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Left to right: Scholarship winners-Amy Johnson KB3HXF and Victoria Reid, AA3OT

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IN MEMORY OF:

Bernell Johnson, IC5GBX

FROM:

Linda Hynan, AC5QQ and TYLRUN

A generous donation was received from Michele Cimbala, WK3X in memory of K4LMB, Ethel Smith. Michele stated in her letter that she had the privilege of knowing Ethel. Sincere thanks Michele. Although Ethel has been a SK for sometime we are all still reaping the rewards of Ethel's friendship and her devotion to YLRL. As you all know the scholarship was started by her and always was her pet project.

The \$3,000 for the 2007 scholarships has been sent and received by FAR. If any member would like a complete financial report of Scholarship just send me a note. If you have an extra dollar we sure could use a donation to the YLRL money market account.

Marte KOEPE

Thanks to Marte for doing such a great job. Check out the 2006 scholarship winners in the center section of this issue!

Continuous Membership Certificate

This certificate is available ONLY to YLRL members. It is awarded automatically to any YL who has been a member, continuously for five years. Diamond-shaped stickers are awarded for each additional five years of continuous membership.

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Five Year Certificate

Annette Wood, KC8SQM; Ann Trudeak, KA0ZFI; Heidi Schrader, KC2GRL;
and Diane Schrader, N2DMS

20 year stickers

Elizabeth Tammany, KA1JKV

25 year stickers

Martha "Marti" Silver, NY4H

35 year stickers

Mary Ed Killitz, WA6EJP

Renata Krause, DJ9SB was mistakenly listed as a rejoin previously, she has been continuous since 1989.

Certificate Custodians

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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Certificate Custodian News

As everyone knows by now, YLRL has combined all the certificates (except continuing membership certificates) into one position. Thanks for allowing me to handle the position of Certificate Custodian. I'm going to try to keep everyone updated on what's happening with the certificates and who has earned new certificates through the YLH issues. I just started in this position about a month ago, and have been getting all the information from the former certificate custodians. I believe I have most of it now, so please be patient with me while I get all this organized and onto my computer. We're going to be making some changes ... nothing radical ... to simply the process of applying and receiving your certificates. So far we are discussing and finalizing any changes to the rules. Now don't worry, as I said above there is nothing radical about any of the changes.

Mostly we combining all the rules that are the same in all the certificates and putting that into the "General rules" rather than listing the same thing over and over. We're also going to be accepting applications by e-mail and sending out certificates attached to e-mails as much as possible. But don't worry, if you don't have e-mail or would just prefer to receive a printed certificate, I'll still be accepting applications by postal mail, and sending out printed certificates by mail as well.

While I'm getting all this sorted out, organized, and put into my computer, I hope you'll be patient with me. I do have a couple of applications for various certificates that were sent to me by the former certificate custodians, so they will be the first I'll be sending out. However, if you have sent in an application for a particular certificate and haven't received it yet, would you please send me an e-mail n8st@att.net and tell me what certificate you applied for, so I can be sure I have everyone's applications.

Thanks for your help. I'll be telling you more next issue.

33, Carolyn N8ST

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 QSL CARDS TO THE CUSTODIAN!** Two other Amateurs must sign the log verifying that the QSL cards are in possession of the applicant.
4. No charge is made for a certificate, but sufficient postage for first class mail or a stamped legal-size 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 in each issue of *YL Harmonics*. DX countries. List requirements are the same as for the original application.

For Continuous Membership see page 4



President's Message

de Mary Moore, WX4MM

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CQ YL's:

Wow, another year almost over. I hope to receive some logs after the first of the year from those of you who have been logging all the YL's you've contacted. Last year I promised a really nice prize to the winner. Will let you know who it is as soon as I find out. I have not decided on an operating challenge for next year so if any of you have any good ideas, email me or drop a note with your suggestions. The Huntsville Hamfest was great, as usual and the HAY-LARCS had a crowd for breakfast on Sunday morning. If you are in or near the Huntsville area I encourage you to join HAY-LARCS. They have a history of community support and like all organizations, can use some new members. The Young Ham of the Year award was presented to a YL Catherine Ferry, NC8F. Look for pictures in this issue. The latest FCC Report and Order has been published and there are a lot of frequency allocation changes you should

all check out. One other major item of interest in emergency communications was clarified. Emergency responder personnel who are hams that may be called on during an emergency at their normal work locations may operate amateur radio equipment. They are getting paid to do their jobs as emergency responders, not as hams, and therefore do not break FCC rules if they also use the radio. That had been bothering me for some time now and I was very glad to see the clarification on the Report and Order. We have many nurses, EMT's, doctors, fire and police personnel who are hams and who could be essential during a communications emergency. I missed the Anniversary Party contest due to illness and storms. I am eagerly anticipating the YL-OM in February. Hope to hear a lot of you working it in 2007. Be sure to check out our scholarship winners in this issue as well. Marte, KOEPE, has been doing a wonderful job main-

taining our scholarship funds. Remember, you can donate to the scholarship fund at any time. It is totally funded by our members and all of the scholarships are awarded to YL's. I am slowly getting the hang of Continuous Membership and have made a few errors that have been/ are being corrected. Our Continuous Membership certificates are very nice and I hope all of you have/get one and fill up all the diamonds. Had I not missed one year, I would have gotten a 30 year sticker this year. You must pay dues for each year continuous. If you realize before the end of the year that you did not pay your dues, you may pay that year and the current dues and be re-instated. If you missed a whole year and pay the following year dues, you are considered rejoining and your continuous membership starts over again. I'll sign with my best wishes to you and yours for a very happy holiday season.
De WX4MM

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YL-OM Contest

**CW: 1400 UTC February 3, 2006 to
0200 UTC February 5, 2006**

**SSB: 1400 UTC February 10, 2006 to
0200 UTC February 12, 2006**

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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.

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

PROCEDURE: OMs call "CQ-YL" and YLs call "CQ-OM."

OPERATION: See General Rules. Participants may work only 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest.

Operating breaks must be indicated in the log.

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

SCORING: (1) Phone and CW will be scored as separate contests. Submit separate logs for each contest. (2) Score each band separately. One point is earned for each different station worked on each band; YLs count only OMs and OMs count only YLs. Add together the QSO points earned for each band. (3) Multiply the number of QSOs by the total number of different ARRL sections, VE provinces, and countries worked. (4) Contestants running with a power output of 100 watts or less on CW and 200 watts PEP or less on SSB, AT ALL TIMES, may multiply the results of 3) above by 1.5 (the low power multiplier). The maximum power output that may be used at any time during the contest is 750 watts on CW and 1500 watts PEP on SSB.

LOGS: All logs must show your ARRL section, province, or country to qualify for awards. For each QSO, logs must show the station worked, QSO number given and received, RS(T) given and received, the ARRL section, VE province, or country of the station worked, time, band, and date. Logs must also state the power output used and the operating breaks taken. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet. Remember to file separate logs for each contest. Logs must show claimed score.

AWARDS: First place phone: YL-cup, OM-cup. First place CW: YL-cup, OM-cup. The second and third place YL and OM winners in each contest will receive certificates. The winner of the phone contest cup is also eligible to win the CW cup. Certificates will be awarded to the YL and OM phone and YL and OM CW winners of each U.S. and VE call district and country, provided there are at least ten valid contacts on the log.



Youth News

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Hello again,

I have been attempting to write this column for several days now, but I had no idea what to write about. That was all until I was exploring EchoLink one day. I was trying to make contacts, and that is when it dawned on me how important EchoLink is. Still being a Technician, I am limited to two meters. When all is quiet I turn to EchoLink. With EchoLink, I can communicate with others from not only the United States, but from around the world.

I am sure most of you, being Amateur Radio operators, know what EchoLink is. You can access EchoLink either with a radio or computer. If you are in range of a FM repeater or simplex station equipped with EchoLink, you can use DTMF commands from your radio to

access the EchoLink network.

If you are a licensed Amateur Radio operator with an Internet-connected PC, you can access EchoLink directly from your PC. EchoLink comes in great for checking into weather and other nets that you cannot reach by radio. That is what makes EchoLink so important.

I have made a lot of contacts through EchoLink, especially those from foreign countries. In fact, I have even received QSL cards from some of the licensed operators that I have contacted. EchoLink is not only important, but it is fun. It is even more fun when you are accessing EchoLink with a friend. As a matter of fact, one of my licensed friends and I were accessing EchoLink just the other day. Her and I were just exploring EchoLink, seeing whom we could

contact.

We made roughly around eight contacts. Argentina being one of them. It is fascinating to me, to be able to communicate with licensed operators from other countries. Without EchoLink, I would not be able to do that, because I do not have my HF license. That is another great thing about EchoLink. I would personally recommend EchoLink to all Amateur Radio operators, especially those that are not familiar with it. If you are interested in EchoLink, you can go to <http://www.echolink.org> for more information.

Questions? Comments? Ideas? If so, please feel free to contact me anytime. I am always open to new ideas. Anything will be greatly appreciated.

73 and 33,
Kim, WX4KIM

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ARRL FROM THE COLORADO-YLS

Since there no longer appears to be a place to send opinions to the Editor in QST the Colorado-YLS are sending out an open letter to the Ham Radio Community.

It has been said that YL clubs don't do anything. No doubt the person did not understand how much YL's do participate in amateur radio services. For example, YL's participate in fox hunts, hot air balloon festivals, health fairs, weather nets, disaster and emergency practices and situations, tornado watch, swap fests, and Field Day. In addition, YL's serve as club officers (they are good club secretaries or treasurers) for various repeater clubs. Although they may not publish any technical articles, they do a good job of typing the manuscripts for the OM who do. The philosophy for most YL clubs is that they contribute their service through the existing clubs that include the OM or their children. The opinion is that this system of cooperation avoids unnecessary competition between YL clubs and other organizations. It has been said that it is surprising how much good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit.

We regret that ARRL no longer recognizes that the YL clubs are contributing organizations the same as DX-ers, Contesters, and other special interest groups of amateur radio.

The Colorado-YLS



District One News de Anne Manna, WB1ARU

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If s good to be back again with some news; it has been quite a while! The weather has changed and it has been very "fall like" in New England. The colorful leaves are mostly on the ground and there has been frost several mornings.

There have been 3 occasions that I know about for 1-land YLs to get together in the last few months. Boxboro, the District 1 ARRL Convention, was held in late August. Hams from all over the northeast gathered to hear presenters on a variety of topics, check out the dealer exhibits and flea market, visit with new and old friends, and enjoy 2 days with a common theme, our hobby, amateur radio. YLRL and WRONE shared a table in the Exhibit Hall where YLs could drop by for information. There was also an hour forum including a presentation about YLRL and WRONE and a chance to sit and talk about what each YL enjoys most about ham radio.



Anne Manna, WB1ARU

While at Boxboro, I had the good fortune of meeting KZ1O Dave who hosts a web site about amateur radio. His web site is called 99 Hobbies and he is trying to show that there are at least 99 ways to enjoy amateur radio. His interview with me about women hams is at: <http://99hobbies.blogspot.com/2006/09/onlv-for-women-ylrl.html>



Norina, WIUBM with the prize she won at Boxboro-Congratulations!

On October 21, the Wireless Women of Vermont got together for their fall luncheon at Wake Robin, Shelburne, VT. Linda, WIMP wrote, "Andrea K1WLX & OM Jim K1VII didn't make it because half a foot of snow got dumped on their QTH the night before the luncheon. The rest of us received varying amounts of snow and managed to make it to the luncheon and home safely.



The picture, left to right, shows Deborah NNIC, Dot K1ILDS, Linda WIMP, Julie K1IAPN and Kit W1WQM. Not pictured but present were OMs Bob W1TKH, Bill WB1BRE & MarleN1MR.

Linda and her OM recently completed a 7,000 mile motorcycle tour to California. Deborah and her OM traveled extensively in New Zealand."

WRONE held its Fall Luncheon on November 4 in Sturbridge, MA. A group of 18 enjoyed a great meal and good fellowship. The results of the 2007 Election were announced as follows: President, Janice K4IJK, Vice President, Judy N1BLR, Secretary, Betsey K1VAX, Treasurer, Hennie K1JVN, Net Chairman, Arline W1LIO, Membership Chairman, Anne WB1ARU, Hospitality Chairman, Betty K1JKV. Business included a donation to YLRL Scholarship Fund and plans for the Spring 2007 Luncheon in RI.

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No Photo at
this time

District 2 News de Lia Zwack, WA2NFY

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To all my dear YL's from 2 Land:

I have tried to collect some news from the SAYLARCS. I hope you send news and all you can to let the YLRL's what is going on in 2 Land.

Betty W2PVS moved and is now closer to me.

A special congratulations and many good wishes go to Minerva, WB2JNL for her Diamond Wedding Anniversary. I know it was the talk of the town. Minerva and a few YL's are regularly on the radio on 40 & 80 meters. Let us join them on Friday and Saturday, 9 am on 3945.

A special thank you for Roberta, AA2IO. I give her a special thanks for making the first step to send a great, colorful and interesting letter. With 7 friends visiting with Gretchen, lunch and getting together every Wednesday at a restaurant. The

big news in town is the Adirondack Museum. Saturday 9 am Bobbie is active on 3935 the Carrier Net (join her!) Of course the kids keep them busy and please keep in touch.

I will be very happy and all the SAYLARCS to hear from you. Not having a computer I enjoy the lovely letters from you.

My antenna needed repair and to my regret it takes time to have it fixed. I can count on my helper, K2MP and Jim, Roy before the snow falls! Hi!

Myself had some great travels, Korea, Denver and more to come if all goes well with the planning. Passed week 3 OM's arrived and put my new Hustler up, so, now I hope we can have many QSO's. Thanks guys you made me very happy, conditions should be better.

Besides this event about the vertical I have not so good news. Sept 1-7 was admitted into the hospital with an infection, which made me very ill, but week later and lots of good doctors help I could go home and today October 11, I feel much better. Thanks for all the prayers and cards and letters. With this I will close the first news letter from 2 Land. Please tell me your news and my wish to all, keep healthy and active!

33 and waiting for news
Lia WA2NFY

PS I hope Hannah will tell us her story as youngest ham in town.

Thanks to Lia for taking over as the 2nd District Chair. Please send her news!
-Editor

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Pat, NILZII and Betty, KA1JKV at the WB. ONE Fall Luncheon

Ann WAIS did not make the luncheon as she had just returned from Grenada where she operated in the CQ WW DX

SSB Contest. Ann was also the featured speaker at Boxboro's DX Banquet with pictures and descriptions of the DXpedition to Kure and her participation in WRTC in Brazil this past summer.

It won't be long before winter will arrive here in the northeast. Hopefully the bands will be kind and we can get on the air when it is too cold to be outside. Don't forget to send news for the next YLH in December!

33, Anne WB1ARU



Ann Santos, WAIS at Boxboro



District Three News de Barb Bender, KA3VXR

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Hi 3-Land YLs.....Here we are gearing up for fall with the beautiful foliage and the autumn festivities. Halloween is around the corner, then Thanksgiving and then Christmas and a brand new year. Hope you are all enjoying this wonderful time of year and looking forward to a bright, shiny, peaceful 2007.

I have been incapacitated for the past 2 month because of oral surgery on Sept 11 (my 5th) and then again on Sept 29 (my 6th). Even though at this time I cannot talk and cannot eat except for liquids and pureed foods, I am celebrating the fact that no cancer was found this time. My main goal is to heal and when working with radiated tissues, it is a slow process. Hopefully Hyperbaric Oxygen treatments will speed up the process. Because of my hospitalizations, I haven't been able to collect any news from District 3 this issue.

I would like to welcome to YLRL a new member from District 3. She is Betty Handy N3OIF from Derry PA. Betty holds an Extra class license and is primarily active on 2 and 80 Meters. Her OM, Arnold KB3APD, is also a

ham.

This summer I received some info from my adoptee, Paulette Schouten VE7VPE, from Surrey, BC, Canada. It was too late to get into the July/ Aug YLEI issue and Sept/ Oct is the Directory issue, so am happy to share this with you at this time.

Paulette VE7VPE wrote: "Thought you'd like to see a



Paulette, VE7PE and Jasper

picture of me and Jasper in our first drill performance at the Langley Days Celebrations July 1st, 2006. We did 2 performances in the heat of the day and managed to get through both without mistakes. Afterwards there was a meet and greet at the fence line where the public could come up and touch the horses and talk to us. I kept getting

singled out to have photos taken of Jasper.

We had a great time even though it was a long, long day with a lot of sitting around between performances. I'm looking forward to my next performance!! Which is this Sunday at Little Critters Open House. It's a refuge for sick animals and is in Langley. Just one performance at 2:45pm. After that we go to Coombs on Vancouver Island for a rodeo July 22nd and 23rd. Adriana and I will be sharing Jasper, she riding him in one performance and then me in the other. Quite costly to take both horses over to the Island and we are going with another family and they only have room in the trailer for one more horse.

I'm quite enjoying this drill team work and of course it gives Adriana and I something to do together."

Thanks for sharing your exciting performance with all of us, Paulette, and I will be looking forward to more news from anyone out there in 3-land for the next issue.

Till then. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

73/33 Barb KA3VXR



District Four News de Carol Laferty, K4SAF

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In October I did a mass emailing to District 4 members, and many of you responded. Thanks for your news; I'll include as much of it as possible. A few emails weren't current, and for some of you, an email wasn't listed. I didn't get the mailing out to you via postal service yet.

Ruby Byrd, KF4NI, and her hubby are moving to Phoenix, AZ, from NC, hoping to improve their health. She plans to set up a station as soon as they find a house. Look for Ruby from District 7.

Kathy Ussery, WM5O, wrote from Ocala, FL. She isn't able to get on the air now that they live in a gated community that doesn't allow antennas. She misses the Open House Net and K6KCI, Irma. They also miss their ham friends in New Mexico. She wishes us all a Merry Christmas.

I could write an entire column about Emily Bishop, W6EMB, one of our youngest members at age 11. Emily lives



Emily Bishop, W6EMB (in front) with many Ham friends.

in Cleveland, TN, as well as Melrose, FL part of the year. She was first licensed at age 8, and became an Extra class at age 10. Emily is very active in all facets of ham radio, and recently passed four of the FEMA NIMS training courses. Congrats to you, Emily, on all you have accomplished. Look for more about this remarkable young lady in an upcoming issue.

KB4RM, Rose-Marie Battig and her OM I<4TY visited ham friends in Germany in September. She is active in the DX-YL net on 14.223 on Monday @1500Z, and has made many friends there. She is on the air every day chasing DX.

Jo Melton, W4NKO, wrote from one of my favorite places. East TN. Their son Ron, AC-400, had surgery recently and they are helping with his recuperation. Best of luck to Ron, Jo.

Sherri Brower, W4STB, is the chairman (woman?) for the ARRL National Public Relations Committee, as well as Section Manager for southern FL. She has been busy with those duties at various hamfests, as well as teaching Technician classes. She had six YLs in her last class, and expects to have more in the upcoming class in Feb 07. Nice work, Sherri, in promoting our special hobby in so many ways.

Billie Wyckoff, WB4BW, is serving as the secretary/treasurer of the East Alabama ARC. The club holds licensing classes.

as well as kit building sessions. She's been a ham for two years, and is having a great time. Look for her on 3.940 on the OMISS net.

Esther Watkins, KC4EW, from AL reports great success with a second annual Tailgating party in October. She says her family has had health problems this year, but all seem on the mend now.

I heard from Mattie Drye, K4CZP in NC. She has been a ham since 1955, at the same time her hubby Harry, now a Silent Key, became K4CZO. She enjoys the Vagabond Net on 2 meters. She misses the Blue Ridge YL Net on 75 meters from past years. Mattie, wouldn't it be great if we could revive that net? I'm all for that.

Jan Scheuerman, WA2YL (don't you love that call!) attended the Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Assoc. (ThyCa) in Orlando in October. One of the founders of the organization, she stresses that we all need to learn more about this type of cancer at www.thyca.org. Former Pro football player, Thurman Thomas, came to help raise funds.



Jan, WA2YL and Thurman Thomas



District Five News

de Carol Noack, I<K5L

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Hello to all!

All who worked on the September/October issue of YL-Harmonics are to be congratulated. It includes not only the membership directory, but also other useful information such as the officers, YL nets, contests and governing documents. I'll be referring to my copy very often.

I have received District 5 news, be sure to look for it as CQWW Contest October 2006. Please remember to send your news for the next issue. Our antenna is down, but you can contact me by e-mail or postal mail.

I went to Oak Brook, Illinois, in August for a parliamentary training conference and took a professional development course. The instructors were excellent, and I learned a lot.
33, Carol, KK5L

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N8AJU, Sue Simpson, is active in QCWA, and her hubby Ken, W8EI<, is President of their local chapter. In Oct. national QCWA President, W3BE, John Johnson was a guest.

Sue's son Stephen, KC8IOY, is one of this year's QCWA Scholarship winners, and he was able to thank John personally for the award. He will continue his studies at the U. of Florida next year, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering.



*The QCW/1 President (left)
with Stephen, KC8IOY*

And last, but certainly not least, I heard from a busy SP2FF/ 4, Barbara Ulatowska, who still works full-time. In May she visited her native country, Poland, to attend her high school reunion, and was able to spend three days there. Her friends were surprised to learn that she and most of her family are ham radio ops. Her son and grandson have visited with her from Poland this year and she was able to show them around historic places in Washington, DC.

As for me, my fall has been busy, with teaching obligations at Morehead State Univ. Although only a part-time teaching load, I believe I've worked harder than my stu-

dents. My ham radio activities have been limited to an occasional CW contact, and trying to participate in the SICCC monthly Sprints.

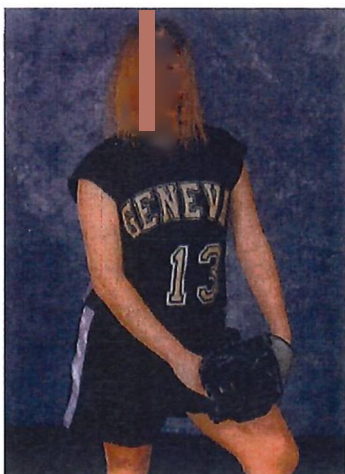
Keep sending your news; special thanks to all of you who contributed this time.



*YLRL President, Mary Moore, WX4MM
(right) with Lynda, WB4TJE*

Meet our scholarship winners

If they seem familiar it is because they have shared the honors in the past!



Amy Johnson, KB3HXF



Victoria Reid, AA3OT

Amy Johnson, KB3HXF will be starting her senior year at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, PA. In May She graduates with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in coaching. This past year at Geneva, Amy was awarded the Athletic Director's Award for Scholar-Athletes, Dean's List and named as captain for the Woman's softball team. In the forthcoming year, she will be in charge of running Habitat for Humanity on campus as well as student teaching in a nearby school district. She says, "Coming from an Amateur Radio family, it is a unique experience to be able to be involved with so many different people from different generations and walks of life."

Congratulations to Amy, KB3HXF on all of her accomplishments!

Victoria Reid, AA3OT thanks YLRL for the scholarship. "I am greatly appreciative of the help this scholarship gives me for my law school tuition." Victoria recently graduated from Clarion University of Pennsylvania on May 7, 2005 with a B. A. in Political Science with minors in Economics, Honors and History.

Victoria recently moved to Valparaiso, Indiana to attend the Valparaiso University School of Law. She hopes to concentrate in International and Public Interest Law.

She writes that she has been an Amateur operator since the age of seven and has had her Extra class license since 1996. Victoria is active in RACES and VE testing, both which she hopes to continue with the active Valparaiso Ham community.

Congratulations to Victoria, AA3OT on her recent graduation and her forthcoming activities.

HAYLARCS HAVE FUN IN HUNTSVILLE



Young ham of the year is Catherine Ferry, NC8F

CQWW Contest October 2006 Operations from Gulfport, Mississippi

By Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ and Ed Byrd, KA5VFU

Betty Jo (ICB5CSQ) and husband Ed (KA5VFU) opened their home and radio shack for the DX club MDXA (Magnolia DX Assn.) to operate during 2006 CQWW contest. Friday afternoon we started checking out all the radios, mics, and computers, computers linking and logging programs and rechecking everything. All seemed to be fine except for a problem with the logging program Ray (WQ5L) our club expert on computers was here and reloaded the setup and we are good to go. While awaiting the starting time to click over the group enjoyed fresh baked ham and tomato sandwiches and chips/ dip. The time was finally here and the first operators were Glenn (K2FF), Gary (KT5GS), Ray (WQ5L) and Ed (KA5VFU). After several hours of operating Glenn I<2FF received the largest piece of cake he had made the most contacts he also had the amp. Ed (KA5VFU), Gary (KT5GS) and BJ (KB5CSQ) operated until 1:30am.



Operators on the air!



We started off Saturday morning with hot biscuits and sausage gravy, coffee and juice. The new ops to arrive were Cecil

(WB5VCE) who operated all day until 8:00pm except for when he stopped for lunch. On Saturday we held our annual fall picnic with boiled shrimp, corn, potatoes, hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips which we all enjoyed. The food was cooked by our very own chefs Cliff (N5WI) and Vic (AE5DX). Then we took a look at all the junk in the trunk the operators had brought to sell, swap or give away. During this time the radio ops were Ray (WQ5L), Joe (N5ID), Floyd (N5FG), Stan K5NY, Gary KT5GS, Betty Jo (KB5CSQ) and Ed (KA5VFU). We met new faces Charles (N5BLY) and his wife Jan (KD5SUI) and rejoiced in see old friends again.

Most of us were local except for John (KC5LK) from Brandon, Mississippi and Ed (WA4BPK) and his wife from Theodore, Alabama. The operators were local Mississippians from Gulfport, Wiggins, Kiln, Perkinston, Bay St Louis, Biloxi, Long Beach and Kiln.

Gary (KT5GS), Ed (KA5VFU) and I (KB5CSQ) operated until 7:30pm Saturday night we left the radio room open for ops to come and go during the night. Ed woke at a little pass 5:00am and found Joe (N5ID) operating Ed made coffee I baked sweet rolls and we were back at the radios. Cecil (WB5VCE) arrived around 8:00am, Ray (WQ5L), Larry (WB5HVX) and our guest for the night was Gary (KT5GS).

The operating stopped for lunch hamburgers, hotdogs and homemade potato salad with cookies for desert. Ray (W5QL) left to go watch the Saints football game who returned early

the Saints was loosing. One thing for sure amateur radio will not let you down like your favorite football team will. Operating resumed Cecil (WB5VCE), Ray (WQ5L), Gary (KT5GS), Betty Jo (KB5CSQ) and Ed (KA5VFU) all the way to the end.



Everyone pitched in!



We operated 2 stations starting Friday night till Sunday the radios were 2ICOM 756 Pro II's one tower 78 ft, antenna HyGain DX11, another tower 30ft with antenna cushcraft MA5V, also operated inverted V for 80 and one for 40, one amp Ameritron AL811H.

Now down to the time where we count the score but before we do that let us make one thing clear a great time was had by all it was a wonderful gathering full of laughter, eating, and radio operating with all our friends and we were blessed with great weather.

Call used for this contest

-W5NO

Total people attending 28. Total contacts 603. Total multipliers'317

Total QSO points 1620, Total Score 513540

Ham Radio is Good!

Thanks

Betty Jo Byrd KB5CSQ

Ed Byrd KA5VFU



District Six News

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Ginger, AB6YL writes:

YLRL member, Jeanie Parker, WAUVF/VU3RYH, gave a presentation at the San Fernando Valley ARC on October 20th. She will be spoke on "Operating DX on Andaman/Nicobar Islands during the VU4 Hamfest 2006."

Another bit of news for you. I assisted with communications on the Angels Crest Endurance Run (AC100) on September 16 & 17. The AC100 is a 100 mile endurance run (trail race) from Wrightwood, CA to Pasadena, CA over the mountains. Throughout this event, hams track runners from checkpoint to checkpoint to ensure that none are lost on the mountain-

ous terrain. Over 100 runners participate in this annual event, and almost as many hams are required to staff the 25 checkpoints. This was the 10th year I have been a part of the communications team. I work at the Chantry Flats Checkpoint roughly 75 miles into the race. The lead runners reach our lo-



Ginger, AB6YL (top) and Jeanie, WA6UVF in California

cation around 5 PM on Saturday, and the last runners will arrive around 5 AM on Sunday. It is a lot of work, but very rewarding. The safety of these runners depends on the communications team, and the runners are very appreciative of our efforts.

Jeanie, WA6UVF writes that she is going on the VU7/Bagram trip with the JA DX Team. This is the VU7 operation starting January 15, 2007. She thinks she will be the only American and She and Mio, JR3MVF will be the only YLs. Look for them on the air! More information can be found at www.yu7.in - check it out.

Corrections

Connie Hamilton, N8IO e-mail should be: n8io@arrl.net

Nancy L. Bob, KS2YL recently got remarried and note the new last name. Her previous last name was Fontana. Congratulations!

Elizabeth Anderson, VE7YL was mistakenly left out of the directory her information is:
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Tuulikki Hartikainen, OH7XX updated her information it is now:
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Carol Schmitkons, KI8IM has a new e-mail address it is now: ki8im@oh.rr.com

Christine Dons, GM4YMM was missing some of her address it should include the city and postal code:
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Rita Judd, G0EIX has an incorrect postal code listed. It should be: **SS8 9BQ**

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District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

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Hello to all the YLs -

By the time you read this the Holiday Season will be upon us! It seems as if the last few months have sped by. I've just had Cataract Surgery on the left eye and am really enjoying improved vision although it will take awhile for the eye to adjust and the right eye still needs to be done. The summer months were quiet ones. The MINOW Net kept going through July, August and September with just four faithful members checking in - Emily KB7L, Ruth K1IIF, Elizabeth KK7VO and myself. So we were really excited when Phyllis W2GLB checked in October 6 from Richland- she finally has her tower up! It was also good to hear Diane W7LQV who hasn't been able to copy us for many weeks. Barbara AC7UH did a great job as usual on the Fall MINOW Net Newsletter! Condolences to Christine KK7RC - her Mother, Ina Russell AB7VL became a silent key on July 25 after a long illness. She was a MINOW as well as a member of YLRL

Tilings have also been slow on the Evergreen Intertie YLNet. N7UXV Beth,

W7HPA Mary and I are the regulars but occasionally there will be a few YLs from Eastern WA or Idaho via the Intertie. Now that evenings are dark and colder it's time to get back to amateur radio!

KK7VO Elizabeth Simon participated in Field Day this year at the campground of a local park in Keno, OR. She also helped her club with communications for the Crater Lake Rim Run in August. She comments: I was lucky enough to get assigned to an aid station near a viewpoint on the rim so while waiting for the runners to show up, I got to walk over to the viewpoint and enjoy the view." When the first runners passed the previous aid station she mostly just kept an eye out for runners coming and an ear on the radio in case someone reported a problem. As it turned out she was the one to report a problem this year.

AC7UH Barbara Yason reports that the 2006 Race for the Cure was held on September 17 in Waterfront Park in Portland. This year's Communications team consisted of 29 volunteers. She writes: There were 9 YLs on the team this year, plus two

other unlicensed gals, not bad odds considering there have been years when I was hardly able to find a YL for the team. It was also the largest communications team we've had. The route was no longer, but had some interesting opportunities, which is why we had so many locations as well as the rovers.

KA7TON Anne Louise Grimm of Raymond, WA reports that three of her books have now been published, and the manuscript and cover photo of a fourth book - short stories - is in the hands of the publisher. She says "There is a good deal about amateur radio in all of them though the second is radio theory rather than anecdotal. (Only the first is nonfiction.) She still edits the SPARKS newsletter for WARC, the Willapa Amateur Radio Club KD7KAJ, monthly, and will add anyone to the list with request to ka7ton@arrrl.net.

OI< - that's the news from 7 land. Best wishes for the holidays. I hope to hear from more of you soon.
33 de Sara AB7PS



District Eight News de Jean Ruth, KB8YHN

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Sometimes during the Holidays it is hard to collect the district news and get it in to the Editor. Unfortunately there was no District 8 news sent in at time of printing. Don't forget to send news! The next deadline is December 31st to your District Chairwoman! Thank you and we hope to have more news for District 8 in the January/February issue. Happy Holidays

The President needs YOU!

We still need someone to chair and two others to help with the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee gets our ballots ready by asking if people want to run or rerun for all the votable YLRL Positions. Ballots need to go out soon for the 2008-2009 elections, so please help out. Contact President, Mary Moore,

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In Our Thoughts

Please keep Anna, K9RXX, in your thoughts who had some happy news and unfortunately some very unhappy news. She told me she married a wonderful man named Virgil on June 3, 2006.

"We knew he would have an operation as soon as we got back from a short honeymoon. A few days after we got home he got sick and we made a trip to the hospital emergency room. After a few tests it was discovered that the growth he was to have removed turned into a fast growing cancer. He died July 5th and was buried on July 8th."

Please keep Elaine High, W0HEM in your thoughts. Her OM Richard, W0HEP passed away December 4, 2006.

Thanks to Jan O'Brien, K6HHD for her kind donation of Old YL-Harmonics! Jan had a number of old YL-Harmonics dating back years. We hope to scan them into tire computer for posterity and preservation.



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

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Since I last wrote, I went to Arizona with my daughter and two granddaughters. We went to visit some very good friends who had never met my granddaughters. What a fun trip it was. The girls had never flown before and they loved it. They can't wait to take another trip. Since Phoenix was in 113-115 the whole time we were there, we made a side trip to the Grand Canyon. I am always amazed how beautiful the canyon is.

My five-year-old granddaughter, Erica, hiked part way down the canyon with my daughter and me. Ten-year-old Elizabeth, decided to stay outside the canyon with my friend and do some shopping. I know they really

liked having a pool to swim in whenever they wanted.

I heard from Anna K9RXK who had some happy news and unfortunately some very unhappy news. She told me she married a wonderful man named Virgil on June 3, 2006.

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Please accept our condolences on the sudden loss of

your beloved husband.

Dot, N9ALC, dropped me a note. She and her O.M., Bob worked two new countries, but hadn't gotten the QSLs yet. They were planning to go to the DXCC club dinner and meet up with some of the hams they talk to on the air. They also celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with 85 guests. She said it was quite a party and a good time was had by all. She had been working on Christmas ornaments for gifts.

She says it's nice to be done a little early. (I can't relate to that statement!)

The holidays will be here before we know it. Stay well.

33,
Carole, WB9RUS

News from Alaska

Heather, KL7SP has volunteered to help promote YLRL up in Alaska where she is very involved with Amateur Radio.

She does have some news to report as well.

I invited Geraldine, KL7ALZ to our HAMFEST Banquet as a guest of honor and she was unable to attend. She received an award for more than 50 years of ama-

teur radio service in Alaska as did Marge Sappah, KL7YG, who was able to attend the Banquet dinner. It was a great turnout of amateur operators up here. Over 100 hams showed up one of the best turnouts in 25 years.

I just got done last month teach a ham class and we had 22 new hams about 8 of which were woman so I can outreach to them.

Wilse sent me a lot of great information about AARC and the original VE program letters and FCC correspondence letters. It has been a fun project, and more information is coming in again as a lot of operators are retiring, leaving the state or sadly passing away.

33's
KL7SP, Heather



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KBONAS

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The year is drawing to a close, and we take stock of what has happened this year.

At the last Colorado YL meeting, we had a lively discussion regarding what a YL club does, and for the most part came to the conclusion that in reality we don't do anything.

Well, that isn't strictly true. We are a group that meets and keeps track of one another. We support each other in a hobby that is still dominated by the male of the species. It isn't that we don't participate on an equal basis with them, but we tend to participate differently. At one point, presenting to a hospital group, two of us from our local ARES/RACES group described what we do. My co-presenter (male) talked about the technicalities of amateur radio and the various modalities we use. I also have my extra ticket, but the fact of the matter is that the technical aspects are only tools to me. I told the group, "My specialty is communication. It is my job to help you figure out what you need to communicate, and how best to get the message across."

So, what do we do? Just for a few:
Ellie, N0QCX, is chief cook and bottle washer for the BARC Juniors, an organization that has seen countless youngsters into becoming hams. She is a "retired" teacher, and oversees the crew, making sure they are safe and well behaved as well as

having a lot of fun.

Ann Trudeau, KA0ZFI, is the ARRL State Government Liaison, Colorado Section. I hear her regularly in public service communications. She is also very active with emergency communications and CERTS—on top of her day-to-day job.

I am also active with the local ARES/RACES group. I have been the district EC, and am currently the liaison with the hospitals. That fits in well with my profession (physical therapist); although for the last 15 years or so I have had the privilege of working with children in the preschools and schools, before that I was director of physical therapy in one of those hospitals and as such have a hint of what goes on there. In the past year, I have helped in several public service events along with other YLs and Oms. I also belong to both the Boulder Area and Longmont Area Radio Clubs, although I can't say I've been terribly active with them in the last year (limited energy!)

Unfortunately, the Colorado YLs are not a service club by the ARRL definitions. We do not fit the criteria for them. As a result, the group approved the following letter:

It has been said that YL clubs don't do anything. No doubt the person did not understand how much YLs do participate in amateur radio services. For example, YLs participate in fox hunts, hot air balloon festi-

vals, health fairs, weather nets, disaster and emergency practices and situations, tornado watch, swap fests, and Field Day.

In addition, YLs serve as club officers (they are good club secretaries or treasurers) for various repeater clubs. Although they may not publish any technical articles, they do a good job of typing the manuscripts for the OM who do. The philosophy for most YL clubs is that they contribute their service through the existing clubs that include the OM or their children. The opinion is that this system of cooperation avoids unnecessary competition between YL clubs and other organizations. It has been said that it is surprising how much good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit.

We regret that ARRL no longer recognizes that the YL clubs are contributing organizations the same as DXers, Contesters, and other special interest groups of amateur radio.

It is my hope that in the future, the ARRL will realize that YL's is a special interest group, too.

Doshia Kretke, KBONAS,
District 10 Chairwoman
& Secretary, Colorado Y-LS



The Colorado-YLs



VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

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On behalf of the "VE" members of YLRL, I wish extend our holiday greetings to one and all for a wonderful Christmas season with families and friends and a safe, happy, healthy New Year.

This spring, summer and fall brought many visitors to my home. It was a busy but enjoyable time for me. The wild swans and geese are returning to winter in our Valley. The Alaska Cruise ships that pass by all summer have gone to seek warmer climes. Tor and I are settling into our quiet autumn and winter routine.

One of my visitors, this year, was "The Duchess" who arrived with her entourage consisting of Marti, W7AYL, and Jack, W7AAJ. A wee "Chee-waa-waa" puppy that kept us entertained by dashing about the garden and exploring everything. She has Marti and Jack quite well trained. It was nice to meet Jack for the first time and I was delighted to see Marti again. We last met in Denver and keep in contact on EchoLink. Their weeklong visit ended all too soon.

Our trip to North and South Dakota was a great success. Fran and I found the Needles and Iron Mountain scenic route through the Black Hills to Mt Rushmore most beautiful. As always, we met and chatted with many friendly people

along the way. Finding the local flavor of an area always makes a holiday so much more interesting and we were directed to sites we had not even considered visiting. They certainly added icing to the cake.

My grandson, Liam, attended a week long camp at Tribune Bay on Hornby Island. We rode the chairlift to the top of Mt Washington, explored Quadra Island and spent hot afternoons reading in my shady garden. The North Island Sheepdog Trials, the Comox Valley Fall Fair, the Arts Festival and Fran's Annual Lamb BBQ rounded off the summer for us and tucked it away for another year.

Thanksgiving weekend (October in Canada) found me in Victoria. My daughter and her husband participated in the Victoria Marathon. I was there to cheer them both along and to prepare our Thanksgiving dinner. We celebrated the day and their achievements with good food and even better wine! I stayed an extra day to watch Liam win another cross-country race for his school. The young man who won the Victoria Marathon was the "rabbit" for the school races that day. He paced just ahead of the children so that they did not stray off the 2k course. Liam was totally in awe of this talented young athlete.

33 Suzanne VE7IM
Elizabeth Anderson - VE7YL
writes:

It has been a wonderful summer on the West Coast - has made me remember the Expo year of '86 which was outstanding. Golf was fun in all the sunshine, as were a few short trips to Vancouver Island and Calgary. Am going next week, early October, to Sequim, Washington for three days of golf. A sort of end of summer special that I take with a few golfing friends. Mid October I'm taking my grandson to Calgary for a family birthday. The only dismal thing and I'm sure I share this with most of you - band conditions! I spent a good deal of time calling CQ JLRS contest yesterday with only one answer and he didn't know anything about the contest! The International YL conference is at the end of this month in Mumbai and I hope it is a great success. I gather the next one will be in Finland in two years time and I am definitely going to that one! Happy holidays everyone - and may the bands soon start to improve. Anything up a little will be good!

33 Elizabeth VE7YL

Appologies to Elizabeth, VE7YL! She was accidentally missed in the Directory and has been a long standing member who always contributes a lot to YLRL. I am very sorry for the error, Elizabeth! Please look for her information under corrections. Sincerely.

-Cheryl, NOWBV, Editor

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DX News & DX Treasurer de Carol Hall, WD8DQG

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So much to do and so little time! By the time you read this, I will have left, and maybe returned from India. But have no fear there are at least three of us from the U.S. who be telling you all about it. I think I told you in the last issue that the Finnish YLs would host the next international conference, but things have come up and they are unable to and we will have to decide in Mumbai, where the next one will be. When a decision is made, I will let everyone know.

In the 26th ALARA contest, Diane, VK4KYL won top overall phone, Catherine, VK4FRED? won top ALARA member. 37 logs were submitted.

I did try a CW contact with

Ton, JA6XIX last month, but the bands were not very good.

I received a card from June, VK4SJ and she has been off seeing as much of Australia in here 4X4 and her grandchildren as she can.

The Dutch YL committee has scheduled their contest for Jan 13, CW 1400-1800UTC and Sunday Jan 14, Phone(SSB) 1000-1400UTC Be sure and call "Midwinter contest" Send your logs to PA3GQG Contestmanager Midwintercontest, Keulenhede !, 6373 AP Landgraaf, The Netherlands.....e-mail jkoek-koek@home.nl

I would like to apologize to Rosel, DL2FCA for making a mistake on her membership... Her Harmonics issue said she

wasn't paid by Carla, WO6X, but she was and it was my fault...sorry! I will be looking for sponsors!!! I still have some already waiting, so I you would like to sponsor and DX-YL, please drop me a line and I will let you know who and from what contry.

The mountains are covered in snow! I was able to finish the yard work Saturday, and the snow arrived Sunday afternoon...now to India, where it is 90f...what to wear?

Since the next issue will be in 2007, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and many Good Wishes for the new Year!

33's
Carol, WD8DQG/7

VE Column Continued from Page 22

Paulette Schouten - VE7VPE writes:

Wow, summer went by so quickly and here it is October already!! Just got back from a one-week cruise to Alaska. Unfortunately the weather was rain, rain, rain but the clouds did lift high enough when we cruised into Glacier Bay so we did get to see that. Was a very pleasant, quiet, restful week.

My garden wasn't great again this year courtesy of the rabbits. Planted everything

three times over and I'm finally getting some beans and carrots. Lots and lots of tomatoes in the greenhouse and boy are they delicious!!

Was able to get a lot of riding in on my horse, Jasper, this summer. Was a member of the Langley Riders Mounted Drill Team along with my daughter, Adriana, (VE7PUP) and we did a number of performances with the team throughout the summer. Really enjoyed it but one year is enough for me. Great

learning experience but now on to other things with Jasper. We are going to try cattle penning and sorting this winter. Definitely looking forward to that as Jasper loves working with cows.

That's it for me. Have a great Christmas and hope the weather isn't too awful for the winter

Paulette VE7VPE

First YL Team Ever in WRTC 2006

Diane Ortiz, K2DO was on hand for the historic event of the first YL team ever for the World Radiosport Team Championship. Here's her report.



Diane, K2DO arrives at the 2006 WRTC

The anticipation was physical. Felt but not seen, like the humidity before an afternoon rainfall in the tropics. The WRTC 2006 headquarters area swarmed with competitors, referees, hosts, visitors and officials. The staff of the Costao do Santinho resort in Florianapolis, Brazil had never seen anything like it. Jeff Briggs I<1ZM had promoted the event as "XYL friendly", but that wasn't the reason Emily Thiel P43E and Ann Santos WAIS were there. They were the first ever YL team to officially participate in the World Radiosport Team Championship. But it almost didn't happen.

Santa Catarina, Thursday, July 6, 2006. 9 AM The influx of radio enthusiasts from all over the globe reaches its peak. Vans, cars and buses spill out their load of would-be tourists at the front gate of one of the largest and most beautiful resorts in southern Brazil. Except these

WRTC 2006 - a YL's View?

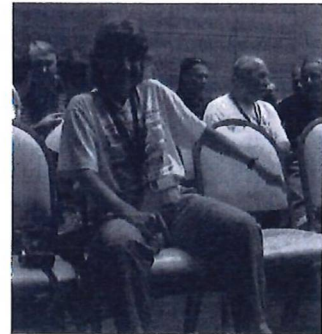
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visitors, their luggage filled with radio equipment, are here for the 2006 World Radiosport Team Championship. And what an event it promises to be!

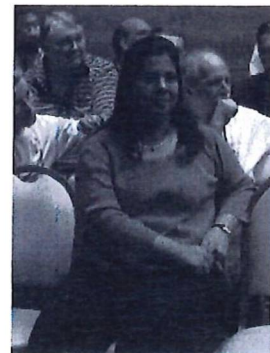
The World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) is often referred to as the "Olympics" of Amateur Radio. It began in the United States with a few teams getting together in Seattle in conjunction with the IARU contest in July. It doesn't occur every year, but is dependent more on the willingness of a sponsoring organization to take on the responsibility for hosting. Most recently it was held in Finland (2002) and before that in Slovenia (2000). This year there were over a hundred participants, 46 teams, a multi-national group of officials and many visitors who took advantage of the opportunity to operate in and visit South America. The United States has dominated the winner's circle for the past three years. Jeff Steinman, N5TJ, and Dan Street, K1TO won first place for the third time WRTC 2002 in Finland.

Thursday, July 7, 2006. The afternoon meetings. The referees and competitors met at separate meetings to discuss their respon-

sibilities and review last-minute rule changes. At the competitors meeting, American Ann Santos WAIS sat by an empty chair. Her team leader Emily P43E had yet to arrive. Emily had been turned away from her flight to Brazil from her native Aruba because of a name discrepancy in the ticket reservations. Emily made it to the meeting just in time, but the Czech team wasn't as lucky.



Ann, WAIS points to where Emily will sit when her delayed plane arrives.



Emily, P43E has arrived!

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New YLRL Members de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ-Secretary

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Members for November/ December 2006 New members

Our President, Mary WX4MM was a busy person at the Huntsville Hamfest recruiting a number of new members for YLRL. And some rejoining members. I went to the Butler hamfest and was instrumental in encouraging 4 members to join as new or rejoin. Don't forget, if you are going to a hamfest or meeting see if you can interest the YL's in our organization.

District 2

Cindy Schwedt KC2MQU

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Cindy is vice-president of PROS and works as a teacher's aide. She enjoys scrapbooking and crafts and enjoys 2 and 6 meters, 440 and 70CM. She and OM Roy KC2LEE were at the Butler hamfest. Endorsed by WB3EFQ

District 3

Betty I. Handy N3OIF

113 Reed St., Derry, PA 15627

Birthday: Dec 22

Phone: 724-694-8818

Betty is a new member and holds an Extra license. Her OM Arnold is KB3APD and she is primarily active on 2 meters and 80.

District 4

Eva Varga Cheney WB4EVA

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Birthday: August 24

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Eva belongs to the Lee County amateur Radio Club and ARRL and currently is on 2 meters.

Endorsed by WX4MM

Kim Huey KG4CQZ

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Birthday: October 31

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Kim belongs to the East Alabama Amateur Radio Club and holds a general class license and her OM Donald is ICA4NDY and son James KG4IVP. She works as a medical coding consultant and is active on 2 meters. Endorsed by WX4MM

Patti Link ICI4JEO

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Birthday: August 5

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Patti has been licensed since 2005 with a general license. She works as a dockmaster and belongs to the South Baldwin ARC. Endorsed by WX4MM

Martha H. Green K4MHG

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Birthday: March 26

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Martha belongs to the Birmingham ARC and works in customer service. Her OM Gary

is W4GRE and with a recent upgrade is anxious to get on 20 meters. Endorsed by WX4MM

Karen Herring KI4NGX

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Karen belongs to ARES and is a home school teacher. Her OM Jim is WX4JIM. Endorsed by WX4MM

Lynda Osmer WB4TJE

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Lynda is a member of HAY-LARC and is active of 2, 40 and 75. She has been licensed since 1975. Endorsed by WX4MM

Sharon Harris N6XAO

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Welcome back to the following Members

Rejoin

District 4

Janice Sturbois WB4RIV

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Janice belonged for several years and has returned. She belongs to Huntsville ARC and is retired. She has upgraded to Extra class and he OM is Joe WB4RIU. Endorsed by WX4MM

Carolyn Vanlaster N5MUU

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Carolyn is a publisher of VIS study cards and a member of the Clarke County ARCShe and OM Van W4ADU travel going to hamfests as vendors (ed. nice display) and her 2 sons, mother and sister are also licensed.. Is active on 80 meters. Nice meeting her at the Butler hamfest.

District 6

Christina Marie Johnson

KF6UXC (previously Rom)

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Birthday: December 19

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Christina belongs to Mount Dablo ARC, ARES and Satern Net and she has taken emergency preparedness training. She is joined in the hobby by her father Chris KE6NVH and Brother in law Louis W6LJS and hopes to get her OM licensed soon.

Marilyn Jordan KE6RIN

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Birthday: December 17

E-mail: ke6rin@aol.com

Marilynn has been licensed since 1995 and enjoys the emergency communications and participating in RACES of San Bernardino County. She is also starting to get involved in contesting

District 8

Sharon Harris N6XAO

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WV 26501

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Sharon belongs to the W8MWA Wireless Association and works as a medical assistant and massage therapist. She got her original call in 1989 KC6GJY in San Jose CA and is also a master gardener and loves motorcycles.

Amy Pender WA8MY (formerly KC8PNX)

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ville, MI 48421

Phone: 810-793-7528

Birthday: September 3

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Is a busy gal with currently helping her 3 kids study for the tech exam. Her Om is K8KZB, father in law is KB8ZB and father is KD8DEU. She is involved on 40 and 75 meter nets, instructor for licensing classes and in her spare time finds time for crocheting, quilting and other crafts.

We welcome you back.

District 5

Betty Jo Byrd KB5CSQ

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Birthday: October 28

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Betty is active on all bands and participates in Field Day and DXing. She is a member of the Magnolia DX Association and her OM Ed is KA5VFU and son Robbie is N5WGE. Endorsed by WX4MM

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New Members

District 6

Carol F. Milazzo MD, KP4MD

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Carol holds an extra class and has been licensed since 1970. she is active on digital modes and AFMars

Lisa Lansdell N6LB

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Birthday: May 27

Lisa participates in contesting and holds an extra class license.

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There was a financial problem with one of the airlines and their attempt to get replacement tickets was unsuccessful. The head of the steering committee Atilano de Oms, PY5EG announced that the Czech team sent their regrets but would not be able to make the event.

What is the attraction of WRTC? Why do hams, known for their frugal ways, spend thousands of dollars and days and weeks preparing for this event? There is no money prize, no front-page announcement in the world press, no green jacket, no hometown parade. They even have to bring their own radios, computers and accessories (although some were provided). It's a lot of work,



Emily, P43E and Ann, WAIS get their official WRTC jackets.

but Amateur Radio operators from all over the world submitted applications to the WRTC committee listing their qualifications, hoping to get a spot on a team or as a referee. Once the selection was announced, the teams had some time to organize, strategize and practice.

They also had to make travel arrangements so they could be in Florianopolis,

Brazil July 6-10, 2006.

In the meantime, the Brazilians had a tremendous challenge - finding 47 locations in and around Florianopolis that were within a traveling distance of 3 hrs or less. There had to be reasonable accommodations and, most important, good radio propagation locations. The ideal would be to have all of them exactly equal, but that would be impossible. But



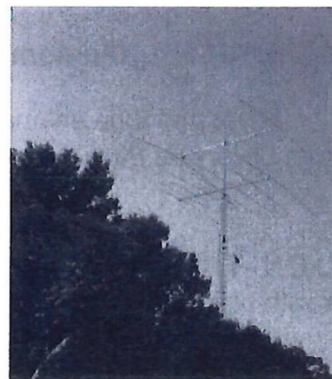
Ann, WAIS and Al, W1FJ

they came very close. Most of the sites had a clear shot to the north and east. Many were inland, but most were on or near the coast. Accommodations ranged from extremely spartan (a campground office in a barnlike structure that was closed for the winter - no bathroom facility), to luxurious (e.g. a hotel suite near HQ, a multi-level private home perched on a hilltop).

The luck of the draw



found Emily P43E and Ann WAIS in the small attic space of a private home not too far from WRTC HQ. Unfortunately there was a large hill to the north, power lines nearby and "Murphy" blew out one of their switches. The entrance to their station was a steep outside staircase and open curtain to an area with a commode and shower (used for luggage storage). An open doorway led to their operating area, set up with two tables, chairs and a window. There wasn't much room for the referee (Fabio Schettino I4UFH) or visitors after all the equipment was set up. They used Writelog on their laptops and two IC-756 Pro 3 transceivers.



The YL team Antenna

Despite the difficulties, the YL team was able to complete the contest using the call PW5J with a score of 878,712 points. "It was a great experience," Ann said. "I can't wait to do it again!"

WRTC 2010 may be in Moscow. Don't miss it!

Ann, WAIS working the contest

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