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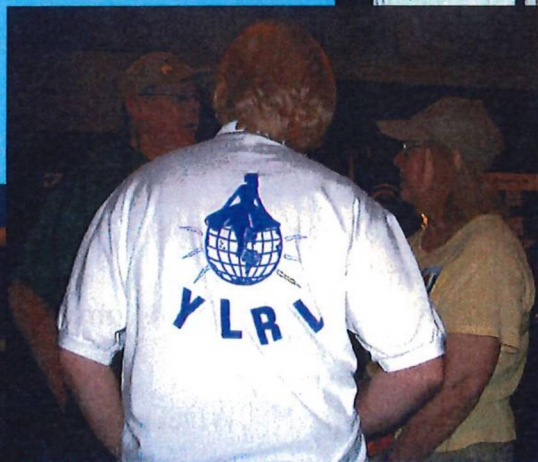
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The YLRL booth at Hamvention; Kay Craigie, N3KN received contesting award from Sherri Brower, W4STB (in green) at the ARRL YL forum; President Mary Moore, WX4MM shows her YLRL spirit with her T-shirt; Cheryl Muhr, NOWBV proudly shows off the plaque she received for her role as YLRL President the 2004-2005 term.

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MEMORY OF: Ruth Tollefsen, LA6ZH  
FROM: Nancy Fontana, ICS2YL

Don't forget about the Scholarship fund! This fund is used to grant scholarships each year for two YLs. One is given out in the name of Ethel Smith, K4LMB and the other in the name of Mary Lou Brown, NM7N. They are funded by your donations. Thank you for your support.

The Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc. doesn't print the financial information in the public issues of YL-Harmonics, but you can always write to request the information on either YLRL or the Scholarship fund and we will send you the most current information. We are making plans to send the information on a yearly basis to all members.

*Marte KOEPE*

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### Contest Ideas for YLRL Affiliated Clubs

Phyllis W2GLB and I are joining forces to give visibility to YLRL Affiliated Clubs. We are hoping this will allow YLs to become more active in contests, promote a little competition among the clubs and most of all we want the YLs to have fun! If you are a YL club and don't know if you are a YLRL affiliated Club, have your club secretary contact Phyllis at [glb88@aol.com](mailto:glb88@aol.com). For YLRL club affiliation you need to have 50% of the YLs in your club also be a YLRL member. I have a couple of ideas, which I have listed below. Let me know what you think of it. Also, be sure to check the YLRL website at [www.ylrl.org](http://www.ylrl.org) for more info

—Rather than making up a new contest, I would like to target a well-known contest that YLs usually work, for example, the ARRL Sept. VHF QSO party or ARRL November Sweepstakes. One representative from the YL club would be responsible for getting the scores of the YLs who worked the contest and submit them to me. If you worked as a YL club, you just submit your total score. If a YL worked the contest with another club, then she just submits the points for the contacts she worked to the club. This would be on the honor system so I would not request the logs, just the final score. Then we could see which club had the most points. The winner would get bragging rights and their club name highlighted on the webpage.

—In 1980 a YL names Diana Hughes, G4EZI originated the idea of looking for YLs on the hour, every hour, on the 6th day of each month. She suggested calling "CQ YL" on any frequency ending in 88 on the phone portion or 33 in the CW portion. This began at 0000 UTC and ends at 2400 UTC. She also said for the YLs to call and not just listen for others. I would like to bring this activity back. For the club competition, we can see how YLs a club worked during that day. In addition, this could be done individually with the same rules, with again just sending me the number of YLs you worked that day. In addition, this is also great way to get YL contacts for those of you working for one of the many YLRL certificates.

Now, what if you are not in a YL club or don't have a YL club near you. Well I have a solution for that too. All the YLs have to do is form a group of 3 YLs, come up with a name and work the contest. If none of you have HF privileges, then use the callsign of an OM (ensuring he is near the station to serve as a control op) to get on the air. Again, check the website for more details.

Any other questions or ideas for a club competition or contest, contact me at [kc4iyd@yahoo.com](mailto:kc4iyd@yahoo.com).  
Now, let's get on the air!!

## Certificate Custodians

Carolyn Donner, N8ST, has volunteered to take over this responsibility and as of May 2006 will hold that position until she steps down or another certificate chairman is appointed by the YLRL Vice President.

Carolyn has been active in YLRL for many years and has been DC for the 8th call area during my term of office. She has done a very good job and has stepped down to take on a new task.

We have had some suggestions that our certificate program needs to be changed. Carolyn will be looking into those suggestions and preparing a recommendation for the October Board Meeting.

WAS-YL, YLCC, YL-DXCC, WAC-YL, DX-YL are all being handled by our new Certificate Custodian **Carolyn Donner**, N8ST-PO Box 158, Hammersville, OH 45130-0158

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Thanks to all of the members for their patience as we switched Continuous Membership Chairwomen. Our current President, Mary Moore, WX4MM has taken over the position. We will again be reporting stats in YL-Harmonics. The DX updates will be in the next issue. Congratulations to all our members!

KL7LH, Lucy Hilpert **Fifty Year Certificate**

KCOHKB, Jean Parker **Five Year Certificate**

### 10 year stickers

KC8BOM, Judith Cerreto; KI8IM, Carol Schmitkons; AB7ET, Carolyn Brooks

### 15 year stickers

N2KYP, Lenore Dunlop

### 20 year stickers

W6JEP, Marie Welsh; NQ9K/5, Jacqueline Lieoltky

### 25 year stickers

WD8DQG, Carol Hall; N9CCF, Nadiene Backlund; KB7TW, Patricia Chaddock; KM8E, June Braunz

### 30 year stickers

WAOTIZ, Judy Magraw; WBOHUC, Marie Dambrosky; W5MWK, Joyce Kepler; KS6I, Irene Oseas

### 40 year stickers

WA8EKQ, Beulah Shelly

### 45 year stickers

K9VIP, B. Juanita Harris; K7YGV, Beth Selman; W2GLB/7, Phyllis Shanks



## President's Message

**de Mary Moore, WX4MM**

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### CQ YL's

I just closed the log on the DXYL-NAYL contest. We are supposed to be at the very bottom of the cycle, conditions should improve in a few years. I managed to find Candy, SP5XAB and Anne, KP2YL on 20 Meters. Sorry I missed the rest of you due to poor conditions and the QSB and QRM. It was not for a lack of trying. I had hoped to meet the DXYLI sponsor this year ,Dunia, EA8BHD, but I was not able to find her on the air.

I did enjoy my day off and getting on the air.

In this month's Harmonics you will notice our new Youth Columnist. Kim Frazier, KI4NVE, has been licensed since February of 2006 and desires to be a journalist/writer when she completes her education. I urge our

younger members to contact Kim and create some lasting friendships in amateur radio. We are still in need of YL's willing to give a little time and effort for the good of the organization (volunteers). We cannot ask everyone personally to take a specific job but I am personally asking each of you to volunteer when we list positions where you are needed. At this time, we need District Chairman for tire 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> call areas. We also need a Budget and Finance Committee Chairperson. This person is to audit our disbursing treasurer's books annually. How about it? Are you willing to participate and give a little bit of your time to the organization? It is not a lifelong job unless you want it to be. I am asking each of you to see about putting something

in your local club newsletter about YLRL and encourage other YL's to join. Take the center from the last issue of Harmonics and have copies made of the trifold brochure and application. Take them to hamfests and give them to all the YL's you see. Give them to your VE teams to hand out when a YL passes her license exam. Come up with some more ideas to increase our membership. We all need to be working together to promote YLRL. Hope you all are working on the "Most Radio Active" contest this year. When this issue comes off the press Dayton will be over. Hope I had the opportunity to meet and talk to many of you in Dayton.

33 de WX4MM QRT

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## NA-YL to DX-YL Contest

Mary Moore, WX4MM was the only person to submit a log for the North America YL to DX-YL contest. Congratulations Mary for getting on the air and participating!

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## Results for the YL-OM Contest are In!

### YL-CW

VE7YL	Elizabeth Anderson	1ST PLACE YL CW	4536
K6EY	Becky Ormonde	2ND PLACE YL CW	1764
N8ST	Carolyn Donner	3RD PLACE YL CW	313.5

### YL-SSB

WX4MM	Mary Moore	1ST PLACE YLSSB	26187
WB1ARU	Anne Manna	2ND PLACE YL SSB	18742.5
WD9JHP	Ann Berg	3RD PLACE YL SSB	3514.5
N8ST	Carolyn Donner	1ST PLACE 8TH CALL AREA	1638
DL3LG	Sigrid Wittmann	1ST PLACE DXYL	1463
DJ1TE	Christa Elksnat	2ND PLACE DXYL	1120
WB3EFQ	Lois Gutshall	1ST PLACE 3RD CALL AREA	936
N3ZEL	Jacqueline Gosselin	2ND PLACE 3RD CALL AREA	739.5
N0WBV	Cheryl Muhr	1ST PLACE 10TH CALL AREA	688.5
KAOBAT	Melba Hoss	2ND PLACE 10TH CALL AREA	256.5
N7KTY	Lory Jepsen	1ST PLACE 7TH CALL AREA	30

### OM-SSB

KAOBHO	Terry Hoss	1ST PLACE OM SSB	120
WA1ENO	Tony Manna	2ND PLACE OM SSB	96
WA9AWO	Terry Berg	3RD PLACE OM SSB	24
WBOYJT	John Wallis	2ND PLACE OM 10TH AREA	20

### Soapbox:

—I have a GAP antenna and just wanted to participate as least in some small area.

—I had a great time! I wish I could have worked more of the contest. Glad to hear so many YLs were on

—Here is my log... it's not a lot of contact but at least I tried (*Ed. Note: Everyone who submitted a log rec'd a award. Did you work and not submit a log?*)

—Enjoyed the contest. Hope DX-YLs is as good.

—Was not thrilled with the contest - not because I don't love CW but OMS didn't seem to want to stop by for a contacts - a lot of calling with few results - guess they thought I might bite!

### Next up...

### Howdy Days

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



## Youth News de Kim Frazier,

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CQ CQ CQ de KI4NVE, Kimberly Frazier, from Opelika, Alabama, USA. I'm honored to be writing the youth column on behalf of the youth of amateur radio. Having said all this, I recommend to everyone out there to look into amateur radio. It may be just the thing you've been looking for!

I'm fifteen years old and I am a sophomore at Eastwood Christian School. At my school we learn about a variety of different things, including amateur radio. I first heard about amateur radio from my school. I wasn't too interested in it to begin with, but participating in Field Day last year changed that. Participating in Field Day was my first time really using an amateur radio, and as you can see it wasn't my last. I loved it.

I knew at that point that it was just the thing for me. I eventually got my amateur radio license within the next year. Amateur radio is a great hobby, one that every young person should get a taste of. However, most of the youth in this technological maelstrom find more interest in computers, cell phones, and TV, but none of these things have the lasting effect and foster relationships like amateur radio. Amateur radio opens you up to a lot of new opportunities, such as talking all over the world, meeting new people, getting out of your comfort zone, making

new discoveries, acing a geography test now and then, and much much more. Amateur radio has benefited me in so many ways. For example, I've learned so much geography wise.

Just a few weeks ago I was logging some contacts for someone, and they had contacted so many different countries that it was unbelievable. They were countries I hadn't ever heard of before. I got so interested in it that I hung up a world map on the wall in front of me, so that I could pinpoint the places they had contacted. I've also learned a lot about electronics, which has helped me out in school tremendously. A couple of week ago I was able to go to the Birmingham, Alabama Hamfest with members of our local ham club. It was the second and so far the largest Hamfest that I had been to. The most fun thing however was the following day where we went up around Mt. Cheaha, where we worked the Mt. Cheaha bike race by using the amateur radios and reporting in incidents and such. That was my first time seeing amateur radio in action! I've learned so much about amateur radio, and yet there's still so much out there to learn. I hope that I'll be able to stay an active amateur radio operator, and bring more people into amateur radio. Amateur radio has been just the thing for me, and it might just be the

thing for you, too!

Got Questions? Comments? Ideas? Please feel free to contact me at [escdavid@isp.com](mailto:escdavid@isp.com). If you do e-mail me, please put Kimberly or KI4NVE as the subject. Thank you so much.

Until next time,  
Kimberly, KI4NVE

### Problems

The membership card for EA8BHD was returned. This is the information we have at YLRL;  
Dunia Olivares Rivero  
EA8BHD  
Viera y Clavijo N12  
35.240 Canizal Canaria  
Canary Islands  
Spain

Please contact DX chairwoman Carol Hall, WD8DQG if you have a better address for Dunia. Thank you.

Problems are also created if you hold your mail as "Temporarily Away" for months at a time. It gets returned to us as First Class cost and then it costs us again to resend each piece. Please let us know if we need to hold your mail or if you have any address changes.





## District One News de Anne Manna, WB1ARU

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When YLH arrived in my mailbox this week, the weather was actually spring-like! In fact today, Good Friday, was the warmest day so far in 2006. The high temperature was 74, a little warm for the fund raising walk that I worked at today. Each year on Good Friday I organize and run communications support for the Walk. The walk route includes several miles in a state park, so amateur radio provides the best way to communicate. This past week I received a certificate for last year's New England QSO Party! It is for 1st Place in Plymouth County - Single Operator Low Power. The 2006 NEQP will be on May 6 & 7.

[http:// www.neqp.org/](http://www.neqp.org/)

The QSO Party is always fun. I'll look for you.

Ann, WAIS will be attending the Dayton Hamvention May 19-21. She will be working the show for ICOM so look for her at the ICOM booth. From May 24-31 she will be in Aruba. Emily, P43E and Ann will be operating in the WPX CW contest. This will be in preparation for the

competition in July at WRTC. Best wishes to Ann and Emily for good propagation! I am sure that it will be a much easier trip than Kure! Did you read the article in OST? What an adventure Ann and the rest of the DXpedition had there!

Norma, W1UBM has had several e-mails from Ann, VE3HAI who is attempting to pump up QCWW. Ann has made several suggestions and has asked her to review them. Norma expects to be active on-line with the QCWW gals in the future. Her OM Walt, W1YOC was seriously ill and had surgery in January. He spent the entire month in a rehab facility for physical therapy. He is up on his feet now and has graduated from the walker to the cane; hopefully he will continue to maintain good health. They bought a new Toyota Highlander SUV and will be installing a mobile unit in it as soon as the weather permits.

Deb, NN1C and her OM just returned from a 6-week trip to New Zealand. At the May gathering of Wireless Women of Vermont, she'll

have plenty of photos & stories to tell. Linda WIMP and the other VT YLs are looking forward to it.

Arline, W1LIO has a new HF antenna, a Cobra Ultralite Sr. which is working very well. She was surprised to see 3 wild turkeys in her yard recently, the first she has ever seen. Her latest project is building battery chargers for the Auxiliary Police cars.

I was able to get on the Yankee Lassies Net during April school vacation. It was great to hear W1LIO - Arline, WB1EHS - Barb, W1JX - Bobbie, KAI VAX - Betsey, KA1JVN - Hennie, N1PVT - Jane, and K4IJK - Janice. Everyone is enjoying spring flowers and yard work.

WRONE will be holding their Spring Luncheon on May 6 in Leominster, MA. We are looking forward to seeing Marion, KA2ZKM and her daughter Kathy, and meeting a new member Lucy, W1HOT and her OM Jim, W1RAE.

The next issue will need news by June 15. Send me your Field Day plans!

33, Anne WB1ARU

## 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.**

Thanks to e-mail, here is a bit of info from District 2.

Anne, WI2G wrote, "Hi, Anne, and thanks for your efforts in trying to gather some District 2 news. I'd volunteer, but am working at capacity as it is with my DMV job, caring for a small menagerie here (several of whom have health problems) and managing the Empire Slow Speed Net (3590 kHz, 6 p.m. ET daily—I never miss the chance for a plug!). Good thing our three kids are grown. We're not-so-patiently waiting for spring here in the Buffalo area and while the dusting of snow we got overnight brightens things up a bit, it clashes with the singing of returning birds (who eat me out of house and home this time of year, but are a joy to see and hear). My husband Mike will (God willing) retire in January after 33 years with Customs, and we're looking forward to stepping off the treadmill. Happy spring es 33."

Gail, AB2JG noticed that in the last issue part of her news was mixed in with the news from Bobbie, AA2JO. Apologies to both of you. It really didn't make much sense the way it came out in YLH! So here is Gail's news for this issue, "Really not much news to report. I'm getting on the Internet pretty frequently, and really enjoying it. I have been tempted to try those Internet radio protocols

like VoIP and Echolink, but need to find out more. BTW, there was a small error in the last Harmonics. What I wrote got attributed to someone else. I have the dog named Justin, and like knitting, crochet, and the Internet for hobbies. Otherwise, it was really nice to see my name in the 2Land news. Spring is springing out all over here in NYC. Soon I will be spending more time outdoors than indoors. That's about it for now."

Bobbie, AA2JO wrote, "I will be going to Hamvention, my daughter Gretchen bought my plane ticket to Dayton for the 12th. I leave from Lake Clear (local airport), with changes in Boston and Cleveland. I ordered Hamvention tickets and bus passes on-line last night. Gretchen and Todd will bring me home after the busy weekend, 5/19-20-21. I really enjoyed the times that Al and I went there and spent the biggest share of all 3 days and still didn't get to see everything! I enjoyed the YL Forums and seeing many of the gals that I have met or talked to since 1962 when I got my novice license - WN2BHS."

Diane, IC2DO is going to WRTC 2006 in Brazil. Her OM was chosen as a referee. She attended WRTC 2001 in Slovenia and says, "It was fantastic." She is not sure if she will get to Dayton since she is starting her own small business. She

took a "buyout" from her job of 25 years. Diane also says that things are busy in terms of ham radio in the downstate area, but she's not sure how many YLRL members are on LI.

I hope that one of the 2-land gals will consider being the District Chairwoman. We accept volunteers! It's a great way to get to know the YLs. 33, Anne WB1ARU

*Thanks once again to District One Chairwoman, Anne Manna, WB1ARU for her help in collecting news from District 2. If you are interested in becoming the 2nd District Chairwoman please let Mary Moore, WX4MM know as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!*



*Marion, KA2ZKM and her daughter Kathy at the WRONE luncheon.*



## District Three News de Barb Bender, KA3VXR

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Greetings 3-Land YLs. Glorious Spring has sprung!! I hope all of you enjoy this wonderful time of the year.

Ruthanna, WB3CQN wrote that she is preparing for the season by putting mulch and more stones around the swimming pool which she will open the end of May. She is thankful she has a pool heater, as it is still a little cool. The winds have been terrible in her area and as always, the grass needs cut. She just finished an 11-week ALPHA course at church and has recovered from getting a cataract removed from her right eye. Always nice to hear from Ruthanna.

Jeanne, KA3CEO reported that she misses going to Dayton! Those were great times and she misses seeing all the YLs. She and her OM, Dick, WB3AJC, will be 86 in July and are having some health problems. She sends the best to all at Dayton. Happy Birthday to both Jeanne and Dick.

Jane, K3ZDN said life in her retirement community (Southampton Estates) is just so busy! Unfortunately, her ham radio life has almost disappeared but she manages to get on 2 meters at least once a week. She said her health is good, considering her "antiquity". HI HI She has been going to lectures on Ben Franklin, taking conversational Spanish, taking local tours, folk

dancing, etc. Stay busy, Jane, it will keep you young!

Janaan Burkhardt, KB3HJZ moved from McKees Rocks, PA to Farmington, NM in October and misses 3-Land. She said there isn't any ham activity in her area in NM and she is very despondent about that. She ordered an amateur radio operator license plate for her car. Hope you find some ham activity soon, Janaan. Maybe your license plate will make you more visible.

Hope you all renewed your membership into YLRL by now. If you know anyone who hasn't, please encourage them to get their dues in ASAP. And if you know of any hams in your area that are not members, encourage them to join. The more the merrier.

There are DX YLs who are looking for sponsors, also. One of the most enjoyable aspects of being a member of YLRL is sponsoring a DX YL and having her reciprocate by sponsoring you into her YL group. I recently added Jackie Head, MOCUR from Worthing, West Sussex, UK and Paulette Schouten, VE7VPE from Surrey, BC, Canada to my list of adoptees. I would like to welcome them into YLRL. My other two long-time adoptee friends are Toshiko Yasufuku, JP3DPU from Kyoto City, Japan and Robyn Horsley, VK3WX from Patterson Lakes, VIC, Aus-

tralia. It is fun and interesting to receive their YL group newsletters and to learn about their countries and customs and to exchange trinkets and souvenirs. Try it.....you'll like it!

To see who is available for adoption, contact Carol Hall WD8DQG at [clvhall@attglobal.net](mailto:clvhall@attglobal.net) or (406) 388-7031.

Our local Horseshoe ARC has been busy setting up APRS and a packet node. Packet was big around here until Internet, and then it virtually died. But having been our County EC for some years, I found that in an emergency or disaster, packet is the most efficient way to pass traffic without tying up the repeater. Packet is especially useful for sending lists of names, addresses, supplies, etc. which would take too much valuable time by voice over the repeater. In this unstable time in history, I feel local clubs should be seeing that their emergency communications systems are up to par. Our club and County are working in that direction in cooperation with the neighboring Counties. When commercial systems go down, it will be up to Ham Radio!

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## District Four News de Carol Laferty, K4SAF

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One newspaper has the header - "All the News That's Fit to Print." Here we have all the news that I've been sent.

We have a new member in Opelika, AL - Kim Frazier, KI4NVE who is going to do our Youth Column for us. Kim has her tech license and works 2-meter repeaters and Echolink.

Billie Wyckoff, WB4BW, is retiring the end of May and looking forward to being more active on amateur bands and in YLRL. I will also be retiring at the end of May and I hope to find more energy for contests, DXing, quilting, designing a new house, and assorted radio activities. One of the first radio events will be Kid's Day - our local club is setting up stations in both county libraries to offer some summer Saturday fun.

Mary Moore, WX4MM reports that the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS), a federally funded program for emergency preparedness for mass casualty, bio-terrorism, chemical or radiological events in 4 Georgia and 2 Alabama counties, is providing dual band transceivers for 2m/70cm to all of the hospitals and EMA offices in the 6 counties. They are also providing, with the help of the local radio clubs, manuals, training classes and test fees to get more hams in the area to operate the equipment, especially staff from the hospitals who would be there in case of

need or until another ham could arrive to provide communications support. They have approximately 50 new prospects, at least 10 are YLs, and they hope to have them on the air by the end of June.

We are in the tornado season as I type this. Hurricane season is fast approaching and will have begun when you read this. Many of the YLs in District 4 are involved in SKYWARN and ARES/RACES supporting the National Weather Service and Emergency Management Agencies.

Many YLs staff emergency shelters during hurricanes and yours truly and my OM David, W4DICB have taken our radios and our dog to the animal shelter during storms. We have YLs that work at Emergency Management offices during disasters and several operate the amateur station at the National Hurricane Center. Send your district chair your news of your ARES involvement.

Betty Mallay, KL7AP visited Mary, WX4MM in March. Betty currently lives in Columbia, MD. She is about to retire and become a full time RV'er. She'll have plenty of company because there are many YLs that are full time RV'ers. Mary and Betty have been friends since their Alaska days.

Gail Davis, N4YY in Dothan, AL is working on getting HF antennas up so she can get radio

active again. She currently keeps the roads hot running between Dothan and Atlanta to visit children and grandchildren. Myra Kitchen, K3PGH recently bought a home in Dothan and is keeping the roads hot between Dothan and Royal Palm Beach FL while working on remodeling the Dothan home.

Field Day is just around the corner. Many of us will help erect antennas, operate during the event, cook (and sample the delicious array of food that always seems to appear on that day), compile scores, mentor the GOTA stations, swat mosquitoes and apply sunscreen. Tell us what you did for Field Day, even if you operated from home. This event is always a good way to test your skills and equipment before the peak of hurricane season, which affects most of our district.

If no one steps forward to fill in as District chair I'll be doing this column for the next issue. Send me any news you have, as soon as you read this because the deadline is June 15. If someone does step forward I will forward all your information to her. Meanwhile I'll be sending each of you an e-mail asking for your news.

33/73 Sherri, W4STB

*Thanks to Sherri, W4STB for stepping in to write the District 4 Column for a couple of months. We appreciate her help and support in writing the column while we found our new District Chair.*



## District Five News

**de Carol Noack, KK5L**

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Hello to all!

Zenda Benton, KD5MD has been on the radio only sporadically because of poor propagation Zenda says that she continues to relive the era of the War Between the States. At Camp Ford, which was a prisoner of war camp in Tyler, Texas, she and others gave demonstrations for a group of about 100 home-schooled students about the Confederate flag, weapons, uniforms and what women did during the war. On the following weekend the group gave camp life demonstrations for the general public which included a mock skirmish between guards and prisoners, views of hospital

life, cooking and clothing of the times. The highlight of the event was teaching dancing of the era to another group of home-schooled students. The boys were reluctant to try the waltz until they realized that in the 1860's you had to see daylight between the dancers; therefore they didn't have to get too close to the girls. The Grande Marche and Virginia Reel met with more enthusiasm. Zenda says the children were well behaved and very polite, and it was a delight to instruct them. Weather permitting; Zenda was hoping to spend the weekend of April 7 - 9 at Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, for a reenactment of the Red River Campaign.

Our granddaughter Melissa has a new baby, Daniel James, who was born in New Port Richey, Florida. Daniel has a proud big brother, seven-year-old Samuel. We have lots of e-mail pictures, but we're really looking forward to the time when we can be with them in person. Meanwhile, we are enjoying a weeklong visit with the family of our daughter-in-law Edna. Edna's mother and two sisters are here from Hong Kong, and they like Texas very much. They are seeing Mark and Edna's little boy Ethan for the first time.

Please remember to send your news for the next issue.  
33, Carol, KK5L

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I have been having an interesting series of 30 Hyperbaric Oxygen treatments to heal my wounds caused by oral cancer surgery and radical radiation back in Feb/Mar 2005 and again in Nov 2005. You are put into a large glass chamber where pure oxygen is pumped into it under pressure until you are "down" 2 1/2 atmospheres of pressure. The treatment takes about two

hours. I am feeling much better and am thankful for modern technology.

All of you who were fortunate to get to Dayton..... I hope you were able to stop at the Buckeye Belles/YLRL table and meet and greet a lot of YLs. Also hope you visited the ARRL Expo area and met Kay Craigie, N3I<N. She also was scheduled to take part in a disaster

response forum, so hope you caught that, too.

Send news....any news. All news about yourself is interesting to all of us. Photos are a plus!

73/33

Barb KA3VXR

# HAMVENTIO



*A number of YLs helped take care of the booth.*



*Even more stopped by to say "Hi!"*



# N 2006!



*The YLRL Forum was full.*



*There were quite a few YLs at the ARRL YL mini-forum, too!*



*Dan Miller, K3UFG poses with Lory Jepsen, N7KTY and her prize.*



*A Few OMs stopped by as well*



*There were YLs from all over the world!*



**AUSTRALIAN LADIES' AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC. ALARA CONTEST**

**ELIGIBILITY:** All licensed operators throughout the world are invited to participate. Also open to SWLs.

**OBJECT:** Participation: YL works everyone; OMs & Clubs work YLs only. One contest (combined phone and CW) run over 30 hours.

**STARTS:** Saturday 26th August 2006 at 0600 hours UTC  
**ENDS:** Sunday 27th August 2006 at 1159 hours UTC

**SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES:** Bands to be used are 3.5, 7,14, 21, and 28 MHz only. The following are suggested frequencies for easier location of contacts:

- 28.380 to 28.410
- 21.170 to 21.200 and
- 21.380 to 21.410
- 14.250 to 14.280
- 7.070 to 7.100
- 3.560 to 3.590

**OPERATION:**

- Every individual phone or CW contact may be counted.
- There must be an interval of greater than 1 hour between contacts with any one station on any one band and in the same mode.
- No net or list operations
- No cross mode operations.
- No cross band operations.
- All contacts must be made in accordance with operator and station license regulations.

**PROCEDURE:** Phone: call "CQ ALARA CONTEST"

CW: YLs call "CQ TEST ALARA"

OMs call "CQ YL"

**EXCHANGES:** ALARA member: RS or RST, serial no. starting at 001, ALARA member, name.

YL non-member, OM or Club: RS or RST, serial no. starting at 001, name, and whether Club station.

**OMs, Clubs & SWLs work YLs only.**

**SCORING:**

Phone: 5 points for ALARA member contacted

4 points for YL non-member contacted

3 points for OM or Club station contacted

**CW: All contacts made on CW count for double points**  
 OM, SWL, & CLUB: 5 points for ALARA member logged

4 points for YL non-member logged

**LOGS:** Single log entry. Logs must show date/time UTC, band, mode, callsign worked, report & serial no. sent, report & serial no. received, name of operator of station worked, whether it is a Club station, and points claimed.

**LOGS MUST BE SIGNED.**

Logs also to show full name, callsign and address of operator.

and show final score (points claimed). Logs must be legible. No carbon copies. No logs will be returned. Decision of the Contest Manager will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

The Contest Manager by must receive logs: **30th September 2006.**

**CONTEST MANAGER:**  
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**CERTIFICATES** will be awarded for the following:

**TOP SCORE** in the following categories- overall, phone only, Australian YL CW, DX YL, ALARA member in each country and VK call area, YL non-member in each continent, OM in each continent, SWL in each continent, VI< YL Foundation Licence holder, overseas YL CW, and top score VK Club station **A TROPHY** will be awarded to the following:

Top scoring Australian YL

**CLUB STATIONS:** Operators of Club stations may use the Club call only for contacts, and **MUST** identify each contact as with a Club station. Use of personal callsigns while operating as a Club member is not permitted.

**Sample Log:**

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(Club)								





## District Six News de Dawn Biocca, KB6LHP

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Jeannie Parker, WA6UVF traveled to India for Hamfest (VU-4) India and also met The First Licensed YL's on Andaman (VU4) Island

As Amateur Radio operators many of us experience opportunities that somehow magically appear. For me, these welcoming doors of opportunity opened once again with the invitation to operate in another country. This time, my good friend Mio Miyoshi, JR3MVF and I, Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF were invited by NIAR, the National Institute of Amateur Radio to operate during the International Hamfest from VU4 Andaman/ Nicobar Islands from April 18-25. The Government of India sponsored this International Convention of Amateur Radio Operators held on Andaman.

Andaman/Nicobar Islands are located South/East of mainland India in the Andaman Sea. This area has become well-known as a result of the subsequent December, 2004 earthquake and the ensuing tsunami devastation. However, from our perspective as Amateurs, we greatly acknowledge the efforts of Ms. Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI and her NIAR radio team for highly validating and sustaining the importance of amateur radio as a form of global communications. During the hamfest forum, Lt. General M.M. Lakhera, (Ret.) Lt. Governor of Andaman/Nicobar Islands gave high recognition to amateur radio operators during operations following the tsunami and spoke about the important role ama-

teur radio continues to play as a vital communications link in our global society today.

As you know, VU4 is still a much needed country for DXCC among many amateurs all over the world. This was a rare opportunity for amateurs invited from at least (9) different countries comprised of (40) dx operators from Austria, Germany, Finland, Italy, Japan, Poland and U.S.A, in addition to numerous Indian operators from mainland India to operate as VU-4. During the hamfest, we used the special Andaman call sign, of "VU4AN," followed by our own Indian callsigns. Ten operating stations were located within Port Blair City area in a number of hotels and camping/hotel facilities. Many dx amateurs arrived from the airport carrying heavy luggage with antennas, transceivers and computers, etc. Obviously, this was a "learning experience" for airport security as Andaman Island had few visiting amateurs previous to this event.

After arrival, immediate installation of antennas was a priority project even during the night hours with many helping hands. Lines of coax were a common sight strung along hallways and up various hotel structures leading to bamboo, pbc and aluminum antenna bases. Even EME, moon-bounce was represented until fluctuating power conditions "fried" two of the pre-amplifiers.

We met a number of Indian licensed YL's during this event as

there appears to be a high percentage of licensed YL's among the Indian amateur population; however this represented mainland India only. Therefore, one of the main Highlights for me during this visit to Andaman appeared with the chance to meet the first licensed VU4 YL operators on Andaman/Nicobar Islands. This has been a long-term process for Ms. Lizzie D'Cruz, VU3VPY and Ms. Suraj Moli V.S., VU3VPX spanning almost 10 years. Perhaps with the high profile exposure of amateur radio validity during the tsunami operation this process will become more expedited. Both YL's are students of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Govt. Polytechnic School. We assured them that they will soon become very famous YL's on the bands.

For me, this event was an opportunity to once again expand my ham radio experiences shared with many new friends. My thanks to both Ms Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI, Convenor of NIAR and Mr. S. Suri, VU2MY, Chairman and founder of NIAR for their warm hospitality to all dx amateurs. I encourage others to visit Andaman/Nicobar Islands and India as the spirit of friendship is readily experienced.

Submitted by: Jeanie Parker,  
WA6UVF/VU3RYH



*Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI; Suraj Moli V.S, VU3VPX; and Lizzie D'Cruz, VU3VPY*



## District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

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Hello to Everyone!

It's the middle of April and time to report on what's been happening in the 7<sup>th</sup> district. We've had a few lovely spring days but it's still a bit cold for the middle of April.

A few of us YLs from the Evergreen Intertie YL Net had our usual table at the Mike & Key Swapmeet at the Western Washington Fairgrounds



Back row-Sharon, N7SSD; Tiffany, KD4KHG (From our Olympia club), Lory, N7KTY and Judy, N7NII  
Front Row-Mary, W7HPA; Sara, AB7PS; Beth, N7UXV and Jill, K7JIL

in Puyallup on March 11. Judy N7NII kept the coffeepot going. There were 22 YLs who signed our check-in book - only 2 or 3 are YLRL members but we gave out applications and sample Harmonics in hopes that some would be encouraged to join - or rejoin. We had 8 YLs who showed up for the 'photo op' at 11 o'clock. Barbara AC7UH has just sent out the MINOW Net Newsletter with all the details for our Annual Meeting May 20-21. This year it will be at Twin

Lakes, Idaho, hosted by Audrey White N7HAT and assisted by Verda K7UBC who lives in nearby Coeur d'Alene. (It's the same weekend as Hamvention. I guess there just aren't enough weekends to avoid conflicting dates!) Here is some news of MINOW Members: Lucie WB6RFE who now lives in Sedalia, MO reports that the March 12 tornado was a mile or so south of her house, and that they had hail larger than golf balls. While there was damage to the siding and roof at the back of the house, she feels fortunate the damage was not any worse. Lucile WA7JFC celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday in February. Emily I<B7L has been busy with church activities including being Publicity Chairman for the Spring Bazaar and has enjoyed meeting new people. Lory N7KTY recently helped mail newsletters to a Parkinson's support group and reports that her health is doing better for now. She and her OM Steve AI7W are planning to attend Hamvention. Carolyn WA7SW is having a rough time with Chemo.

Marti W7AYL spent time visiting her granddaughter and great granddaughter (age 4 mo.) in Hayden, ID. On the way home she and her OM Jack W7AAJ stopped to visit Phyllis W2GLB in Richland, WA. Phyllis really enjoyed their visit. She's working on putting up

antennas and hopes to be on the air as soon as possible.



Left to Right are Marilyn Lum, K7LUM; Marti Brutcher, A7AYL; Marianna Kearney, W7WFO and Barbara Yasson, AC7UH

Marti and Barbara AC7UH are working to organize the YL Luncheon and table for SEA PAC, the ARRL NW Hamvention in Seaside, OR this-coming June. Since last year was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mt. St. Helen's eruption, Marianna Kearney W7WFO will do a repeat of her Mt. St. Helen's presentation. Barbara is hoping to have a short ARES presentation as part of it to give us an idea of how it would work if Mt. St. Helen's were to get really serious again.

Thanks to Peggy Stone KB7SBK for sending the photo of some of the YLs at the post-holiday gathering of the Two Rivers YL Net in February. (See 7<sup>th</sup> District news in March-April YL-Harmonics for details.)

Guess this is all the news for this time. Best wishes for a wonderful summer. And DON'T FORGET - SEND ME YOUR NEWS!  
33 DE Sara AB7PS



## District Eight News de Carolyn Donner, N8ST

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With the warm weather finally arriving, it seems like many of our District 8 YLs are out and about. It's always good to be active and the warm weather makes me start looking forward to Field Day. My OM Gary, K8BE and I are hosting the Field Day location in our backyard again for the USS JURASSIC (Star Trek and ARC) this year.

And speaking of the USS JURASSIC (which I am also president of)... The USS JURASSIC as a Star Trek fan club is affiliated with Starfleet - the International Star Trek Fan Association (as well as being an ARRL affiliated club), and 4 of our members are also District 8 YLRL members. Three have received awards from Starfleet's Region One and they are ... Nancy, KC4IYD who received the "Final Frontier Award" for her work in the club and her work promoting young people to take a look at science through the amateur radio to International Space Station link, and other science related efforts; Annette Wood, KC8SQM received the Starfleet Region One Commendation for her work on various club projects including Amateur Radio and Science; and Dawn, I<C-8SQN received the Final Frontier Award for her work with the club science department and other projects.

Congratulations ladies. Remember everyone ... if you haven't sent in your dues for

YLRL yet, you're now overdue. But the good news is that you can still remain a member of YLRL by sending in your dues right away. I put this in here because a District 8 YLRL member, Carol, KI8IM is now the Receiving Treasurer for everyplace except DX. Carol also serves as database manager. She is one busy lady. So, help her out by sending in your dues right away if you haven't already.

Linda, KC8PKY says, "After about 2 years of studying and practice test I finally got my upgrade to amateur extra. Just in time for the Michigan QSO party. My OM Dave, KC8OBH and I will be teaming up with Mike, N8MR and his YL Lynette, KC8NAH for a mobile operation. Last year we all drove from Detroit to The Makinac Bridge crossed into the UP and drove back the same day. Our granddaughter turns a year old on May 13th. Unfortunately her daddy will be in Iraq then. He has been home for a couple of weeks and will get to spend Easter with her. Wishing you and your family a blessed Easter. 73 & 33

Nancy, KC4IYD/ 8 reported, "On March 17 at 11:45am, I along with members of the NASA Glenn Amateur Radio club helped students from Cleveland Hts HS talked with astronaut Bill McArthur on the space station. This was another contact that was pos-

sible through ARISS - Amateur Radio on ISS. The club was lucky enough to help 2 schools in 3 months make this successful contact because Bill McArthur is such an avid ham and has set the record for contacting the most schools during an Expedition mission. In addition, we had Echolink running for this contact. For more detail, check out the NASA Glenn Amateur Radio club home page: [http: // www.grc.nasa.gov /](http://www.grc.nasa.gov/) WWW I Clubs/NA8SA/

Susie, N8CGO keeps me up to date on what the Buckeye Belles are doing. Susie also keeps me up to date on the OH-ICY-IN club. I'm sorry to report that OH-KY-IN will not be having a Hamfest this year, but I'm happy to report it is NOT because of lack of interest, but because the school where they usually have it is having construction work done and they couldn't find a different place in time to have the Hamfest this year. I'm told they plan to hold the Hamfest at the same school in 2007. So, We'll just have to wait until 2007.

The warm weather has given us the opportunity to do some much needed yard work ... a

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## District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

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Spring is here... finally. And, for the first time in 35 years Indiana now has Daylight Saving Time. I'm so excited. I grew up with DST and I have really missed it these past 35 years. And, it is baseball season!!! What more can you want?

In February we went on a cruise to the Mexican Riviera with stops in Acapulco, Zihuatanejo/Ixtapa and Manzanilla. One of my big accomplishments on this trip was snorkeling. I have never been a swimmer so snorkeling was out of the question. I swim a bit better now, but can snorkel almost with the best of them. Manzanilla is where the film "10" was shot. We also got to see the cliff divers in Acapulco. We saw the last show of the night and were lucky enough to see 11 divers. The last diver dove in the dark but carrying a torch in both hands. It was awesome to see. After the cruise we spent four days in San Diego. We really had a wonderful time there. Some of the things we did was tour Petco Park, visit Old Town, Point Loma, the San Diego Zoo, harbor cruise, both day and a dinner cruise at night and Lajolla.

We are still Fox Hunting and having a great time. We had won the first hunt of the year and so we were the Foxes the day after we got home from our cruise. We got home about midnight on Saturday and the Fox Hunt was the next day at 1:30. Fortunately, we have teammates who had decided where we would hide. Our hiding place was in between two buildings in downtown Fort Wayne. Lots of things for a signal to bounce off.

As I said before, baseball has started. Fort Wayne has a Single A team in the San Diego Padre organization and we have been season ticket holders since for the past four years. This year we were fortunate enough to be able to be a Host Family for one of the players. Our player is a pitcher from Kissimmee, Florida. He is a very tall, gentlemanly young man. His parents can be very proud of him. We had him over for dinner Easter Sunday and thoroughly enjoyed his company. We will be taking to eat and having him over often during the summer. We also fix care packages for him when the team goes on the

road. He is so appreciative of every thing we do for him. This is our first time as a Host Family and we are looking forward to it being a good experience.

It is hard to believe that Dayton is only a month away. I am looking forward to going and seeing all my friends, old and new. I hope by the next issue I can say I met so many YLs from nine land and have tons of news to report. Remember this is YOUR column, not mine.

Hoping to see you in  
Dayton,  
33,  
Carole WB9RUS

### DX Corrections

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## District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KBONAS

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Greetings from 0-land!

Spring is finally popping through, with maybe a little less wind and milder weather (but with reminders of a song my mother used to sing, which went "When it's springtime in the Rockies, and it's 99 below"). The crocuses have bloomed in my garden, and a few of the other early flowers, and it's time to prune the roses and dig the out the grass which has spread into the flowerbeds (or at least as much as I can of it). The birds are singing their spring songs, and starting to build nests. And among hams—



(Southern Plains Amateur Radio Klub). While the weather the day before was windy, the day of the picnic was beautiful. She and husband Pete plan to vacation in Laughlin, Nevada. They will also be making a special trip to Nebraska City, NE this summer for Pete's 75<sup>th</sup> high school graduation reunion. He graduated from Nebraska City High School in 1931.

Mary Cox, KC0MEZ, feels like things are getting back in order after moving. She and her husband have set up a wire and a vertical for HF, plus a YAGI for

*Colorado YL's meet to foster young hams*

*Left to right: Mary Cox, KC0MEZ; Doshia Kretke, KBONAS; Sharlene Meydell, KB0WBT; Carol Ganow, AB0SN; Marie Dambrosky, WB0HUC; Lorrie Loef-  
fler, WD0AGY; Maryanne Paschen, N0MKN; and Ellie VanWinkle, N0QCX*

Ellie Van Winkle, N0QCX, had the Colorado YLs to her home to listen to the presentations a couple young hams (Boulder Amateur Radio Club Juniors) are working on to give at the Dayton Hamvention. She continues her nearly every Saturday job of hosting this group of children and their Elmers.

Marte Wessel, KOEPE, has been talcing full advantage of the spring weather. She had a picnic for some 33 hams of the SPARKS

6 meters on the roof. They are on a hill, but contending with ridges to the south and a covenant that only permits antennas to rise 10 feet above the ridge-line.

Sharlene Meydell, ICB0WBT, is off to a quilting convention in Washington State.

Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV had a wonderful time at the Dayton Hamvention. She met a number of YLs from the 10th District and enjoyed talking to them.

"This is my 13th Dayton in a row," she said, "and I seem to spend most of it at the YLRL/ Buckeye Belle table so I don't miss seeing anyone! It is easy to miss people if you are both walking around Hamvention. This way I get to see everyone"

President, Mary Moore, WX4MM presented Cheryl with a nice plaque at the YLRL Forum for serving as President during 2004 & 2005.

Cheryl also wants to congratulate Marie Dambrosky, WB0HUC on 30 years of membership with YLRL!

When I was talking to Marte, she told me about an HF YL net I am going to try to hit. It is called the "Tangle Net" after a YL along about 1960 was having trouble with "QRM" and "QRN" and was heard to ask, "Would someone take this tangled up mess while I go take an aspirin." It meets on 14294.5 Thursdays at 1800 GMT. Marte is net control, but other participants include Connie, N8IO, in Ohio and Phyllis, W2GLB, in Washington state, so maybe someone will be able to pick me out; we still haven't figured out how to string our dipole since we had to have its supporting tree removed, so I will be working off the vertical. Some Thursdays I'm even not working!

Happy spring to all. Please send your news tidbits this way. Doshia, KBONAS, dkretke@  
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I hope everyone has weathered winter well and looking forward to warmer days as much as I am. My thanks to the VE members who have sent their submissions for this issue of Harmonics. This might also be a good time to remind all YLs to ensure that they have remitted their 2006 membership dues.

Elizabeth Anderson - VE7YL writes:

Lovely to see all the bulbs up and looking so bright and beautiful. The flowering trees were so pretty but they are fast fading.

The CLARA Contest was a near disaster with terrible propagation. Had set up skeds with the YLs down under on 15m and many of them were there yelling and we had no copy. I hope things will improve for the ALARA Contest.

I'm going to sponsor Ann, KP2YL, into CLARA. Some of you worked her during the contest and she was really pleased about that. She is looking forward to joining us so if you hear her on please give her a call and say 'welcome' to CLARA.

33 Elizabeth VE7YL

Elizabeth Baggoo - VE7TLK/VA7TK writes:

Looking forward to our BCYLARA YL2006 Conference in Kelowna, BC and meeting up once again with all my YL and OM ham friends. Will tell you

all about it in the next issue of Harmonics! In the meantime, if you are interested in reading about it, visit [www.ylradio.ca](http://www.ylradio.ca)

Our BCYLARA HF 80M YL Net, which is open to all hams, is attracting lots of check-ins from around British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. My YL friend from Virginia, Rose-Marie KB4RM, did a test sched with me recently using their new 80M two-element Yagi antenna! Unfortunately, we were not able to hear one another. We will try again when propagation improves!

Looking forward to the warmer months ahead and getting out on the golf course. In the meantime, I am working on a Family Genealogy Project, which I am enjoying very much!

33 to everyone, Elizabeth Heather Holmes - VE3HQH writes:

Well, Spring has arrived, I hope, maybe just one last bit of winter in April then warm weather, flowers, green grass and bugs. I could do without the bugs but I guess we need them as well. We've started to do a little spring-cleaning and looking forward to more outdoor activities.

Doug has more ideas for new antennas, which I'm sure, will be springing up along with the flowers; The only radio work I've done was to take part in the CLARA & Family HF Contest.

Conditions were poor but I did make a few contacts. I sure felt like a novice after not being on for so long. I'd like to get on a little more often for the rest of the year but time will tell. Let's all get out of hibernation and enjoy the nicer weather. Fall will be here again before we know it. Have a safe and happy summer.

33, Heather Holmes, VE-3HQH

Spring has finally arrived and with it a new crop of Comox Valley lambs. The fields are green and Fran has 30+ lambs romping about. I visit her and we sit outside to watch their antics. The wind is soft and brings the sweet smell of early flowers and the warming earth.

My FT1000 has returned from California and George, VE7MCK, and Don, VE7ABL, swarmed over my station and tower checking all and everything. It is good to know that all is A-OK again and a good supply of Guinness Draft was a small token of my appreciation for all their time and trouble.

I have enjoyed many contacts with Marti, W7AYL, on Echo-Link, and received photos of her latest family addition, a great-granddaughter, Maddie. I am hoping that Marti and Jack will be able to visit me in May. My log shows some interest-

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## DX News & DX Treasurer de Carol Hall, WD8DQG

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March 11 & 12 was the International Women's Day. A club station was activated in Strasbourg, France. Annemarie, DJOFR, Evelyne, F5RPB, and Olga, DJOMCL. They had a contact with Rosemarie, KB4RM. They worked CW and SSB.

On March 8<sup>th</sup> to March 22<sup>nd</sup> Gwen, VK3DYL wrote that the Commonwealth Games were held in Melbourne, Australia and a special events station was activated with the call signs AK3MOG & AX3GAMES.

From Lois, KA4LBD; Chizue, JA1EYL did very well in the 34<sup>th</sup> annual JRLS Party contest. She was 4<sup>th</sup> in the phone section and 6<sup>h</sup> in the CW section.

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual JRLS convention will be held July 8-9 at Takamatsu at the All Nippon Airline Hotel by the JRLS 5 area.

JR6XIX, JR6XIW, JA1EYL and 7K3EOP went to Guam and Palau to make preparations for the 50<sup>th</sup> annual JRLS. Ton, JR6XIX and her OM, Dom, JR6XIW and to make some radio contacts from the VIP Hotel and JA1EYL and 7K3EOP were going to make some radio contacts from their hotel on Palau. I don't know how successful they were, but I'm sure they had fun! If I know them, they got many contacts.

Lois had a PS.... she hopes the upper bands get better! Don't we all!

Rosel, DL3KWR and Hardy, DL3KWF have really been busy.

They operated from their hotel south of Madiera with the calls; CT3/DL3KWR and CT3/DL3KWF, they operated in shifts after morning day trips until midnight each day.. I really hope that you record all of your experiences on a CD for me when we meet in Mumbai! I have gone back through my columns and can not find where I have commented on the CD Hardy made of Rosel's amateur radio activity, it was truly a labor of love! I'm looking forward to seeing you again in Mumbai this October.

Unni, LA6RHA and Ingrid LA8FOA are traveling to Morokulien April 9, where they will be active as LG5LG & SJ9WL until April 11<sup>th</sup>, which will be past by the time everyone gets their Harmonics. They will be active on 40, 80, and 20 mtrs. I understand that Morokulien is a place, which celebrates peace between Norway and Sweden. Accommodations include a radio room with antennas for all bands.

Cornelia, DF8MN writes between May 13<sup>th</sup> and July 16<sup>th</sup> the German YLs will use the special callsign DQ2006J during the 2006 World Soccer Championships that are being held in Germany.

A note from Anne, ZL3VR They retired and have been touring in their caravan (motor home) for the past 2 years, but are now building a new home soon..by Easter, that's next week, so by the time you read

this you should be settled in! I got your address change into the database, now I suppose you will have to send me your new one.

Some days propagation is good, and most day not so good. Check into the nets, 14.222 on Sunday pm for the Australian/New Zealand net and Monday AM for the DX net into Europe.

Dues are past due! Sponsors take note. I will be gone off and on most of the summer and I'd really like to have my database up-to-date and not have to send out past due notices..which cost time and money! Remember to fill out the membership sheet in Harmonics with any updates you may have.

Don't forget, it is still not too late to send in your payment for Mumbai, go to [Mumbai-bail-mett@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Mumbai-bail-mett@yahoogroups.com) and download the application and particulars.

There are quite a few US YLRL members going this fall. One year I was the only one, last time it was just WA2NFY and me. If you are not going, you will miss a fantastic experience!

Sigrid, DL3LG sent this in: 10 times KIDS DAY!

In January DL3LG, Sigrid from Germany organized her 10th KIDS DAY since 2001. Four to

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ing contacts since January even though we have had such poor conditions. Very little success in contesting but I was delighted to get through to the Imperial War Museum in Duxford, England, GB2IWM, and the special St Patrick's Day station, GB5SPD. There have been the various Nets and a number of enjoyable QSO's with friends. Not bad, really, considering the conditions.

I have just returned from Victoria after a week with my family. My son, Chris, had sur-

gery on his knee. He injured his knee very badly playing Rugby about 20 years ago and, with luck, this latest procedure will correct a developing problem. He is recovering rapidly. My grandson, Liam, celebrated his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday while I was there and he enjoyed lots of cake and all his gifts. He was to celebrate the occasion, properly, on the weekend, with 5 friends sleeping over. I left town, leaving my daughter and son-in-law to face six young boys without me... HiHiHi Been there, done

that, have the T-shirt!!!

I add two websites that many of you may find interesting. One is a Bald Eagle Nest on Hornby Island, which is just south of my QTH, and the other is a Stork's Nest in Germany. I find them both fascinating and they are as follows:

mms: //lastreamOOI.galaxytelevision.net/ hhOOI  
http:// [www.storchenriest.de/index\\_423.html](http://www.storchenriest.de/index_423.html)

My best wishes to one and all...

33 Suzanne VE7IM

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twelve kids came each time. They enjoyed very much contacting other kids-day stations, YLs and OMs. We had a QSO also with Lia, WA2NFY and her kids, as well as with KB4RM, P49TR, DF4ZX, DK1HH, DJ1TE and DL5UF on the YL side. This time the children also practiced soldering, for the first time creating a small chair made out of wire. The Kids love ham radio talking to others, using their English language knowledge, writing QSL cards, and playing games for a change. They hope to get their ham-license after taking a course.

Sigrid would like to know if there are also Kids-Day Stations run by YLRL YLs in the past or in June 2006!

May you all have a wonderful summer! It's still winter in Montana, but the blue birds and robins are back, so just maybe summer will come here.

33's  
Carol Hall, WD8DQG/7

## Changes and corrections

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## In Our Thoughts

Marion Meyer, KA2ZKM is in our thoughts. Her daughter, Kathy wrote in to say her mother is struggling with health issues. Some days she does better than others. Kathy plans on bringing Marion to the WRONE luncheon in Massachusetts. "Amateur Radio has been such an important part of her life for years," says Kathy.

Jerrie Stoner, K6INK left a number of Amateur Radio items behind with her passing. Much of it can go to the YLRL librarian for archiving. Jerrie's daughter Ronna says, "I've found ham stuff back to her earliest days-I think she and my Dad got their licenses in early 1953, when she was still in Nevada. You probably know she traveled the world and met many hams wherever she went. Ham radio was a huge part of her life. One time I was talking on the phone with Irma in Thousand Oaks CA and she told me her son called himself a "ham radio orphan". When I made the comment to mother, she was really upset, but it was true. I know she was friends with Irma from the time she moved back to the Los Angeles area in late 1953, maybe even while she was still in Nevada."

"Anyone who cares to contact me is welcome also. A couple of YLs called me after she died, and some made donations, which was very nice." Please let her know if there is anything radio related or YLRL related of Jerrie's that you would like to know about as Ronna would like to see the buttons, photos, trinkets and QSL cards from around the world find a home with those who cared about and would like a way to remember Jerrie. There are also items from all the YLRL conventions she attended and 50 plus years of Ham items.

If you would like Ronna's e-mail address to contact her, please let the editor know and I will put you in touch.

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friend Dot, KB8TQU gave us three ornamental grass plants about 3 or 4 years ago. They have gotten so big over the years that we decided to dig them up and divide them into several clumps and replant them in various places in the yard. What a job that turned out to be. Those things have strong roots. I couldn't cut them with a trowel, Gary made some headway with a shovel, but finally had to get the ax out and split them apart. Anyway three plants turned into 10 and we now have the beautiful plants on three sides of our house and yard. Well, other than yard work. I've been asked to do a demo of SKYPE (the internet phone service) for the May meeting of the Grant Amateur Radio club, so I better get to work on the demo.

33's and 88's,  
Carolyn N8ST

*Thanks to Carolyn for all her hard work as District 8 Chairwoman! She will be taking over as Certificate Manager as of the next issue.*

*Please welcome Jean Ruth, KB8YHN as the new District 8 Chairwoman!*

*-Editor*



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### New Members and Rejoin Continued KH6

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Birthday: June 25  
Welcome to Mary who is our only 50th state member at this time.

Welcome back to the following

#### Rejoin

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Birthday: June 3  
Diane had been a member and has rejoined.

## New YLRL Members de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ-Secretary

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New Members for  
May/June 2006



Welcome to the following

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Birthday: July 17

Lucy was first licensed in 1970 as K9LAR and has renewed her license. She belongs to several clubs including WRONE. Her OM is James W1RAE and she is currently active on 2 meters and 6.

Elizabeth A. Phillips WB1FIQ  
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Birthday: March 1

Betty is a retired teacher and is a member of WRONE, QCWA (Pionner and Yankee chapters). She has a number of hams in her family including her daughter, son and son-in-law. She is active on the repeaters in her area.

### District 4

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Birthday: September 30

Carol has been licensed since 1957 and has a large family of hams, including her OM Don K4GFY and brother W4DF. She holds an Extra class license and enjoys CW, DX and Ragchewing. She was a member a few years back. Welcome.

### District 3

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Birthday: Jan 6

Evelyn was a member many years ago and when I was talking to her we knew many of the same Penn-Jersey YL's. She has been inactive with radio but very active otherwise having become an RN at age 43, taking care of her OM and being a breast cancer survivor. Her other hobbies include glassblowing. Welcome back.

### District 5

Gloria June Meng, WA5PQX  
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Birthday: July 23

Gloria was a member in the 60's but became inactive from the hobby to take care of her son. She is getting involved again and enjoys DX and works CW only. We certainly welcome her back.

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### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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](http://www.ylrl.org) or [www.qth.net/ylrl](http://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.

## Dayton Ham Convention

By Lory Jepsen N7KTY

My husband, Steve, AI7W, and I spent a week in lovely Dayton, OH, taking in the many sites available, as well as attending all 3 days of the Dayton Ham Convention.

At the convention, in booth 231, the YLRL and Buckeye Bells had many women drop by from all over the country and Canada. Mary Moore, WX4MM, the YLRL Pres., was at the booth most of the time, greeting these women. I spent about 1 hr. there Sat.

On Friday, there was a YLRL forum. Cheryl Muhr talked about the newsletters and the need for chairwomen across the country. Mary introduced Kay Craigie, N3KN, who is the First Vice President of the ARRL. She exhorted us all to get our license upgraded to Extra class. She also told of helping her OM build an antenna, stating the soldering gun was similar to operating a glue gun. Mary, Cheryl, and Kay all chimed in about the emergency training available, most for free, online. The 3 free ones included [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) - which has Incident Command Systems, National Incident Management System, and National Response Plan. The next is [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org). Introduction to Disaster Services Course. The next free one is: [www.citizencorps.gov/cert/](http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/). This is about Community Emergency Response Teams. Then, of course, the one through the ARRL, which costs about \$45 - \$75, is the emergency communications courses. If we take as many of these as possible, we will be more valuable in the event of a disaster, not just showing up with our radio and asking, "Where can I be of service?"

They handed out free kits for building a small code oscillator to learn, study, and relearn code. A local ham puts the kits together so small it fits into a sandwich-sized baggie. I picked one up, am anxious to see how long it takes me to actually begin to work on it.

On Saturday, there was a presentation at the ARRL mini-stage titled "Why Women Love Ham Radio". Of all the 30 presentations, this one was the best attended. Why? Because women love ham radio, of course. There was a variety of speakers, including Mary Moore, a YLRL representative, a youth leader, and Kay.

The YLRL is offering a free subscription to the Harmonics to any school who has a teacher and a class studying ham radio. If you know of such a school, contact the YLRL representative.

As a side benefit to the convention, Steve bought me a credit-card sized Alinco radio for use around the yard/house. And, after filling out a Red Cross survey, and being handed a raffle ticket in return, I won an IC-8V radio on Saturday. It is a dandy 2-meter hand-held. Will come in use for sure. (See picture).

For the 2 days before the ham convention, we spent the entire time allotted at the Air Force Aerospace Museum. If you haven't seen it, you must. It is a wonderful display, and we didn't even see it all. After the convention, we went to see the Wright Brothers bicycle shop, the Interpretive Center, and the Carillon Park - a park setting with 26 individual museums, from bicycles, to old cars, to printing shop and the last Wright Bros. Flyer, #3. We also went a bit north to Springfield, and toured the Frank Lloyd Wright house, built in 1906. He was so far advanced for his time that it could fit into any modern neighborhood today. We were very impressed with his visionary talent.

Wearing my ICOM hat, and Steve wearing his "100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wright Bros. Flight" hat, we headed for home. If anyone wants a copy of the Hamvention program, or a Visitor's Guide to Dayton, they can contact me that I will gladly send it on.

There was a lot of road construction everywhere, and it only rained the first day we were there - otherwise it was 50-60 and blue sky and sun. Oh, except the last day of the convention, the flea market got rained out - I forgot that. There was so much to see, so many people to talk to that it was definitely information overload. Food was not unreasonable, and there was plenty. The bus lines seemed to be moving well from the Salem mall area - you could get a 3-day pass for \$8.00 or something - otherwise it was \$3./day. There were also motorized scooters to 'borrow or rent'. And, most astonishing of all, there was NO line in any of the women's restrooms - a thought voiced by so many of us all 3 days.

**See Pictures in center section along with all the Dayton Hamvention Pictures**

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