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Thank you YLs for your donations to scholarship fund. It is my privilege to be able to work with the YLRL Scholarship. "YOU" the members of YLRL should be proud of being able to sponsor the two scholarships. I know I am proud of you. Will be having another scholarship drive in 2008 and as always will be asking your help and know I can depend on "YOU".

Marte KOEPE

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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The certificates/ awards will re-open soon. We've been working on the rules to try to make them more consistent between all the certificates, and have added a few things that we hope will bring more interest into the program. There are actually very few changes in the "new" rules. So, here's a summary of what we did...

1. Combined and clarified anything that was common to all certificates in the Basic Rules part.
2. Added submission by e-mail for basic certificates, and the sending out of the certificates as .PDF files attached to e-mails.
3. Added the new Digital Modes certificate.
4. Redesigned the certificates so they can be printed out (if requested by mail), or turned into a .PDF file to be attached to e-mail.
5. Redesigned the application form to include the ability to submit by e-mail.

That is basically the "changes" in a nutshell. We didn't take anything away from the rules, only clarified the ones that were already there, re-organized them (also for clarity and simplicity), and added tire ability to submit by e-mail and one new certificate (digital modes).

These reorganized rules have been voted on and approved by the YLRL board. The next step is for the membership of YLRL to vote on them. There will be a place on the ballot in June for everyone who is a member to vote.

After that the program should be re-opened and all the information posted on the website where everyone can view it at any time and download the forms as needed. I'm sorry it has taken so long to get all this done. It's been a big job. But once the revised rules are approved the program should be much easier for one person to maintain.

Thank you to everyone for your patience while we have been re-organizing this program.
Carolyn

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5 year stickers

Carla Ackley, KD7JGJ-Carla should have received this in 2006! Sorry for the delay.



President's Letter

de Mary Moore, WX4MM

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About the contest I started last year to see who could contact the most YL's during 2006, I have received Two (2) logs with YL contacts for 2006 as of March 1. I realized I did not put down a last day to submit logs so am going to wait until April 30 to award the prize. The winner will be announced in my next letter. In my last column I decided to do the same contest again this year so I hope more of you are logging those YL contacts. Next year the logs must be in by January 30.

With the code being eliminated, many hams are upgrading to General and Extra and many of them are YL's. Get on the air and welcome them to HF and tell them about YLRL.

Don't forget DXYL-NAYL in April. Nancy, KC4IYD, has been updating the contest rules and log submission requirements. Look for that information on the website and in a future issue of Harmonics. We

hope the changes will make it easier for everyone to enter the contests and submit logs.

Thanks to Carolyn, N8ST, for her work on YLRL certificates. Carolyn has been updating the requirements and certificates and they will be submitted to the general membership to be voted on in the election issue. She has done a wonderful job with them and I think you all will approve her work.

We have had 2 YL clubs contact us about being YLRL Affiliated clubs. They are TYLRUN (Texas YL Round UP Net) and PARKA (Polar Amateur Radio I<lub of Alaska). I am proud to have been a member of both of those organizations at some point in my 30 years as a licensed radio operator. The HAYLARC's (Huntsville Area YL Amateur Radio Club) is hosting the convention in 2008. If you have a YL club in your area, please join them and give them support. How about

re-energizing some of the other local YL clubs across the country or start some new ones in your area. Be an Elmira to some new YL hams. Friendships formed can last a lifetime and it's a fun way to share your hobby with others.

My best friend Betty Malloy, KL7AP, became a silent key on February 11, 2007. We had some good times together. She belonged to YLRL for a while before she moved to Maryland. She lived in an area that did not allow antenna's so she was not on the air. She worked for the FCC for 20+ years in Alaska and Maryland.

I did not get to work YL-OM contest this year but do intend to work the rest of them. Hope to hear you on the air working the contests also. Catch the District 4 news about the Alabama QSO Party in June. I'll be on the air with W4LEE, our club station in Lee County.

33,
Mary WX4MM

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DX YL to North American YL Contest
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ELIGIBILITY: All licensed women operators throughout the world are invited to participate.

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

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

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

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

LOGS: All logs must show your ARRL section/VE province/country to qualify for awards. For each QSO, logs must show the station worked, QSO number given and received, RS(T) given and received, ARRL section/VE province/country of station worked, time, band, and date. Logs must also state the power output used. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet. Photocopies are OK, but not carbon copies will be accepted. File separate logs fore each contest.

General Rules for YLRL Contests

1. Check to make certain you are sending logs to tire **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.



Youth News de Kim Frazier, WX4KIM

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What will it take to get more youth into Amateur Radio? That is a good question. In fact, that is a question that I ask myself almost everyday. One thing that always stood out to me was how many hams said they became interested in Amateur Radio because of their peers. Maybe that is the answer.

The affect of a young ham trying to get another young ham into Amateur Radio would probably be greater than an older ham trying to get a younger ham into Amateur Radio.

Another reason that I have noticed why youth are not to interested in Amateur Radio is the fact that they do not want to go through the trouble of getting a radio. They think it is too expensive. However, Amateur Radio equipment does not have to be expensive—especially if you build your own. Not only that, but

if you look hard enough you can find some good radio equipment that is inexpensive.

Recently, I corresponded with several frustrated young hams that have been working at all angles to get a youth net going. But the check-ins are not there. My own feeling is that this has a lot to do with the busy lifestyles of today's youth. There are just so many—perhaps too many—things to occupy our time. As a result, we do not make time to check into nets or get on the air.

Some young people feel that there is no sense in Amateur Radio when there are cell phones, but when it comes down to an emergency, cell phones will be the first to go. Also, young people are unaware of the benefits of Amateur Radio. Amateur Radio has a lot to offer, especially for the youth. If you are

an Amateur Radio operator and have been to get a young person into Amateur Radio, consider taking them to a Hamfest or Field Day. I have talked to several young hams that have said that going to Hamfests and Field Day was what got them into Amateur Radio. Getting more young hams is easier said than done, but anything is possible.

Here is my challenge: Ask yourself,

"What can I do to get more youth involved and active in Amateur Radio? When you come up with an answer to that question, just do it. It might just work!

Questions? Comments? Ideas? Please feel free to contact me at ecsdavid@isp.com. I am always looking for new ideas and such. Anything will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

73 and 33 for now,
Kim WX4KIM



Jan Sturbois, WB4RIV; Elizabeth Nickles, WA4DJW; Lynda Osmer, WB4TJE; Gladys Oliver, KC4CUI; Nancy Morris, K4JD; and Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD.
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STRAYS

**Congratulations to
Kim, WX4KIM on
passing her General!**

**Check out these pictures
from the HALARCs hosting
the 2008 YLRL Convention!**



Jan Sturbois, WB4RIV; Elizabeth Nickles, WA4DJW; Lynda Osmer, WB4TJE; Melanie Winter, N4HIX; and Nancy Morris K4JD.



District One News de Anne Manna, WB1ARU

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Greetings from New England! The weather finally turned cold and we finally had snow, although most of southern NE had rain and ice instead. The winter weather has certainly been different this year.

I enjoyed the YL-OM SSB Contest Feb. 10 and 11. Although I never heard her, I know that Jane - N1PVT was on too. It was lots of fun working OMs all over North America. A couple of VE YLs called me as they were working on their CLARA 40th Anniversary Award. One went and got her OM to work me also.

I had a nice newsy note from Linda - WIMP: "We have real news. Dot - KA1LDS spear-headed getting W1WWV, the call sign for Wireless Women of VT, on the air for the VT QSO Party the first weekend in February. Her OM Bill - WB1BRE also operated under the call sign in digital mode & I operated SSB from my QTH for part of the contest period. My contribution was quite small; band conditions here in northwestern VT were pretty bad. The results should be available online later on in March at www.qsl.net/wlbd/qso_party.htm and here's the other news.

Deborah - NN1C and her OM have sold their home in VT and are moving to a new QTH in Cody, WY sometime in March. The WWV will have a

farewell luncheon at a restaurant in South Burlington, VT after the winter Hamfest at the end of February. Deborah was the trustee of W1WWV & this has now been transferred to Dot - KA1LDS with me as a secondary trustee. We are all going to miss Deborah terribly! I think this will necessitate a road trip to Cody in the future hi hi."

Arline - W1LIO sent this information about the Girl Scout Patch for Amateur Radio. She is looking for an adult Girl Scout who would be interested in taking over the badge program when she cannot do it any longer.

"Because there is no current Girl Scout Badge that covers Amateur (Ham) Radio, Arline F. Berry - W1LIO made up a Patch program for the Girl Scouts and Ham Radio. The Patch Program is to interest the girls, hoping that they individually or in groups would follow through by going to classes and passing their Ham license tests.

The major concern at this time is contacting Girl Scout leaders to let them know that members of most radio clubs are available to come to troop meetings or set up times when ham shacks can be visited.

The Educational Department of the ARRL is glad to send printed information and names of contact persons for ham clubs in their locations. If girls visit

a ham shack, they should be accompanied by a Girl Scout leader and have written permission from parents or guardians." Arline is a "Volunteer Coordinator" for the Girl Scouts Ham Radio Patch. She mails out patches upon request and receipt of \$1.50 for expenses.

My OM and I did not get to CO to ski over February vacation due to the weather related problems of JetBlue. That meant I was able to check in to the Yankee Lassies Net on 3.912 at 8:30 Wednesday morning. It was great to hear Jane - N1PVT, Arline - W1LIO, Barb - WB1EHS, Bobbie - W1JX, Betsey - KA1VAX, and Vera - WA1JYO chatting about the weather, birds, contests and travel. The net is open to all YLs, so if you hear the group, check in!

That's the news for this time. My next deadline is in April. How about some pictures?
33,
Anne WB1ARU

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

District 2 News follows District 6 this issue. Thank you!
-Editor

Lybia Part 2 Continued from page 27

and we could have taken a swim in the pools but they were all empty but some bold OM's took a daily swim (Dima from Siberia found the water very warm), but sunbathing was fine too. Some strong wind came up just few days before the beginning of the contest weekend and one of the 4-Square antennas was found the next morning with only 3- squares, and at night a violent thunderstorm made us shut off all the equipment during hours for precaution. Not all went the planned way; ADSL arrived after one week only, the connection with all different, also international! Laptops was quite an undertaking but Rein PAOR, helped by Pirmin HB9DTE, never gave up until all worked fine. Some days the current QSOs in the Laptop disappeared from the screen while transmitting. QSOs lost? Who could regain them? Rein or Pirmin were the persons for all Laptop problems, with cool and ability they recovered the lost ones; I often had to ask them for help when the screen became black!

Then finally the possibility of using WLAN and Internet resolved many problems: the on-line logs, (<http://5a7a.gmxhome.de/>), then reading hundreds of e-mails, and also observe how the DXpedition was going on and how the world was taking it and where things could be altered or had to be modified. The contact between the distant operating sites became easier; but not all problems were resolved only by the Internet connection!

The cultural aspect of this DXpedition and our visit in Libya was quite important, to accept all invitations was important and an honour for us; we paid a visit to the University of Tripoli, very important for the Arab countries and our colleague Manfred DK1BT gave a speech and slide show about his activities at the South pole region some years ago. We participated at a party -farewell of the celibacy of Ali, our friend of the local radio club; couscous with camel meat, spicy vegetables, fruits and alcohol free beer, out in a patio in the countryside. No women present besides Sigrid and me but their wives and children observed us from the windows of the house next door and when the party was over, our OM's had already left for boarding the Pullman, a group of women and children came out running towards us, staring, touching us and taking pictures while hugging us, unforgettable moments. This is an important part of getting in touch and making friends with the local folks during a DXpedition. Accepting invitations and taking part of excursions gave us a chance to hear and see much of this fascinating country. - We learned much about this place, its surroundings, the beautiful sights to visit and to enjoy the tourist attractions; Amateur radio is a wonderful way to open "doors" to the world and for better understanding with Arabian people. I'm convinced that in a few years the development of Tourism will make big efforts and who knows, maybe we may enter the country without Visa's! One important thing I would like to emphasize, from the Media we mainly hear and read not correct information about Libya, the reality is much different. JAMAHIRYA is great and worth a visit.

we never would have reached Libya! For all his trips to find a suitable site for our undertaking and for the engagements with Libyan people; but least not less a special "Grazie" to the whole team which made me feel at ease and welcomed. I would like to return to friendly and hospitable JAMAHIRYA!

Look for Part 3 the final installment next issue!



District Three News de Barb Bender, KA3VXR

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Greetings from snowy 3-Land where that famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, predicted an early spring. Several days later we got a bitter snowstorm that brought -0 deg F temperatures to most of the region. So much for the rodent's prediction! Due to strong winds our longwire is draped over the roof of our house. Won't be able to get it back up until Spring when we will call our ham friend to come over with his bow and arrow and shoot it back up over a high branch on one of our trees.

Usually each year during Jan & Feb I like to do a special project such as get the photo albums caught up, clean closets & drawers, etc. Well, this Jan/Feb my OM and I had decided to crack down on our code and get back up to 20 wpm. But I had more oral cancer surgery the beginning of January and the pain medication I was taking disconnected my brain from the rest of my body, so practicing code was completely out of the question. What kind of a ham is it that can't communicate either

by voice or by code? Well, that's the kind of ham I am right now. HI HI

Kay N3KN reported the following: "In February my OM and I will be moving to Blacksburg, VA to be nearer our daughter, son-in-law and new grandson. We plan to keep our 3-land callsigns. Our new house is on a mountainside overlooking the town and we'll get some antennas up as soon as possible. We're looking forward to meeting the local hams around there and making new friends. I'll send your new info when it is available. You can always get e-mail to me as n3kn@arrl.net or n3kn@arrl.org".

Well, Kay, good luck to you and the OM on your new adventure. We will miss you here in 3-land and want to thank you for the marvelous job you are doing as VP at ARRL.

WELCOME to 3-land to two new members:

Laura Hughes KB3NSW is a new ham and very enthusiastic about her new hobby. She is a member of the Reading (PA)

Radio Club and enjoys contests and field days and is looking forward to working DX.

Bridget Hughes KB3NTV is Laura's daughter and is also a member of the Reading Radio Club but is currently attending boarding school in Western PA. She is anxious to get a club or group going at the school with help from the Altoona Radio Club.

Good luck in your new hobby and welcome to YLRL. Hope you both keep us posted as to how you are doing.

Welcome back to Cynthia L. Rushton WB3CNJ who was licensed in 1976

and enjoys QRP, RTTY, serves as a VE and belongs to QCWA/WWand FISTS. She enjoys CW, HF and joins her OM, N3XWM, in the hobby

Haven't gotten any more news from anyone so will send out a plea for some news for the May / June issue of YLH. Get it to me by April 15. Tnx.

73/33 de Barb KA3VXR

Looking for YLRL information?

Don't forget if you are looking for information or YLRL forms, go to www.ylrl.org. There you can print out membership applications for sending your dues or those of your sponsored YLs. Get your District Chairwoman's information easily or find out about contest dates. You can also check on Certificate requirements. The Web site is being updated often, so keep looking to see what is new!

-Editor



District Four News de Carol Laferty, K4SAF

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With Daylight Savings Time coming earlier this year, it feels like spring is closer and none too soon. Many areas of the country have had a rough winter, and here in KY we have had our share of snow.

The YL-OM Contest has come and gone for another year. I began it with great anticipation; however, that soon waned as I got *no* answers to my many "CQ OM" on 40 and 20 meters. I listened for the first two hours and heard no one calling CQ OM or YL. I listened a few more times during the contest, but heard no participation. I worked some stations by answering their CQs, but just ragchewed with them.

I'm now wondering if there is anything we can do to get better participation next year, assuming others had the same experience I did this *and* last year.

My suggestion would be to combine the SSB and CW weekends into one. Duplicates worked on both modes would be counted separately. I wonder what others think.

In the Nov/Dec issue I mentioned a young member named Emily Bishop, W6EMB, from Cleveland, TN, who is 11 years old. I want to tell you more about this special 3-year member of YLRL. With the encouragement of her dad, NM9B, and step-mom, N4GLB, Emily got her Technician license at age 8 and passed her General and Extra the same day at age

10 in 2005. She said the day she got her license, her dad cried and was speechless. With all the amateur activities she participates in, I don't know how this 6th grader finds time for school! Not surprisingly, her favorite subject is Science. She is active in Nets and emergency exercises. Now get this—she has her own ham shack, with an IC-706MKIIG, TS-570D, among other things, and her own Tri-Bander beam. With such supportive parents, Emily is one lucky young ham. We are proud of her, and I hope she takes part in the Youth Forum at Dayton this year.



Emily Bishop, W6EMB

Regretfully, I am going to have to miss the Dayton Hamvention in May due to a conflict with the National Genealogical Society Convention in Richmond, VA. Genealogy is another extra special hobby of mine, and with 2007 being the 400th anniversary of the Virginia Colony, there are special interests there this year. I really do regret I cannot be both places, and will miss out on seeing many of you. I'll try to make it up by attending other events

and hamfests this year.

Now for the news from others. Mary Moore, WX4MM invites us to take part in the Alabama QSO party on June 2. Try your luck at working all AL counties for awards. Go to www.alabamag-soparty.org for info.

Jo, W4NKO, attended the Dalton Hamfest on Feb. 24, and reports a very large crowd there.

Jan, WA2YL, is a faithful contributor to this column, and I thank her for that. She spent a day recently on the Battleship New Jersey, harbored in Camden, NJ, as a guest radio op for NJ2BB. She is hoping to go to Dayton this year, health permitting.

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Until next issue, I want to hear from you. Keep the YLRL 2007 resolutions alive!



Jan, WA2YL on board the Battleship New Jersey



District Five News de Carol Noack, KK5L

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Hello to all!

Burnette Boyett, K5JGC, and OM T. P., K5EYN, have been attending activities of the 30th Infantry Division Association and Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge. They motored to Abilene, Kansas, for the Mid-America Chapter Meeting and were entertained with several tours and a visit to the Eisenhower Library and Museum. Later they flew to Greensboro, North Carolina, for the 30th I.D.A. National Reunion. This was the year for T. P. to serve as National President and for Burnette to serve as National Auxiliary Chaplain. In between military reunions, Burnette attended a Bible Moderators Conference at the Presbyterian Assembly at Mo-Ranch in the Texas Hill Country.

Alverta Look, K5MIZ, and OM Fred, K5MJA, shared news from their granddaughter Diana, harmonic of Don and Pat, who is enjoying her sophomore year at Webb University on Long Island. She goes to class and works part time "hands-on, co-op style" along with her academic schedule.

Alverta and Fred still have that certain rhythm, and they enjoy performing with their musical group, "The Bayou Banjo Club." They had fun at their last benefit engagement in Schulenburg, Texas.

Even though the Houston area GAYLARK KLUB has disbanded, the YLs and OMs always have something going on. They meet the last Sunday evening of the month at a nice restaurant for good food and fellowship. Former QCWA members also keep in touch and meet for lunch at Luby's Cafeteria on Wednesdays.

Doris Anderson, IC5BNQ, and her OM Andy, W5IWL, attended the TYLRUN annual party in Garland, Texas, in November. During the year they also were volunteers on a mission trip to Sitka, Alaska.

The 20 team members conducted a Vacation Bible School and did work projects, and it was a blessed time.

Doris and Andy were snowbound in January but luckily they had power. Their 65th wedding anniversary was January 23, but no big party was planned. They had taken a 14-day Panama Canal cruise from Fort Lauderdale to San Diego for their 60th anniversary. Doris lives in Oklahoma, the 46th state admitted to the Union, and they are celebrating its Centennial this year. Her local high school marching band, "The Pride of Broken Arrow," won first place in national competition in Indianapolis recently. This awesome 250-member band won first place

in state competition for five consecutive years.

Last November Doris and Andy welcomed their 15th great granddaughter, Kennedy Rae.

Teressa Sipes, AD5HE, also experienced the Oklahoma ice storm in January. It tore down her G5RV long wire and broke up a lot of trees. She was without power for a week. Teressa has moved to Lake Eufaula.

Helen Drake, K5ECP, writes that she does not have a beam antenna any more, so she cannot get on the air. She stays busy, however. Her daughter recently gave her a family birthday party. Helen plays an electronic piano in church every Sunday, and she goes walking in the mall every day. She also took a trip to Florida for her granddaughter's wedding.

Dee (Edith) Guyer, KF5OZ, is involved in SCARS, OCAPA, MERC, MRC, CERT, Eastern Star and Rainbow. This busy YL has seven grandchildren and has not yet retired.

Our daughter Sharon, KB6VCR, from San Francisco visited us during Mardi Gras, and we all had a great time.

33, Carol, KK5L

**Look for the YL-OM
Contest logs in the
next issue!**

YLRL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2007

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

Name-----Callsign-----

Ad _____ dress _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Telephone Number (____) Unlisted Y/N _____

New _____ Member? _____ Former _____ Member? _____

Class of license held-----Year first licensed-----

e-mail _____ address/web _____ page _____ Endorsed _____ by: _____

Member of ARRL? Yes No _____ Endorsed is who signed you up or event you signed up at.

Please complete the following optional information:

Please list any affiliated clubs of which you are a member

Occupation Birthday _____

Other hams in family (Name & Call) _____

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

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

Do you contest? _____ Which ones? _____

Do you DX? -----

Has any information changed since you joined YLRL? _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES

New? Renewal?-----

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

Current dues are as follows:

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

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

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

\$15.00 subscriber

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

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

Rates subject to change as needed.

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

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

(See back of membership form for names and addresses)

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

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Please help us out by taking the time to fill out all the areas in **Red** in full each time you renew. It is so easy to let a change slip by during the year. This will help us keep our records up-to-date and keep you from missing an issue of YL Harmonics. Remember to pay your dues by March 31, 2007 to keep current for the 2007 year.

YLRL NOMINATION FORM

I,, accept nomination for the office of _____

for YLRL for 2008-2009.

I have been a member of YLRL since(month & year)

and have been a licensed operator since(year)

My Club affiliation is, in which I have held

these offices: _____

I belong to these YL nets and round tables:

I have held the following offices with YLRL:

Date:Signed (name & call): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: e-mail: _____

We the undersigned members of YLRL, nominate the above named candidate for the office of _____ to serve YLRL during 2004-2005.

Endorsement of five YLRL members:

1. (name & call):, _____

2. (name & call): _____

3. (name & call): _____

4. (name & call): _____

5. (name & call): _____

Send this form to the Chairwoman or a member of the nominating committee.

IT MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 10, 2007

Chairwoman: Anne Manna, WB1ARU, 614 Webster St., Hanover, MA 002399-1180

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or email as a Word Document
to: enoaru@gis.net and follow
with a mailed signed copy

See Descriptions of Duties on back side

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 The President shall preside at all official meetings and/or conventions of the League and shall act as Chairwoman of the Board of Directors. She shall be an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees. She shall call meetings of the Board by air, in writing, or by e mail at least twice a year. The President shall appoint one of the District Chairwomen to serve as Chairwoman of the Nominating Committee during her first year in office and no later than July of that year. She shall make all appointments whenever vacancies occur in offices. She shall retain the corporate seal and shall affix it to all Certificates and/or Awards she signs.

Section 2

A. The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence or disability of the latter. She shall have charge of all League station activities, with the exception of the League Club call K4LMB, contests, rules of same, nets, etc. In this work she will be assisted by a committee of at least three members, preferably Past Vice Presidents, of her choice, each from a different district. She shall appoint a custodian for awards such as WAS/YL, YLCC, WAC/YL, DX/YL, and DX/YLCC and Continuous Membership Certificate. She may appoint committees or assistants to aid her in specific branches of activities under her jurisdiction. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 4

A. The Receiving Treasurers shall receive all money for dues and forward this money to the Disbursing Treasurer. They shall send dues receipt cards to each member. They shall forward all new applications for membership to the Secretary for her files and shall keep the Secretary, Database Manager and Editor advised of dues payment and of all changes in the membership records. They shall serve as members of the Board of Directors.

[It is advisable that the US Receiving Treasurer have a Database Managing program such as Access or Excel. The US RT is also responsible for managing the YLRL Member Database. Mailing labels and information must be able to be sent to the Editor of *YL-Harmonics* in Excel and accessible by the Secretary in Excel or MS Works. Both offices receiving the data need to be able to sort and merge with Microsoft products.]

B. The Disbursing Treasurer shall receive and receipt all money sent to her by the Receiving Treasurers and all other money paid to the League, and shall make payment of all obligations known to her to be proper and authorized. She shall appoint two members who shall be approved by the Executive Board to serve as auditors. She shall submit an itemized financial statement semi-annually to them for auditing. She shall file all reports required by the Federal, State and local governments. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors and shall be an ex-officio member of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Section 5 Each District Chairwoman, the Youth Chairwoman and RT #4-DX shall be responsible for gathering news for *YL Harmonics* and forwarding same to the Editor at appropriate intervals. She shall assist the Vice-President in organizing contests, traffic schedules, nets, and all League activities. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.



District Six News de Dawn Biocca, KB6LHP

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Happy Spring to all,

District Six is gearing up for our first "Get Together" on March 31. I hope that some of you can attend. Jeanie Parker WA6UVF will be our speaker and we will have home businesses there to purchase goodies.

Alan and I went and spent a week in January in Arizona at QuartzFest 2007. The weather was beautiful and I was very sick. I had upper chest infection and spent most of the time sleeping. I came home well rested. Then on February 24 we attended the RadioFest

in Monterey. What a great turn out they had. Tests were taken and lots of new Hams and upgrades. This event has been going for several years and it is a great outreach. They had classes for kids witch were well attended. Scouts both Boy's and Girl's were there. These are our future and I applaud the Monterey Club for encouraging the young ones to learn about our craft. All of us need to work with the youth because without them we are dead in the water.

DX Convention will be

held April 27-28 in Visalia. This is a large one and they always have a great speaker for the banquet on Saturday.

Then in May we will be attending EMCOMM in Reno and Dayton Hamvention. What a busy time and somewhere I have a business to run and family and all the other hats we women wear.

Hope you all are staying dry. In the Bay Area we are getting hit with several storms and it is cold.

Take care and have a great spring.

33 & 73 Dawn, KB6LHP

No Photo at
this time

District 2 News de Lia Zwack, WA2NFY

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Lois Ierlan, WA2RXO, 94 of Ogdensburg, New York became a Silent Key on January 31, 2007 at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center. Calling hours were February 2 and the funeral service was February 3, 2007 at the First Presbyterian Church, Ogdensburg. Burial will be in White Church Cemetery, Lisbon in the spring.

Lois was born the child of James M. and Edith Flill Gregory in Morristown on April 13, 1912. She graduated

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from Morristown High School in 1929 as valedictorian of her class before going on to graduate SUNY Canton with an associates degree and SUNY Plattsburgh with a bachelors degree.

She married Dean Ierlan on June 25,1931 in Morristown. He died on June 29,1963.

She was a very active ham radio operator for over 45 years, well known to all her friends as WA2RXO. She was a member of Ogdens-

burg Amateur Radio Club, The ARRL, the Quarter Century Wireless Association, the St. Lawrence Valley Repeater Association, the YLRL, the NY and NJ Second area Young Ladies' Radio League, and many other non-Ham groups.

Contributions may be made to the Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad, the First Presbyterian Church of Ogdensburg or the charity of one's choice.

She will be greatly missed by all.



District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

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Hello from 7-land! And Happy Springtime to everyone! I'm writing this the middle of February. Today I found the first croci blooming in my garden. And now for the YL news!

MINOW Net is still holding on and looking forward to improved conditions. The Evergreen Intertie YL net has welcomed several new YLs recently. It's nice to have Jan VE7QE of Okanagan Falls, BC checking in from time to time. We plan to have our regular table at the Mike and Key ARC Electronic Show & Flea Market in March.

Barbara AC7UH writes: "The Two Rivers YL Post-Holiday potluck luncheon on Saturday February 10 was great fun. Barbara AC7UH hosted the event at the Yasson QTH in Salmon Creek.

Attending were: Amy Wong N7AMY, Ardell

Stayner KE7JJO, Donna Sison KE7DMM, Laura Seitlinger KC7LOK, Lisa Bloomquist KE7HPW, Marianna Kearney W7WFO, Peggy Stone KB7SBK, Sarah Kaarto KE7H FY and son John, Virginia Lakin KE7HZY, and Barbara Yasson AC7UH. The company and the food were delightful. The group discussed the up-coming SeaPac YL Luncheon on Saturday June 2 where Marti Brucher W7AYL will do a presentation on EchoLink. We will try to do another get together later in the year, maybe a late summer barbecue or lunch at a restaurant."

Melissa Norstrom KD7IEM writes: "A lot has been happening in my life. ..Asa family we have moved closer to the Tri-cities area.. .we are expecting our second child in June.. .and the biggest news is I was elected vice-president of the Tri-Cities Amateur Ra-

dio Club. Phyllis W2GLB is our re-elected secretary."

Elizabeth Simon KK7VO writes: "I was elected 1st Vice President of the Klamath Basin Amateur Radio Association. I'm a little unclear on what my duties are but I have to do better than the last person who we never saw at a meeting after he was elected!" Elizabeth is currently teaching a class for new hams. I hope others of you who are officers in your local radio clubs will let me know.

On a sad note I must report that Patsy Barmore - W7PAT became a Silent Key in January. She had been a member of YLRL for many years as well as a member of the Two Rivers YL Group.

I enjoyed working the YL-OM contest last week. I only had a couple of hours to devote to it but it was FUN!

Now it's your turn! I'll be looking for news from you!
33 Sara



Rear Row: Virginia KE7HZY, Laura KC7LOK
Center Row: Marianna W7WFO, Peggy KB7SBK,
Sara KE7H FY & son, Ardell KE7JJO,
Donna KE7DMM
Front Row: Amy N7AMY, Barbara AC7VH,
Lisa KE7HPW



District Eight News de Jean Ruth, KB8YHN

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Nancy Hall KC4IYD, filling in for Jean KB8YHN submitted this report

Hello 8-land, there is a lot of news to share with you all. Enjoy and keep working YLRL contest. Amy WA8MY made several New Year's Resolution in regards to ham radio; these were prior to seeing the cover of the Jan/Feb 2007 issue. She has accomplished quite a few. Don't forget to check out her YL's Resolutions article in the next issue!

Susie, N8CGM wrote that she has been Recording Secretary for the OH-KY-IN club since Jan 1986 (that's 11 years) and Carol WA8YL has been Recording Sec. for the OH-KY-IN club since Jan 1979 (that's 28 years). Both were able to escape these offices for 2007, but what an accomplishment.

After 10 years of knee pain from an injury. Rose K8VFR finally got a total knee replacement and she reports it works great. She is waiting for UPS to bring their new ICOM. She loves contests and worked the Mississippi and N. Carolina QSP parties.

Carolyn N8ST wrote she and the OM bought a new Kenwood TS-480SAT which works great was used to work the YL-OM contest in digital mode (PSK31). The OM says he'll never be able to use all the great features on it. They held

a VE testing session on February 24, with another session planned for March 24. They now have lots of new General class operators in the area and one new Technician and one new Extra, but none of them are YLs.

The USS JURASSIC club is starting to plan for Field Day. She's not sure if they will make it to Dayton this year, but they live close enough (about an hour's drive) to just get up in the morning and say, "let's go today". She is also working on getting the YLRL certificates program ready to open again. As for non-ham stuff, I've finished the course work for my Doctor of Ministries degree in Biblical Studies and now am starting to work on the dissertation, which I hope to get finished sometime this year.

Cindy KD8DTT returned from a relaxing 6-day trip to Puerto Rico with OM Mike (K4QET). They visited the Arecibo Observatory home to the largest radio telescope in the world - an awesome site indeed. The dish, which sits in a valley, has an area of 20 acres and is made of perforated aluminum sheet aligned to within 2mm - there is a "silent zone" around the observatory where you cannot operate ham radio

because it would interfere with the reception.

We watched a movie explaining how they were going to extend the sensitivity of their 430-megahertz antenna. The receivers are immersed in liquid helium to increase sensitivity. The adjoining science museum included detailed explanations and demonstrations of the work that is done at the observatory where stars, distant galaxies and our own atmosphere are researched.

It is interesting to note that the observatory can be seen in the movie "Contact". The postcards depicting the satellite do not do justice to its magnificence. I was unable to capture in a photo the true grandeur of the view - it is like standing on a mountain looking down into a valley.

In addition, we saw some beautiful architecture on our back roads trip in and around Arecibo. The houses were extremely colorful and modern made of concrete and each home had its own design in the surrounding security gates. The local people were very interesting and we were able to capture the very essence of Puerto Rican culture. Highly recommend this trip!



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

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I can't believe it, spring starts tomorrow!! I didn't think it would ever get to Indiana this year; winter has been soooo long, cold and snowy. As a result, I do not have much news from my home front. We did have two of our grandchildren a couple of weeks ago for the weekend. It was our granddaughter from Dayton, Jenna, 5 and her brother, Evan, 9. While they were here, we did a Fancy Dress Dinner for Grandpa. I have been doing this with our granddaughters for about 5 or 6 years. The girls plan the menu, she and I cook it, and we set the table in the dining room with the good china, silver, and crystal, candles on the table and everything. We all get dressed up in our finest for this occasion. Our menu this year was chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, macaroni and cheese, salad and Little Peeps for dessert. We also made brownies to add to the dessert menu. We really have a good time with this and I hope they remember it long after they are grown.

I will now continue with the letter from Pamela, KB9SCM. If you will remember, she was scheduled to report on January 8th for Jury duty at home in Illinois but was scheduled to start school again in Washington D.C.

But classes resume on January 10th! What if I were actually called to be part of a real trial? How was I supposed to even book a flight to return to school
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for the spring semester? I wrote back, explaining once more my situation and hoping that they would (ahem) release me from my civic duties.

I returned to Washington and moved in to a new floor - this year, the Culture and Performance Living and Learning Community. Last year I lived on the American Cultures and Politics floor, but I wanted to try something new (and live in a nicer dorm). Living on themed floors is the exception rather than the rule, but these floors offer a sense of community that I found to be really lacking from the dorms. So far this year, I've been kayaking for the first time in my life, become hooked on House, re-watched a number of Star Trek and other movies, and have visited an art museum in the city - led by a friend who knew what she was talking about and actually made the experience enjoyable. I'm also applying to be a Resident Assistant there or somewhere else in Residence Life for next year.

This semester I've been incredible in Mentis Vita, which is our undergraduate research publication. My fellow co-Editor-in-Chief and I have put in ungodly hours this semester to improve the publication - many weeks we spent over 20 hours each, in addition to upper undergraduate/lower graduate-level classes and, in my case, commuting and working around 15 hours each week (still at the

Department of Public Safety, but now as a Supervisor of the Student Guard Program). We've finally come to the end of our term, but next semester we'll still be working with the incoming Editors-in-Chief to train them. With any luck, the burden won't be quite as taxing.

I'm also still involved with a community service program on campus called Prison Outreach. We commute into Arlington, VA, each week to tutor in the Arlington county Detention Facility - two nights of the week, groups work with inmates on the skills they'll need to pass their GEDs, and on my night this semester, we worked with inmates on English as a Second Language. It's incredibly rewarding for us and worthwhile to the men and women we work with, but it's also incredibly sobering. Two of the three inmates I worked with this semester were younger than I am, and the short of shock that emerges from such a realization is extremely disturbing. These are young men, confined to jail, without high school diplomas, likely ready to be deported to Guatemala or El Salvador, their wives simultaneously ahead of them and limited to nearly nothing.

I will stop here and leave the last installment for the next Harmonics. I really appreciate and enjoy her letter, it is so interesting. Take care ladies and hope to see a lot of you in Dayton.
33, Carole, WB9RUS

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District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KBONAS

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Spring is on the way!

The Colorado YLs met in February at the Aurora Radio Club Hamfest at the Adams County Fairgrounds—the only way to get together, it seemed, as each weekend for 6 long weeks brought new snowfall, many times with wind. The meeting was a little noisy, but had a good turnout. Marie, WBOHUC, even won a door prize! Marie has been busy learning Braille, and has discovered she doesn't need to turn on the light to work in the middle of the night. New to the group was Karen, KCOKTI, who moved to Ft. Collins, Colorado from California on the very eve of the blizzard. Ellie, NOQCX, will be going to Dayton again this year, this time with three young BARC Juniors. She hopes to see many of you there. The Colorado YLs next meeting

will be at Ellie's, to hear them give their first presentations as they practice. That is always a pleasure.

Our yard is finally down to only a "trace" of snow, that is, less than half is covered by snow (not counting piles we made by shoveling). With a little luck, that means we can get out and start some gardening soon. Most sites in the area reached that point a day or two shy of breaking the record for the number of days there was measurable snow on the ground, a record that has stood for almost a hundred years.

Marte Wessel, K0EPE, writes that she and husband Bill are doing fine. They, too, have had their share of the storms as they wend their way east over the plains, but the weather is turn-

ing beautiful. She is busy working on the state-bowling meeting.

With spring comes preparations for helping with various public service events, including two of my special favorites, the March of Dimes and the Courage Classic, which is a large (about 2,000 cyclists) fundraiser wherein bicyclists (and some tricyclists and other contraptions) spend three days in the mountains going up and down mountain passes and raise money for the Denver Children's Hospital. As a physical therapist working with small children, most of my students are impacted (positively!!) by these organizations. I really love being able to put my hobby to the use of tilings I value.

Hoping you can, too,
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Doshia, KBONAS

What Happens if YOUR Information Isn't Correct?

If your information isn't correct with the Database Manager- our US Receiving Treasurer, Carol Schmitkons, KI8IM, then your mail from the YLRL comes back to us! Whether it is an important announcement or the latest issue of *YL-Harmonics*, if it can't get to you we get it back. When a piece of mail is returned by the Post Office, they charge us the same amount or more than it cost to mail your piece. We pay double, then we pay again to resend the piece once we have the corrected information.

Unfortunately, sometimes *Harmonics* crosses in the mail and a couple of issues are sent out before we know there is a name or address problem. So we pay for each piece that is sent back and then resent.

What does this mean to our members? The more mail that is returned the more YLRL has to pay in mailing costs. This can potentially lead to an increase in dues if the amount returned goes over our mailing budget.

There are a couple of things you can do to help! To help keep our costs down and to try hold the cost of dues in place:

- 1) Fill out a membership form for yourself each and every time you pay your dues. It is easy to forget to change an address, telephone number, name change or e-mail address with us.
- 2) Fill out a membership form for anyone you sponsor. See reasons in #1.
- 3) When you know your information is changing send the new information to the Receiving Treasurer. This will help prevent lost issues while we get issues sent back not knowing there are changes.

Remember to send your information to the Database Manager/US Receiving Treasurer. You can also send information to the *YL-Harmonics* Editor or YLRL Secretary, but this may cause a delay in the information being processed.

Thank you for your help in keeping our costs down!

-Editor



Alaska District News de Heather Hasper, KL7SP

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Greetings from Alaska.

The first quarter of the year bring lots of public service events for amateur radio in Alaska. Dog Sled races begin on the first weekend in January and end about the third week in March with the closure of the Iditarod. This year, we had another Fur Rondy and Iditarod in Anchorage and the Yukon Quest was successfully supported by Amateur Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska.

For those of you who have never been to Anchorage, Fur Rendezvous is a winter festival where historically fur trappers would come into town and trade furs for supplies. The World Championship dog sled races occur as well as many other events including Snow sculpting, photo contest, a Parade and a grand prix car race. Both the Grand Prix and the Sled Dog Race are supported by amateur radio communications. The Anchorage club has been supporting this event since 1966.

Other Dog Sled Races include the Eagle River Classic, Knik 200, the Jr. Iditarod and many others. All utilize amateur radio for communications. So a good chance to outreach and get good radio publicity. This year an attempt to bring back hot air balloons to Anchorage was made. Historically, Fur Rondy had hot air balloons but in the early 1980's this stopped due to insurance concerns, airspace issues and lack of available land

to land the balloons.

Well, with the support of our new Governor, Sarah Palin, the Mayor of Anchorage, Mark Begich and support of the airport. Parks and Recreation department, the FAA and amateur radio for communications, we were successful in launching, landing and flying hot air balloons over Anchorage this year. The Amateur Radio Emergency Services group was happy to participate and hopes that this will become another annual event supported by Amateur Radio in years to come.

As many of you know, Betty Mallay, KL7AP passed on. Betty was a very, very active member of the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club and the Polar Amateur Radio Klub while living in Alaska. She led a team of ladies through a big change in Anchorage Amateur Radio. In 1955, ladies were not allowed in the big Anchorage club, but by 1980, not only were ladies allowed, but Betty (Rhodes) Mallay was the president of the club and worked at the FCC Monitoring station in Anchorage.

When I started doing a history project two years ago about the history of the clubs in South Central Alaska, I contacted Betty and she outreached to me so much helping me understand what great accomplishments she and other YLs made during their tenure. She will be missed greatly by many in Alaska and members of PARKA and AARC send their condolences to her friends and family. What a great role model for all YL operators to follow.

We want to thank the four new members of YLRL in Alaska. We appreciate them joining and will be working with them to have a table represented at all the upcoming Ham festivals in Alaska in 2007.

By the time I write you again, we will be going through winter break up. Spring is almost here and with that comes summer antenna projects. If any of you are going to venture to Alaska this summer and would like to come to our events, please feel free to contact us.

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 or feel free to call me at 907-275-7474.

33, KL7SP

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I am very pleased to welcome Vai Lemko, VE5ACJ, of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan as a new 'VE' member to YLRL. Vai has very kindly sent along a submission for Harmonics, which will help to introduce her to you all. I have met Vai on the CLARA Net and she is a very busy person, indeed. I hope many of you will have an opportunity to be in contact with her and to welcome her to YLRL.

Life is renewing itself on the West Coast of Canada. The memory and worry of stormy, winter, wind tossed nights is fading. We have warm spring weather, spring flowers, spring lambs and holiday plans all taking shape.

I am working on the CLARA 40th Anniversary Challenge and have 17 YLs recorded, at time of writing. Early days yet. I hope that many of you will participate in this fun challenge to celebrate CLARA's 40th year. It is always nice to hear YL voices on the frequencies.

33 Suzanne VE7IM

Elizabeth - VE7YL writes:

Well, with the CLARA challenge, I just have 16 so have a long way to go. Hoped I would get quite a few when I took the CLARA Net last Tuesday - dumb me - the band was so close to being completely dead that I only got 2 new ones in my log! Talked to VK3JSH, Shirley, yesterday and she has over 40 YL Harmonics March/April 2007

already and is working on 80! Ditto with Ella, G0FIR Well done ladies.

Our weather finally feeling spring like and thoughts turning to golf. Nov., Dec. and Jan. were so awful that I headed for the gym three times a week instead of even thinking winter golf. My Tailtwister rotor has been fixed and I hope will go up when the weather is really warm. My TS950dx has quit on me and I'm looking for a new rig - probably the 200w Yaesu in the FT2000 series. The YL / OM CW Contest this weekend - lets hope for some good propagation.

Am going up to Calgary mid February to see the Alberta grandchildren and definitely thinking I will go to the 2008 YL International Conference in South Africa. Think positive!!!
33 Elizabeth - VE7YL

Ann Nutter - VE3HAI writes:

Bare and I are looking forward to spring and the nice weather. Dayton is usually our first venture away from home, followed by any of the other flea markets that are an easy drive. Easy to us is anywhere in Canada or the Northern U.S.A., as we usually drive from coast to coast at least once a year.

I'm keeping busy during the winter by getting ready for the CLARA Contest on March 13th to 17th. There's a new twist this year. We can only log 24 hours

and must log time on and off the air. No signal reports or QSL cards are required. The object is to get more YLs on the air and talking about CLARA. Sounds like fun. This year's contest will be held in honor of Leone, VE3HWR, who became a silent key on October 13, 2006. Leona was a regular on our 80-metre Net. She became a good friend to me over the years and rarely missed our Monday night Sked. I miss her very much.

On a happier note, as I write this, I have 12 contacts for the CLARA 40th Anniversary Challenge. Yes that's right, CLARA is 40 this year (2007). I've been a member for about 30 years. With the expanded band allocation in the U.S., I hope some of you will get on the air to work 40 YLs for this certificate. If you need details check the CLARA website, or contact me at ve-3hai@rac.ca. Hope to hear you on the air. Meanwhile, do stay healthy and have fun. 33 Ann - VE3HAI

Elizabeth Baggoo - VA7TK/
VE7TLK writes:

January is behind us and I hope also all the record setting wind, snow and rainstorms! With the new US HF frequency band changes, I hope many of

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DX News & DX Treasurer de Carol Hall, WD8DQG

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Everyone else is probably warmer than I am, as I write this it is snowing, and the temperature was down to 15f last night. I hope that by the time you read this we are much warmer and looking at seed catalogues.

First, Olga, DJOMCL, telephoned me from Germany. She has been ill for several for several months, so I would appreciate it if you would keep her in your thoughts and prayers. She is very active both on the air and other YL activities. I received a letter from Gerda, DL5OBK, she fell on Dec 26 and broke her wrist. They had to put pins in, but they are now out and when she wrote she was receiving Physical Therapy. The good part is that she had to learn to use her left hand. She took a few short trips last year, and is really looking forward to the JAIG meeting in April, in Koblenz and also the SYLRA meeting in August in Sweden.

I also received an e-mail from Magda van Wyk, ZS6MVW. She says all is well in sunny South Africa. She enjoys reading Harmonics and seeing what everyone else is doing. There are now 3 licensed hams in her family and their youngest, Suzette, has yet to take her exam. Suzette is having some medical problems and must have surgery on her back ...in January; I hope all has gone well!

I had an e-mail from Ruth, IT9ESZ, this week, she is going to visit her daughter, Christina, who expecting her first baby. All who went to the International YL meeting in Sicily or who went for Seoul will remember her fondly and her husband who accompanied her to Korea. We all tried to make him late for the bus, so he would have to sing us a song with his wonderful voice. Now he will have something to really sing about.

Please check out the SYLRA

web site for information about their meeting is Sweden in August.

Don't forget the DX-YL net on Monday mornings 14.222 +/- 6am EST, 7am CST, 8MST and 9PST Rose-Marie has been having to relay for me. I have enjoyed meeting some of the Canadian YLs recently on this net. On the 17 & 18 of Feb., I helped with "Thinking Day on the Air" for the Girls Scouts and Girl Guides and had some Brownies in my Shack.

Please!!! Sponsors, fill out the membership sheets to correct, and update information on your adoptees. I lost my Database and am not absolutely positive I've got everything back correctly! **Dues are due in March!** Not August! Not October!

Finally, please let me know what is going on in your part of the world.

33's
Carol Hall, WD8DQG/7

In Our Thoughts

From Sara Lyons, AB7PS

On a sad note I must report that Patsy Barmore - W7PAT became a Silent Key in January. She had been a member of YLRL for many years as well as a member of the Two Rivers YL Group.

Mary Moore, WX4MM writes:

My best friend Betty Mallay, KL7AP, became a silent key on February 11, 2007. We had some good times together. She belonged to YLRL for a while before she moved to Maryland. She lived in an area that did not allow antennas so she was not on the air. She worked for the FCC for 20+ years in Alaska and Maryland.

Lois Lerlan, WA2RXO became a silent key January 31, 2007. Please see District 2 news for more on Lois.

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you will join us on our **British Columbia YL Amateur Radio Association (BCYLARA) 80M Net**. This is another great opportunity to meet one another on-air!

The **BCYLARA 80M Net** is open to all YLs and OMs but managed by YLs. It is held twice a month, on the first and third Tuesday, on 3.748MHz, from October to end of May.

Net time varies due to seasonal propagation conditions and Daylight Saving Time. This year Daylight Saving Time will be observed March 11, 2007 to November 4, 2007.

The net starting time on the West Coast floats between 00:15Z to 02:00Z. By the time you get this Harmonics issue. Daylight Saving Time will have started. This means the net will likely be starting around 01:30Z. The net runs for about one hour. So even if you cannot stay for the entire net, consider checking in and out or ask to be put on the short-time list. Visit www.ylradio.ca for Net time information and other BCYLARA news!

33 to all Elizabeth - VA7TK, 80M Net Manager and YLRA-DIO Webmaster

Vai Lemko - VE5ACJ writes:

Name here is Vai Lemko, VE5ACJ. Been a ham for 26 years. Dropped the hobby for about 16 of those years due to going to work. I retired as a School Secretary after 16 years of typing letters, looking after teachers and principals, and I can't even count the number of Band-Aids and hugs I gave out

to the little ones when they got hurt. Many of them really just wanted the hug, and knew they could not have the Band-Aid without giving me the hug. Just loved that part of the job.

No, no grandchildren yet. My OM, Harv, has been a ham for 31 years, VE5AC. When I got back into the hobby, I, of course, jumped in with both feet. Became a regular NC on the Afternoon Aurora Net, which runs 7 days a week at 23:30Z at a frequency of 7.055. Then I joined the Sr. Amateur Radio Club and somehow automatically became the Secretary/Treasurer. Then I got involved with CLARA and then the Saskatchewan Amateur Radio League (SARL) and got the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Yikes! My training gets me into more trouble. Hi Hi. My favorite mode of operation is CW even though the speed dropped from 20wpm to 12wpm. Oh well, it's still the best mode for me. Oh yes, I am also a FISTS #11474.

So that's me in a nutshell and I heard of you (YLRL) via Sara, AB7PS, and my pen pal, Yvonne, ZR6TBL. I will try to send in articles occasionally but at the moment I am also the big shot, if you like, for the Saskatchewan Hamfest 2007 here in Moose Jaw. I really don't know how I get talked into doing all these things. Guess everyone thinks I'm multitalented. Okay. Take care all and really hope to hear some of you on the bands. My e-mail is: ve5acj@rac.ca or valve5acj@sasktel.net. That's the easiest way to get hold of me.

33 Vai-VE5ACJ-Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

Paulette Schouten - VE7VPE writes:

Well winter arrived in Surrey, BC with a bang on November 24th, 2006. We don't normally get snow and if we do, not until January/February. We were actually snowed in and couldn't get our trailer out on November 28th when we planned on heading for Palm Springs, CA for Dec/Jan/Feb.

We were finally able to get away and arrived in Palm Springs on December 4th. Weather here was not the usual, lots colder at night. But lots and lots of sun so I'm not complaining. Our son and daughter flew down for the week of Christmas. Had a great time with them. Kind of tight in a 25-foot trailer but we managed and I even cooked a small turkey.

Weather has improved greatly, which is why we are here. Just love those lazy afternoons swimming in the pool in the sun. Unfortunately it will all end soon and we will be heading back to the cooler, damp weather at home. Then back to reality and getting back on the air again. Unfortunately the RV Resort we stay at doesn't allow antennas or radios being used. But we have used the radio on a few occasions when we knew nobody was around. Didn't get far with a tiny little antennae but at least we could hear people even though we couldn't transmit.

Hope the winter hasn't been too harsh on everyone. Spring will soon be here!

Paulette
VE7VPE

New YLRL Members de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ-Secretary

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Welcome New Members for
March/April 2007



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Laura Hughes KB3NSW

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Birthday: March 3

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Laura is a fairly new ham along with her daughter Bridget KB3NTV and is very enthusiastic about her new hobby. She is a member of the Reading Radio Club and enjoys contests and field days and is looking forward to working DX.

Bridget Hughes KB3NTV

Birthday: December 18

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Bridget is also a member of the Reading Radio Club but is currently attending boarding school in western PA. She is anxious to get a club or group going at the school with help from the Altoona radio club

District 7

Mary Anne Sanford W7MAS

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Birthday: November 24

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Mary Ann has been licensed since 2004 and enjoys the local nets and clubs and participates in VHF sweeps.

District 8

Marsha Fleming N8FE

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Marsha has been licensed since 1979 and participates with Skywarn, RACES, contests like Nov. sweepstakes and is working on WAS (has 42 states confirmed) and is working on DXCC. Her family includes hubby K8UP and sons, K8KHZ and VK4TJF. You can learn more by checking her out on QRZ,

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Subscribers

Bruce McCormick KL7BM

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Welcome to Bruce as a new subscriber who is involved in emergency operations and can be heard on SSB. His daughter in law is KI6DES

Welcome Back to the following
Rejoining members

Rejoin

District 3

Cynthia L Rushton WB3CNJ

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Welcome back to Cynthia who was licensed in 1976 and enjoys QRP, RTTY, serves as a VE and belongs to QCWA/WW and FISTS. She enjoys CW, HF and joins her OM N3XWM in the hobby

Districts

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Secretary Note: My OM Tom and I met Laura and Bridget at the boarding school in February and we were impressed with their enthusiasm and interest in this hobby we call ham radio. We will be trying to help them out as much as possible to encourage some of the young girls at the school get involved. I can't help but think that for some of us we need to get back that feeling and get "radio-active" again.

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LIBYA 2006

By Ruth Geering, IT9ESZ

(Part 2 of a series-Cultural and before the Contest)

The direction of the Hotel gave us an entire large floor above the Restaurant at our disposal with a beautiful view over the beach, large balcony on 3 sides with good access for all antennas. There the stations for 10,15,20,40 and 80 meters SSB and CW found plenty of space; moreover we had much room for tables, chairs, and a kind of living room for receiving visitors and VIP's (local TV, journalists, the Libyan Radio). Our presence in town was well publicized from the Media, several members of ASSAKER radio club came to see or control us while operating (ASSAKER practically exists only on the paper, the former club station of 5A1A/5A1ACS)

The first QSO from 5A7A was aired less than 1 day after the arrival at 10.37h the 16/11/06 with DI<6ZZ in the presence of Andy DJ7IK our team leader, Mustapha DL1BDF the Arabic area coordinator and Ali, operator of the former 5A1A. The whole DX community worldwide knew that 5A7A was ready to start!

My first "get-in-touch" with the pile-up was the morning after my arrival, at 7 UTC on 40m with an incredible Italian-Spanish hubbub. "Let us see how you manage your country fellows", my colleagues said. The shouting, yelling instead of behaving in correct manners of some operators, not listening to the operators advices, made it really hard for me and my companion Adriano ON6GA, with whom I often shared the same station, one talking the other typing, changing every 30 minutes for 3- 4 hrs, this was also to save to occupy another station. The spelling of the calls of the Italian OM's in a very personal way didn't make the understanding or unravelling of the pile up in the middle of QRM easier. The big shots of our team, told us to be and act as "pile up eaters", of course the daily amount of QSOs was important and at the end of the first week, after 4 days of activity, we had 25'000 QSOs in the log; finally all OM's of the technical team had completed their job and could take part of the enormous ever present pile-ups. The first Monday, an excursion to Sabratha, interesting archaeological site, was on the cultural program but I had already planned for several skeds with YL friends from many countries so I decided to stay in the Hotel. For me a full day of QSOs on many bands, we were few operators and had access to many empty stations; Thursday 23 of November, just one week after the beginning of the transmissions we had 52'000 QSOs, fantastic!

For a good and correct occupation of all radio sites, we made a working-plan with a 3hr shift corresponding for 24/48 hours for each station, exposed in the main shack where we could register our own operating time, predilection and mode, it worked out fine.

During our evening meals, (the lunch we cancelled), we usually had a briefing with lots of items to discuss, improvements to submit, updating of the operating plan, proposals for cultural entertainments and invitations to be present. Mustapha DL1BDF, our man keeping relations with impending local situations and always of big help, gave us important and helpful instructions about our behaviour in- and outside of the Hotel: always wear your personal badge, to be careful about giving out information's about our stay in the Hotel, about the radio-business to the many people coming in and staying around visiting our operating sites, never leave the village alone without a driver and the escort, kind of body guard for our own safety! Sometimes I went along with Sigrid, the wife of Volkmar, to go shopping for our night team, changing money, which could be done also at the fruit-vegetable store or Supermarket (better changing rate than the Bank). We were always escorted and never had problems, nowhere, on the contrary, people were very friendly, and some spoke few Italian words and asked about our famous football clubs or just mentioned Ferrari. I was very impressed about the friendliness and honesty of the local people, no stealing, no bag snatching; a forgotten pullover could be found at the same place after several days. Just like back home!

We passed a pleasant day in Tripoli at the National Museum, very impressing and interesting, then a visit to the Kasbah for shopping of souvenirs; the same evening we had a special dinner offered by our friend Krassy who had bought a whole lamb, then cooked by the Hotel cook in a traditional Libyan way, served with couscous and lots of local vegetables. The weather was pleasant warm, 24-26° always sunny

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