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## **New Year's Radio Resolutions**

- 1. Get on the air more!**
- 2. Go on a DXpedition**
- 3. Work lots of YLs**
- 4. Get into contests**
- 5. Submit logs for  
contests and awards**
- 6. Send news and  
pictures to my District  
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From:  
Masako Kato, JAOCYL  
WRONE-Henrietta Horvay, KA1JVN

Thank you WRONE for the friendship donation. We really appreciate the help with scholarship fund. Masako also wrote what a great time she had in Colorado at YLRL convention. Happy memories. Remember donations can be made at any time and do not need to be made in someone's name or memory. In fact, if every member gave just one dollar a year, we would be well on our way to keeping the scholarships going.

The 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.

You can always write to request the information on the Scholarship fund and we will send you the most current information.

Thank you for your support.

*Marte KOEPE*

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### 40 year stickers

40 years. Mavis Stafford, VK3KS

Error Correction in data sent in July

JJ1CAS, Hiromi Hishiki should not have received a 5 year certificate. She has been a member since 1987 and will be receiving her 20 year sticker in 2007.

We are finding some problems with the data in our Continuous Membership program. If you feel your continuous membership is incorrect, please notify me and we will research our records through the receiving treasurer and Secretary to correct such errors.





## President's Message

### de Mary Moore, WX4MM

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Welcome 2007! Wow, no code requirement. Amateur Radio will never be the same. Time will tell if it makes a difference in the number of operators.

It is time for nominations for YLRL Officers for the 2008-2009 term. I want to stress the importance of YOU running for an office in YLRL. To keep the organization running we need our members to volunteer for the various offices and positions. Those who are not officers need to write, email, call your DC and let them know about your activities. YLRL is an organization that promotes YL's, sponsors YL Operating Certificates and sponsors 2 scholarships each year. If YOU don't participate, this cannot be continued. None

of the positions require a lot of time and effort. We really need YOUR participation.

Anne Manna, WB1ARU, is the chairperson for the nominations committee. Please send her your nomination form. You do not need to be concerned with the five signatures, the nominating committee will take care of them. We must have the ballots out in the June issue so do it now. If you are willing to continue your current position, let Anne know that by sending in the form.

Last year I said I would donate a very special prize to the YLRL member who is "most radio active" in 2006. You were to keep a log showing date, time, band, RST, name, and whether the YL you contact is a YLRL

member or not, for every YL you contact on the air in 2006. Everything counts, nets, contests, ragchews, but it must be on the air via amateur radio. Each YL counts only once on each band. On the honor system. The log showing the most on the air YL contacts will receive the prize. Send your logs to me, let's see who was the most active YL in 2006. I am going to continue this same contest for 2007.

I am pleased to announce that the Huntsville Area YLARC will be hosting the next YLRL convention the third week of August, 2008. Watch Harmonics for more information.

Don't forget the YL-OM contest in February. This is our most popular contest of the year. See you "on the air". 33, Mary WX4MM

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Hi all.

Well the 2006 YL-OM Contest had more logs submitted than the DX YL, Howdy Days and YL Anniversary Party contests put together. Ladies, we need to change this trend! By the time you read this, chances are the code requirement will be gone and anyone with a license will be able to get on HF. Those of you who have been on the air, I want you take a new YL, one who has never been on HF (or only on during Field Day) and get her to help you out with a contest. I want to see the logs for each contest as least double, otherwise I will recommend we eliminate some of these contests. It is frustrating to those YLs and OMs who get on and who keep calling CQ YL, CQ YL and no one respond. I am guilty of not working all the contests too so don't think I am excusing myself. I had problems with my rig for Howdy Days but was able to hear some YLs so I'm listed as a checklog, for YL-API was out of town but I don't have an excuse for the other two contest. I plan to try to work at least 2 contest this year. I encourage everyone to try to work at least 1 contest. That alone will increase participation. Ok, off my soap box.

There was only 1 log submitted for the 2006 SSB DXYL to NA YL Contest, - WX4MM who received a first place certificate.

There was only 2 logs submitted for Howdy Days:

First Place: WX4MM - 6 points

Second Place: K4MHG. - 3 points

KC4IYD was a check-log as I had rig problems.

There was 4 logs submitted for YL Anniversary Party

SSB Contest:

First Place DX -YL Cup: DL3LG - 234 points

Second Place DX-YL DJ1TE - 93 points

Third Place DX-YL: GM4YMM - 36 points

First Place NA-YL Cup: KAObAT - 48 points

— No logs were submitted for the CW portion. Also, I had to correct scoring on several logs. The scoring is 1 point for every station in your country/ continent and 2 points for a station outside your country / continent. Multiply that by the total number of ARRL sections/ provinces or countries. In addition, the DXYLs were out there but very few NA-YLs were making contacts.

I've noticed that there has been a delay with Tuller Trophy so if you are supposed to receive a cup for one of the contests and haven't received it, let me know. Also, everyone should've received their certificate by the time you read this, if you haven't received a certificate or submitted a log and don't see it listed, please email me. I already had one instance where I had the wrong address for someone so they never received a certificate or trophy.

Nancy, KC4IYD  
YLRL contest Manager



## Youth News de Kim Frazier, WX4KIM

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There has been some talk recently about the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) wanting to eliminate Morse code requirements. I didn't think it would actually come to pass, but on December 15 2006, I received a telephone call from a fellow amateur radio operator who informed me that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) had eliminated Morse code requirements. Morse code will no longer be a requirement for earning any Amateur Radio license.

While many Amateur Radio operators continue to learn and use Morse code, now it is for their own enjoyment of the skill. Amateur Radio operators, for years, have been using newer

digital, image, satellite, voice, and other modern wireless technologies. The FCC act to eliminate Morse code testing signaled the end of an era.

Since 1991 it has been possible to earn a Technician class license without passing a Morse code examination, but in order to upgrade to a General or Amateur Extra one was required to pass a 5 words-per-minute Morse code examination. Within just a few days that it had been announced that the Morse code requirement was being dropped, there seemed to be a great demand for study materials for upgrading licenses. Many Amateur Radio operators, including myself, feel as if we will have a growth of Technicians upgrad-

ing now that Morse code is no longer a worry. Now that Morse code has been dropped, even I plan on upgrading and getting my General class license. However, I do wish that I had passed the Morse code examination when I had the chance. Morse code is still very important. Although Morse code has been dropped, it will still be used for many for years to come.

Questions? Comments? Ideas? I am always looking for new ideas and such, so anything that you have will more than likely be of use to me in some way or another. Anything will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.  
73 and 33 for now,  
Kim Frazier, WX4KIM

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#### Net changes

TYLRUN I'd also like to also amend the frequency we hold our weekly club net meetings. We hold net meetings every Thursday morning (except holidays) with pre-check in at 7:45 and net meeting time starting at 8:00 local time (central) on 3.944 (a change from 3.942). Our current net control is Julia Young (K5JFJ).





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Happy New Year from all of us in 1 land! We have had unusually warm weather to begin 2007. Although it is saving on heating costs, the winter sports lovers are not so happy!

I heard from Pat - NILZH: "Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Joe - W1BS and I are spending the winter at our house in Myrtle Beach, SC. so you probably won't be hearing us on the air. We brought our mobile equipment for HF and my mobile, but since we traded our car a couple of months ago -- we have not figured out how to install it in the car. Been keeping too busy. Since arriving, Joe has been working on painting the two decks to our house. One small one in the front is done and if the rain holds off in the next couple of days he might be able to finish up. When it's warm it gets in the 60's by noontime, not bad! Guess it hasn't been that cold in New England, which is good! We've gotten involved with the Grand Strand Radio Club here. Nice bunch of folks - a lot of them are snowbirds too. We have taken up bowling again. Santa brought me a new ball and shoes. I haven't gotten to

it yet, because it is still at the store getting the holes drilled. Years ago I used to bowl with a ladies league - my average was pretty decent then. Found the old ball is now too heavy and the holes don't fit anymore. We will see how I can do with a lighter ball. If that doesn't work then I have no excuses!! lii hi. oPS since news of the code being dropped, I think I might study to get my general."

Another snowbird is Hennie - KA1JVN who is in Naples with OM Walt - KU1Q. She will be publishing the next issue of "Miss WRONE's Chatter" from FL, thanks to computers and especially e-mail. She is also the WRONE Treasurer; so if you have not paid your WRONE dues yet, mail them to her at 300 Forest Lakes Blvd. #101, Naples, FL 34105.

Norma - W1UBM welcomed a new grandchild to start the New Year. Kyle Richard Kornacki was born on January 2. They are now the proud grandparents of 7, ranging in age from newborn to twenty-three! Kyle, big brother Ryan, dad Richard, and mom Ellen are all doing great.

Anne - WB1ARU was able to get on the Yankee Lassies Net on the Wednesday after Christmas. Check-ins included Vera - WA1JYO, Arline - W1LIO, Barb - WB1EHS, Bobbie - W1JX, and Betsey - KA1VAX. Betsey has had quite a time of it with medical issues, but keeps her upbeat attitude. We're thinking of you Betsey! Bobbie and OM Tom - W1QU are planning to attend the 2007 ARRL Maine State Convention in March. I am also hoping to go and have a table for WRONE and YLRL. If you are attending on March 30 or 31, look for us!

That's it for this time! Tony - WA1ENO and I will be in CO in February to ski again. We take a 2m radio along and enjoy the Colorado Connection with its wide coverage. 33,  
Anne WB1ARU

**Don't forget to  
send news to  
your District  
Chairwoman.  
We need to hear  
from you!**

**No Photo at  
this time**

## **District 2 News de Lia Zwack, WA2NFY**

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After a wonderful warm and long summer we have winter and it looks pretty outside.

It was nice to get the first 21and news. Please send more. Even small news as we all want to know what you are doing. Maybe reading about the news makes you think about your stories.

Betty, W2PVS must be settled now. There are difficulties about putting an antenna outside. I hope soon we will be able to get on the air.

I did not get to join the YLs on the trip to India, but got cards from our YLs having a great time.

Also, I received lots of greetings from my adoptees from Italy and Switzerland (I envy

Anny, HB9YL having a wonderful vacation in an area I know well). Many YLs are sending in news of grandchildren with Ham Licenses. Taeko is proud of a baby girl after 3 boys and 2 grandchildren.

Ruth IZ9ESZ also has more grand children. Ruth was at the great DXpedition in Libya 5A7A and says they are a super land and people. (For more on Ruth's trip check out Libya 2006 a multi part series starting in this issue.)

I like to get more news from USA 21and, but it is nice to keep in touch with our adoptees and waiting for news.

Great news from Nancy, KS2YL. Congratulations, Nancy, on your marriage in October and becoming a grandmother.

We hope to get a Sked on 40/70 meters in CW after her vacation in Florida.

We should be more active like the DX YLS. Try to join them on Mondays 14.222.

The first prize for news goes to Wanda, N2JBK. Playing the organ on Sunday, singing and doing volunteer work, too many things to see and travel. A special thanks to Wanda for telling us the many places she visited-Holy land, Bethlehem and too many more to mention. Maybe Wanda can send a copy to YL-Harmonics from her very interesting account!

Keep in touch. Let me know what you are doing!  
33 and thanks for writing,  
Lia

### **Ladies!**

**How did you get involved with Amateur Radio? The Novice Historical Society would like to know. They are especially interested in YLs in Radio. Please go to [www.NOVICE.bappy.com](http://www.NOVICE.bappy.com) and share your story.**

### **ATTENTION CLUBS!**

**Is your club affiliated with the YLRL? Remember if your club has at least 50% of its members also belonging to YLRL, you can become an affiliate club. This is the same process that makes the YLRL an affiliated club with the ARRL.**

**Clubs! We want to hear from you! Plans are being set in motion to spotlight clubs affiliated with the YLRL. We want to learn more about our members. Send news to the Editor at [n0wbv@earthlink.net](mailto:n0wbv@earthlink.net) or check out [www.ylrl.org](http://www.ylrl.org) for more information on club affiliations.**



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Hello 3-Land YLs...Hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season and are enjoying the beginning of a fresh, shiny New Year! May 2007 be all you hope it to be for each of you.

Sylvia W3SLF and her OM, Bill W3QXT, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in Sept. Their children, grandchildren and many friends in a lovely dinner party joined them on Oct 15. Congratulations and hope you enjoy many more years together. They wish everyone happy holidays including Hanukah and Kwanza.

Kay N3RN wrote that the biggest news in her life is that OM, Carter N3AO, and she now have a grandson named James Ryan Riffe born Sept 28, 2006. Their daughter, son-in-law and the new addition live in Christiansburg, VA. Congratulations, Kay!

Nothing is as delightful as grandchildren! I just had my 25th...born Dec 11...a little bundle of pink fluff. McKayla joined her three brothers just in time for a very wonderful Christmas holiday. Fortunately my son and his family live close enough for this "Bubba" to spoil them.

Jeanne KA3CEO and her OM, Dick WB3AJ, celebrated their 86th birthdays in July 2006 and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, also. They love living for the past 21 years next to the Chesapeake Bay in MD - "the most beautiful place in the U.S."

They send their best to all the YLs everywhere. Congratulations to Jeanne and Dick.

Lois WB3EFQ wrote that in Nov. her OM, Tom W3BZN, and she attended the Washington Co Hamfest and she had a booth for YLRL. She had the opportunity to talk to a number of YLs about the organization. Hopefully we'll get some new and rejoining members. In December Lois and Tom assisted in organizing and teaching a Tech class and giving the VE exams for the Horseshoe ARC, which resulted in 6 new area hams. They are keeping busy with the holidays and Lois is on to a quilting project making a Dresden plate quilt for their granddaughter.

Jacqueline N3ZEL reported that their WACOM club had a very successful Hamfest in November. Their special Service Club Certificate was presented to them at the Hamfest.

Attendance and vendors were both increased this year. (This is the Hamfest where Lois WB3EFQ represented YLRL) The WACOM club also participated in the Washington

CO (PA) Sports Show held in the Washington Crown Center Mall operating a Special Event station. In the past they generated a lot of interest in their club, in their licensing class, and in Amateur Radio in general. Hope some of you heard them on the air. Jacque sends best of luck and thoughts and prayers to all.

My adoptee Paulette VE7VPE from BC Canada wrote that they were having a GREAT time in Palm Springs over the Christmas holiday. They are enjoying the sun and fun with some of their family and also the other RVers they met. Biking, hiking and sewing with the quilting group are some of the activities Paulette enjoyed. They are looking forward to next year and have their RV spot already reserved. She hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Hope you all out there in 3-land have a wonderful New Year and enjoy this exciting hobby of ours.

SEND ME NEWS!!  
73/33 Barb KA3VXR



*Photo: Left to Right: Bill Edgar, N3LLR, ARRL District Manager; Jacque Gosselin, N3ZEL, WACOM President; Ralph Ofchinick Jr., W3PZI, Official Observer Coordinator; Susan Robishaw, KB3JHQ, WACOM Secretary; Ed Oelschlager, N3ZNI, WACOM Treasurer; Pete Highlands, N3RLJ, Affiliated Club Coordinator.*





## District Four News de Carol Laferty, K4SAF

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Happy New Year to each of you, and hopefully by now you are writing 2007 on your checks. That is always one of the biggest adjustments for me.

Some of you have sent news. Myra Kitchen, K3PGH, and her OM, WA4AW from FL, are planning to be at the South Florida Fair, Jan. 12-28. They will help at the ARRL booth and also at the Antique Radio Museum. Sounds like fun, Myra.

I heard from Ruth Heitfield, WA4FEY, in VA. She has been an YLRL member since 1962, and is not as active on the air now due to bothersome vision problems. She's sometimes on 10 meters and still plays some golf. Good to hear from you, Ruth.

Our President, Mary, WX-4MM, encourages us to work the YL-OM contest in February. It's a good opportunity to work other YLs, along with the OM. She acts as net control for a local 2 meters net, in which local hospital and health agency emergency operators are involved. It allows them to get acquainted before a true emergency comes up. She's already looking forward to the Dayton Hamvention in May, and reminds us to be making our plans for that.

Ruby Byrd, KF4NI, has bought a home in Sun City, AZ, and is happy to report her hubby's health is much improved in eight short weeks. She hopes to be on the air soon, and is looking for a good used antenna and tower. They will still spend the summer months in NC.

A website group that I joined recently wanted a quote from me. I came up with "Every day is a new beginning." It reminds me that we don't always have to wait for a new year to seek out new and exciting things we want to accomplish. We can be a more active member of YLRL, attend some ham fests, and above all, get on the air more and make some new friends.

A message board on the YLRL website would be a nice way to meet each other and arrange possible operating schedules.

The New Year is projected to bring changes in amateur radio licensing by the FCC. I think we saw the changes in the code requirement coming, with the lowering of the code requirement to 5 wpm a few years ago.

As a CW enthusiast, I'm not really in favor of the code elimination, but strangely, I

am not as upset about it as I thought I might be. It does not take anything away from CW ops, but the future hams lose in not learning and using code, which is fun.

Hopefully, the change is not yet another indication of the "dumbing down" of our U.S. society in general, as we have seen in some areas of our educational system.

Have you heard of the group SKCC, Straight Key Century Club, yet? The club was formed in January 2006, to extend the enjoyment of the annual Straight Key Night (SKN) to all year long. We are celebrating our first anniversary during January with a special event station, K1Y. Listen for it on the CW frequencies. I was at the reins for K1Y/4 on New Year's Day for a few hours. Roughly counting, there are 29 YL members of the total 2587. The club grows daily, with new members. A search online for SKCC will provide information if you would like to join us. Members communicate daily through a message board also.

Check our new 2006 YLRL Directory to see if your email address is correct. If not, please send me your updated one. Until next issue, 33 and stay well.



## District Five News

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Hello to all!

Joyce Kepler, W5MWK, and her OM Jim have seven grandchildren ranging in age from 16 to 30. Now they are being blessed with new babies, a newly adopted two-year-old granddaughter and a great-grandchild who is due to arrive in June.

In September Zenda Benton, KD5MD, and her OM Jim, NX5B, traveled across Canada on the Silver and Blue train. They took four days off the train to visit Lake Louise, Banff and Jasper. Zenda thought that Lake Louise was the most beautiful place in Canada. The trip was a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gift from their girls. Zenda and Jim had a wonderful Christmas with all but two grandchildren present, and the gathering included an expected granddaughter who certainly will have a special place in the family when she arrives. Jim was in the hospital in January, got good results on his tests and is back at home now.

Karen Blisard, N5IMW, is stepping down as Medical Director of the laboratory at the local hospital in Silver City, NM, and will be working part time. This will give her more time for her hobbies, such as ham radio, cutting gemstones and making jewelry. Karen also trains dogs, and she and her Sheltie Brandon compete in agility and rally obedience. Karen is closing in on 5-band DXCC. She got three new 80-meter countries in the past week and is waiting for the

QSL cards. She is also looking forward to getting back into YL contesting.

Grace Tracy, K5YTT, hasn't been on the air lately because of damage to a new vertical. Meanwhile, her OM Bob has been using their beam with software-defined radio (SDR) to pick up DX contacts. Grace will play her oboe and English horn in an area high school's performance of "Les Miserables," so she won't have time for radio during January and part of February.

Linda Hynan, AC5QQ, attended the TYLRUN Anniversary Party in November. For Thanksgiving Linda; OM Ed, KC5KNI; son Patrick, KK5KN; daughter-in-law Sharon, I<D-5JTZ; and 21-month-old granddaughter Sadie traveled from Waco, TX, to Champaign, IL, to visit Linda's parents, sister, brother and their families. On the way they visited zoos in Little Rock, AR, and St. Louis, MO, as well as museums in Decatur and Champaign, IL. For Christmas Linda and Ed went on a 16-day cruise through the Panama Canal, leaving from Miami, FL, and visiting Oranjestad, Aruba; Willemstad, Curacao; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; Huatulco, Acapulco, Puerto Vallarta, and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. The last port was San Diego, CA. The port excursions included swimming with dolphins, snorkeling, ATV trails and catamaran cruising. Linda also had work related trips to Bethesda

and Baltimore, MD, so she is ready to stay home for a while. National Weather Service training starts in February, and OM Ed will be primary net control for the McLennan County Bakers Dozen Weather Team. Linda is one of the spotters when she is in Waco. She will also serve as VEC for ARRL testing sessions on the fourth Saturdays in January and February.

In our area we look forward to Mardi Gras Southeast Texas in Port Arthur, TX, in mid-February and to the Orange and Jefferson County Amateur Radio Clubs' annual Hamfest on February 24 in Orange, TX.

33, Carol, I<K5L



*TYLRUN (TX YL Round-Up Net) 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Party held in Garland TX on November 17-18, 2006*

*Back row from left to right Judi Jaksa (WOJJ), Kathy Rogers (K5IHF), and Linda Hynan (AC5QQ). Front row from left to right Julia Young (K5JFJ), Doris Anderson (K5BNQ), and Lyn Ohlson (W5RYX) who hosted the party. Officers elected for 2007 were Doris Anderson (K5BNQ) as President, Julia Young (K5JFJ) as Vice President, Linda Hynan (AC5QQ) as Secretary/Treasurer, and Judi Jaksa (WOJJ) as Grapevine Editor and Publicity. Kathy (K5IHF) presented her annual Chalk Talk.*

YL Harmonics January/February 2007

# DISTRICT SIX YLR! GET TOGETHER



**Speaker:** Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF

Jeanie is going to share her India Trip with us. She has been a member of YLRL for many years and was District Six Chair for several years.

This will also be a great opportunity to meet other YLRL ladies and put faces to names. So come and join us for this one day event.

**Date & Time:**

Saturday, March 31, 2007  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Calling All YLRL Members**

We would like to extend an invitation to all ladies high school to ????  
NO Children Please

**Location:**

Martinez Church of Christ  
1865 Arnold Dr.  
Martinez, CA 94553

**Cost:** \$25

Cost includes lunch, snacks, hall usage



**Business Fair:**

This is an opportunity to share your home businesses with your YLRL Sister

- Limited to one table per person
- This is not a Swap Meet so no personal items please
- Email for a Vendor Form



**Lodging:**

Here is a list of local hotels

Holiday Inn Concord  
1050 Burnett Ave.  
Concord, CA 94520  
(925) 687-5500

Best Western John Muir Inn  
445 Muir Station Rd.  
Martinez, CA 94553  
(925) 229-1010

Royal Motel  
3999 Alhambra Ave.  
Sunny Patel  
(925) 228-7471

Crowne Plaza Hotel Concord  
45 John Glenn Dr.  
Concord, Ca 94520  
(800) 227-6963

Muir Lodge Motel  
3930 Alhambra Ave.  
Martinez, CA 94553  
(925) 228-3308

Super 8 Motel  
4015 Alhambra Ave.  
Martinez, Ca 94553  
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**Airport:**

Oakland International



**Questions & Vendor Form**

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**YLRL GET TOGETHER**

**Registration Form**

Please one person per form

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Phone: Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State:Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest of: Food Allergy: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up from Airport: Yes No

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Send coupon & check to:

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## LIBYA 2006

By Ruth Geering, IT9ESZ

(Part 1 of a series-Getting there and the Team)

It doesn't happen often to receive an invitation to participate at a long expected and dreamed DXpedition and the word "LIBYA" sounded great to me. I didn't need much time to take the decision to go or not, but my family was not very convinced to let me go to Libya, it took much time, patience and feminine tactic! To my husband I often talked about all the incoming e-mails, the preparations of the team, the journey, the visa-problems etc. and one day he asked me: Do you really want to go there? Well, of course but only with your permission, I said and soon it was a daily talking about Libya, the trip, how to reach Tripoli and so on. Well, I got the permission as my birthday-gift!

Now my personal preparations could start; I decided to travel on my own instead of joining the team in Frankfurt (a much longer way, with night overstays, twice). So I needed a personal Visa, not a collective one as for the rest of the team and this made things much more complicated. Our 2 main-organizers already had foreseen a date for this DXpedition for March 2006 but the delay of the arrival of the visa made it impossible and they had to change the date for the last two weeks of November, which included the CQWW CW Contest.

I started the usual procedure for the demand of the visa quite early; luckily in Palermo we have the Libyan Consulate. In August, our main organizer Andy DJ7IK told me on his mail that very soon I would receive the official invitation-the visa, directly from Tripoli. Nothing seemed to go wrong until the departure day came closer and I had no visa yet in my hands. As days passed, nothing arrived from Tripoli, but as often happens in Arabian countries, things take much longer than expected. Mustapha DL1BDF our man with Arabian roots and perfect Arab-speaking assured me that the visa would arrive in time, INCHALLAH! But "Allah" never is in a hurry! Day after day the promise for the visa, assured by phone calls from Mustapha, but nothing, what a stress. At the Palermo Airport they told me that without the official invitation- confirm from Tripoli, they would not let me take the plane, strict rules. Waiting, was something 1/ we had to learn during our stay in Libya because the way of estimate or measuring time in Libya or other Arabic countries is much different from ours! Well, at the end, 2 days before my planned departure, the blessed visa arrived, but all written in Arab, I could make out only my passport number. Let's go!

The short trip from Palermo to Tripoli was ok, and at the arrival at the Airport in Tripoli I was supposed to be expected and picked up at the staircase of the plane. But nobody nearby, no known face, so I proceeded to the Main-entrance, then to the passport control, where a gloomy faced man asked me for the VISA which was not in my passport, but supposed to be deposited at his desk!

Problems ahead for me. To make things short, I had to wait for hours; my passport was confiscated, disappeared together with a guy, who remembered his face? Then finally a girl shouted out my name, asked for my passport, I denied having it, and whatever she said was not understandable, her English was on a low level. She asked me for money to change for the payment of the visa and I trustfully handed her 100 Euro and she disappeared for an hour but came back with the rest of the money and the freshly stamped visa on my passport, cost 80 Euro. —Finally, at last!

We claimed my baggage, which was waiting lonely since hours, triple security check where nobody really checked, (I could have illegally introduced a lot of stuff) then out of the building to a waiting car with two men -our bodyguards! I was happy, grateful to have finally reached my destination, tired and thirsty, 4 hours after my arrival in Libya. The Janzour Tourist Village, 20km west of Tripoli, our Hotel for the next 2 weeks, very big and large, directly on the beach of the Mediterranean Sea and with plenty of good places around for all the antennas.

Hotel check-in, room-key handed over and passport taken in custody; I would see it again only on my departure. Hotel bill paid and room-key returned- Rules! At this moment I understood that the girl meeting me at the Airport is a member of ASS AKER, the local radio club.

Our Team of 5A7A was quite international, 8 different countries representing:  
DJ7IK, Andy DL1EJA, Oliver DL1BDF, Mustapha DL5CW, Andy DF2SS, Volkmar

DL8YHR, Frank    DF6QV, Franz    DL9USA, Andi DJ2OV, Jürgen HB9DTE, Pirmin  
DJ7EO, Markus    IT9ESZ, Ruth    DJ8NK, Jan JH1NBN, Yuki DJ9CB, Gunter K1LZ, Krassy  
DK1BT, Manfred    IC3LP, David    DK1II, Franz N2OW, Dima (RA9USU) DK2DO, Wolfgang  
ON5GA, Adriano    DK7PE, Rudi    PAOR, Rein DIC7YY, Falk VE6OH, Mitch DK8FD, Alex

The first thing I wanted to do was to see the operating sight some antennas could be seen from far away and this made my heart beat stronger. OMs at work all over, open boxes with electronic materials, ropes, cables, many Laptops spread out on the tables; it was only the first day after the arrival of the team and still much had to be done, no woman-help required; I could go right ahead and start! But I decided that this could wait until the next morning. It was great to see the OMs, old and new friends, some I knew from the former 2- DXpeditions to Kerkennah TS7N, I was welcomed after 4 years with hugs and warm greetings. We all felt like a family and the newcomers: Juki (JH1NBN) from Japan, Dima (RA9USU / N2OW) the Siberian, Krassy (IC1LZ) from Bulgaria, David USA and Mitch VE6OH from Canada didn't have any problems in our big family.

I met the entire team at supertime, which we usually took all together in the Restaurant just below our operating level. The group was quite big, 27 operators from 8 different countries + 5 persons (wives, daughter, friends), all no hams from Germany, had joined us; we were a bunch of 32 people. Among all OM's I had a prestigious place as the only YL operator and was respected, spoiled and I always found help in critical situations, mainly with the Laptop or the antenna...

During the first days of our stay, the OM's were occupied with the set-up of the 6 stations, getting all the antennas up in the right place, connecting all the 10 Laptops from different countries. The cooperation of our specialists was perfect, each one of the team gave his valuable contribution in order to make the operating plan efficient. Rein PAOR and Pirmin HB9DTE took care of the WIN-TEST installation and Mitch was our man for a WLAN. The Butternut HF9V was the first antenna up followed by the 2 Spiderbeams for 5 bands, two 4-Square for 40 and 80 meters, the Titanex V160E for 160 meters and finally the giant Spiderbeam for 20, 30, 40 meters which required strong physical forces. Friday morning 17<sup>th</sup> of Nov. the last antenna was installed, farther away from the main operating sight, with nearby a military observation point on a hilltop, present night and day, they also kept an eye on what was going on around them and at the sight of the last antenna they asked to move it further away from their watching position, too close by, they said.

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We enjoyed the QRV from special call sign SKOYL, slide show, and chattering closely under a homely feel at the hotel and Raija's home. In the YL forum, everybody had to say a few words. So, I said "Please come to Japan some day" from my gratitude and emotion to the SM YLs' hospitality. At the end, surprisingly many participants wanted to go to JA for the next meeting. I realized that the YL World 91 differed from any YL club meeting because YLs could request the country proposed for the future meetings. It was the first International YL Meeting.

Their supports to JA seemed as if they told us "You can do the next". I returned from Stockholm, Nozomi's intelligence and effort made a sympathizer of Kyoko, JR31MVF, although she had not joined these meetings. We, three JA YLs initiatively organized the Asian YL Meeting'93 in Osaka at the cherry blossoms season, as the 2nd. International YL Meeting.

After that, Gertrude, DK8LQ took the lead for the YL World'96 in Berlin, Germany. Unni, LA6RHA took us near the North Pole at the Svalbard Polar YL'98. The NZ WARO held the YL2000 in Hamilton. Ruth, IT9ESZ invited us to Sicily Is., in Mediterranean Sea at the Palermo 2002. After nine years of effort, Chae, HL1KDW, accomplished the 2004 Worldwide YL Seoul. Sarla, VU2SWS overcame the tragedy of terror and succeeded the International YL Meet Mumbai 2006 as the 8th meeting.

How wonderful they are! You can also become the organizer if you say, "Please come to my country", as everybody gives you the courage, power, support, happiness, inspiration and appreciation. Now, we are ready for the coming YL meeting. At the end, see the girl-on-globe, as four dots at the left side of her legs are very significant. From Hawaii, how long and how far do we walk together around the globe? It's really fantastic. 33





## District Six News de Dawn Biocca, KB6LHP

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Happy New Year from District Six. I pray that you all have a wonderful 2007.

We have been very cold here in CA and I know that some of you living in snow location have had very cold weather this year. But for CA this is not the norm. We did attend PacifiCon 2006 in October and it was a great success. I did not have a YLRL Forum like I normally do because my daughter was made of honor at her best friends wedding on Saturday and I just had to attend that event. I did have a YLRL table that was maned for

part of the day and unmanned for the rest and all the material vanished. This time I was not able to have the YLRL table next to my jewelry table - policy change - so it made things a little harder. I do want to thank Christina Johnson, KF6UXC for manning the table part of the time. Since PacifiCon and now I have had two very bad colds so I have not be a productive in many areas.

District Six is having a Get Together with Guest Speaker Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF on Saturday March 31, 2007. My

understanding is that District Six used to have this many years ago and it was lots of fun. So, Jeanie is our first of what we hope will be many years of Get Togethers. This event is one day and is open to all YLRL member and friends. We are asking that we keep it ladies only from high school up and no children. I have made up a flyer for this event with a registration form that I hope made this Harmonics. If not please email me at [dbiocca@comcast.net](mailto:dbiocca@comcast.net) or phone me at (510) 758-7104 and I will send the form to you.

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The next day we flew back to Mumbai where everyone caught there separate planes home.

This is a very sketchy overview of our whirlwind tour of India. In some ways time has stood still for some of the people of India, but the culture has survived in a world that has changed, not always for the best. I enjoyed the art, especially in the architecture of its buildings, the unusual stringed instruments, and the beauty in the fabrics used in the very beautiful Saris. The snake charmers, the variety of taxi's, vans and Pedi cycles and the persistent peddlers. Somewhere in our rush to see as

much as possible, we watched the jewel polishers, then visited a jewelry store, watched block printing on fabric, and finally watched them hand tie a beautiful carpet. Coming in to Jaipur on the train we noticed these square white patches in the fields.. .hand made paper laid out to dry. So very much to see and try and absorb.... Sarla was correct, India has a tremendous history.

I am sorry to say Indian food and I did not able to become friends. My stomach rebelled toward the end. My biggest problem at times was with the poverty and the children who begged.

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### SYLRA INVITE

Hello

Just wanted to inform you about:

The Scandinavian Young Ladies Radio Amateurs next meeting, SYLRA 2007, in Åster-sund, Sweden, from August 23 to 26.

YLS and OMs from Scandinavian countries and countries all over the world are invited to join SYLRA 2007.

We have just set up our website at [www.sylra.se](http://www.sylra.se) with information of the upcoming event.

Please spread the word in the YL network.

73 SM3EQF Christer webmaster for [www.sylra.se](http://www.sylra.se)



## District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

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Hello to all the YLs!

Only a few days left of 2006 and time to look back at the last few months.

After some beautiful autumn weather, winter arrived in the Pacific Northwest with a vengeance even before I had finished the fall gardening chores. November was the wettest November on record, followed by an earlier than usual snowfall. It was mostly just icy and cold at my QTH but more in other locations in 7 land. Then the week before Christmas we were hit by a storm with strong winds that sent tree branches toppling onto transmission lines and left many people in the dark. Our power was off for nearly two days but we have a small generator, which helped. I was also glad that our antennas survived without damage.

In October KK7VO, Elizabeth Simon attended the Swap-Toberfest at the Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, Oregon. She helped design and build the repeater controller boards, which they showed at the Hamfest, and is pleased that they have gotten a few orders. She will be teaching an Amateur Radio class in January to a group of college students. Way to go, Elizabeth.

In November Barbara Yason, AC7UH and Amy Wong, KC7FED were the net control

station for the Vancouver Veteran's Day Parade held on the 11<sup>th</sup>. They were pleased that the rain held off until all of the over 100 units reached the end of the mile and a half route. There were 21 radio operators including 5 YLs, Peggy Stone, KB7SBK; Lisa Bloomquist, KE7HPW; Ardell Stayner, KE7JJO; Amy and Barbara.

N7KTY, Lory Jepsen was excited but surprised to receive a certificate stating that she won FIRST place in the YL/OM phone contest for the 7<sup>th</sup> call area! She comments that she only made 6 contacts and wonders where the other 7<sup>th</sup> district YLs were. Time for a wake-up call!

The nets have had very few check-ins lately. There are 4 of us who regularly check into the Friday morning MINOW Net. Karen Crisp, AC7UN now has her tower up and the antenna rotator installed but is waiting for some club members to come back to put up her antennas so she can check in again. We always enjoy her interesting, though infrequent emails about the strains and stress she and her critters experience on the farm.

The Evergreen Intertie YL Net (on Monday evening at 8 o'clock) has also had few participants the last few months. The Intertie seems to be up and running again and covers a wide

area from Western Washington, over the mountains to Spokane, Idaho and Montana and down into eastern Oregon so I hope those of you who have access to the Intertie will check up out. By the time you receive this issue of YL-Harmonics we will be well into the New Year. So here is my list of activities for you to consider:

\*How long has it been since you checked into a YL net? If there is one in your area give it a try and surprise the net control!

\*Participate in the YL/OM Contest - Feb. 3-5 CW and Feb. 10-12 SSB

\*Plan to attend a Hamfest - the first one in 2007 is the Salem Hamfair and Swapmeet at Rickreall on February 18<sup>th</sup> followed by the Mike & Key Swap Meet at Puyallup on March 11. I'll be happy to send the YLRL kit with handouts and sample copies of YL-Harmonics to distribute.

\*Send in your YLRL dues, which are due and payable, March 1<sup>st</sup>, and delinquent March 21<sup>st</sup>.

\*Mark SeaPac on your calendar for June and plan to attend the YLRL luncheon on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. W7AYL, Marti Brutcher will be presenting the program on EchoLink.

Guess tliis will be all for now. Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.  
33 Sara AB7PS



## District Eight News de Jean Ruth, KB8YHN

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Nancy Hall KC4IYD, filling in for Jean KB8YHN submitted this report from the Nov-Dec 2006 Buckeye Burr.

For her dedicated work in representing the ARRL in South-east Ohio and net manager of the OSSBN, Connie Hamilton, N8IO, of Marietta, was named the 13th member of the Allen Severson, AB8P (SI<) Memorial Award. The announcement was made during the 2006 Ohio Section Conference (September 16) by Ohio Section Manager, Joe Phillips K8QOE. The late Mr. Severson, who became a silent key in 1997, was a distinguished member of the ARRL Board of Directors and former Ohio SM. The sentence — "His dedication to serve amateur radio inspired a whole generation of Ohio Section Leadership," — is on every Severson memorial certificate. "In every thing she does for Ohio hams, Connie exemplifies the spirit of the late Mr. Severson," Phillips said in announcing the award.

Besides running the Ohio Single Side Band Net (OSSBN), Connie is Assistant Section Manager for Southeast Ohio. In her many appearances at SE Ohio clubs, she is often the first ARRL official to speak at that club in decades. Connie is a longtime Buckeye Belles member as well. Connie was licensed WD8MIO in 1977 and joined the OSSBN to take up traffic handling the very next year. In the early 80s, she served as manager of the 8th call area Region Cycle 2 and received the OSSBN Merit Award in 1982. In 2000, she upgraded to Extra class and changed her call to N8IO. She is currently serving the latest of many terms as OSSBN Net Manager. This is an elected position. Connie is well known throughout Ohio as the "hug lady" as she expects a hug from every one as one would expect a handshake. At the Sec-

tion Conference on accepting tire honor, Connie led the entire conference in an impromptu version of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." The award was established in 1992 as Ohio Ham of the Year and was renamed in 1999 to honor Mr. Severson.

Earlier in the day, PIO Scott Yonally, N8SY announced the annual Section Newsletter awards. Taking first this year was The Buckeye Burr, a bi-monthly edited for the Buckeye Belles by Susie Scott N8CGM. As it happens, Susie also edits The Q-Fiver for Oh-Ky-In ARS, which won first place in 1994.

*Thanks to Nancy for the District 8 news! Don't forget to submit news for your district. Congratulations to Susie Scott, N8CGM and Connie Hamilton, N8IO on their great contributions to Ham Radio.*

*-Editor*

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tion was incredible, and their German improved an unbelievable amount in the short week they stayed with us. I also became a - get this - certified archery instructor. Yes, me, the vegetarian who has never had the more than the slightest interest in any sport that requires physical skill. Unfortunately, I also don't know the archery terms in anything but German.

In the middle of all this, I called my parents to check in with life. "You've got another notice for the July Commission," they informed me. "They've scheduled you to report on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for the next installment. I loved reading this girl's letter.

Stay well, stay warm, and start looking for spring.

33,  
Carole, WB9RUS





## District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

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As I write this it is 2007. How did that happen? 2006 just flew by, but I'm sure everyone else feels the same way. Since I last wrote a lot has been happening, in my life as well as yours, I'm sure. I will share my story first. In November, Jean, KB8YHN, came to Fort Wayne for the Hamfest. Judy, KC8BOM wasn't able to make it this year and we missed her. But, Jean and I went to a few local quilt stores for a mini shop hop to entertain ourselves. Between shopping and ham radio, we had a great time.

I led a forum about YLRL and it was well received.



*Carole Burke, WB9RUS*

Then on December 6, we lost our 8-year-old, Dalmatian, Sophie. She was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy in July. She was sitting on the couch looking out the window, watching the world go by, her favorite pass time, and her heart just

stopped. Needless to say, we miss her very much. Our whole family was here for Christmas and it was the usual pandemonium. It's amazing how small our house gets when there are 13 extra people here.

I received a very long and newsy letter from Pamela, KB9SCM. Instead of trying to get it all in one column, I will divide it up into two or three.

Pamela writes: I came home for winter break this semester after having completed fewer than half my finals. "What could possibly be the reason for that?" you may be asking. "She's a junior at Georgetown University, it's her official occupation to be a student!" Unfortunately, I'd been called by the one thing that trumps all other commitments - jury duty.

I'd been summoned earlier this year, but hadn't been able to attend. The summons arrived the day after I left to return to Washington, DC, for summer school enrichment classes (computer science and American Sign Language) and to work full-time with the Georgetown Department of Public Safety, ensuring that only "authorized community members" entered our dorms. I sent the Jury Commission a letter in June informing them that I would not be returning to Illinois until Christmas (the entire situation, of course, was much to my parents' dismay), and after my summer school

classes were over, I went off to work for the rest of the summer in Minnesota.

This was my second summer spending seven weeks up in the North Woods at a summer camp- we only speak German there, and it's the sort of place that can't be repeated anywhere else. Our kids are between the ages of 8 and 18 and stay either two or four weeks at Concordia Language Villages. I lived for most of my time with thirteen girls at the beginning of high school who were taking classes there for high school German credit, along with two other (absolutely fantastic) counselors (and then I moved into a cabin by myself, where I understood intuitively for the first time the reason that people are afraid of mice - the pitter-patter of their feet in the middle of the night is the creepiest thing I have yet to experience). Camp is always an amazing experience, and this year I was able to work with high school students, do research on the way students learn the vagaries of German prepositions, and teach a group of adults in our first "Family Week" ever. My adults were between the age of 40 and 70 (!), and they were absolutely amazing to work with - their motiva-

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## District Ten News de Doshia Kretlce, KBONAS

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Happy New Year! My resolution is to actually find some time to get on the HF radio, now that we have an antenna back up.

As I write this, we are experiencing a rare event: a lot of snow in December. East and south of here, it is a real blizzard. My brother had plans to go to Arizona, and made it all the way from Boulder to Denver (about 30 miles) before being lucky enough to find a place to spend the night, then wait another day and night before he could make it back home. We have had a couple white Christmases before, but our usual color of the season here in the shadow of the mountains is brown! We got the Christmas lights up well before the storm, but they are under it and quite invisible. Oh, well.

My husband went out in the Jeep during the first night of the heavy, blowing snowfall to follow a friend a few miles to her home; I was glad to have the APRS set up so I could trace his progress and see his slow but steady progress. Emergency nets were set up, shelters manned, and preparations made to do whatever might be needed as communities lost power and the major airport (Denver International) as well as all the small airports was closed for about two full days, at the peak of holiday travel; I can't imagine the thousands of people stranded. Fortunately, power was soon restored and

people were gotten to safety from stranded cars before harm. The most surprising thing is that the snow is wet (for us), not our usual dry winter powder. All the roads, except those headed into the mountains, were closed; some still are. But in the mountains, they are only getting a few inches!!! For those of you east of Colorado, I'm sorry. We sent the storm your way.

From Toni, NOG VC, who lives out in Southeast Colorado: Sure glad we were at home when the storm hit us. Blizzard conditions continued for almost 48 hours, snow drifts 4 feet, more up against sheds etc. Today [a couple days after the storm] Bud is trying to plow out our driveway, which is almost 1/2 mile long, with 200 feet of elevation between our house and the county road. With temperature in the 30's the snow is slushy and slippery, making it difficult to plow. There is no doubt that this is one of the worst storms we have ever had since we moved out here on the plains!

Spring will come. Stay well, stay warm, and enjoy the weather that comes your way; we can't do anything about it anyway.

We tell with sadness of the passing of Rich High, W0HEP, the husband of Elaine, W0HEM formerly, K3JSP. Rich was originally licensed in 1956 in Telford, PA as WN3IIO, and later, W3IIO. He and Elaine moved to Denver, Colorado in 1962 and changed

their calls to W0HEP for Rich and W0HEM for Elaine. (How is that for embracing your new home?) Rich's prime interests in ham radio were QRP, CW, contesting, DX, and Field Day. He co-founded the Colorado QRP club in 1994. He will be missed.

Mary Cox, KC0MEZ is thrilled that she just received her first buro shipment with DX cards. She has been active for a while, but has mainly been concentrating on 6 meters and grid squares. She looks forward too much more air time in 2007.

The Colorado-YLs are hosting their next meeting in February in conjunction with one of the local Hamfests. The amount of snow in the Denver area has made it hard for everyone to get around and this will save the Ladies from making an extra trip in the snow or trying to find a dry date to hold the meeting as many will already be attending the Hamfest! (*One great thing about the snow is it makes for great radio weather-Editor*)

Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV writes that she took up President Mary Moore, WX4MM's challenge to work more YLs in 2006. She surprised herself with how many YLs she actually worked. She still hasn't reached her YLCC 100 yet, but has high hopes for this year. She figures that between Mary's 2007 challenge and the CLARA 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary challenge she just might make YLCC and get a good start on YL-WAS and YL-DXCC.



No Photo at  
this time

## Alaska District News de Heather Hasper, KL7SP

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Hello from Alaska.

This is my first written submission to YL Harmonics. First a little information about me for your reference and then an update about Alaska YLs and amateur stations.

I got my amateur license in 1995 while going through college. My original call sign was KE6SYD. I completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation in 1997 and then a MS in Aeronautics in 1999. My current QTH is Anchorage, Alaska where I work two jobs. My primary job is as an aviation planner for an engineering company. When that slows down, I am on call with the NTSB and work as an Aircraft Accident Investigator trying to determine the cause and future prevention of aviation incidents.

Currently I am the Treasurer of the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club of which many of you over the years have been active members of. I am also the newsletter editor for the AARC so I can understand Mary and Cheryl's request for articles for YL Harmonics. I am also an active member of the Matanuska Amateur Radio Club (MARA), the Elmendorf Amateur Radio Society (EARS) and the Polar Amateur Radio Klub (PARKA), the only YL club in Alaska.

So add all the radio clubs together, then the public service events that go with them and you get a very busy amateur radio hobby.

This last September myself and Michael O'Keefe, KL7MD taught an amateur radio technician course. We had 25 people in our 4 week course and had 100% pass rate. I mention this because in January 2007, Mike and I are teaching the first General course taught in Anchorage in about 5 years. Of the 8 YLs in the technician course, only two are going on to pursue their general tickets.

As I am writing this, I must sadly inform you of the death of a positive YL in Anchorage. Judi Ramage, WL7DX had a call sign that all OM DX contesters envied. She was full of spirit, happiness, laughter and would always make you smile even when you were sad. Judi served as the Vice President of the Anchorage club for several years. She loved her horse and was very active in the planning of the Alaska State Fair and the amateur radio stations set up at the fair each year. In October Judi had heart surgery. While recovering, she suffered a stroke on 1/10/2007, her 61<sup>st</sup> birthday. On 1/17, doctors performed surgery to remove her spleen due to an infection and unfortunately she did not survive the operation.

Judi Ramage, WL7DX,  
Silent Key.

Our current challenge in Alaska is *how to recruit new YL's and increase our membership in YLRL*. This year, three of the 5 officers of the Anchorage club mentioned earlier, are YL's. The PARKA's unfortunately are not a

current YL affiliated club. We are going to work hard to recruit new members to try and regain this positive recognition from YLRL by 2008.

If any of you have suggestions for increasing the membership in your area or have questions about Alaska stations, please feel free to contact me. E-mail is the best way, but I always enjoy a good snail mail letter and routinely write them 15 or so times a month. You can e-mail me at [KL7SP@arrl.net](mailto:KL7SP@arrl.net) or feel free to call me at 907-275-7474. Any suggestions you have about recruitment techniques, feel free to send them to me. We hope to have a YL table at our local (Alaska) Hamfests throughout 2007!

33, KL7SP

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Submit logs to: Kathy Steels, VE3GYL, 444 Jellicoe Crescent, London, Ontario, Canada N6I< 2M5. Please join us in celebrating CLARA's 40<sup>th</sup>.

Ann hopes that you had a wonderful Christmas and that 2007 will be a good year for all YLRL members.

33 deAnn-VE3HAI





## VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

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My very best wishes to one and all. May the New Year bring you good health and much happiness.

Congratulations and best wishes to our Paulette Schouten, VE7VPE, who has been elected president of CLARA (Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Association). Her two-year term starts on January 1, 2007. She will be taking over from the very capable hands of Helen Archibald, VA1YL. This year, 2007, is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CLARA. Check the website: [www.clara.comm.sfu.ca](http://www.clara.comm.sfu.ca) for upcoming events of interest. The forthcoming cookbook sounds very interesting to me.

33 de Suzanne - VE7IM

Paulette Schouten - VE7VPE writes:

Well, winter has arrived with a cold white blast for us. Totally unlike our weather for November. Not used to such cold weather and snow!!!! So much for global warming!! Weather now has turned to rain and warmed up some. I'll take the rain any day over snow!!

Had a great summer, lots of time for riding my horse and in September, my OM, John (VE7TI), and I went on a week cruise to Alaska. Weather wasn't that great but at least the clouds would rise high enough for us to see the glaciers and mountains. It was an incredible sight. Even though the weather YL Harmonics January/February 2007

wasn't great we had a wonderful relaxing time.

I will spend the winter months getting to know my new sewing machine and all the things it can do. After 25 years, I thought it was time to get a new machine. I plan on getting my many quilts finally finished and start on some new ones.

I was elected President of CLARA (Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Association) for a 2-year term starting in January 2007. It will be CLARA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007 and we have quite a few things planned to celebrate the anniversary. One thing is we are making a cookbook. Hopefully, that will be out in early 2007. You can check our website at [www.clara.comm.sfu.ca](http://www.clara.comm.sfu.ca) to find out more about the festivities.

Merry Christmas and a great New Year to everyone.

Paulette - VE7VPE

Ann Nutter - VE3HAI writes:

Ann, VE3HAI, had a great time at the QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Association) Convention last September. Chapter 120 is being revitalized into a virtual chapter. Newsletters will be posted on the QCWA website and e-mail will be the preferred form of communication. Fees for new members will be \$5 U.S., but renewals are free. All Chapter 120 members must be current QCWA members. So, if you're a QCWW

(Quarter Century Wireless Women) member who hasn't heard from the chapter recently, please e-mail Ann at [ve3hai@rac.ca](mailto:ve3hai@rac.ca) and check the QCWA website for information about our new status.

Ann is a strong supporter of CLARA (The Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Association). She encourages everyone to try for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary certificate. Certificate details are on the CLARA website: [www.clara.comm.sfu.ca](http://www.clara.comm.sfu.ca) or get in touch with Ann and she'll send you the information. Also, watch for CLARA's new cookbook to be published in 2007.

Ann would like to extend an invitation to all operators on behalf of CLARA to help celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. CLARA is issuing the CLARA Challenge. It is a new certificate, awarded to any ham that works 40 YLs on amateur radio between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007. The YLs do not have to be CLARA members. Logs must include date of contact, name and callsign of the YL operator and band or mode. Signal reports are not needed. Deadline for submission is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Cost of the certificate in Canada, including postage, is \$5. For all others it's \$5 U.S.

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

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I hope you all enjoyed the Holidays!

2006 was an extremely busy year for me! The garden got put in a month early, and was very productive...did more canning this year than I ever had before. My grandsons from Detroit were here for 10 days, which was wonderful, but meant that I had to make two round trips to Nebraska to meet up with their mother and exchange them, for a total of over 4,000 miles. They got to see Mt Rushmore and many other sights, and I was worn out by the time I got home. I had several other guests also... always so much to see and do here! I just got a long letter from June, VK4SJ in Australia, and she has been traveling around Australia in her folding caravan. She plans to continue with her son and his family next year into northern areas. She ended up in the hospital briefly... problem with her medication and she had some damage to her antenna cables from a violent storm. She says she is thinking about trading her present van for a larger one. Tasmania is also on the list for next year.

I have several DX-YLs who need sponsors.. Ann in Finland, Janet in South Africa and several others. One special request, from Vai KH6QI for Dave and Aola's ZL1ALE phone number. Vai does not have e-mail and would like to give them a call. I will be leaving for the Christmas holidays to be with two of

my sons and their families. I spent a week with one son in Amsterdam on my way home from India and I hope he forgives me for being unwell, and such a drag.

I rushed round the end of September and first of October putting everything to bed for the winter, so I could leave for the World Conference of Women Radio Operators in Mumbai, India. I flew out of Bozeman early in the morning, to Seattle and then on to Amsterdam, and finally Mumbai arriving late at night! I think I missed a lot of sleep in there somewhere...never to find it until I got home!

We got up early and picked our registration packet, and some Indian Rupees to spend! That evening we had a welcome party and dinner with a Classical Dance program. The next day we had a meeting, lunch and sari try on. I seem to remember going to a mall somewhere in there. That evening was our official Banquet with entertainment. On Saturday we took a boat to Elephanta Caves on an island from the dock by the "Gateway of India". There were chairs on poles that we could ride up the mountain on, which a couple of YLs did, no, I didn't get your picture Gwen. We did some shopping in the afternoon and then went to a local festival area for supper. The next morning we got up loaded our baggage in the buses, and toured the city. One of our stops

the Gandhi museum and an architectural garden before boarding the train for Jaipur.. that was a unique experience! We arrived at noon the next day and checked into the hotel and had lunch and went to Chokhi Dhani and Rajasthani Theme village. The next day we went to the Amer Fort (started in 1037 A.D.), and got to ride an Elephant up to the top, I especially enjoyed some of the beautiful drawings, and looking down to where they grew saffron to trade. The next day we drove to Agra, but it was too late to really spend any time there, because we had run into some road construction delays. At one delay, as soon as the bus stopped, as if on cue, an old man with a monkey came out of the trees and had the monkey performing tricks, but if we took a picture, we had to pay the old man. The next morning we went to the Taj Mahal. It is quite beautiful, and yet quite sad. Then we went on to New Delhi. We also stopped to see a very large red sandstone fort Fatehpur Sikri. We flew from Delhi back to Mumbai, then on to Goa, which was more like a tropical island. The second evening there we went on a boat cruise on the Mondrovi River and were entertained as the sun set.

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Also in the DX news Magda, ZS6MVW wrote in about her daughter Suzette.

Suzette, the youngest daughter of Magda ZS6MVW and Pieter ZS6PVW had her merit function at her primary school. She received the following awards and thus ends her primary school years on a high note.

**Certificate for vir:**

- Outstanding achievement in Afrikaans
- Outstanding achievement in English
- Outstanding achievement in Mathematics
- Outstanding achievement in Science
- Outstanding achievement in Technology
- Outstanding achievement in History
- Outstanding achievement in Business Economics
- Outstanding achievement in Arts and Culture
- Outstanding achievement in Life Orientation
- General Exemplary Achievement



**Receives certificates for the following:**

- Deputy Head Girl
- Christian Social Society Leader
- TOP 10

**Receives trophies for the following:**

- Best Student in Grade 7
- Best Academic Achievement in the grade for 5 years running
- Trophy for Deputy Head Girl

**Receives trophies for the Best Academic Achievement in Grade 7 for the following subject:**

- Afrikaans
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Technology
- History
- Business Economics



She also received 11 Medals for all of the above.

**In Our Thoughts**

Judi Ramage, WL7DX, is a Silent Key. For more details please read Heather's Alaska District News.

Mary Moore, WX4MM just received a very nice letter from Lynne Duncan, KL7IO. Regretfully she reported that her mother, Lucille (Lucy) Hilpert, KL7LH (Lady Ham) became a silent key on November 25, 2006. Lucy received her 50-year YLRL Continuous Membership certificate last summer. She was an avid CW operator and had a delightful sense of humor.

W7PAT - Patsy Barmore became a SIC January 22, 2007 after a long battle with Bells Palsy and cancer. She had been a member of YLRL for a number of years and was listed as a Dist. 7 delinquent in the July/August 2006 so I think she must have been a member through 2005. De Sara Lyons, AB7PS



# New YLRL Members de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ-Secretary

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## New Members for January/February 2007

Welcome to the following New Members

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Sharon was licensed in 2006  
and a member of the BARC. She  
is getting involved in learning  
emergency communications,  
hopefully to work with the Ohio  
Southern Baptist Disaster Relief  
group. She also indicates she is  
willing to tape for the blind.

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Jane was licensed in 1980 but  
was inactive for a number of  
years. In 2005 she earned her ex-  
tra class and also became a VE.  
She belongs to the Cuyahoga  
ARS.

### Alaska

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Heather is an Extra class being  
licensed since 1995. She par-  
ticipates in ARES; emergency  
planning; AARD; PARKA and  
ARES nets

### ICL2BA Pam Trodden

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A new ham who is just getting  
into the hobby. Got her license  
like many of us, to talk with the  
OM who is also licensed. Hope  
to hear you as you progress in  
the hobby.

### ICL2CM Sharon H. Groomer

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Also newly licensed Sharon was  
endorsed by Betty KL7FJW and  
at present is on 2 meters.

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Vai has been licensed since 1981  
and has a list of activities she is  
involved with, including Sec/  
Treas for Provincial Saskatche-  
wan ARL, Sec I Treas for MJ Pio-  
neers ARC, member of CLARA,  
member of FISTS #11474. Her  
Om is Harv VE5AC. Endorsed  
by Yvonne, ZR6TBL.

Welcome back to the following  
rejoining member

### Rejoin

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## A CHAIN OF EAGERNESS AND FRIENDSHIP FROM HAWAII

By Hiromi Hishigi, JJ1CAS

Last November, Raija, SMOHNV came to Japan. It reminded me of two unforgettable YL meetings such as the YLRL 50th Anniversary convention held in Kauai Island, Hawaii in 1989 and the YL World'91 in Stockholm.

The YLRL convention was my first YL Meeting overseas, which was filled with excitement and delightful meets among the members from all over the world. The Swedish YLs well dressed in their traditional costume were outstanding at the party. I made the first eyeball QSO with Raija there. Two years later, they- SMOHNV, SM5CXC, SM5EUU, SM5ILO, SMONZG, SM5NWU, SM5PBX, SMOOTG-organized the YL World 91 midsummer in Stockholm because they wanted to meet again after the Hawaii-meeting. (Details as per SM5EUU Kerstin's HP). According to Raija's invitation, I went to Stockholm. Nozomi, JH3SQN & Ken also attended as well. They had also attended the YLRL convention.

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## Debbie & Pam Go to Belize

Edited by Ray Andrews, K9DUR/V31DU

In September, two YLRL members spent a week learning what it is like to be a DX station. Debbie Shorter, KC9AOR, and Pam Andrews, KC9JMA, went to Belize with their OM's (Steve Shorter, NT9T, & Ray Andrews, K9DUR) for a week of swimming, lying on the beach, sightseeing, shopping, and (of course) working a little DX.

Both Debbie & Pam hold Technician Class licenses in the states, but were granted the equivalent of Extra Class privileges by the Belize government. For the first time, they were on an equal footing with their Extra-Class husbands! Using her Belize call sign of V31OR, Debbie made over 100 contacts with 13 different countries and 25 states. Pam, V31PW, also made just over 100 contacts, and worked 23 different countries and 23 states. They each logged about 3 hours of operating time during the week.



*Debbie V31OR*

When asked about her trip, Debbie said, "My week in Belize was an amazing experience. Because I have a Technician license, my only HF experience has been a little (very little!) at Field Day. But in Belize I had a Class 1 license with full HF privileges! This was also my first experience being on the "fun

end" of a pile-up. I learned a lot and, once I got over my initial "mike fright", I had a blast. My most enjoyable contact was with another YL. She was from Nova Scotia. Her name was Linda and her call sign is VE1BEW. She was my only YL contact for the week, but it was great talking with her...OK, I got hooked - another trip to Belize is definitely in the dreams!"

It was Pam's first-ever experience on HF. She really enjoyed working the pile-ups, especially when she was able to make contact with some friends from back home. W9IU&W9COD both told her she didn't need the coaching that her OM was giving her. Pam also talked to VE1BEW.



*Pam, V31PW*

The group spent a couple of days sightseeing. On Tuesday, all four of them took a boat trip up a beautiful jungle river and saw howler monkeys, iguanas, river bats, and many species of tropical birds. After the boat trip, they had lunch at a remote native village and then sped back through the mangrove swamps for some manatee watching. No manatees, but a couple of playful porpoises were spotted.

On Wednesday, the couples split up. Debbie & Steve went to the outer islands for some snorkeling and a picnic on the beach, while Pam & Ray headed inland to visit some Mayan ruins. Debbie & Steve's day was wonderful. Pam & Ray's was a bit more adventurous! Their tour bus had 3 flat tires & they were 2-1 / 2 hours late getting back to town. The last flat tire happened in a small village about 5 miles from the town where they were staying. The entire village came out to help in the dark. Did you ever see a flat tire changed by committee?

Pam noted that the people of Belize were all very friendly, smiling all the time. The children were also very respectful, with that warm Belizean smile.

Both are anxious to go back & work some more DX!



*From Left to Right:  
Ray, V31DU; Pam, V31PW;  
Boat Driver in Center back  
Debbie, V31OR and Steve, V31TN*

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