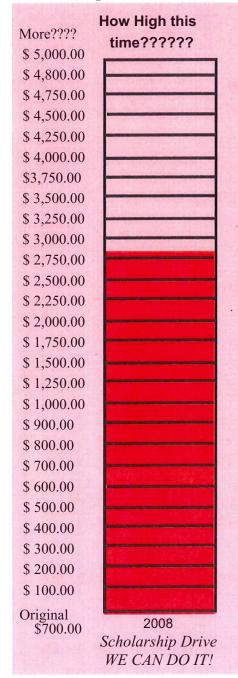


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My heart is sad that we have lost so many of our YL friends. We must hold their memories close and remember the "happy times" that was spent with them on the air or in person at YLRL conventions.

To be an amateur is a privilege that we should cherish. It gives us the opportunity to make lasting friendships and we also can be of service in case of an emergency. Be proud to be a "ham" as we are known!

I know I am proud of all of "you".

The 2008 YLRL scholarship drive thanks to you has of this date clear \$2,796.00.1 am so pleased and "keep those donation letters" coming!

Don't forget the YLRL gives out two scholarships every year. On that note it is time to let you know about our next scholarship drive. Tickets are available for \$1.00 each and the winning tickets will be drawn at the 2008 Young Ladies' Radio League Convention in Huntsville, AL. The drawing will be at the Holiday Inn-Downtown on August 15th, 2008 and you need not be present to win. The prize money is all in the clear and any donations are going straight to the scholarship fund. Don't forget to keep watching the thermometer on the front cover. Let's send it off the page! We send out two scholarships every year in the names of Ethel Smith, K4LMB nd Mary Lou Brown, NM7N-two of our founding mothers.

Prizes are 1st-300.00

2nd-250.00

Please help us keep the scholarships going!

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3rd-150.00

2008 YLRL CONVENTION DOOR PRIZES

If you or someone you know is willing/ able to help provide door prizes for the 2008 YLRL Convention, please let Mary Moore, WX4MM know right away. It is great publicity for you and we are a Non-profit organization.

We will be providing each member a list of those vendors who have donated door prizes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please send donations to:

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She can be reached by phone at 334-745-0962 or by email at wx4mm@tm-moore.com if you would like more information.

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

DX countries. List requirements are the same as for the original application.

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50 Year Certificates

K5MIZ, Alverta Look; W6YICU/0, Jacquelyn van de Kamp



I hope spring is appearing where you are! Many parts of the US had quite a snowy winter. Maine has had about 10 feet of snow this year and the West has had even more. I had first hand experience with the snow in Colorado in February, mostly with a pair of skis. My OM Tony and I enjoyed our month in Colorado, spending most of our time in the area of Redstone and Glenwood Springs. We were able to join the Ski Country Amateur Radio Club for their informal Tuesday breakfast gathering each week. It was nice to see Christine KOALT, Sue NODBY and Trish N6SUM along with their OMs both there and on the slopes.

We started our trip sharing breakfast with Cheryl, NOWBV and John, KTOF on our first day in CO and ended it sharing dinner with them on our last day. Cheryl has been doing an awesome job as editor of YL Harmonics. I know I appreciate her hard work. The last issue was slightly delayed, but will be back on track with this issue. If you have information that you want published in YLH, please remember

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the deadline is the 15th of each even numbered month except August.

The 2008 Convention Committee is working hard preparing for our arrival in Huntsville in August. The HAYLARC YLs bravely volunteered to host YLRL even though none of them have ever attended a YLRL Convention. They invited us to come at the same time as the Huntsville Hamfest, providing an opportunity for those who wish to attend both events. There will still be plenty of time for YL activities and tours of area attractions. I hope that you have already made your reservations, but if you haven't, please use the enclosed registration form in this issue. The form is also available at www.ylrl.org.

This year I will be attending Dayton for the first time. I know that many of you attend every year and I am looking forward to seeing you there. There will be a YL Forum at Dayton, time to be announced. Be sure and look us up at the YLRL - Buckeye Belles booth.

Don't forget the Scholar-

ship Fund Drive. Marte KOEPE has mailed out tickets to many members. If you want more, be sure and let Marte know. The prizes will be drawn at Hunts-ville and the winner does not have to be present to win. Of course, donations to the Scholarship Fund are accepted anytime and can be made in honor of, or in memory of, members or friends if you wish. Send donations to Marte.

YLRL runs because of the dedication of many volunteers. I have appointed Barb, KA3VXR, as the new Supplies Chairman and Cynthia, WB3CNJ, to the Budget and Finance Committee. Thank you to each of them for being willing to serve. We are still looking for a Parliamentarian; please contact me if this is a task that interests you.

If you haven't renewed your YLRL membership yet, you are overdue! Please send your dues to Nancy KC4IYD, US & VE Receiving Treasurer or Jeanie WA6UVF, DX Treasurer. The

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DX-YL to North American YL Contest

CW: 1400 UTC April 4, 2008 to 0200 UTC April 6 2008

SSB: 1400 UTC April 11, 2008 to 0200 UTC April 13, 2008

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General Rules for YLRL Contests

- 1. Check to make certain you are sending logs to the CURRENT Vice-President.
- 2. Logs must be postmarked no later than 30 days after each contest ends.
- 3. Scoring:
 - •Phone and CW contests will be scored separately. Separate logs must be submitted for each contest.
 - •One point is earned for each different station worked on each band. The same station may be worked on different bands. In the YL-OM contest only, YLs count OMs and OMs count YLs.
 - •Multiplier will be the ARRL sections and/or DX countries, whichever is appropriate. Canadian provinces are counted individually. Multipliers are used only once on all bands when figuring the score.
 - •Contestants running a power output of 100 watts or less on CW and 200 watts PEP or less on SSB, at all times during the contest, earn a power factor of 1.5
 - •Computation is done by multiplying the points times the multiplier times the power factor.
 - •For each duplicate contact that is removed from the log by the Vice-President, a penalty of three additional and equal contacts will be exacted.
- 4. Logs:
- •All logs must show the operator's ARRL section, VE province, or country to qualify for awards. Where applicable, logs must state whether or not the operator is a member of YLRL. For each QSO, logs must also state the power output. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet.
- •Please type or print. Do not send carbon copies of logs. Photocopies are OK.
- •Logs must be signed and show claimed score. No logs will be returned.
- •Entries in log must also show time, band, date and transmitter power.
- 5. Exchange: Station worked, QSO number given and received, RS(T) given and received, and section/province/country.

UPCOMING EVENTS WITH A YL FLAIR!

Dayton
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Information

YLRL/Buckeye Belle Booth #234

YL Forum Room #5 2:15-3:15 pm Friday, May 16, 2008 DON'T FORGET THE 2008 YLRL CONVENTION IS BEING HELD IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA IN AUGUST!

CHECK OUT

WWW.YLRL.ORG FOR MORE

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IN THE CENTER SECTION OF
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REGISTRATION FORM.

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NOW!



ROOMMATES WANTED FOR 2008 YLRL CONVENTION IN HUNTSVILLE, AL.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO SHARE ROOMING EXPENSES AT THIS

YEAR'S YLRL CONVENTION? SO ARE OTHER YLS! PLEASE CHECK THE WEB

SITE OR CONTACT THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE TO FIND

OTHERS TO SHARE A ROOM. PLUS MORE YL ROOMS HAVE BEEN ADDED AT THE HOTEL! CHECK THE REGISTRATION FOR HOTEL DETAILS TO GET A GREAT RATE.



Hello to all.

Youth News de Kim Frazier, WX4KIM

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First of all, I would like to say that I hope that everyone is doing well. I know that there has been a lot of sickness going around. Lucidly, I have already had my fair share. I have been able to be involved with quite a few things since the last issue of

YL-Harmonics.

A few of my ham friends and I thought of starting a youth net on one of the 2-meter bands in our area. We thought that we might be able to draw in more youth that way. Those that have their ham license and those who do not, at least not yet anyways. So, we will see how that goes. It is being discussed right now by our ham radio club.

I was cleaning the house one

day when the telephone rang. It was our local EMA. One of my friends that work there called me to tell me that they needed some of the CERT members to volunteer with the Red Cross to help out at an air show. I was looking forward to it. The air show was on March 8, 2008. By the way, it was snowing horribly that morning, and I had to be there at 7:00 AM. It was as cold as could be and my CERT friends and I had to stay out in Bruno's parking lot a couple of miles from the air show itself, so that we could park cars and stuff. It started out to be miserable because of the snow and wind, but when the sun came out and the air show started really picking up the joy of being there had set in. Overall, I enjoyed it very much. I

got to assist the Red Cross, get a lot of exercise (a lot of working), and meet new people. I urge anyone that if they ever have a chance to work with the Red Cross to do so, because the Red Cross is so organized and on top of things, so therefore it is a joy working with them.

I am hoping to upgrade to Extra soon. Especially since they are planning on changing the test come June/July. I have been studying some and going to Tuesday night classes. I hope the best for others planning on upgrading soon as well.

Questions? Comments? Ideas? E-mail me at <u>ecsdavid@isp.com</u>. Thank you and I hope that everyone has a blessed Easter.

73's, Kim

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rural poor black families in the South. In May, she and Tony will attend the Dayton Hamfest, and of course will be attending the YLRL Convention in Huntsville in August.

Arline, W1LIO, has been affiliated with the GSA for decades, and send out patches to those girls who obtain the ham radio qualification. She recently reported that for the first time in years she received a thank you note and pictures of the event from a Girl Scout in Virginia who completed her ham radio patch and also passed the Tech exam. I find it amazing that she had never received a thank

you before, but better late than never!

Members of WRONE are looking forward to our May meeting, when we will gather at Warren's Lobster House in Kittery, Maine. We were there a couple of years ago and had a great time. All District One YLs and their friends are welcome. Contact me for any details.

Now, next time I won't be able to go on and on about yours truly, so I hope to have news from other District One ladies to fill this column. I have big shoes to fill!

33, Jane, N1PVT



Blanche, W4GXZ celebrates her 90th birthday.

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No Picture at this time.

While my name and address appeared on the by-line in the last column, it had actually been written by a real pro....our new president, Anne Manna, WB1ARU. Just as Anne had a hard time when to take off one hat and put on a new one, so I am having a problem just figuring out where I put the hat I need to wear! So please bear with me if I don't have the "news network" set up yet, for this is a new job for me. Let me first introduce myself.

My name is Jane Oliver and I have been a ham since the mid-nineties, currently holding a General class license. My call sign has been any easy one to remember, as I am the Number One Private, and am known as such in many circles. I have been a member of YLRL since 2004, having affiliated after winning the first place trophy in the YL-OM contest in 2004. I joined the WRONE group shortly thereafter, and have enjoyed meeting many 'new' New England YLs at our twice-annual meetings. I try to check into the Yankee Lassies nets on 3.912 MHz each Wednesday, but find that difficult in the 'fair' months, since my job as a farmer keeps me away from the radio most days.

I currently own and operate the family farm in Sutton, MA with my nephew Artie [formerly N1PVS]. We have a 180-acre fruit and vegetable farm in cen-

District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT

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tral Massachusetts, with a roadside stand that operates from April until Christmas, and affiliation with 10 farmer's markets in the greater Boston area. My son, Daniel, works as our chief marketer, although in the winter months he moves to Colorado, where he works on the mountain in Crested Butte as a lift operator. My daughter Rebecca [N1OGG] and her husband Tom [N1OOQ] live in southern New Hampshire and are not currently 'radio-active', although they met through ham radio fifteen years ago! My OM, Kris, is and Extra Class operator, N1LSM, and has Elmered countless high school students through his position as a science teacher at David Prouty High School in Spencer, MA. He is basically a life-long ham, first licensed in the early 1960's, and quietly defers to me as the 'operator' in the house, preferring to keep up the equipment so that I don't have a meltdown when I feel like operating!

I am also an active member of the YL-ISSB, which meets daily on 14.332 MHz, currently serving in the capacity of Vice President. Each day [until I start with the planting] I work with KB5YQ [Jda, TX] as assistant control of the first hour of the Early Morning Warm-up, which begins at 8 AM Eastern Time. We certainly welcome any members of YLRL [many of whom are already members] to join us anytime throughout the

day to become acquainted with our group. While not limited to YLs in membership, there are MANY YLs who are active in this organization, and it is great fun to meet them on the air and at conventions. Kris and I will travel to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to attend our annual convention at the end of June.

That pretty much exhausts any news I can tell you about myself, except to perhaps mention that I am a church musician in Worcester, MA, and direct three choirs [adult, youth and English hand bell] as well as play the organ/piano for all services. That job is such a nice change from transplanting, picking and bookkeeping that I don't know how I would remain sane without it!

Our illustrious president Anne, WB1ARU, should have returned home from her month long ski trip to Colorado with OM Tony, WA1ENO. Anne told me it was the first time in her life she'd ever had the opportunity to buy a season's pass for the lifts....sure hope they had a great time! In addition to being President of YLRL, she is Co-President of the Hanover Permanent Scholarship Fund, which will be having its annual fund drive in March. On Good Friday, Anne will again coordinate communications for a 20-mile walk to raise funds for

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District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF

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Hey Gals! esting fa

Are you ready for spring? Boy, I sure am! With the time change, I'm hopeful that I will feel more like getting outside and clean up the yard! It will be nice to have some warmer weather. I have to admit that I'm tired of the cold and snow.

It seems like Hamfest season started early this year in the Northern New Jersey/New York Long Island area. Ham Radio University in Long Island, NY, a day of learning, was held in January and drew a nice crowd. It's not a Hamfest, but a day filled with forums, and guest speakers. This years' keynote speaker was Gordon West, WB6NOA.

In Northern New Jersey, the local clubs are gearing up with Hamfests and auctions every weekend, along with Ham Radio one-day classes complete with VE Sessions for testing.

On Sunday afternoon, January 6, 2008,1 visited the New Providence Amateur Radio Club in Berkeley Heights, NJ for their Kid's Day Operation. The club really came out in force to set up 4 stations which all were consistently busy as there were many vibrant youngsters lining up for a chance to 'get on the air'. It was an enormous success with over 50 kids of all ages in attendance. The most inter-

esting fact about the whole operation was the amount of young ladies in attendance. It seems as though the girls really get into communicating and are far more comfortable behind the microphone than the boys were! This is when I realize how important YLs are in Amateur Radio. Ladies, we need to mentor these girls.

Something really special has grown out of this Kid's Day operation. One of the NPARC club members, Nick Esposito, KC2ONP has decided that it would be great to get kids on the air more during the week, so he has organized a weekly net;

Talk to the Kids - on Kids Club" each week on the W2LI repeater (147.255 — PL tone: 141.3) in NJ, on Thursdays at 8:00pm. Check it out! Plans are soon to include an HF net in order to reach more kids.

The Bergen Amateur Radio Association lost a very special YL in January. Doris Jankowitz, NW2B passed away after a short illness. Doris was always a very kind and caring lady. She was part of the Volunteer Examiner team for this area for many years. She and her OM Jerry, NO2T were always present when I tested for my Amateur license. I'd like to send condolences to Jerry, NO2T and daughter Wendi,

N2MFD and the rest of the family. Doris will be so missed by us all.

I haven't heard from many of the Ladies in the Northern New Jersey, Eastern New York, New York Long Island sections. It would certainly help us all if we could get more YLs to join YLRL and even plan some time to get together as YLs. Plans are being formed in Northern New Jersey by Heidi, KC2LEQ and some of the ladies from the BARA Club to have a Saturday afternoon get together during the Month of May.

You know spring is here when you start hearing about SKYWARN training! I'm going to be attending the NWS SKYWARN Coordinators meeting in March where planning will be done for upcoming SKYWARN training classes throughout the Division. If you haven't had the opportunity to participate in any of these classes, make this your year to attend if you can. It's free and the classes are fun and informative!

At this time, I am planning to get to Dayton Hamvention in May. It will be great to see the other YLs from across the US and the World! I hope to see many of you at the YLRL Forum. Happy Spring!

33-Joyce, KA2ANF

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District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL

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for a General Licensing class in the late summer or early fall.

Good news from Barb, KA-3VXR. She is now cancer free and looking fantastic! Barb celebrated New Year in Las Vegas, and as you can see, it promises to be a VERY GOOD year. And now we have the story of why she was in Vegas! Barb writes: "We had a wonderful Christmas filled with family, friends and fellowship. My daughter, sonin-law and two grandchildren (ages 9 & 10) from TX joined us for a week and together with all the local family members. we celebrated for three days. One day we had 13 grandkids here (10 under the age of 8). It was an exciting time for all of us but we missed the other 12 grandkids and their parents who couldn't be with us this year.

More festivities were to come, however, as we traveled to Las Vegas for the wedding of our youngest daughter who is a medical doctor and a Lt Commander in the Coast Guard. She is stationed at Cape Cod, MA and has a lovely cottage on the water. She and her husband. who is a pilot in the National Guard and going to law school in Boston, claimed to be too busy to plan a "traditional" wedding. So they opted to say "I Do" at the stroke of Midnight on New Year's Eve. It was magical and something to remember. The wedding was just lovely and the reception lasted most of the night. They say no one

sleeps in Vegas, and I can attest to that!!!!! About half of the family attended the wedding, which is why they couldn't come to PA for Christmas, too. We tried to sightsee as much of Vegas as we could squeeze in during the several days we were there before the wedding. After partying all night, we had to leave for the airport at 8:00AM to catch our flight back to PA. Needless to say, I slept for 2 days when I got home! I am just so thankful I was feeling up to enjoying all of the special times during the Holidays.



"What happens in Vegas...STAYS in Vegas!" de Barb, KA3VXR

Got some good news from my DX adoptee in Australia! Robyn VK3WX and her OM, Colin VK3DEV, are taking a trip in August to Scotland, New York, Florida, Las Vegas, Hawaii and will include my home QTH in their itinerary. I am excited and looking forward to an Eyeball OSO with her. She has been my adoptee since 1996

Hello from District 3! Can you believe that Valentine's Day has come and gone? The year is speeding by again, just as last year did. Our "winter weather" has been a mixed bag—here it is February and last week it was 64 degrees. We've had ice storms a few days ago and my poor dipole came down. It's been cold with high winds (bringing down quite a few trees) and then more snow, degrees in the teens. Freezing rain predicted for tonight again. Unfortunately I wasn't able to participate in the YL-OM Contest without the dipole. Believe me, I am ready for Spring!

We at WACOM (Washington Amateur Communications) did get our annual Special Event station in despite the weather. It was great to see so many hams from our neighboring clubs join us this year to operate and talk to those interested who came by our station.



Bit, N3BPB and Susan KB3JHQ at the WACOM Sports Show Station W3C.

We had folks signing up for our next Tech Licensing Class scheduled for this April and even some new members joining the club. Plans are in the works

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Greetings from WX4MM. I am writing for Carol this month as she is very busy assisting with care of her brother.

"Carol went to Michigan for a week with her daughter and family, helping take care of her 2-year old a few days. After that trip, she went to Charlottesville, VA to be with her brother who just underwent surgery at the U VA Hospital. He's Fred, W4DF from Lynchburg, VA. She will be staying with him and his wife another week probably. Her sister-inlaw has to go back to work a few days next week, so she will be the only one with him. She is driving from Lynchburg to Charlottesville each day right now, which is a hour and a half drive." Hope things continue to improve Carol.

From WX4MM in Alabama: The Alabama QSO party results are out. We had 4 YL's send in logs and 3 of the 4 are YLRL members including K4MHG, Martha Green in Alabama; K8VFR, Rosemary Robinson in Michigan; WB4FSF, Bonnie in Florida, and WX4MM, Mary Moore in Alabama. Mary won top score for Alabama YL and received a really nice plaque.



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District Four News de Carol Laferty, K4SAF

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The AQP 2008 will be June 7-8. It's actually a one day event but crosses over 'radio day' on UTC time. Hope to hear more of you out there this year.

Cheryl Whitlock, AA4YL, joined the Alabama Contest Group (according to the list-serve). She plans to be working more RTTY and contesting. More competition for the AQP for sure.

Barbara Reid, KR4SJ, has moved to Florida to be near her son and his family. Her OM passed away about a year ago. She's not on the air yet, but we have expectation that we will hear her on the air soon.

I got a terrific QSL card this week I need to tell you about. My 75 year old father passed his Tech and General a couple months ago. We worked each other during YLOM contest and he sent me his first outgoing QSL card. I think I'll frame that one.

From Emily, WE4MB in
Tennessee: "what is happening with me. I have been appointed ARRL Assistant Director-YOUTH Delta Division, which covers Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas http://zwww.arrldelta.org/staff, httml. If anyone in the Delta Division would like for me to come to an event and speak to the youth about Amateur Radio to please contact me at we4mb@arrl.net.

Mary, WX4MM receiving the award at the Russell county club meeting.

I just completed ARRL EM-COMM Level I course and I'm studing for Level II and III. I already have completed IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800A which is required if you work in emergency communications which I do in the way of working with our local EMA.

I will be working with ARRL in the YOUTH Lounge again this year during the Dayton Hamvention. This is something I really enjoy doing.

I have been invited to help operate a Special Event station for W9IMS (Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club) during the Indy 500 week. The Indy 500 is the week after the Dayton Hamvention. I'm really looking forward to going.

As you can tell I've changed my call to WE4MB. Please update your records to show my email as we4mb@yahoo.com.

Wow, Emily.... Keep up the good work. I always like to hear about hams who are involved in emergency preparedness and are willing to do whatever is necessary to respond when needed.

That⁷s all the news for now. Hope to see all of you in Huntsville for the YLRL Convention. I will also be doing the YLRL Forum at the Huntsville Hamfest. Got my reservations all done and ready to go. See you all there. Carol should be back next issue, keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

33, de Mary, WX4MM

•YL Harmonics March/ April 2008



Hello to AU,

We were blessed with some rain and thunder this week so I guess that will get the ground ready for all of us to plant our favorite spring time plants.

My OM Ed KA5VFU and I just returned from a week long business trip to Frankfurt Germany. Ed did most of the business meetings I went site seeing. I hoped to see some snow No snow but while I was looking out our hotel window located in Frankfurt NordWestZentrum I saw a very familiar site on top of the apartment building next to the hotel- a 3-element beam. Sure wish we knew that when we went over we could have made some DX contacts from the other side for a change, now that started me thinking about how many district 5 YLs have worked DX or how many contest? You will be glad to know I did fine a few and hopefully we can interest a few more to try.

I received an email from Karen N5IMW who is sharing her big announcement -She has submitted the paperwork to ARRE HQ for 5 band DXCC with just a few SSB contacts but she had enough countries on each band to have it all in CW. Yes ladies she is a DX'er. Karen also enters a few contests Field Day and the NA QSO party. OI< ladies, lets get on the air and work Karen she is starting over on her 5 band WAS.

District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

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Dee KF5OZ tells us she has been busy with her Rainbow meeting this winter and not much time for DX but she is looking forward to the YLRL Convention in Huntsville and hopes to see us there.

I talked to Joyce W5MWK and her bladder surgery went well and as soon as she heals from that they will proceed with looking for the perfect match for her kidney transplant. Joyce tells me she has the heart of a 40 year old and she is feeling fine and to tell all hello for her. She has been enjoying spending time with her first Great Granddaughter which is 8 month old now. Keep Joyce in your prayers.

I like DXing also I have 241 confirmed and just worked Ducie Island VP6DX tonight for an all time new one, also just received my certificate from CQ for WAZ. I was sent a webpage link from my friend Floyd N5FG and I thought you all may like it also -WOTA women on the air. http://wota2008.blogspot.com/

I received a phone call from Barb KE5QHZ and her OM Dan KE5QIC with news they are first time Great Grandparents - 7 lb 11 oz great granddaughter Cienna Reign Miller on 1/24/08 at 4:36pm. Congratulations to the Millers!

More good news from Karen KE5MVR and her OM Johnnie W5DCX of news their middle son Ken Taylor receiving his RN Degree and is currently working in Birmingham Alabama Hospital in the ER unit.

The SMYL's are preparing their bylaws / constitution for group approval and hope to be voting in the next few months. The ladies have been invited to Magnolia DX Assn Spring Picnic and will be providing covered dishes to accommodate the cook out. The ladies will be collecting recipes for all the covered dishes they are still working forward on the cookbook project.

33 de Betty Jo, KB5CSQ

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complete information is inside the front cover. Many thanks to Nancy and Jeanie for each taking on a new responsibility this year. I also want to thank the US YLs who are sponsors for DX YLs. Since many of the DX YLs have no way to send dues out of their country, you are enabling them to be members. If you are not a sponsor and would like to be, please contact Jeanie, WA6UVF, for more information. I look forward to seeing several of our DX members in Huntsville. 33.

Anne WB1ARU

WHO DO I SEND THAT TO? AKA WHAT IS TAKING SO LONG?

To all YLRL members.

I have been receiving a number of questions as Editor and wanted to clear up a few routes and time lines. Hopefully all your questions will be answered, but if you think of more, don't hesitate to ask! First off who do I send that to?

Don't always go by the return address on the envelope. That is the Editor's address as it is the registered address for bulk mailing, but it may not be who the material inside gets sent to for processing.

All dues go to the Receiving Tresurers.

US Dues go to KC4IYD, Nancy Rabel Flail
DX Dues for yourself (Outside the US & Canada) or any DX YLS you sponsor go to WA6UVF, Jeanie Parker

All Ballots go to the Secretary, WB3EFQ, Lois Gutshall
All Scholarship monies and questions go to IC0EPE, Marte Wessel

All Database/address questions go to the Database Manager, KC4IYD, Nancy Rabel Hall All Editorial questions, comments & corrections go to the Editor, N0WBV, Cheryl Muhr All Publicity questions & requests go to the Publicity Chairwoman, N0WBV, Cheryl Muhr

All Website questions go to KC4IYD, Nancy Rabel Hall

All 2008 Convention questions go to the YLRL 2008 Convention Committee (The HAYLARCS are our hosting club)

The information for all YLRL officers is in the front cover of Harmonics and can also be found with 2008 Convention information on the YLRL website at www.ylrl.org.if you have further questions.

Second, how long will that take? Times vary depending on whom you are contacting.

Address changes, magazine delivery starts and other changes in Harmonics can take 4-6 weeks after you notify us.

Memberships-dues go to the DX or US Receiving Treasurer (depending on type of dues-see above) who then sends the information to the Database Manager and Secretary. Meanwhile the funds are sent to the Disbursing Treasurer who processes them. It can take up to 8 weeks for processing and check cashing.

Back issues depend on when we get corrected information. Once an issue comes back we hold all issues until the address is corrected. US issues are only resent with the bulk regular issues while DX resends may be sent at any time.

Please remember that all our officers are volunteers and are using their free time to do all this work. Sometimes family issues or work issues may take precedence.

Thank you for supporting YLRL with your membership. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have questions-EVER! Hopefully this will clear up some of the time lines and routing issues. If you send dues to the Editor, they WILL be processed, but the processing will be delayed until she sends them on to the proper Receiving Treasurer. Also when there are new officers, there may be a slight added delay while they learn the processing and their duties.

Thank you for your help & cooperation, Cheryl Muhr, NOWBV, Editor of YL Harmonics

2008 YLRL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM HOLIDAY INN DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE, AL AUGUST 14 - 17, 2008

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Holiday Inn Downtown 401 Williams Ave., SW, Huntsville, AL 35801-5045 (256)533-1400 www.holiday-inn.com/huntsvilleal



Rate: \$78/double + tax & fee. Please use code: SYL to register. If you have already registered under Huntsville Hamfest, please inform hotel that you are coming for the YLRL Convention!!!!

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Registration Deadline: July 12, 2008

Thursday, August 14, 2008

Arrivals/Registration Hospitality Room

Possible tour/sightseeing if enough participants

Friday, August 15, 2008

8 a.m. President's Breakfast/Executive Board Meeting Continued registration

10 a.m. Business Meeting-Hotel

12 noon YL Luncheon-Hotel-Turkey Wrap, Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Sprouts, Pickle, Chips or Potato Salad, iced tea, coffee, and dessert.

Afternoon-Possible downtown walking tour (approximately 2 hrs.)

Hospitality Room

6:30 p.m. YL/OM Banquet-Hotel-Buffet:

Tossed Salad, Baked Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Cajun or Fried Catfish, BBQ Pork Ribs, Grilled Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Iced Tea, Coffee, And assorted cakes and pies.

Group Photo: before or after dinner

Drawings for Scholarship and Door Prizes

Saturday, August 16,2008

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.—Huntsville Hamfest and Southeastern ARRL Convention at Von Braun Center (across from hotel). There will be forums, license exams, new Dealer show, flea market, prizes—all inside.

Other possible tours will be offered:

- 1. Huntsville Botanical Gardens
- 2. Alabama Space and Rocket Center—inside and outside displays, IMAX theater, gift shop and cafeteria.
- 3. Historical District
- 4. National Weather Service

Evening: DX Banquet sponsored by the North Alabama DX Club—interesting Speaker—tickets are limited and must be purchased online in advance.

Sunday, August 17

7 a.m.- HAYLARC sponsored breakfast—All YL's, families, guests are invited to "dutch" breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant.

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Huntsville Hamfest continues.



District Six News de Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL

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District 6 YLs are keeping busy. I've caught-up with a few of them to bring you some news on what they have been doing and / or have planned for the months ahead.

Jeri Haines (KB6USX) spearheaded the LARA club's were participation in planning and hosting the ARRL Southwest Division Hamcon in September 2007. She reported that it was a lot of work, and the LARA club did get a nice return on their seed money for the event. Their club booth was strategically located in a high foot traffic area. On a personal note, Jeri had a rough end to 2007 with medical conditions, but she says she is on the mend now and looking forward to a great 2008. She'll be back on the air as soon as can get work done on her rig.

When I caught up with Sandi Heyn (WA6YZN) her and her OM Fried (WA6WZO) via email, they were on a ski trip to Mammoth. The heavy winter rains in California have made for excellent skiing

conditions. While in Mammoth, they have been checking into the Bishop ARC nightly nets. In March they will be headed to the NAB convention in Las Vegas which includes an ARRL Booth and Amateur Radio Operator Reception sponsored by Bob Heil (K9EID.) From there they will be headed to the International DX Convention in Visalia, CA the weekend of April 25th to the 27th. That is a fun convention with fascinating presentations on recent DXpeditions, and attracts hams from around the world.

On a sad note, sometime over the last couple of years Midge Hasper (K6BUS) became a Silent Key. Last summer, I mailed a card to her and it came back undeliverable. I was unable to locate any details, but her passing was confirmed by several OMs on the local repeater where her OM had been a control operator for many years before he became a Silent Key. They couldn't remember exactly when, but, "It had been some time ago." If it's been awhile since you've heard some one on the air, maybe it is time to pick up the phone and give them a call to let them know you are thinking of them.

I'll be headed to the island of Maui in April. While I am there, I will visit another ham who has offered me the use of his station to check into a couple of the evening 3905CC nets that I am active on. There are YLs in Hawaii, but they rarely check into the nets, so I am hoping for good propagation and a lot of contacts. I plan on bringing some issues of Harmonics and membership applications for the local radio club. I'll also be traveling with my HT, so perhaps I will meet some other YLs on the air.

That⁷s all the new I have for now. Warning to District 6 YLs: Don't be surprised if you get an email or phone call from me looking for news to share.

33, Ginger, AB6YL

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and we have enjoyed our friendship immensely. If you don't have an adoptee, check it out..... it is very rewarding." Barb forwarded a copy of the ALARA newsletter with the comment: "Guess who made the front page!!!!!! HA HA" This is terrific news from Barb and we wish her all the best.

Lois, KB3EFQ writes "Don't have much except that Tom and I are taking a cruise this summer to Scandinavia and Russia in July.

We hope to get to a few Hamfests and will be camping with our camping club." Sounds terrific Lois, and let us know how the trip goes.

On another note, being here inside has some advantages. Like being able to get on the radio without the guilt of not doing "outside work" in the garden. In the last 3 days my SO Ed, N3ZNI and I have managed to get both DXpeditions to Ducie

and Cocos Islands on two bands each. We'll keep trying for the rest.

The first Hamfest of the year in this area is coming up next weekend. I hope to see some of our YLRL members there and maybe we can convince some of our area YLs to come and join us. That's about all the news from this area this month. Believe me, we'd love to hear from you all so send us in your news. And think spring! 73, 33 Jacque N3ZEL



Wake Up YLs! Spring is coming! I found daffodil shoots poking through the earth this afternoon. So hang in there.

It's time to make plans to participate in upcoming Hamfests, Hamventions, and Electronic Flea Markets.

It has been a quiet winter here as far as ham radio is concerned. MINOW Net was really saddened by the news that Carolyn WA7SW is now a Silent Key. She was one of our faithful check-ins on Friday mornings until she became ill a little over a year ago. Ruth K1IIF and I have been the only check-ins for the last couple of months. The band has been terribly noisy but we keep hoping conditions will improve so Phyllis W2GLB and others can connect again.

The Evergreen Intertie YL
Net has also been quiet. Here
in Washington we have had
record snowfall in the mountains so the East-West Trunk
of the Intertie has been turned
off until some of the snow
melts and someone can get
up to make repairs at Naneum Ridge. So only YLs in the
Puget Sound area can access
the net and they have been
few and far between lately.

District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

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But we are planning to have our usual YL table at the Mike and Key ARC Electronics Show & Fleamarket in March at the Puyallup Fairgrounds and I'm looking forward to meeting old and new friends.

I was pleased to receive a call from Roxanne AB7HO who used to check in to our Evergreen Intertie YL Net regularly before she moved to Seaside, OR. She is hoping to start a YL Net in that area.

Barbara Yasson AC7UH reports that The Two Rivers Net will get together for their annual post holiday luncheon February 23 so I'm hoping to have a few photos for the next issue.

Congratulations to Elizabeth KK7VO who was reelected 1st Vice President of the Klamath Basin Amateur Radio Association..

**** Attention _ 7th District YLs

It's time to make your reservations for the YLRL Luncheon on Saturday. May 31 at 11:30 a.m. at SEA PAC, Seaside, OR. The speaker will be Kathleen Resburg KE7AJH who will talk about her experiences with the HEART (Hospital Emergency Amateur Radio Team) organization.

Now it⁷s your turn - I'll be looking for news from you — of elections, upgrades, activities, new projects and awards Have a good spring!

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Sara AB7PS

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of the year for me but need it done soon to get rid of the constant pain. Tylenol is my best friend lately.

Hope the propagation straightens up soon. This is the worst year we've had and my sources say that maybe by April, the OSSBN can move back to their regular time and freq for the evening nets. It has been so bad that two people have called the net in OH and neither hears a peep out of the other. Some nights the band drops out after the net is called at 6:00 pm and by 6:05 it is completely gone.

I hope to have better news for the next issue.

33 and Teddy Bear Hugs,

Connie Keep warm and safe.



From Jean, KB8YHN

As I am writing this I still have snow drifts around the house and since the drive had to be plowed more have been added. Saturday was a county state of emergency from our EMA dept, so since I could not go anywhere I did what most women would do (if you sew). I went to my sewing room and did just that, sewed. At least I got things together for my trip to the hills of West Virginia on Thursday the 13th for a weekend of sewing and meeting new and old friends, best part is we have no papers, radio or TV for the four days. I could call it the FDIM (Four Days In March, with apologies to the QRP community). I understand that Carol KI8IM has become a grandmother to a beautiful granddaughter. Congratulations to her and her son and daughter-in-law.

Keep warm and be safe.
From Carolyn, N8ST
Well, I entered the YL-OM contest for both the CW/Digital and the SSB parts. Although the weather has been too cold to go outside and try to make contacts through the satellites like we were doing last Fall, we are looking forward to Field Day with the USS JURASSIC crew. It will be our 10th Field Day in a row for this club.
That's about it for me this time.

District Eight News de Jean Ruth, KB8YHN

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From Nancy, KC4IYD I am slowly learning all the ins and outs of being your RT so please be patient with me. I've been receiving 5-10 renewals each day and am trying to process them. However, if you have any question about your renewal, just email me.

Also, I attended a real neat teacher's workshop called SEEC - Space Exploration Educators Conference at Space Center Houston in Houston TX from Jan 29 - Feb. 1. This conference is designed for teachers to come and learn from other teachers and folks from NASA related areas how to demonstrate various space exploration related activities in the classroom. I helped with a session called "Demonstrating Microgravity in the Classroom" which showed teachers how they can introduce the concept of microgravity or freefall (what an astronaut experience on the shuttle as space station as it orbits the Earth) to their students using simple devices that they can easily build. In addition I was able to attend several sessions including one called "GirlZ Just Wanna Have (Space) Fun" which talked about ways to get girls to become more confident about math and science and introduce them to concepts and activities that they may

not have access to normally, things like electronics, building simple machines, using a soldering iron, etc.

From Connie, N8IO I've been to the TUSCO Hamfest in Strausburg on Jan 20 and the Mansfield Midwinter Hamfest in Mansfield on Feb 10 so far this year. Been quite busy with Dr appts and my OM being in the hospital on and off. He was in for a low blood count in December of 6 and now it is back up to normal Thank Goodness. This past week he was back in for two days for an ongoing infection. Right now he has a machine that pumps antibiotics in twice a day hung around his neck. He goes to the local Wound Center every day to have the antibiotics refreshed and his foot dressed.

I'm scheduled to moderate a forum at the Dayton
Hamvention in May on some phase of traffic handling. This will be the third year that the Ohio Single Sideband Net is sponsoring. I also assist with the VE team there so I look to be busy. I have to have a hip replaced but that has not been firmed up yet. Too busy time

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District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

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Happy spring or at least it will be when you read this. As I write this it is snowing yet again. The frustrating thing is we were to leave for Las Vegas in an hour, but the snow has us hung up. Our airport is open, but the airport where we were to get a connecting flight is closed. We are supposed to leave at 5:00 this afternoon. We'll see.

We had our first Fox Hunt of the season two weeks ago. It had been postponed because of weather so it seems everything is being affected by weather so far in 2008. I hope the rest of the year goes smoother.

I got a letter from Dot N9ALC, telling me that the past year has been very busy. Her O.M., Bob, had carotid artery surgery and now a pace maker. He is doing well now. Dot is spending time on the radio at night. She has 100 countries on 3 bands - and now working on 40 meters. She is also busy with Christmas projects. She also decided to stat playing her violin again. Dot is such a busy lady, I really admire her energy.

I also heard that Carol, WD9CNW, entered the YL-OM contest along with Tobi, K9TCD, Catherine, KC9KJU, Cyd, N9CV, Michelle, KC9HDB, and Tamie, KC9LWX. For the ladies new to HF operations, there were a few new concepts. Cyd had been trying to work Guantanamo Bay, Cuba before leaving her house. Tobi tuned to the frequency, and sure enough, the guy was loud and clear, demonstrating a pileup. Unfortunately, with the pileup and band conditions, he couldn't hear Tobi, despite persistent calling. Cyd also tried for a while, but then we switched to "our" contest. Picking a spot on 40, we found ourselves in the middle of a sprint! Another new concept!! The rules for a spring were explained, and we grabbed contacts as they raced up and down the band. Each lady took a turn and made contacts.

Later we tried 80m, demonstrating bad band conditions. The silence on 80m was broken suddenly by AH6EZ. Dick. Perhaps a little bird had emailed him

frequency, but nonetheless, there he was—booming over the noise, but he only gave us a 4/4! Later N9QPE, Ken, patiently tried two bands before finally making a contact with Tamie, and Tim N9TO, got on the band and gave us another point. All our 80m contacts were via groundwave.

Overall, it was a good night. But most importantly, it was the camaraderie that made the evening so much fun. Being a YL in a predominately OM hobby can be a little intimidating at times. Despite poor band conditions, or perhaps because of the band conditions, several new friendships were formed as the YLs united! We're looking forward to the nest YLRL contest in April.

I look forward to the Dayton Hamvention and May. Hopefully the snow will be finally over by then.

33, Carole WB9RUS



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, ICBONAS

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From Cheryl, N0WBV, this is really been a Ham Radio year! We have been going after the DXpeditions and so far Have Ducie and Clipperton Island in the logs. Plus filling out some of the other certificates and just worked 2 new YLs for my YL CC. Both ladies were on RTTY!

Starting in May, the Hamfests and Conventions start. I plan to be at the Dayton Hamvention® in May and then attend the YLRL Convention in Huntsville, AL in August. I still have to finalize plans for the ALARA meet in September. Lucidly the OM, John, KT0F, is a big supporter and is even planning to attend the YL events with me. Flope to see you there for an eyeball QSO! 33, Cheryl, N0WBV

The Colorado-YLs held their quarterly meeting at the home of Marie, WB0HUC in March. A very good turnout considering the Denver area weather has been so unpredictable.

I am definitely hoping to go to Huntsville this summer, and hope to see everyone there.

Send news! Doshia



Current Colorado-YL president, Mary, KC0MEZ



Our Hostess, Marie, WBØHUC



District 10 Chairwoman, Doshia, KB0NAS (Right) with Sharlene, KB0WBT

DX Nets to check out for YLs

Triple T

Wednesday @ 2130UTC on the repeater station VE3TTT-R IRLP Node No. 2400 This happens every second Wednesday Minnie VE3DBQ usually looks after us.

YL Friendship Net

Saturday @ 2100UTC on the conference station *VAN-IRLP* IRLP Node No. 9008 This one is on the first and third Saturdays of the month Ann ZL3TNT is Net Control

YL Downunder Net

Thursday @ 0500UTC on the conference station *VI<EMCOMM* IRLP Node No. 9508
This net operates on the fourth Thursday of the month (next one is 28th February). It started with the Gold Coast YLs looking for contact with DX YLs as well as VK YLs and asked me to organise this on Echolink as some of the ladies don't have access to the internet (being in the country/bush areas of Queensland)

I'm net control for this one (VK5JSH)

DX YL 222 Net

Every Monday at 0530UTC on 14.222MHz - net control June VK4SJ

VIC/ZL Net

Every Friday at 0500UTC on 14.148MHz - net control is whoever is on first



Alaska District News de Heather Hasper, KL7SP

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Hello from Alaska.

As we emerge into spring the days are getting longer and breakup is starting to occur. Soon it will be antenna and tower climbing weather.

With the change in Daylight savings time, Sunrise is at 830 in the morning and sunset is around 750PM with us gaining 5 minutes a day.

The IDITAROD is in full swing and the Yukon Quest is complete. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to support these events.

All our efforts are focused on the ARRL Alaska State Convention coming to Anchorage, August 1 -4th, 2008. Many national figureheads will be attending our event. We are up to 20 national vendors which for those of you in the lower 48 may not seem like a big deal, but we very seldom get one vendor much less two. So for our state that is 3,000 plus miles away from the lower 48 to be getting 20 national vendors is a great accomplishment.



Many other activities are being planned for our Hamfest and

We also have representatives from all components of the amateur radio community coming to our event. Including ARRL President Joel Harrison, NW Division Director, Jim Fenstermaker, Stewart Carter, Chief of Military Amateur Radio Service (MARS), and we are also working with FCC Chairman Kevin Martin to coordinate his attendance at our event.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for anyone wanting to visit Alaska and combine a great hobby. We have obtained a discount rate for Alaska Airlines for those who wish to fly up here and attend. For those of you who have dreamed of an Alaska vacation, this is a great opportunity. We have found two cruises that arrive a few days prior to our event. The cruises allow visitors to see and enjoy the beauty of Southeast Alaska and then arrive in Whittier just south of Anchorage three days prior to the start of the convention to allow for other tourism opportunities once you arrive in Anchorage.

We will be operating a Special Event DX station from the Arctic Circle, 198 miles north of Fairbanks for the week before and the week after our event. This will give people a chance to travel and see our vast huge state.

convention. Operators will be coming from all over the world. We currently have registrations from operators in the UK, Germany, Japan and Australia as well as many members of the Yukon Amateur Radio Association will also be coming into ANC for our event.

If you wish to drive to Alaska in a motor home, check out our website ____www.akhamfest.com for information and to keep up to date on all our fun events.

Thanks for all your support, and we hope you can all come see us this August for a great Amateur Radio Convention in the Last Frontier.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

You can email me at <a href="I<L7SP@arrl.net">I<L7SP@arrl.net or feel free to call me at 907-275-7474.

33,

KL7SP



Promoting our Alaska Convention at the Mie & Key Flea Market, Seattle Washington; March 8, 2008.



Wet winter weather on Vancouver Island is the norm and we have not had too many stormy days. A lot of snow in November but since then we have even had a spell of lovely cold, bright, sunny days, which is most unusual for the West Coast of Canada. Snowdrops and crocus are in bloom. Spring is almost here.

I have managed to contact the CLARA Net, Tangle Net and the YL Open House, on occasions, but the YLDX Net still eludes me. This spring I have been added to the schedule to be Net Control for the CLARA Net. We can only hope for some good propagation. QSO's with Rose-Marie, KB4RM, and Pat, K7DUC, are always enjoyable and look forward to meeting them on air again as well as in Huntsville.

I have finally been thrown, complaining loudly, into the 20th Century. No, not the 21st Century... My old computer gave up and lost just about everything I had recorded. I am sure it has happened to many of you but it is a first for me. Did I ever do a back up? No, of course not... A friend, Dave, managed to save some of my data and has setup a new computer for me. The "Cableguy" has installed a highspeed connection to the Internet and I am gingerly working my way through the system. Everything is vastly superior to my old dial-up connection and YL Harmonics March/April 2008

VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

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Windows '98. I will have to enroll in a course to learn how to use all the bells and whistles. Burn a CD/DVD? M-m-m-m.... I am sure the meaning of "burn" is quite different from the one I know.

33 Suzanne VE7IM

Jeanne - VA3WX writes that January was a birthday month. She took two friends out to lunch and her OM celebrated his birthday as well and she treated him to a supper. Band conditions have been very poor and the 80-meter CLARA Net has not been successful for quite awhile. Some nights we cannot even hear a YL! Hopefully, with a time change in mid March it will help. Looking forward to participating in the CLARA and Family Contest on March 11th and 15th.

33's Jeanne VA3WX

Ann - VE3HAI writes that she and her family had a great Christmas. Her daughter, Janet, N9ZKU, was home for the holiday and they spoke to the gang in Canmore twice on Christmas day. What a treat! The Net List that Ann was working on is complete and posted on the RAC web site. It contains all the Canadian Nets that CLARA YLs could identify. The Nets are listed by frequency, making it easy to see how busy the bands are here in Canada. It was an interesting project. Now the challenge will be to try to keep it current.

Ann has been asked to give a presentation to the University of Toronto Hart House Radio Club again this year. Her topic will be Amelia Earhart: The Amateur Radio Connection. Ann's OM, Bare, VE3HAH, is helping her prepare a PowerPoint presentation that includes some rare movie footage of Amelia's final flight.

This year, 2008, Ann and Bare celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They have already made plans to take the whole family to PEI for the first week in August. Ann is counting the days until they are in *lobster country*. Hi!

33 de Ann, VE3HAI

Beth - VE7YL writes: Wet cold winter on the coast - more snow than usual but we have fared far better than friends in the north and on the prairies. Have managed to work the YL on Cocos Island - didn't need it for a new yl country but for the CLARA challenge. Boy what a pile up and simplex too! My plans progressing for the YL International Conference in South Africa - am booked as far as Johannesburg - after the Conference a question mark but I will return home via the UK. Snowdrops out in the garden early February - spring is not far away

33 Elizabeth VE7YL

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Kudos to Ann, WAIS for her very successful operation on FO/ Clipperton. Many YLRL members worked her on various bands and modes. E-mails were flying among YLRL members containing times and frequencies where to find Ann operating. Ann is one of our most active onthe-air YLRL members and always acknowledges YLs during her DXpedition experiences.

Our congratulations also go to Hiromi, JJ1CAS who was awarded 1st place for all of Japan National Karate Championship for the 3rd consecutive year.

Many YLs plan to attend the YL International Meeting this October which takes place in South Africa. For those who do not know, the originating ideology for forming YL International Meetings came from the concept of encouraging YL's to meet internationally with no formal connection to other YL organizations. The uniqueness of YL International Meetings offers gatherings of YL's from all over the world without membership or sponsorship of YL organizations or leagues. This process opens up freedom for all YLs to participate. The next meet-

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ing country is chosen by vote of those present during the end of each YL International meeting.

Dayton Hamvention® in Dayton, Ohio is just around the corner in May. For those of you who have not attended it is awesome to view the numerous forums, latest equipment and most of all to see many YLs. Don't forget to stop by the YLRL booth and attend the YLRL Forum.

This year I am looking forward to presenting a program on YLRL members; Miyo, JR3MVF, Bharathi, VU2RBI and myself, Jeanie, WA6UVF as we operated on VU7RG DXpedition, Lakshadweep Islands, India, January, 2007. It was a great honor last year

for our teams to accept Dayton's DXpedition of the year award, 2007.

One of the upcoming events for YL operating next year will be in January, 2009: VP8 YL-DXpedition on Falkland Island. YLRL member, VP8AIB, Janet and her OM are the planners of this operating event. Tliis is a YL only" DXpedition with 10 YLs participating. The list of YL operators is close to completion and already contains many YLRL members.

Please let me know of YL operating events as this definitely promotes Amateur Radio activity among YLs. As a reminder again, please send me any correction to calls, addresses and e-mail addresses.

33, Jeanie

With the number of Silent Keys, please remember that many of them were sponsors of our DX members. Some of the DX ladies have been members for a long time and we want to help them to keep their continuous membership. Other DX YLs are in need of a sponsor as well. Please consider sponsoring a YL in YLRL!

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New Members for March-April 2008

We are pleased to introduce these new members to YLRL.

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Patricia Lovarco KD4ABZ

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Birthday: December 6

Patricia is a member of the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Club, FIST's and 10-10 International. She operates

on SSB and CW

District 8

Dot Silman KB8TQU

502 Waynoka Dr. Sardinia, OH 45171 Birthday: June 6

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Dot is a member of the USS Jurassic ARC. Her OM

Jerry is KB8PVY

District 6

Jennifer O'Connell KI6OIL

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Jennifer is newly licensed and enjoys nets, field days, relays and races. Her OM Lynn is also licensed

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Marcia is involved in EmComm nets and her local radio club. She also does digital Audio editing and participates

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If someone you know is not getting their YL-Harmonics please let the editor know and give her a corrected address. Sometimes the issue comes back with either "Unknown" or "No Forwarding address" and we have no way of knowing how to contact the member. Our best hope is to list someone in "Missing in Action" and hope someone can help with updates. Please update your records and those of any YLs you sponsor each year to stay current. Thank you -The Editor

The Young Ladies' Radio
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send thanks to
Phyllisann KE4FZI
for all her help with the
YLRL supplies after Jan,
WA2YL became a silent
key. She was a big help
to both YLRL and Jan's
family. Your help is
greatly appreciated!

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Heather - VE3H0H writes:

Happy New Year to all and all the best for 2008. Boy, are we ever getting an old fashioned winter this year. Snow, snow and more snow. Temperatures are up and down like a vo-vo. Yesterday was +2C and today is -10C and dropping with high winds blowing ground snow. Tomorrow should be milder with snow. I hope the rest of the week is better since I'll be delivering flowers for our daughters' flower shop. (Valentines). Over the years we have been very fortunate weatherwise.

33 Heather VE3HQH

Paulette - VE7VPE writes:

What a winter it has been this year for everyone!! Mother Nature at its best. Good thing we are snowbirds again this year in Cathedral City, CA. Even though the weather here has been 10 to 15 degrees cooler than normal, it sure beats the cold and snow they are experiencing at home in Surrey, British Columbia. We have been busy doing renovations to our mobile home here and, of course, spending lots and lots of time outside and in the pool. Unfortunately haven't had much time on the radio, as they don't allow tall antennas on the grounds. So what we have done is in the truck with the mobile. Not much activity here during the day on the local repeater. They do have an active radio club and my OM, John, has gone to a few meetings. I have tried to be active on the nets using EchoLink. That has been the closest lately to talking to anyone on a radio.

Have been doing a lot of

quilting while here and go to a quilting group every Monday afternoon. One other lady and myself have started giving short demo and informational sessions during the afternoon. which has gone over very well with the participants. Ouite a few of them are brand new to quilting so these sessions are helping them to get started. I've managed to finish a very large Christmas Quilt that I started 2 years ago for my daughter and have completed a wall hanging for the mobile. Now I'm working on another wall hanging and designing nametags to embroider for the quilters group.

We, my OM and myself, are also hosting, along with another couple, the weekly Wednesday morning bike rides here in the resort. Each week we go on a bike ride to some location in the area. The rides are normally between 10 and 20 miles round trip. We start at 11 am and usually get back around 2pm with a stop somewhere for either a picnic lunch or restaurant. The bike outings are well attended with about 10 to 14 people each week going on the rides.

So we have been keeping busy and unfortunately we will have to return back to Canada by the end of March. Our time here is quickly coming to an end and then back to the cooler weather, gardening, repairs, etc.

Hope this finds everyone well and managing the weather wherever you are. 33's Paulette

News from Moose Jaw de Vai, VE5AQ

Wow, here it is February already, where has the winter

gone. Oh well, according to the local gopher population we are still 6 weeks away from spring. So as I sit here knowing that this article goes in for the March/April issue, it is -16C or 3F, with about 3 inches of snow on the ground, but the sun is shining, not a cloud in the sky and for once, no bitter wind.

Harv and I finished with the radio classes Dec. 13th, as we didn't want our students to have to do lots of studying over the holidays. Well, as it turned out, 2 students wrote their exam on the 13th, but only 1 passed. The other young man, who is in High School, forgot to mention to me that he started his Christmas exams the next morning. If I had known that, he would not have come to class, as school comes first. Oh well, all in all, the 3 students we had all passed their exams, and all have their Radio license and although have not been on the radio yet, they will be soon. So I guess that both Harv and I did a good job teaching them. Hopefully next fall, we will have classes again, and will be able to get a few more folks onto the radio. Teaching is not an easy job, as some people seem to think it is, so you have to prep the night before to make sure you have everything needed for the chapters that will be taught. I know I had a bucket full of show and tell articles in my dining room for the 6 weeks, as Harv did not want to have to send me downstairs to pull things out of his stash, I would have probably brought up the wrong stuff anyways.

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VP8 Falkland YL operation

Have you ever wanted to operate from somewhere new? Well, here's your chance! Bob, VP8LP and Janet, VP8AIB are sending out this message to all YLs.

Hi,

VP8LP, VP8AIB and some friends are organizing a YL only operation from the Falkland Islands and would like to know if you would like to take part.

The idea has arisen because there has never been a YL expedition here, and only a few YL operators over the years, making VP8 YLs much sought after.

Please note this is not an expedition as such. The plan is for it to be a YL only operation for 1-2 weeks, with each lady having her own VP8 callsign. Each YL would be welcome to work at her own pace and not be under any pressure to achieve any targets. The most important thing is to have a fun time

Each YL will be responsible for finding funds to cover their trip i.e. flights, accommodation etc. Local VP8s will provide the operation shacks and antennas, but it would be advisable to bring your own radio. One would hope your local club might assist in fund raising activities/sponsorship.

At this early stage we are trying to gauge interest from amateurs we have actually had contact with. If you feel you are unable to make the event for whatever reason, please pass this on to your local YL club or a friend who may wish to come. We are hoping the event will take place a year from now (next Southern summer) so there is time to make arrangements.

Looking forward to hearing from you

Bob VP8LP and Janet VP8AIB

For more information contact Bob and Jannet at bob janet@horizon.co.fk

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Now on another topic, does anyone know when the ham bands are going to improve? I thought it was supposed to be this winter, but it sure doesn't sound like it. I do net control for the Aurora Net (7.055 Mhz) every Monday evening, 23:30Z and if it were not for the relay stations, I know I wouldn't get the number of check-ins that I do. By the time the bands smarten up here on the Prairies, it will be May, and then the summer hash starts and I will be gardening and camping, so will miss that.

We are looking forward to camping this year, with the hopes that it is not as hot as last. We have an older Airstream camper, and being hams, and at times more Scottish than anything else, we use battery and propane power, so therefore

do not have an air-conditioner. Last summer, we were supposed to be gone for 14 days, and managed 6 due to 100F temperatures. This year, we are planning on going out for the last 2 weeks in June, hopefully that way, we miss all the pre long weekend beer drinkers and all the screaming kids who because of summer holidays are allowed to stay up well into the wee hours of the morning. Guess both Harv and I are just getting far more mature and don't like the noise that we used to, peace and quiet in now the answer.

Well, guess I have rambled on enough for this issue. My prayers for those who need them, our deepest sympathies for those who have lost loved ones and wishing everyone else a very happy spring. The 2007 President's Challenge

In 2007, Mary More, WX-4MM again sent out her "President⁷s Challenge" to all YLs. The goal-log all YL contacts during the year and send her your log by January 31, 2008. This year there were only 2 winners, but look how well they did! Christa Elksnat, DJ1TE worked 104 different YLs Rosel Zenker, DL3KWR worked 96 different YLs Congratulations to both of them! Each of them will receive a YLRL shirt. Mary adds, "I would like to thank them for being active and participating in the challenge." Mary Moore, WX4MM

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