRL member, is the new president. She's a good friend of mine and we hope that we can help the System move in a positive direction. The ISSB was founded by YLs over 40 years ago as an emergency communications network, and it still functions as such 365 days a year. There are many YL members, and all officers must be YLs, but OMs are also very active and are allowed full membership. This year our annual convention is to be held in Branson, MO, and OM Kris, N1LSM and I are looking forward to attending. The System meets daily on 14.332 from 8 AM local time/first call area. I have made many great friends on the YL-System, and try to get everyone IQSO with to check out the frequency.

W1UBM Norma just received her 55-year award from QCWA. "The certificate was presented to me during the QCWA Nutmeg luncheon on February 11th in Rocky Hill, CT. Gosh, I don't feel any older, but dates don't lie. Hi hi! We recently bought a 2006 Toyota Highlander Limited, and hope to have a mobile rig installed shortly. We haven't been mobile for years. It will come

in handy when we attend the Boxboro convention." Boxboro is the ARRL District 1 Convention that will be held on August 26 and 27.

KA1JVN Hennie wrote, "On January 22 Walter KU1Q and I participated in the Naples Daily News Half Marathon, facilitating Ham Radio Communications. Members of the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida provided their members' service for this event. We had a very busy day getting up at 5:00am, since we needed to be at our location by 6:30am. The race started at 7:00am. Over 1,600 runners participated in the race."

An update from WIMP Linda said, "Dog sled races never happened, I guess that's news. We did meet with the organizers to strategize and they are convinced that they need amateur radio to smoothly run the races. This is a big turnaround for them. However, the downside is that they had to cancel, first time in 9 years, but there just wasn't any snow. I've been visiting kids in 2 different states, took a little road trip, will be back in Vermont next week."

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District Two News

Currently we do not have a district 2 representative. If you are interested in becoming District 2's Chairwoman, please contact Mary Moore, WX4MM, current YLRL President.

Bobbie - AA2JO wrote, "I no longer have DX capabilities - tower and beam were taken down (for safety reasons) after I lost A1 in 9/02.

My operating is mainly on 3.935 M-Sat at 9 AM with the Carrier Net. I've been their Sec/Treas for many years and have had eyeballs with many on the net. I sometimes check into the Green Mt Net at 5 PM on 3.933 - another nice group.

Many ham friends are on my e-mail list, so I do keep in touch.

My hobbies are knitting, crochet, and surfing the web. Have a nice little dog named Justin, two grown kids, and a husband that I've been married to for 33 years.

Christine - WB2YBA has been busy with her dogs: 3 Std. Manchester Terriers, 2 Mini Schnauzers, 4 Toy Manchesters, and

1 Italian Greyhound, but sent along this. "Well, I am steadily improving from my right knee replacement in December.

I am still getting physical therapy at Kessler Institute. Most of my antennas are down and come Spring I hope to get them fixed.

I am showing my Manchester terrier dogs and a new Italian Greyhound. It keeps me busy most weekends. I showed my 11-month-old standard Manchester dog today (March 12) at Westchester Center in White Plains. He did well."

Gail - AB2JG introduced herself with this note. "Not much really to say about me. I've been a ham since 1991 and have an Extra license. I am a member of the ARCECS, a group in Queens affiliated with the Red Cross.

I Have a Kenwood TS-440 HF rig, and a Kenwood 32-AT dual-band HT. Have not been getting on the air recently. Generally, I like the digital modes (am a fan of PSK-31). Have some logistical problems to work out with the computer and radio, as well as less than effective antennas at the moment.

I enjoy the Harmonics, and am proud to be a member of YLRL where I'm in the majority for a change (usually being the only woman among a room full of guys at the club meeting)."

Thanks to Anne Manna, WB1ARU our District One Chairwoman for collecting news for District Two as well. Thanks to all of the District 2 members who answered the plea for information!

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Barb, WB1EHS was not on the Yankee Lassies Net for a couple of weeks because her OM Jack WB1APD had a heart attack on February 3. He spent some time in Bangor at EMMC being treated by a cardiologist, but has returned home where he is making good progress.

KA1VAX Betsey and K1EHJ Bob went on a 1-week plus vacation to Texas, including a river barge tour.

WILIO Arline has a job at the police station one day a week as a volunteer. It is part of a tax reduction program for seniors.

I had a great time on YL-OM, as did N1PVT Jane. Hope to

hear gals on in April for DX-YL!

My OM Tony WA1ENO and I will be skiing in Colorado during my February school vacation week. Plans include meeting up with Christine KOALT while there. I'll tell about that next time. Add your news too, by April 15. Maybe that date will stick in your brain!

33, Anne WB1ARU



District Three News de Barb Bender, KA3VXR

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Greetings, 3-Land YLs,
Kay Craigie, N3KN, sent me some really great news: "At the ARRL Board of Directors meeting in January, the Board elected me to the post of First Vice President. I'm looking forward to working with our new president, Joel Harrison W5ZN, to do good things for Amateur Radio. But life is not all work and no play! My OM, Carter N3AO, and I are going to Florida for a week in March to watch the Philadelphia Phillies play spring training baseball."

Congratulations, Kay! 3-Land YLs and ALL YLs in ham radio are really proud of you and know you will represent us well. You've earned your Florida vacation, so have fun?

Ruthanna, WB3CQN, said she is looking forward to spring as this crazy weather has a lot of people sick. She has been listening for Peter 1 hasn't heard anything. They are supposed to be there and she's wondering if they had some kind of trouble. Lois WB3EFQ reported she made 20 new collars for her church choir since Christmas. Otherwise, things are quiet.

On Feb. 3, 2006, to celebrate the anniversary of Moscow's Technical University, two astronauts on the ISS launched SuitSat-1. SuitSat-1, (designated Oscar-54) is an out-of-service Russian Orlon space suit outfitted with an amateur radio transmitter and a CD containing
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over 300 pieces of international student art, pictures, poems and signatures. Under the callsign, RS0RS, it is transmitting messages in 6 languages to hams and school children all over the world. The messages include: time, temperature, battery voltage and a key word in each language. The word for the USA is "freedom." It is also transmitting SSTV. It orbits the earth every 90 minutes, was at the height of 36 KM (223 mi) but continually losing altitude. The plan was to have it transmit 500 mw on 145.99 with a lifetime of one week.

My OM, Dick W3SYY, and I were excited about SuitSat-1 and decided we were going to listen and record it's message on the morning after it was launched. We checked our tracking program, set up the tape recorder, set the alarm for 5:00 AM and excitedly waited to hear the signal. Much to our dismay, we heard.....Nothing! After checking AMS AT, we learned that after 2 orbits it lost power and the amateur radio world thought it was dead. More listening by hams learned it was still transmitting, but with only about 1-10 mw and was fading in and out because of tumbling.

As of Feb. 15, SuitSat-1 was still transmitting and being recorded by hams all over the world who had multi-element, directional antennas. It was located 1 mile below and 4 min-

utes ahead of the ISS and was on its 175" orbit, roughly 213 miles above the earth. It will gradually descend into the earth's atmosphere and burn up.

Since we don't have the needed antenna system, we gave up listening but still keep track of other hams that are hearing it. For more information check out www.amsat.org and if you hear it, send contact reports to www.suitsat.org

Everyone is looking forward to spring, sunny days and Ham-fests and the granddaddy of all is the Dayton Hamfest in May. If you attend you can expect to see rows and rows and rows of tailgaters outside and more commercial dealers than you've ever seen inside. A highlight for YLs, of course, is the YLRL/Buckeye Belle table. It's a wonderful place for YLs to meet and greet, so be sure to stop by.

If any of you get to Dayton, please share your experience with ALL 3-land YLs through this column.

Till next time. Happy Hamming!

73/33 de Barb KA3VXR

For the Suitsat pictures Barb sent, please refer to the article on the NASA Glenn Amateur Radio Club from Nancy, KC4IYD.

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District Four News

Thanks to Sherri, W4STB for stepping in to write the District 4 Column for a couple of months. We need a permanent person for the job. Please contact Mary, WX4MM if you are interested in the position.

"Hello, my name is... I live in..." How often do we say that whether in person or on the air? I would like to say "hello" to you in person or on the air but a written "hello" will have to suffice for now.

Several weeks ago I read "Harmonics" and saw the request to fill in for Cheryl Whitlock, AA4YL and bring you the news from the 4th District. As you see above the name here is Sherri and I live in Vero Beach Florida. My background as an ARRL PIO (Public Information Officer) and Section Manager as well as chairing the ARRL Public Relations Committee makes it a bit easier to write a news column.

So, what are the YLs in 4-Land doing? Quite a lot.

YLs met for a YL Forum at the Tampa Bay Hamfest in December. Jan Scheurmari, WA2YL spoke about her Miss America Special Event station that she has done for many years and about her YL-only DXpedition several years ago. Stella Gurka, WB2FAU spoke about earning operating awards, working PSK31, and the annual special events station that she coordinates for the Edison Festival of Lights in Fort Myers Florida. Other YLs shared information about upgrading, operating activities, special event stations, MARS, and (of course) YLRL. We even assisted an OM who came to ask how to encourage his lady to get a ham license. The hour flew by all too quickly

and resulted in new friendships and new ideas about radio operating.

Mary Moore, WX4MM reports that she worked the YL-OM contest and managed to get 301 contacts. She worked a 747 flying out of Auckland, NZ, a cargo ship in the Mediterranean and the Olympic Games ham station in Torino, Italy. Sounds like a good weekend.

Meet a new YLRL member in the district: Billie Wyckoff, WB4BW. She went from Tech to Extra class in less than one year and is working on her Emcomm II class now. She is a VE and works with Skywarn in Opelika, AL.

Myra Kitchen, K3PGH (think Pittsburg Steelers and yes, she's a fan) of Royal Palm Beach Florida recently coordinated a special event station for 17 days in the Yesteryear village at the South Florida Fair. The event featured tours of the radio museum, information about amateur radio, and the opportunity for fair goers to send an NTS message.



Left to Right are: Andrea, KG4ZYT, Betty, KE4BFC, Myra, K3PGH & standing, Andrea's daughter, Nicole, NOCAL.

For those that like to plan ahead, consider the following event: Breakfast with the HAY-LARC YLs on Sunday during the Huntsville Hamfest. This YL club mans the admission booth, vendor hospitality suite, and does many other jobs at this large Hamfest but they take time to get together for breakfast during the weekend. All YLs and accompanying OMs are welcome. (You will have a good time -I know because I've attended the Hamfest and the breakfast for the past 2 years.)

Another "not to miss" event is the YLRL forum at the Dayton Hamvention® in May in Dayton Ohio. I hope to see you there.

That's all for now. With less than a week to find the news and write this column I had to search far and wide. E-mail me your news by April 1st for the next column because I will do at least one more issue, unless we find a volunteer. Remember, we can't report the news we don't hear so send those e-mails and photos and encourage your YL friends in other call areas to send their info to their district chair.

Till next time stay safe and stay on the air.

33,

de Sherri, W4STB

Photo is from the Yesteryear Village special Event at the South Florida Fair, coordinated by Myra Kitchen, K3PGH.

The YLs shown were among the volunteers that helped at the special event station.



District Five News
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Hello to all!

Judi Jaksa, WOJJ, reported the following news: Texas Young Ladies Round Up Net (TYL-RUN) celebrated its 51st year on the net with a face-to-face Birthday party in Denton, Texas, last November. We are on the air every Thursday morning at 7:50 a.m. CST on 3.944. Many of our members cannot join us on the air any more. There are only four of us now who "meet" weekly. If you know of any YLs who would like to chat with us, please ask them to join us.

Linda Hynan, AC5QQ, has been enjoying a visit from her parents. They planned to go on several side trips during their stay. Linda says her grandbaby is growing fast. She'll be a year old in March and already has quite a vocabulary.

Ruth Jank, K5OPT, says that she and her OM Gene, W5EJT, have slowed down a lot. They gave up camping after 24 years, and they are no longer on 10 - 20 meters. Gene is on 80 meters every morning, but conditions have not been favorable. Ruth is keeping up with her friends mostly by telephone. She was sorry she had to miss the YLRL Convention. Ruth and Gene just returned from a cruise to Mexico and Belize with family to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to both of you!

In our area, the Jefferson County, Texas, Amateur Radio Club has been busy repairing damage to the clubhouse caused by Hurricane Rita. A damaged club repeater, antennas, a ruined roof, broken windows and other

problems have been corrected or soon will be.

Please remember to send your news for the next issue.

33, Carol, KK5L



*Back row Linda (AC5QQ), Dorothy (KASDWR), Judi (WOJJ), Cynthia (daughter of Julia), and Maureen (N5FFB)
 Front row Julia (K5JFJ), Kathy (K5IHF), Doris ((D5BNQ), and Lyn (W5RYX)*

THE EDITOR NEEDS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We have been having a lot of returned mail this year. Postage rates have gone up and even when we send out your issue bulk mail, it gets returned at the First Class cost. When we resend it we have to wait (if it is close enough) to send it with the next bulk issue or pay First Class postage-again. As you renew please make sure you fill out a membership form. You can find them in the center of this issue or at www.ylrl.org or www.qth.net/ylrl and send them to the Receiving Treasurer, Carol Schmitkons, KI8IM.

One of our biggest problems is "Temporarily Away." This is a new status for people who hold their mail for multiple months or live at two addresses. We think the Post Office will forward one issue, but no more than that. At this time YLRL is not set up to hold multiple addresses for one person in the database.

If you or someone you know has had problems receiving their YL-Harmonics, please let the Receiving Treasurer, Secretary or Editor know immediately. We always hold returned issues, but unless we have a current address, we cannot forward them until we hear from you. Thank you for your help and support.

Purpose

1. To encourage and assist Young Ladies (YLs) throughout the world to enter the Amateur Radio Service.

2. Sponsor and otherwise carry out programs to promote YL interest, appreciation and understanding of radio communications and electronics and to encourage them to advance and improve their skills as Amateur Radio Operators.

3. To carry out a program of specialized service to blind and otherwise handicapped Young Ladies.

4. To provide Scholarship funds or other grants to worthy Young Ladies to continue their education, with preference given to those in the academic study of communications and electronics or related arts and sciences.

5. To host foreign YLs during their visits to the United States and to sponsor their participation in YLRL activities.

6. To encourage Amateur Radio competition between YLs by offering certificates, trophies, etc. for demonstrating excellence in such operating competitions.



Current President Mary, WX4MM, speaking at the 2005 YLRL convention.,



Participate!



Operate!



Appreciate!



Cooperate!

2006

YLRL



Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc.

Founded in 1939

Women Helping Women in Amateur Radio

What is YLRL?

...And What can it do for me?

Organized in 1939, YLRL is a non-profit organization of women amateur radio licensees. With a membership of approximately 1500, it is international in scope with about 250 of those members being DX YLs.

The YLRL (Young Ladies' Radio League) exists to encourage and assist YLs (Young Ladies) throughout the world to enter into the Amateur Radio Service. There are a variety of interests to offer licensed YLs: Traffic Handling, Public Service, Emergency Management, Contests, Awards, DX and more on AM, CW, SSB, FM, RTTY, AMTOR, Packet and Satellite. Of course, there are the infinite benefits derived from just plain gal-to-gal ragchewing and the resulting friendships. You are always welcome at any YLRL activity. Come on in; the YLs are anxious to meet you.

Harmonics

YL Harmonics is the bi-monthly publication of the YLRL. Every issue lists all officers and committee chairmen. It includes articles, scholarship information. District information (including DX information), convention information and much, much more! The YLRL offers a program of specialized service to blind YLs through the Tape Topics program. *YL Harmonics* will be sent to the visually impaired members upon request.

Nets

One of the easiest ways for you to meet other YLs is on the local, national and international nets. Don't give up if you aren't heard on your first call! Among the larger nation-wide nets are the YL Open House, Wed. 1900 UTC (1800 UTC Spring and Summer) on 14.288 MHz; YL Tangle net, Thurs. 1800 UTC on 14.298 MHz; and YL Roses Net, Mon. 1800 UTC on 28.433. Remember all frequencies are approximate, so tune around and listen for the YLs chatting away.

Dayton

Every year at the Dayton Hamvention, the YLRL shares a booth with the Buckeye Belles. Here YLs from all over the world meet face-to-face and catch up on the latest. The YLRL also has a forum at Dayton every year. Check the Hamvention guide for speakers, time and location of the YLRL forum.

Contests

If you love to contest check out these YLRL contests.

- YL/OM Contest in February
- DX YL to N. American YL Contest in April
- Howdy Days in September
- YL Anniversary Party in October

Convention

Every three years, the YLRL holds their international convention. Meet other members from around the world. Enjoy speakers on a multitude of ham radio topics. Speak up at the YLRL forum. Learn what other YLs are doing in amateur radio.



Some of the attendees at the the 2005 convention!



The Young Ladies Radio League has members from all over the world.

Awards

If you like collecting awards and certificates, we have some chasing for you. Earn certificates for:

- Worked All States YL (WAS-YL)
- Worked All Continents YL (WAC-YL)
- YL-DXCC
- YL Century Club (YLCC)
- DXYL
- Continuous Membership

**In Amateur Radio Every Woman is
a Young Lady No Matter What Her
Age!**

**For More information on joining
the YLRL...**

Contact Cheryl Muhr, NoWBV (Publicity Officer) at (303) 904-2243 or at nOwbv@earthlink.net. You can also contact your local District chairman all information is in the front of *YL Harmonics*. For more information visit YLRL on the web at www.ylrl.org.

YLRL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2006

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

Name-----Callsign
Address _____
City State----- Zipcode
Telephone Number (____) _____ Unlisted Y / N
New Member?----- Former Member?
Class of license held. _____ Year first licensed _____
e-mail address/web page----- Endorsed by: _____
Member of ARRL? Yes No

Please complete the following optional information:

Please list any affiliated clubs of which you are a member

Occupation----- Birthday
Other hams in family (Name & Call) _____

Any additional information about yourself or station activities is welcome. Please list any former calls if any _____

Are you active in Ham Radio? On what bands? _____

Do you contest?-----Which ones? _____

Do you DX? _____

Has any information changed since you joined YLRL? _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES

New? Renewal? _____

Membership dues are payable March 1, delinquent March 31 and ar pro-rated for those joining after August 31.

Current dues are as follows:

\$15.00 regular member, bulk mail (USA only)

\$15.00 plus \$4.00 for 1st class mail in US (required in Canada & Mexico)-\$19.00

\$ 2.00 family member residing at same address (No additional *YL Harmonics'*)

\$15.00 subscriber

\$15.00 plus \$4.00 subscriber, 1st class mail in US

\$15.00 DX subscriber plus \$8.00 Airmail (required for DX-YL)-\$23.00

Rates subject to change as needed.

Please mail completed form and your check made payable to "YLRL" to the receiving treasurer.

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

(See back of membership form for names and addresses)

If you have questions please contact the YLRL website at www.ylrl.org for more information

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Please help us out by taking the time to fill out all the areas in **Red** in full each time you renew. It is so easy to let a change slip by during the year. This will help us keep our records up-to-date and keep you from missing an issue of YL Harmonics. Remember to pay your dues by March 31, 2006 to keep current for the 2006 year.



District Six News de Dawn Biocca, KB6LHP

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Hi From The Silent District Six,

Hope everyone is doing well and the weather is not too cold or wet where you are.

I will be attending Dayton Hamvention in May and hope to see you all there. It is a wonderful convention if you have never done it I would encourage you to do it at least once. Alan and I start about four years ago after he lost his uncle and we decided that life was too short to wait until next year. We have gone each year for the past four.

That is all I have from District Six. Take care and keep warm and dry

33 & 73

Dawn, KB6LHP

Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF writes in, "Well, the first week in April, I'm leaving to visit Mio and Jiro in Osaka. Mio and I traveling together to attend and operate during VU4 hamfest on Andaman Island w/Bharathi, VU2RBI. Our call signs: VU4/JR3MVF & VU4/WA6UVF."

33,

Jeanie

Check-in and They Will Call

YLs on HF are becoming rarer, and the OMs want to work us. Many of the W.A.S. (Worked All States) Nets and awards clubs also have special awards requiring contacts with YLs. I frequently get email requests from OMs asking if I know any YLs in a particular state, or if I am going on any out-of-state road trips. On occasion, I have driven to Nevada just to check into an HF net. (OK, I may have also visited a casino or two while I was there.) The point I want to make is that these OMs really want to work more YL. One 40m net that I frequently check into may have 80 check-ins, and only 4 or 5 of them are YLs - and we are the same 4 or 5 YLs.

So what is in it for us? The nets are a great way to W.A.S., and also a great way to improve operating skills. Most of these nets also have QSL "burros" that are quite efficient and reduce the cost of QSLing.

I am active on HF 3905 Century Club Nets, and I would like to invite any of our YLs with HF privileges to join in their nets. They have a website www.3905ccn.com which has information on the nets which are on multiple bands and modes. So please check out the website and check into a net. If you would like more information you may also contact me at gwonder@earthlink.net or phone.

One last word of warning - if you check into a net have a pile of sharp pencils at hand, and be ready to feel like DX.

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Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL



District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

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Hello and Happy Springtime to everyone!

—At least I hope you are enjoying spring weather by the time you read this. After a very rainy January we are enjoying a few days of sunshine. But they are forecasting frigid temperatures for this weekend - and possibly SNOW!

It's time to think 'Ham-fests' and 'Swapmeets'. There was one in Quartzsite, AZ in January which we more or less share with District 6 so Dawn, KB6LHP 6th district chairwoman volunteered to put out YLRL brochures and YL-Harmonics for the YLs that attended. Thank you. Dawn! I enjoyed your write up about it in the January/February issue.

Next is the Salem Hamfair and Swapmeet at Rickreall in Oregon on this coming Saturday, February 18. Lory N7KTY will be putting out brochures and Harmonics and plans to roam the aisles with a sign-in sheet for YLs. She always does a good job. In March we have the Mike & Key Swapmeet in Puyallup, WA where we YLs usually have a table with YLRL information. And Barbara AC7UH is already working on a program for the YLRL luncheon at SeaPac. Keep tuned!

Just received news of the Two Rivers YL Net from Barbara, AC7UH. She writes: "Yes, Virginia, there really was a post-

holiday YL potluck. Barbara Yasson AC7UH hosted the event at the Yasson's Salmon Creek QTH on Saturday February 11. The house was nicely decorated for spring thanks to Marianna Kearney W7WFO for a lovely bunch of tulips and Phil Yasson AB7RW for an early Valentine that was a nice pot of red tulips. Barb Lewey K7BJL, Judith Ames N7SRS, Marianna Kearney W7WFO, Marilyn Lum K7LUM, Marti Brucher W7AYL, and Peggy Stone KB7SBK attended. The company was delightful and the food was delicious. It was a great pleasure hosting the potluck and I hope we can do it again. Each year that we schedule this event the group is always grateful for good weather like the sun that was shining on the 11th, so we don't have to re-schedule as we have done in the past for wind, ice, and snow. The group began making plans for the YL luncheon at SeaPac June 17. We will do the YLRL booth complete with the 7th District YLRL convention kit, so look us up when you arrive.

The MINOW Net has managed to keep going in spite of poor and noisy conditions on 75 meters. Congratulations to Elizabeth, KK7VO who taught a class in January - there were 9 in her class and 6 of them passed the test last Monday. She reported that there were 8 new hams from the exam (2 just came and

took the test) including 3 YLs and the other three will probably pass at the next exam.

The Evergreen Intertie YL Net is also suffering from poor conditions. The Intertie has been down for several weeks because of heavy snow in the mountains. The local repeater we use to keep the net going is located on Tiger Mountain east of Seattle and is also no doubt buried by snow causing all the static which makes it very difficult to hear each other. We are looking forward to spring when some of the OMs can get up there to repair it.

Last night I checked into a fairly new 2 meter YL Net in Mason County, WA - they call themselves the WW YL Net (Wild Woman) and are a small but lively group of YLs (and a few OMs). I'd really be happy to hear about other YL nets in 7 land.

Best wishes to Carolyn, WA7SW of Eugene who is undergoing chemotherapy. She has had 4 treatments of 26 so she has a long haul but had a good report recently. Get well wishes also go to another YLRL member, Norma KD7FLP (Tenino, WA) who suffered a light stroke recently but is slowly making progress.

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District Eight News de Carolyn Donner, N8ST

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I know it's only February, but I've seen the three signs that spring is near: 1. Seed catalogs are arriving in the mail; 2. My bulbs are sprouting; and 3. The Robins have returned to our backyard. So no matter what that old groundhog said, I see more signs that spring is near? I hope!!! <Grin>

I asked the YLs of District 8 if any of them use Echolink, and got various answers. Most don't use it yet, some are setup to use it but just haven't made any contacts, and others have no interest at all. So looks like it's a little too new for us to have a net of any kind on. Thanks to all who answered my questions.

Connie N8IO has been busy! "This coming Sunday, February 12, is the Mansfield Mid-Winter Hamfest. The OSSBN will have a meeting at 11:00 am following the ARRL forum beginning at 10:00. I'm headed up to Mansfield with a car full and I will be staying with a friend. We all will meet Saturday Evening at Chedders for dinner. I'm hoping for a standing room only for the meeting. We have a couple of awards that will be made.

Went to the TUSCO Hamfest on the last Sunday of January and did they have a crowd. The aisles were crowded and I saw a lot of hams I knew.

I've been checking into the YL Openhouse on Wednesdays

on 14.288 at 2:00 EST and Tangle Net on Thursdays at 1800 UTC. They will get back to the same time for me when Daylight Time returns. While I'm on that subject, it sure would be nice to have more of the 8th Region YLs checking into these nets. They are both for YLs and a good way to make lasting friendships."

When I talked to Doris, WD8IKC recently, she had a sprained ankle. I sure hope she is all better now. 33 and Teddy Bear Hugs,

Tina W8HBI answered my questions about Echolink and Internet chats, "I've personally never used, Echolink, but my husband N8IS has — and it's set up at our house. (My father W8GC also uses it, they seem to like it.)"

Nancy KC4IYD / 8 has Echolink setup but hasn't made any contacts yet. She also helped with the contact with ARISS (Amateur Radio on ISS) recently. She is president of the NASA Glenn Radio Club, which worked on that contact for the school. Sounds like a great success.

Dee, N8UZE reports that she uses Echolink on rare occasions.

Susie N8CGO sent the Buckeye Burr (Buckeye Belles newsletter) and the OH-KY-IN newsletter. Both are as always excellent newsletters. I enjoy

them. Thanks Susie.

Is or has anyone listened for SuitSat (http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2006/26jan_suitsat.htm)? My OM Gary K8BE and I listened, but didn't hear anything. I even left the map on my computer desktop for a few days so we could try to listen when it was supposed to be overhead, but somehow we kept missing it. You can check out the orbit here: <http://suitsat.org/> The whole idea is pretty interesting. We'll keep trying. It's sending out various types of signals — SSTV, a female voice signal, a male voice signal, CW signal, and voice in various languages. The biggest problem with hearing it is that the suit twists and turns as it orbits so sometimes the antenna is pointed out into space instead of toward earth. There is no way for them to control it.

As for other tilings I've been involved in, two local clubs have started up Slow Scan TV nets again. Each has the SSTV net one night a month. This works well for us, so we've been checking in to both of them. I also worked the OM-YL contest for both the CW/digital and the SSB portions. I don't know how my scores compare to others, but at least I got in there and tried. <Grin>

That's all for now. Until next issue, 33 and 88 from
Carolyn N8ST



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

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It is so hard to believe that it is already February. Time goes by so quickly.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanza or whatever holiday you celebrate. We had both of our children and their spouses and their children here (total seven grandchildren) and it was wonderful. Our dog, Sophie, gets in the middle of the children and hasn't a clue that she is a bit different. Our grandchildren range in age from 4 to 20. Our daughter doesn't live very far from us so we see her children frequently, but our son lives about 3 hours from us and we don't get to see them as often as we would like. They were able to stay over two days and that was great.

The day after Christmas, Sophie, aforementioned dog (Dalmatian) chased a cat up a tree, about 40 feet, and the poor thing wouldn't come down. We called Animal Care and Control and they couldn't do anything because we don't live in the city, and our fire department decided they didn't want to do anything. We were told that the cat would come down when it got hungry.

Well, four days later, we still had a cat in the tree, the weather was very cold and we even had a thunderstorm and the sad cat stayed in the tree. At this point, we called a tree service and had a tree climber come out, climb the tree and rescue the cat.

We knew it was someone's pet because it had a collar. The climber got down with the cat, saw that his name was Tom and was just about to put it in a pet carrier and the cat bolted.

It ran out of the yard and we will never know if it made it home or not. And its owner will never know what it had been through. I hope he got home safely.

I have some news from Dot, N9ALC. She said Christmas was busy as always and that they have another granddaughter, which brings the total to 24 great grandchildren. Wow! And I thought I had a lot with 7 grandchildren.

She said she is getting on the air occasionally. She has DXCC on 10-15-20 meters and still needs a few for 40 and 80. She is still working Subs and Light Houses and has an album for each. Her violin is being repaired and she is anxious to be able to start playing it again. Dot's O.M., Bob, W9LNQ, is keeping busy with projects around the house in between "playing radio". It's a great pastime and you get to meet a lot of nice people (hams). I couldn't agree more with that. Dot sent this picture of her and her O.M., Bob.

Thank you so much. Dot, again, for writing or this would have been a very short column. I certainly hope that I remember when I finally no longer the

district chair to send the in some news. Have a wonderful spring.

33's and looking forward to Dayton,

Carole, WB9RUS



Dot, N9ALC and OM Bob, W9LNQ

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I was also happy to see that Marilyn K7LUM was at the Two Rivers luncheon. Peggy KB7SBK reported that Marilyn had had chemo treatments this past year and has not been well. Thanks Peggy for helping to keep Marilyn's spirits up by talking with her every week.

Hoping to receive news from YOU soon!
33, Sara AB7PS



District Ten News de Doshia ICretke, IC8ONAS

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Hello from 0 land!

Cheryl, NOWBV has been busy on the HF bands. She had a great Ham radio weekend, working 3Y0X a couple of times while they were on Peter 1 Island. That same weekend, she also got a chance to get on the air on the Monday after YL-OM SSB and had a wonderful time talking to a number of YLs from around the world. Normally she can't get on early that day. She was bummed, though, that she only got to work an hour of the YL-OM SSB contest, but had fun talking to (and in some cases educating about the contest) 27 OMs, some of whom had talked to at least 6 other YLs before me. She is glad to hear all the YLs on the air.

Others of us are having a little difficulty. We had to take a tree out, and that meant our 80-meter dipole wire had to come down and with it, my ability to do HF outside the immediate area. It is always a challenge to manage to put up antennas and still meet the local regulations. In our neighborhood, antennas must be attached to the house and extend no more than 8 feet above the roofline. The dipole worked

pretty well; I expect we'll try and string the half we had to take down somewhere the question is, where? I think it's time to get that HF antenna for the car.

At the 6-month mark after Hurricane Katrina, many people are reviewing what was done, and not done. Local Amateur Radio Emergency Services groups are trying to take lessons learned and apply them to their own areas so that next time and there will be a next time, we just don't know when or where the situation is better managed. All of us as Ham operators have a responsibility to be at least reasonably knowledgeable about the hazards facing our own areas of the world and to at least have given passing thought to what we would do about each of them. This is part of the reason the amateur bands exist.

I live in Colorado. The last hurricane here may have been seen by the dinosaurs; I don't think I'll worry about them too much. We aren't especially prone to earthquakes, either, nor to the large tornados of the Midwest. Forest fires are possible, certainly, and blizzards. The

biggest threat, we are told, is flood. In 1976, a torrential rain planted itself over the Big Thompson canyon and produced a flood that killed about 140 people. Fortunately, as the flood exited the canyon it spread out and caused only mild damage in Loveland, the town nearest the canyon mouth. That type of rain happens nearly every year somewhere in the state. If it were to happen west of Boulder, where the city is snug against the mouth of the canyon, the damage, and probably loss of life, would be massive. Chances are slim that such a disaster will happen here this year, or even in the next 50, but it is something to plant in the back of the mind. What would my family and I need to do in such an emergency? Do I know what the local emergency frequencies are? Can I power my rig from a battery or other source if the power goes out? Do I have what I need so I don't need to be rescued myself (including at least several days supplies of essential medications)?

Just a bite for thought.

33s, Doshia KB0NAS



VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

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This winter the West Coast of Canada has been battered by one storm after another. The temperature remains mild but we have had heavy rain and high winds from the Southeast. Each storm roars up the Strait of Georgia, rearranges the shoreline and deposits a fresh supply of logs and driftwood on our beaches. Trees have been uprooted and power lines brought down. The reservoirs are full to the point of overflowing. The farmland is soggy. My son is suffering withdrawal symptoms, as he cannot get onto his golf course. My daughter, the skier, is happy, as there is a good snow base on Mt Washington. What do I do? Well, I just throw more wood on the fire, turn my antenna to ride out the wind and hope for the best. One tree down. No damage, so far.

The wild swans that have been wintering in the Valley are starting to leave for their nesting grounds in the north. A pair of eagles have returned to their nest nearby. Spring must be just around the corner. I look forward to March and Fran's new crop of lambs. I have not had many QSOs this year. I blamed poor propagation but it soon became apparent that my Yaesu FT1000 was not transmitting correctly. A good friend, George, VE7MCK/VA7GM, checked
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my equipment, confirmed the problem lay with my rig and has recommended that I send it to Cypress, California for repairs. Very distressing news to say the least!! George, very generously, installed a Yaesu FT990 for me to use in the meantime. I am truly blessed to have such kind and considerate friends. George's tutoring, four years ago, enabled me to qualify and claim David's callsign. VE7IM. The hobby has opened a whole new world for me and I now understand why David enjoyed it so much.

Elizabeth, VE7TLK/VA7TK, is to be congratulated for her very well written article entitled "BCYLARA Issues Challenge to Women Across Canada". It was published in the January/February 2006 issue of the RAC publication The Canadian Amateur (TCA). A photo of the Parksville gathering of BCYLARA in May of 2005 was printed on the front cover of that issue. Well done, Elizabeth!

I was surprised to receive my YL Anniversary Party 2005 Certificate and a note from Mary Moore, WX4MM. My first contest, ever! Thank you, Mary, for correcting my log scoring errors. I hope to participate in the YL/OM Contest and will try very hard to submit my log correctly, this time. HiHi
33 Suzanne VE7IM

Elizabeth - VE7YL writes:
No DXpeditions this year unfortunately. Gwen, VK3DYL, is going to the YL International Conference in Mumbai at the end of October and I have decided not to go. We have been thinking of places to go next year for a DXpedition but band conditions are so bad and next year they will be even worse before we start the journey up. Have to really think about this one! We enjoyed Vanuatu and Tonga so much last year.

Closer to home spring has come early but the rains have not let up so golf is at a standstill and going to the gym three times a week has taken its place (temporarily!) The garden looks soggy but alive with snowdrops looking lovely in the orchard. Not bad for the 2nd of February.

Plans for the year? Trips to Calgary to see the grandchildren there, keeping up with the other two grandchildren here, chasing IOTA and any new YL countries that might turn up and this weekend the YL/OM CW contest.

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Gerda, DL5OBK, sent her dues in this past week with a recap of her travels. She said the highlight was her trip to Iceland and the SYLARA meeting last June, which was extremely well organized by Vala and Anna from Reykjavik. She went for other ladies to Ireland in July and had a lot of fun. In December she went to Stockholm and Raija, SMOHNV, who I sponsor, really spoiled with all showing her all the Christmas decorations. Gerda says she is looking forward to the JAIG (Japanese Amateurs in German)-meeting in May at Berhtesgaden/Bavaria with a day-trip to Salzburg.

In March, Anita, DU7HH is turning over her job with "DL-YL" the German YL magazine to Waltraud, DL-8BAU. Raija has supplied me with "DL-YL" which I have really appreciated, although I struggle with the German... it's easier for me to read than speak. I keep my dictionary on hand.

Tuulikki, OH7XX and her OM are leaving on March 29th for a trip to Kyoto, Tokyo and Hiroshima where they will meet with many amateurs and enjoy the blooms of the cherry blossoms.

If you have not had the chance, please check the Mumbai web site. [Hppt:// groups.yahoo.com/ group/ mumbaiylmeet/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mumbaiylmeet/) There are quite a large number signed up to go. I'll be looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying the trips Sarla has planned. I have my air plane tickets and I'm sure Sarla will welcome new, or late comers!

When you send in your adoptees dues, please fill out the membership sheet with up-dates to addresses and other information. We are receiving too many returns because of wrong addresses.

I have a list of DX-YLs who need sponsors:

Dunia Olivares,
EA8BHD of the Canary Islands, Spain

Cornelia Wellner,
DF8MN, who received a gift membership at Dayton 2005

Tina Clogg, VK5TMC
was sponsored by K6INK,
now a SK

Mamaoki Miyako,
JR5BBJ, who was also sponsored by K6INK

Lea Toussaint, LX1TL of Belgium

So there is no confusion, please e-mail before you send me any dues. And if I've put your name out there and you

don't need or want a sponsor, please let me know.

I didn't start out with much, but it seems I had more than I anticipated. Don't forget the nets: Sun evening 14.222, Australia/New Zealand, and Mon morning 14.220-+-/- for the European YL net.

33's Carol Hall, WD8DQG/7

If you are a member of DX YL Club and are interested in translating some parts of YL-Harmonics into other languages, we would love to hear from you!

We hope to start having translations of some sections this year. Any language is fine. This will be space contingent and can be sections from the previous issue or if you are willing to work under deadline, we can try to translate current issues as they appear.

Readers let us know what languages you want to see YL-Harmonics use for translating. Characters will work if they can be sent as a jpg file.

If you are interested please contact Cheryl, NOWBV the editor at nOwBv@earthlin.net and thanks again!

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I belong to a Canadian chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild and I always have unfinished pieces that need looking at! Then there is bridge, which I'm trying to learn (with difficulty)! The year will be busy. Who said you have to slow down, as you get older?

33 to everyone Elizabeth VE7YL

Elizabeth - VE7TLK/VA7TK writes:

I am really enjoying a sunny February after experiencing a record breaking, daily rainfall since mid-December. My umbrella got lots of use during my daily walks as Vancouver, BC had only two sunny days during that period!

Late November, I had a rough start getting the BCYLARA HF 80M Net running again! Propagation was so bad that on three consecutive nets, I, as net control, had no check-ins. I appreciated the YLs/ OMs e-

mailing me to let me know that they could not hear my signal but not to get discouraged and to keep trying. I decided to hold the net earlier at 6pm PST or 02:00 UTC. At last, BC YLs/OMs were checking in and also YLs from Alberta and Saskatchewan. As evenings lighten up, net time may have to be moved later again. For net time updates, visit <http://www.ylradio.ca> and click on the Amateur Radio Nets page. My YL friend RoseMarie ICB4RM, from Virginia, is anxious to use their new 80M-yagi antenna to check-in. If RoseMarie and I are successful in having a QSO, we will look for a higher frequency to make it possible for YLs in the US to check-in also!

33 to all, Elizabeth VE7TLK/VA7TK

Paulette, VE7VPE, our newest VE member of YLRL writes:

Not much to report other than my OM, John, and I have been in Palm Springs, California

for 45 days. We left with our trailer on December 27th, 2005 and headed for the warmer weather. We are in a fabulous RV Resort here and the weather has just been fantastic compared to at home where it has been non stop rain. What a great way to escape the winter months at home!!!

Unfortunately it has to end and we are headed home February 12th, 2006. Should take us about 4-5 days to drive back. We will be taking our time, we are in no rush to get back to the winter weather.

I'm looking forward to the BCYL conference in May in Kelowna, B.C. Will be nice to see everyone again. Then of course it will be time to get the garden in and some needed repairs to the back deck on the house. Hopefully we will have a decent spring and summer with no rain!!

That's all my news for now.

Take care.

Paulette, VE7VPE

No Picture
available

KL7 District News de Lil Marvin, NL7DL

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No information from the KL7 District this time. If you have information for I<L7, please send it to the District Chairwoman at the above address.

NASA YLS HELP SCHOOL KIDS TALK TO THE ISS

by Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

NASA Glenn Amateur Radio Club helps local school kids talk to ISS.

On Jan 11, at 1:11pm, students at St. Albert the Great School talked with astronaut Bill McArthur, part of the Expedition 12 crew, on the International Space Station (ISS) via amateur radio. This was possible through the ARISS the Amateur Radio on ISS program. Several hams and members of the NASA Glenn Amateur Radio Club (NGARC): Nancy, KC4IYD; Phil, KC8SRG; Al, KB8MZT; Mike, N8PJD; Glenn, AF8C and Tom, N8EFO were responsible in helping St. Albert make this successful contact.

In addition, Jim Fitzgerald, an Aerospace Education Specialist, presented a 35-minute program on NASA Space Exploration while we were waiting for the contact. His program showed the students how food was packaged and how astronauts sleep in the space station, how gyroscopes work and how an astronaut gets into a space suit.



The suit before take off.

I was the control operator on the radio and actually got to call the space station using their call NA1SS for the contact. The NASA ham club call is NA8SA. The students came up with 18 questions, 2 from each grade (IC-8), by voting for the top #1 and #2 question. 17 of the 18 students were able to ask their question to astronaut Bill McArthur during the 10-minute pass before we lost contact.



The suite drifting over the earth. What a glorious sight to behold.

This activity was initiated by a past NASA employee and NASA Glenn Amateur Radio Club member, Art Anzic-K8BVI, who passed away in 2003. He had helped St. Albert the Great school prepare and complete their paperwork in 2002 with the ARISS. St. Albert was his local parish. At the time, NGARC had said we would provide any help Art or the school needed. After Art passed away, the school contacted us to see if we would still sponsor them and we agreed.

Around Sept. 2005, we were told that a contact with the space station would take place with Expedition 12. Afterwards, several members of the ham club worked with the school in updating their application form, gathering equipment, visiting the schools to find the optimum place to put up the antennas and radio equipment and explaining what would happen to the staff and teachers during the event. During the introduction of this activity, Principal Tom Brownfield dedicated this contact to the memory of Art Anzic.

Over 800 students and about 400 faculty members, parents and friends were in St. Albert Church for this contact. The local channel 8 news was present and video of the event was shown on their 6:00 news on Jan 11th. For more info about this activity, especially if you want to hear audio of the contact, check out the NGARC webpage: <http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/Clubs/NA8SA/ARISS.html>. To learn more about ARISS or how your school or your child's school can talk to the astronauts on the space station, see: <http://www.arri.org/ARISS>

Pictures from Barb Bender, KA3VXR's District 3 column.

New YLRL Members de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ-Secretary

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New Members for March/April 2006

Welcome to the following

District 4

Billie M. Wyckoff WB4BW

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Birthday: May 25

Welcome as our first new member for 2006. Billie has been endorsed by our President Mary Moore WX4MM. Billie is a Registered nurse and holds an Extra class license. She belongs to OMISS #5411 and also works with the Century Club. Her OM Gus is W4GUS. Billie is currently on 75 and 2 meters but hopes to be on 20 and 40 soon chasing DX and working the contests. As of her application she has worked 49 states only one to go!!!

DX

Dunia Olivares Rivero, EA8BHD, sponsored by Mary

Moore, WX4MM

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Howdy Days

CW & SSB: 1400 UTC September 12, 2006 to 0200 September 14, 2006

YL Anniversary Party (YL-AP)

CW:1400 UTC October 3, 2006 to 0200 UTC October 5, 2006

SSB: 1400 UTC October 10, 2006 to 0200 UTC October 12, 2006

- more details on www.ylrl.org

"As was mentioned at the YLRL Convention, participation in the YLRL contests have been steadily decreasing so I am soliticing comments from the membership on ideas or suggestions on what we can do to improve participation. A few years ago, it was suggested we have a team category so that a licensed YL could participate as a team with other YLs without HF privileges. Would you be able to get more YLs involved if this was added as a category to the YL contests? Do you participate ill any other contests and if so which one. Sweepstakes, Field Day, ARRL DX contest, others? Are you involved in IRLP or Echolink? Can you think of a contest or activity that would get the YLs in the air? Please email your comments to me at kc4iyd@yahoo.com. I will list the comments I received in the next issue.

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Nancy

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Also please remind everyone that we are trying to avoid postal charges with the new rates and returns are costly. We are asking everyone to resubmit an application form no matter if they are new or rejoining. People move, change e-mail or phone numbers and forget whom they have let know. Thanks for the help and don't forget to fill out YOUR application as well. If you sponsor someone DX or US please ask them to fill it out as well. Forms can be found in your latest edition of YL-Harmonics or it can be found online at www.ylrl.org. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Hamfest (VU4) India Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar April 18-20, 2006

Dear fellow hams,

WISH YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2006

Congratulations!!! - Foreign Hams may get ready to operate from VU4

National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR), Hyderabad had earlier organized a successful DXpedition (VU4NRO/VU4RBI) in Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands during December 2004. The team members prematurely stopped the DXpedition activity after tsunami disaster struck the South Asian region on 26th December 2004 and mobilized their communication resources to provide humanitarian service to support essential rescue and relief operations. The services of these amateur radio operators were appreciated by several agencies in India and abroad. For more details please go to www.niar.org

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