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From:
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Hello YLs:

I am so happy and excited to think that we only need \$1,480.00 to reach our goal of \$5,000. All because of YOUR donations to the scholarship fund. My sincere THANKS to each of you.

We have as of this date in bank \$3,520.00. Let's blow the top off that thermometer!

I am sorry to tell you that I will not be able to attend the YLRL convention. My OM, Pete-W0CM is not well and it is not advisable to leave him alone.

The DEADLINE for returning your donation tickets to me is JULY 31, 2008. I will need time to do the final report of PAID donors and bank account then send all information and tickets to Alabama.

WA0WOF, Kay and WB1ARU, Anne will be in charge of the August 15th drawing. They can call me regarding the WINNERS and I will then send checks. Wishing you all "Good Luck".

I will miss seeing my old friends and making new ones. All of you have a wonderful time and enjoy one another. Cherish this time together.

33,

Marte KOEPE

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meeting up with YLs who have moved into residences where antennas are nearly impossible to install. In the past, most of the nets and contests sponsored by YLRL have been on the HF bands. There are many YLs who are unable to participate. IRLP and Echolink offer an opportunity for worldwide communication without HF equipment.

Currently there are some nets on that are primarily for YLs, and I would like to get one started that would be sponsored by YLRL. If you are interested in this possibility, please get in touch with me by e-mail, phone or written mail. We need to find ways to make it possible for YLs to get on the air and meet other YLs. Remember, our purposes

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as stated in our Constitution include encouragement and assistance to YLs.

As you will note on page -- of this Harmonics, many of our long time members have become silent keys in the past few months. Many of these YLs were not only members, but had been willing to take an active role in the leadership of YLRL. On behalf of all of us, I offer sympathy to the family and friends of each of them. They will be missed.

Luckily, there are new YLs stepping up and taking on some of the responsibilities of YLRL. Also, it is exciting to hear from our RTs, Nancy and Jeanie, that new members have joined YLRL. If each of us made

an effort to introduce YLRL to just one YL, imagine how many more new members we would have!

Our organization has a proud history. I can think of no better way to honor the members who have become SICs, than to continue YLRL as a network for women in amateur radio for years to come.
33, Anne WB1ARU

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CERTIFICATES PROGRAM:

I'm happy to announce the following people have received certificates or upgrades in the first part of 2007.

YL-DXCC Certificate upgrade:

Gaetano "Gary" Gondola, I8IHG from Italy received an upgrade sticker for his 175th contact on April 24, 2008.

YL-WAC Certificate:

Masaru Tomewake JA1RAE from Japan received certificate number 1508 for working YLs on each of the six continents. Her certificate was dated 4-1-2008.

Congratulations to both of these Amateur Radio operators for a job well done.

The certificate program has gotten off to a slow start because I have been working on my dissertation for a doctoral degree. Now that is hopefully finished (unless the professor rejects it <I cringe at the thought>), so I can get back to some other things.

The YLRL certificate information is now on the YLRL webpage. Thanks Nancy KC4IYD/8 for putting everything on there. You can see the rules the membership voted into use, and soon she will have photos of the new certificates on the webpage. I hope you will all take advantage of this great tool to keep up with new and old information about the YLRL. I also hope to hear more YLs on the air as I'm working on some of the certificates myself. <Grin>

Basic Rules Applicable To All YLRL Certificates

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

Continuous Membership Certificate

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

Continuous Membership-Mary Moore, WX4MM-1593 Lee Road 375, Valley, AL 36854,
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*Last issue under 15 year stickers Arline Berry should be W1L1O
She was mistakenly listed as W7L1O.*



President's Message

de Anne Manna, WB1ARU

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I want to start off this issue with an invitation to each of you to join us in Huntsville, AL for our YLRL Convention. The HAYLARCs are working hard to get everything ready for our arrival on August 14.

Our business meeting will be on Friday morning, followed by the YL Luncheon. On Friday evening we will have the YL-OM Banquet with prizes and surprises!

Saturday will be tour day with many choices including the US Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville Botanical Gardens, the Weather Bureau, Alabama Constitution Village and Twickenham Historical District. Additionally, the Huntsville Hamfest will be in full swing on Saturday and Sunday. Ann WAIS will be the featured speaker at the Hamfest DX Banquet on Saturday, speaking about her recent trip to Clipperton - TX5C.

Huntsville is frequently listed as one of the best cities in the country in which to live and work. I am looking forward to seeing a part of the US that I have not visited before, and

hope that you are too. Of course what I am mostly anticipating is the chance to visit with many of you. Even though amateur radio is our connection, we often do not meet up on the air.

The Convention provides the opportunity to meet in person and see the face behind the call sign. I know I have enjoyed every convention that I have attended from Washington DC to Hawaii and several places in between. You can find the information and registration form in the March/April issue of YLH and online at <http://www.ylrl.org>.

Here in Massachusetts we are still waiting for spring to really show up. Spring is not New England's best season, so the cool rainy days are not a surprise. What was a surprise was seeing all the snow still on the ground in Maine when I went to the Maine ARRL Convention - Androscoggin Hamfest on April 4 and 5 in Lewiston. This was my second year to attend and hold a forum for YLs. I was pleased to see more YLs there this year.

By the time you receive this issue of YLH, Dayton

will be a memory for another year, but it will have been my first year to attend the Hamvention®. Perhaps some of you will have been there too.

In August it will be the New England ARRL Division 1 Convention. It is held every other year in Boxboro, MA and will be right after Huntsville this year! Although it is not as large as some conventions that are held across the country, it is the biggest in our area. There will be a YL Forum and of course a YLRL booth shared with WRONE. As you can tell, I am going to be an expert on Conventions and hamfests this year!

One thing that I hear as I meet YLs at hamfests, is that many do not have HF privileges or do not have HF equipment. These YLs are frequently active in local nets or emergency preparedness or use the radio to communicate with family members while on the road. Many belong to clubs with few YL members. I am also

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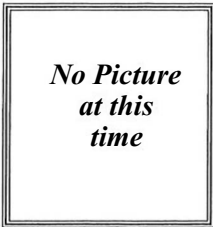
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YL-OM Contest Results YL-OM CW/Digital

Name	Callsign	Station	Multiplier	Power	Total
Carolyn Donner	N8ST	18	16	1.5	432
Julija Veljic	YU8YL				960
Victoria Panagiotou	SV2KBS	6	4	1.5	36

YL-OM SSB

Name	Callsign	Station	Multiplier	Power	Total
Carolyn Donner	N8ST	67	26	1.5	2613
Melba Hoss	KA0BAT	10	8	1.5	120
Victoria Panagiotou	SV2KBS	361	54		19494
Fox River Radio League W9CEQ		8	5	1.5	60

AUSTRALIAN LADIES AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION INC. 28TH A.L.A.R.A. CONTEST

NOTE: Contest is always on the last FULL weekend of August.

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

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

STARTS: Saturday 30th August 2008 at 0600 hours UTC

ENDS: Sunday 31st August 2008 at 1159 hours UTC

Complete details will be in the next issue, so SAVE THE DATE!

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The DERA Gold Medal for Public Service is awarded annually to an individual who has made life-time contributions to the field of emergency management, courageously made sacrifices in the service of others, or who has distinguished themselves in public service through uncommon courage, skill, and achievement in the face of overwhelming obstacles. The medallion itself is two inches in diameter on a ribbon representing the national colors of the recipient, accompanied by an engraved parchment attesting to extremely noteworthy achievement. DERA has presented gold medals for public service since 1962 but the award given to Yamini represents the first award that was not connected with a specific catastrophic disaster event or the sacrifice of one's life that others might live. The DERA Board concluded that Yamini's work and contributions will have far-reaching consequences in international disaster assistance and will contribute significantly to breaking down barriers such as those that tragically delayed international assistance to cyclone victims in Myanmar. DERA's Board of Directors Chair Bascombe Wilson stated: "Yamini and her friends in YLRL provide real hope for a better world in the future. DERA is privileged to recognize Yamini, VU2YAM, for her remarkable achievements and selfless dedication to the service of others."



Youth News de Kim Frazier, WX4KIM

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Hello to all,

I hope that everyone is doing well. A lot of Amateur Radio activities have been going on, so I am pleased to say that I will have a very lengthy column this time.

First of all, I had the chance to go back to Birmingham Hamfest this year. It was great. I was able to put many faces to callsigns. Not only that, but I was able to talk to some of the youth about Amateur Radio. After the Hamfest was over for that Saturday, a bunch of us went to Anniston, Alabama, so that we could help provide radio communications for the Cheaha Challenge. For those of you that do not know what the Cheaha Challenge is, it is a biking event also referred to as "The Toughest Ride in the South." Its name definitely suits it. If you are free on the first weekend of May, I would strongly suggest attending the Birmingham Hamfest and helping out at the Cheaha Challenge. It is two radio events back to back, who can beat that!?

Also, on the third weekend of May, the Moore's (WX4MM...and husband) had their annual picnic so to speak. It was very enjoyable. It gives us hams a break from the radio waves to get together and get to know each other better.

On May 23, I graduated from high school. For those of you that do not already know, I recently enlisted into the United States Air Force. Luckily, I got the job I wanted. Because of all my accomplishments in Amateur Radio, I was able to get the job of a radio communications apprentice. I am not too sure when I leave for basic training yet. They are thinking sometime in the end of June or the first of July, but they are not really sure either. Air Force basic training is held in San Antonio, Texas. It is going to be extremely hot there. I ask that everyone keep me in their prayers. I need all the prayers I can get.

It is hard to believe that I have been writing the youth column for YL Harmonics for about two years now. I have thoroughly enjoyed it. In September I will be 18; therefore, I can no longer write the youth column.

Because I am going into the Air Force and I am leaving soon, I am going to have to give up my position as youth columnist before then. Unfortunately, this is my last column. I am going to continue my membership with YL Harmonics, so that perhaps one day in the future I can take up a new position. I wish you all the best of luck in finding a new youth

columnist. [*Ed note. We have one. Emily Bishop, WE4MB will be taking over next issue*]

In conclusion, I want you all to know that it has been a real joy writing the youth column and being a part of YLRL. Unfortunately, I have not got a chance to get to know each and everyone of you personally, but I have read everyone's columns and I keep up with updates. By doing that, I can see that each and every one of you is dedicated and does such great jobs. I hope that you all keep up the good work. Thanks to everyone that has helped me in some way or another, especially WX4MM and N0WBV for all their support and encouragement. I hope and pray only the best for YLRL & YL Harmonics.

73 for now,
Kim, WX4KIM

For anyone that is interested, my new cell phone number is (334) 444-0975.
Thank you all for everything.

Thanks to Kim for all her hard work over the last couple of years as Youth Columnist. We wish her all the best in the Air Force. Don't forget to keep in touch!
-ED.

*No
Picture
at this
time.*

District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT

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Most of the information I have received from the District has come from the Yankee Lassies Net, which meets each Wednesday morning on 3.912 MHz [up or down due to QRM] at 1230 Z. We generally have five or six check-ins, and sometimes as many as seven or eight. Any District One YLs or other local YLs that can be heard on the net are encouraged to check in at any time. After a few weeks of checking into the net, you really have a sense of belonging, and the friendships forged on the net are reinforced at our twice-yearly WRONE meetings. The next meeting will be held in Kittery, Maine, at Warren's Lobster House, on the first Saturday in May. For further information, please contact me or check out the WRONE website at www.qsl.net/wrone. I know that by the time you read this the luncheon may be history, but at least you can find out where we'll be holding the next one [on the first Saturday of

November.]

We were delighted to hear from Hennie [KA1JVN] on the last Yankee Lassies Net. She and Walt had just returned from Florida [like... the night before!] and true to form, Hennie checked in to say 'Hi!'. They had an enjoyable winter, but find the drive back a bit tedious. While in Florida, they were active in the QCWA... believe Walt is an officer of some sort.... will get that straight by the next column!

YLRL president Anne had a most enjoyable trip to Maine to attend the Androscoggin Ham Fest in Lewiston. She was combining a family outing with her dad [who visited relatives in the area] with her official YLRL function, and I gather both were quite successful. Anne reported that there were quite a few more YLs at the ham fest this year, which is good to know, and hopefully some of them will become active both in WRONE and in YLRL.

W1JX reported that her new kitten, Phinneas, has turned out to be quite a handful, but she and Tom are enjoying having him around, and I'm sure he'll calm down with age. Bobbie will be attending the Wrone luncheon in May [assume Tom will be there, too!]

My second ICOM 735 bit the dust just as the net was concluding on Wednesday. The receiver is kaput! Kris [N1LSM] dug out our last replacement radio, the ICOM 706 we use for mobile work, and now that is sitting in place of honor on the radio desk. Guess it's about time I sent one of the 735's in to have it fixed. Just one HF rig that works hardly seems enough to me!

Here's hoping that the next time I have to send in one of these columns I'll have lots to report from the YLs in District One. In the meantime, I hope everyone enjoys a hopeful and refreshing springtime!

33 de Jane, N1PVT

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June 17 for a trip to Austria and hiking in the Alps—then on to Europe's largest Hamfest in Fredrickshafen, Germany, at the end of June. She expects up to 100 YLs from all over to be there. After all of that, she still plans to come to Huntsville. What a trouper you are, Rose-Marie. Stay safe on all of your travels.

Ruby, KF4NI, never fails to contribute to our column. She is in AZ, but will be going back YL Harmonics May/June 2008

to NC for the summer, as usual. Ever since she and her hubby got to AZ, she has been trying to get up a tower. Finally it is up, and when they get back to AZ this fall, an antenna will go up, too. Thanks for writing. Ruby.

Myra, K3PGH, in Palm Beach, FL, says she and the OM will be visiting various Field Day locations in their area. We look forward to hearing about her FD experiences next issue.

As for my radio activity, I

continue to operate CW when I operate. After my hubby Don, K4GFY, puts up a new all-band dipole, I plan to be more active this summer. You can find me mainly on 40 meter CW, but not QSO'ing with the super high-speed ops.

Until next time, enjoy your summer and stay safe as you travel. With these outrageous gasoline prices, more of us will just spend it at home. Not a bad place to be either!

33s, Carol



District 2 News

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Hi Ladies!

Happy Spring (except for my friends out in the Midwest)... who are still seeing some snow! Hang in there, gals...warmer weather is on the way!

Well, it is starting to look a little more like spring here in the Northeast. The tulips are up and ready to bloom! And we've even had a couple of days where the temperatures have gotten to the mid 70's!

Seems like all I hear lately is news about those who have passed away. I got word a few weeks ago about Dr. Christine Haycock, WB2YBA who passed away back in January. I've known Christine all 29 years of my Amateur Radio-life. She was a member of the same local repeater club that I belonged to. She always had the greatest presentations, as she was so full of life, and had a variety of interests and I believe traveling was one of them! So, when Christine did a presentation at the local clubs, you could bet on it being a 'full-house' that night. She was a wonderful lady and I'm sure that many in YLRL have many more memorable stories to tell about Dr. Christine. She will be missed.

I don't hear much news from our YLs - the silence in District II is 'deafening'! I wonder what you all are doing in your local clubs and in your personal lives.

I have been trying to get on the air more, working in the EA-RTTY contest last weekend. One
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of the last contacts I made on 20 meters was a KH6 station! I do enjoy the digital modes, as do my daughters, when they get a chance to get on the air.

Working with the East Coast DX Association VE team allows me to spend some time mentoring after the VE sessions mostly, but we do try to invite new hams or those interested in becoming hams over to operate K2VK - the club station, during a contest weekend. It's a real thrill to see someone make their very first contact!

I will be going to Dayton this year, and am anxious to see all the YLRL members! I am not going to be able to attend Huntsville YLRL Convention and that makes me very sad. It's very difficult to get time away from my job. I work in the Cell industry and August is our busy time of year, believe it or not!

I did hear from our newly sponsored DX YL, Barbara Kayton, (KC2KLF) now living in Australia and holding the call-sign: VK3AGU! Barbara was delighted to become a member of YLRL and is taking her copies of the YLRL Harmonics to ladies at ALARA! If you'd like to find out more information about our friend Barbara, check her out on QRZ.COM. Barbara was best known as being one of the members of the "BARA Babes" in Northern New Jersey, a group of YLs that met at least once a month on Saturdays. I miss our Saturday meetings!

Well, BARA Babes, move over! We've got company! I just heard from my friend Brian W9IND in Indiana and he has been keeping me up to date on a new YL club about to become active - "Chick Factor International" (club call - KC9NFS). Oh I am so pleased! Brian and I started having this discussion about YLs in the hobby last year after I worked W9IMS-Indy 500 Special Event Station. Brian, like many in the hobby, saw the need to help get YLs more active and on the air. In his email, Brian explained how the term 'Chick Factor' came about. A couple of years ago, while the club was operating a multi-multi station in the WPX, they were visited by a YL op named Heather Heininger, KB9ZLB and her father. Heather wanted to operate the contest, so they put her on 20 meters. Of course, the WPX requires stations to exchange QSO numbers and that's when Heather began to shine. Several of the guys that were gathered around behind Heather and could only hear one-half of the conversation, but it soon became apparent what was happening when they heard Heather say things like: "Oh, and I'm your first QSO in the contest?" and "What's my QSO number? One?" and so forth. After a while it became obvious that most of the stations only wanted to talk to Heather and

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District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL

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Linda Sue, ICB3KXN, sent in this news for District 3. Here is a photo of my 'ham' station during a tornado alert in Florida. The only place in my condo to hide was the bathtub! The tornados hit north of Tampa, but it was comforting to have the radio and know what was going on.



Linda Sue, KB3KXN and her radio in the tub.

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weren't the least bit interested in the WPX Contest. They just wanted to talk to a girl! Several of the men in the club realized what was going on and they started chuckling and shaking their heads. Finally, Brain said, "Well Guys, I guess that's what you call the Chick Factor." Well Brian, I guess the name stuck! There will be more information coming out about Chick Factor International, but for now, you can read what started all of this in Brian's article in the November 2007 issue of QST. This article mentions, not only Heather, but also a 10-year-old Extra named Amanda Feriante who became a little ham radio rock star during the Indy 500 - W9IMS- special event operation. This is good stuff! Thanks to Brian W9IND for all he does to promote YLs in Amateur Radio!

I had the opportunity to take a local NNJ Club to the ARRL HQ for a tour this past week. Actually, we were given the tour by our good friend, Katie, W1KRB - ARRL Membership Manager. It's always a delight

to be with Katie. She's a real go-getter and has certainly helped put a 'new and beautiful' face on Amateur Radio. Actually, all of the Gals and Guys at the ARRL HQ have been a breath of fresh air, so to speak! I know that members of the Morris Radio Club enjoyed their visit to Headquarters. We even got a little operating time in at W1AW - thanks to Joe Carcia, NJ1Q- Station Manager at W1AW. Too bad the bands were dead! Oh well, the club had fun, and with Joe around, you always have a good time!

I hear news that WA2NFY, Lia is in a nursing home. I tried calling her a few weeks back and got no answer. Now, I know why. Let's keep Lia and all of our YL friends in our daily thoughts and our prayers.

Well, that's about all the news I have at the moment. It would be great to hear from any of the YLs in District II.

Ladies, I'll see you all in Dayton. Safe travels to all.
33 de Joyce, KA2ANF

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Gwendolyn, KB6NDC & her portable antenna system

Jennifer (KG6OIL) & her OM (KG6DNY) are having a Memorial Day cook-out at their new home. Rumor has it that the event will be turned into an old fashion antenna raising party. They've been in their new home several months now, so it is time to get the antennas up in the air.

Field Day is less than 2 months away. I look forward to working lots of YLs. I'll be operating the night shift with SFVARC again this year. Please send me pictures and your FD news so I can include it in my next District 6 news.

33, Ginger



District Four News de Carol Laferty, K4SAF

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Hello YLs,

I want to thank Mary Moore, WX4MM, for writing the column for the March/ April 2008 issue. She did a great job and helped me out at a difficult time. My brother Fred Fraley, W4DF, is doing better, however, he did lose a kidney to cancer and will have to undergo chemo treatment beginning in June.

I made the pilgrimage to the Dayton Hamvention, along with thousands of others from all over the U. S. and the world. Some have called it the "Mecca" of the amateur radio world, and I will second that emotion.

YLRL had our usual booth, shared with the Buckeye Belles, and it was great to have a place of "refuge" from time to time, while trying to maneuver through the masses. It was so good to see so many of you there. Attendance was good at our YLRL Forum, and it helped build excitement about our upcoming convention in Huntsville. The HAYLARCs will be wonderful hostesses.



YLRL Forum, Dayton 2008 left - right:
Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF; Conny Wellmer, DF8MN; Carol Laferty, K4SAF; Ms. V Yamini, VU2YAM; Nobuko Uchiyama "Ton", JR6XIX

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If you have not sent in your scholarship raffle tickets to Marte Wessel, K0EPE, be sure to do so by July 31. That is the deadline to get them to Marte. Also, you will need to send your door prize contributions to Mary Moore now. When I asked about the nature of the prizes, Nancy Morris told me that it does not have to be ham radio related at all. Something related to the region you come from would be nice. I think that is an excellent suggestion and would recognize the diversity of our members from all over the US and the world.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Huntsville and getting to know new members. I have signed up for two of our tours and urge you to do that soon. The one at the US Space and Rocket Center has a registration deadline of July 19. Check our YLRL website for complete information about the tours. This is such a good opportunity to see the city of Huntsville and its attractions.

Now, for member news: Let me welcome two new members in District 4, Gladys Oliver, KC4CUI, from Madison AL, and Mamie Handy, N4JGC, from Huntsville, AL. Both are members of H AYL ARC, so we look forward to meeting them at our convention.

Mary, WX4MM, has been busy getting ready for the Alabama QSO Party. She will operate from home, while her

OM operates from the ham club. She says with the addition of a fourth tower recently, their rocky ground is only good for raising aluminum!

I heard from Kay Craigie, N3KN, in Blacksburg, VA. She is one lucky CW operator because she has the privilege of using the personal Morse Code key of Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW. She will personally deliver it to ARRL Headquarters soon, which will be its permanent home. Kay worked at the ARRL Expo in Dayton this year. As a CW op, Kay, I'm so envious that you get to play with the original W1AW's key! HI HI

It was good to hear from Debra, KI4YZY, who is planning to attend the Huntsville Hamfest, along with her hubby Donnie, KI4TXI. At this time they are on their way to Vancouver, and then will be taking an Alaskan cruise. What a great summer they will have.

I heard from Ruth Heitfield, WA4FEY, in Hamilton, VA. She is recuperating from a third lung surgery and chemo treatment. She is not able to operate her radios at this time. I appreciate so much hearing from you, Ruth, and all the best to you as you battle your illness. We will keep you in our prayers.

Rose-Marie Battig, KB4RM, Charlottesville, VA, is a frequent contributor to our column. She and her hubby are leaving On

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District Five News

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Hello ladies,

Hope you all enjoyed the Easter Holiday with family or friends and you found all the colored eggs. Now pour yourself another cup of coffee or glass of tea and read all that is happening in YLRL District 5.

We have news from Linda AC5QQ who in late March had company in to celebrate her OM Ed KC5KNI "BIG birthday" - Happy Birthday Ed! She adds that they spent Christmas in Friendswood's, TX with her daughter-in-law's (Sharon I<D-5JTZ) family. This spring will be very busy for Linda in addition to being the DT for YLRL, being the coordinating VE for ARRL testing sessions, a grandma for the 2nd time Linda's son Pat KK5KN and his wife Sharon KD5JTZ are expecting their 2nd child on July 4th, and that is not all Linda is President of Southwestern Psychological Association with the annual meeting to be held in Kansas City, MO on April 3-5.

I received an email from Joyce W5MWK and she is excited! Her son who lives close to Fort Lauderdale, Florida is interested in getting his ham license. I gave what information I had to help him get started in a class in his local area. Hope Joyce will keep us posted.

The Magnolia DX Assn (MDXA) invited the Southern Mississippi YL's (SMYL's) to join them for their annual spring picnic lunch on March 8th we graciously accepted and agreed to bring dishes to accompany the hamburger and hot dogs. Well ladies spring in Mississippi is usually nice and warm on Friday night they were predicting snow and ice and we were really concerned. We awoke on Saturday morning the sun shinning and 42 degrees and windy. Not a problem Cliff N5WI brings firewood for the inside fire place and portable fireplace outside. The fireplaces really set the mood for an enjoyable day. Thanks to Jerry N5UCF and Vic N5YY for grilling hamburgers and hotdog for the group and Gene AE5FB, Jerry N5UCF and Vic N5YY for picking up all the food and supplies also to the YLs for the nice covered dishes and the deserts and to quote one of the OM's Floyd N5FG "Those girls can cook". We had around 59 people present. The SMYL ladies set up the YL information table with handouts and sold YLRL raffle tickets. The table was operated before, during and after the picnic by Sylvia AE5BU, Marsha AE5BN, and Sue W5MSW. After the picnic lunch Floyd N5FG the Magnolia DX Assn President presented Gene AE5FB her full membership certificate into the Magnolia DX Assn. The requirement for membership into the MDXA you must have worked 100 countries. Gene AE5FB is proud to announce that she has 108 in her logbook, which was confirmed by Vic N5YY and Floyd N5FG MDXA members.

Everyone attending had a great time and you might ask now how could the day have been any better? We all returned home from the picnic to find the rare DX Clipperton Island on the air and yes we can say we did get them in the log the first day. Carol I<K5L sends best wishes to all the YLs; she hopes to attend Huntsville but nothing for sure at this time. Carol also shared a great idea she has been spending a lot of time preparing a genealogy notebook of family history for each of their children and grandchildren she says the internet has a lot of information. Great idea!

Oklahoma news from Dee, KF5OZ, I am looking forward to attending Green County Hamfest in Claremore, Oklahoma in March 2008. Dee adds that Oklahoma has been flu -fluent and they have participated properly, not much else going on just meeting a few local nets.

Big news from Judy KE5PLL of Wiggins Mississippi (Stone County) reports a ribbon cutting for March 15th the first county in South Mississippi Red Cross district to have a Disaster Assistance Team (DAT). Judy says they have 10 people on the team at this time and 3 or ham operators Dolly KE5NSE, Herby KE5NSG and herself.

Extra! Extra! Marsha KE5QSC has upgraded from general to

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Wow! The YL Forumn Group Photo!



Look for more Dayton Pictures Next issue as we started running out of space with all the great news and pictures!

If you have never attended a YLRL Convention, here are some tips to help from Nancy, KC4IYD.

Hi everyone.

This coming August will be the YLRL Convention in Huntsville, AL. For me, this will be the 5th YLRL Convention I've attended, for others it might be much more or less, and for some of you it may be the first. Conventions are a great way to meet the YLs you've talked to on the air, have emailed, haven't seen in a while as well as meet new ones and make long lasting friends. There are several YLs I see only at Conventions and it's always great to see them. Believe me you can't miss us because as soon as we see each other we run and hug each other and squeal like little girls.

Conventions are also a great way to get to visit a new city. Since joining YLRL, I have been to Albany, NY in 1996, Long Beach, CA in 1999, Cleveland, OH in 2002 (although the Buckeye Belles and Chix on Six - 2 YL groups in Ohio that I belong to - hosted this convention) and finally Denver, CO in 2005. Each convention is unique in its own way and that is what makes them memorable. Albany was my first so it has a special place in my heart. The Long Beach convention was on the Queen Mary and this was the first time I slept on a ship. From the Cleveland, OH convention, I learned how much hard work it is to put together a convention. However, it was well worth it! For Colorado, I loved the mountains and got to see Cheyenne Mountain in Colorado Springs, CO which is where backdrop for a sci-fi movie Stargate. (Yep, I'm a great fan of both Stargate and Stargate Atlantis on the sci-fi channel).

In addition to meeting people and seeing new cities, conventions usually include tours of local sites, business meeting, a banquet dinner, speakers, swaps and much more. What are swaps you ask? Well, let me tell you. Swaps are something that YLs sometimes bring to exchange with others. They can be as simple as QSL cards, or a small craft made by a YL or something bought with your name and call engraved on it that tells about you, your city or something you enjoy doing. For my first few conventions, I just brought QSL cards to give out. For Colorado, my friend Carol and I ordered some pens with our name and call on it and the words "Greeting from Ohio". The key is that swaps are fun but you don't need to go all out. It's fun just getting them as well as trading for them.

Well, I hope this gives you a little idea about YLRL conventions. They are a lot of fun for YLs and the OMs too. I know I highlighted the stuff the YLs do but there are always events set aside for the OMs, especially when we are having our business meeting. However, each convention is different and that is what makes them great. I hope to see you in Huntsville this year!

Nancy, kc4iyd/ 8

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



TOUR ADDITION REGISTRATION FORM

NOTE: This form is for people who have already registered for the 2008 YLRL Convention before the tours were finalized. If you have not registered yet, STOP, and go find the full registration form on the webpage.

REGISTRATION/BADGE INFORMATION: PLEASE PRINT/TYPE:

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Historical Home tour (Fri, 1:45pm)	_____ @\$10	\$ _____
Huntsville Weather Service (Fri. 1:45pm)	_____ @\$5	\$ _____
US Space and Rocket Center (Sat 1 -4pm)	_____ @\$25 adults	\$ _____
	_____ @\$20 child	\$ _____
	Total Submitted	\$ _____

Make checks payable in US FUNDS to **HAYLARC** (put a note for YLRL Convention.)

Mail to: Mrs. Elizabeth Nickles WA4DJW
 1031 Bayfield Drive
 Huntsville, AL 35802

Registration Deadline: July 12, 2008

Friday, August 15, 2008

1:45 PM Guided visit to an Historic Home, with storytelling followed by a stroll through some of the historic downtown on the way back to the hotel. This is only five or six blocks each way and is interesting. We will arrange transportation for those who need it.

1:45 PM Tour the Huntsville Weather Bureau, bus transportation

Saturday, August 16, 2008

1-4pm . US Space and Rocket Center TOUR. Transportation will be by air-conditioned chartered bus from the Holiday Inn-Downtown and return.

Cost for bus ride and Museum admission is \$25.00 Adult, \$20.00 Child. Tickets to IMax or 3-D movies may be purchased individually at the Museum, if desired, for \$8.00 Adult, \$7.00 Child.

Deadline to register for this tour is July 19, 2008.



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District Six News

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Hi Ladies,

District 6 YLs have been very busy and I thank all of you who have sent me updates and news to share. Harmonics is your newsletter, so keep that news coming. In addition to sharing news from YLRL members, I will also be sharing news about other YLs and what they have been up to in amateur radio. I hope that you enjoy the news.

Ruth Hinkle, W6LXL, is a member of the Siskiyou County Amateur Radio Association which meets the first Sunday of every month at Bob's Ranch House in Etna. She gave a well received talk about YLs in radio at their May meeting. The club has about 40 members including 16 licensed YLs. After Ruth's talk, one of the YLs asked for a YLRL membership application on the spot. Ruth took advantage of the publicity packages that are available to our members. If you would like to receive a publicity package to aid in a presentation or to have at a convention table, please contact Cheryl, N0WBV.

Ruth also keeps busy volunteering in the Gift Shop at the local hospital in Yreka and handling message traffic on the Golden Bear Traffic Net. Cell phones have diminished the day-to-day need for traffic nets, but these nets are vital to our emergency communications in the event of an emergency.

I recently had lunch and a nice visit with Irma (K6KCI.) After YL Harmonics May/June 2008

lunch at a new Chinese restaurant in the area, we dropped in on Joan (WA6QKC) for a visit. When we returned to Irma's house we sat in her kitchen eating fresh mandarins from her tree and watching the parade of birds that visited the feeders right outside her back door. It was a wonderful afternoon and I left with a sack of oranges and mandarins from her trees. Irma's radio shack is full of YLRL history and mementos and awards she has gathered and earned over the years. I've borrowed her YLRL 50th Anniversary Harmonics Directory Issue so that we can create a data base of past officers and preserve our history. Thanks Irma.

As some of you may know, I am active on the 3905 Century Club W.A.S Nets. So when I was planning my trip to Hawaii I thought it would be terrific if I could operate portable from Maui and make contacts on the 3905CC Nets, but I wasn't planning on traveling with an HF setup.

I sent out an email to a chat group for the nets looking for a ham who would let me use their station for an evening or two. Maui is not rare and my trip was not a DXpedition, but the possibility of a YL check-in from Hawaii generated that level of enthusiasm with the members of 3905CC. Some members had been waiting years to work a YL on one of the club's nets. I received several replies to my

email, and a gracious offer from a KH7CC to use his station while I was on Maui.

I checked in to the club's 40m SSB nets on a Tuesday evening and worked over 80 stations in a little over an hour! Stations on the East Coast were setting their alarms and getting up in the middle of the night to work me. I think that is the closest to feeling like DX I will ever get- it was a thrill. Cheers went up in the shack when I worked a 5W QRP station in Ohio. My last night on the island was spent on a 75m SSB net with some of the worst conditions I have heard on the band, but we still managed to make a lot of contacts.

YLs are rare from any state on the W.A.S. nets, and the OMs are eager to work us. I encourage all YLRL members with HF privileges to check in to the nets and have some fun. Feel free to email me if you are interested, and I will give you more information.

The San Fernando Valley ARC had it's annual picnic on May 10th. Gwendolyn (KB6NDC) showed us the portable antenna system she constructed using PVC piping from the local hardware store. See photo page 11. The support is her own design, and she is in the process of improving on it. Gwendolyn decided to create the system so she could set up a temporary antenna and operate HF from her apartment or in an emergency.

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District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

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Hello from the 7th District. There has been a lot going on in 7 land since last I wrote.

Barbara AC7UH writes: "The Two Rivers YL Post-Holiday potluck luncheon was held at the Café Allegro in Tigard on Saturday February 23. In attendance were Amy Wong N7AMY, Barb Lewey K7BJL, Claire Fillinger K6ZCR, Deborah Dennis KE7RNL, Kristin Tomson K7KWT, Laura Seitlinger KC7LOK, Lucretia Stinson KB7TSQ, Marianna Kearney W7WFO, Peggy Stone KB7SBK, and Barbara Yasson AC7UH.



Barbara, AC7UH, announcing to her radio club that she is selling raffle tickets for the annual YLRL Scholarship Fund.

This time we came from a variety of locations. Five of the group are from Vancouver, and one each from Aloha, Hillsboro, King City, Portland, and Tualatin. Lu ICB7TSQ, one of the original Two Rivers YLs was visiting from Redmond...Deborah KE7RNL is a new ham. She

enjoyed meeting the group and finding out all of the different amateur radio interests among those in attendance.... While we were there we discussed SeaPac and that YL luncheon as well as the YLRL convention in Huntsville, AL later this summer."

The Evergreen Intertie YL Net had our usual table at the MIKE & KEY Electronics Flea market and Hamfest on Saturday March 8 at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. We had 32 YLs sign in but I've talked with several who never made it up to the second floor where our table is located. And as usual, the OMs working at tables nearby appreciated the free coffee and cookies we served.



Some of the YLs who signed in at the YL Table at the MIKE and KEY Hamfest - Sara AB7PS, GailKMJVM, Casey WY7V, JoAnn KC7LMR, MaryW7HPA, BethN7UXV

MINOW Net -Barbara AC7UH, Vancouver and Robin KJ7BI, Portland are making plans for the Annual Meeting which will be in Portland, OR this year the weekend of May 17th - 18th. Activities proposed are a visit to

the Rose Garden at Washington Park and a Round Table on Nets after dinner at a local restaurant.

News of YLs

Davina KE7JQV attended the 2008 Communications Academy in Seattle recently and also participated in the Sound Shake 2008 tri-county disaster drill in March. She writes: "I've been Elmering a new HAM at St. Francis Hospital in Federal Way". Good going, Davina. Kudos to Melissa Norstrom KD7IEM who writes "I have gone on a letter writing campaign for membership in the YLRL". While her 9-month-old son napped she has hand written 74 notes with a copy of the brochure and application to YLs she knows, more than a 3rd being from the northwest. She wanted to do 100 and is going to try to do it again in May. Kudos also to Barbara Yasson, AC7UH, secretary of the Clark County ARC. At a recent meeting she announced that she would be selling tickets for the annual YLRL scholarship raffle.

Congratulations -To Mary Lewis W7QJP who, along with her husband Harry, received the ARRL Public Service Commendation Award for their many years of service to the Ham Radio Community in Western WA Section.

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District Eight News de Jean Ruth, KB8YHN

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Hello from 8 land! I just got back from a quilting weekend in Mansfield, Ohio in a cabin with ten other quilters and got a lot of unfinished projects done.

I am looking forward to going to Dayton this year, and will be at the Buckeye Belles/YLRL table part of the time and spending the rest of the time with my OM roaming the Hamvention. Hope to see you at the table and at the YL forum. 33 & 76, Jean KB8YHN

From Carolyn, N8ST

My biggest news is that I'm still working on my dissertation to get my Doctor of Ministries degree. I'm very near finishing it. I've had some friends (plus my OM) proof read it, pointing out spelling and grammar errors. Now I need to go over it one more time to make sure everything works and is readable and to add a few things I'd like to add. Things keep popping into my head and I say, "Did I put that in there?" IBs over 250 pages long, so is a chore to print out. Well, as you can tell it is consuming most of my time lately as I'm anxious to get it finished and move on to other things. I did take time out to participate in both the CW / digital and SSB parts of the YL-OM contest. Haven't heard how I did yet, but it was quite enjoyable and a great way to relax. The USS JURASSIC (Star Trek and Amateur Radio club) along with the Grant Amateur Radio Club has given one license testing session this year, which resulted in one new ham who has been very active since receiving his license. I'm still

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in charge of these testing sessions. The weather has been too cold for my OM (Gary I<8BE) and I to go outside and work on satellite contacts, but it's getting warmer now and we're looking forward to getting back into that soon. Gary and I had a nice visit with Dot KB8TQU and her OM Jerry KB8PVY a week or so ago. She continues to work on the USS JURASSIC's Afghan project, crocheting booties and beanies for babies, and organizing the baby size afghans to go out to Children's Hospital, and lap robes that go to a Senior Citizens home locally.

Greetings from Marietta, OH

I had my left hip replaced on March 26 here in Marietta. My Doctor said he didn't know how I could even walk before as it was so bad. Will wonders never cease! I was sent to rehab on the 28th and on to home on the 1st of April. No pain, just some soreness. The 9th the staples were removed and I only have one restriction! No Kayaking! He told me I could drive so I drove home from that. I feel like a real woman again.

I'm taking it slow and not doing as much running as before. Missed the Jackson Co. Hamfest and since the Athens Hamfest on Apr. 27 is spread out so much, I'm not planning on that one either. I am making plans for Dayton though. Just about a month away and with motor home problems. I'm looking for some YL to share a room with if possible.

The OSSBN is again sponsoring a forum at the Hamvention® and I am moderating. It will be on Friday in Room 3 at 11:45 - 12:45. I'll also be helping with the VE testing as I've done for several years.

33 and Teddy Bear Hugs,
Connie Hamilton, N8IO

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Leigh VE3HYP (from Toronto, ON) and her friend Amy Johnston - now KE7SIP (from OR) who had just passed TECH kneeling in front of our table.

-To Amy Johnston who passed her Tech Exam at the MIKE & Key Hamfest and is now KE7SIP On a sad note - Silent Keys from 7 land.

W7JZA Ruby LaRue, became a silent Key March 19, 2008 at the age of 96. She was a long-time member of YLRL.

K7KCY Barbara Ross became a SK March 7th, 2008. She is sorely missed by her OM Reid W7HOP.

Just found out that WA7JFC/6 Lucile Banks, a long-time member of MINOW Net became a SI< October 11, 2007.

Thanks to all who sent me news. I'm looking forward to seeing some of you at the YLRL Luncheon on Saturday, May 31, 11:30 am at SEA PAC in Seaside, OR. 33 de Sara AB7PS



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

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Happy Spring 9-land. I can really finally say that because I see the trees starting to leaf out, can hear birds singing, and can go to a baseball game. This is definitely my favorite time of the year. We are a host family for our baseball team again this year, because of a shortage of host families; we have two players this year. One is from Miami and one is from the Dominican Republic. We are looking forward to getting to know them.

I am still quilting. I am finally finishing a quilt I started last fall for our oldest grandson's birthday, which was November 8. Better late than never. He did get to see some of the blocks on his birthday. By the end of the week I will be able to give it to him. Now I have to start on the next grandson's quilt, them only six more. Whew. This sounded like a good idea when I started it.

I got a nice letter from Dot, N9ALC. She says they are getting the outside areas ready for planting, mostly flowers. Her OM, Bob also likes to plant veggies. Dot also says that in June she will start making ornaments for Christmas, about thirty six (that's right - 36!). She says that sounds like a lot, but she enjoys doing it. Now that the weather is getting better they will be spending more time outside, maybe even doing a little barbequing.

Hoping I saw you all in Dayton.

33, Carole, WB9RUS

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EXTRA class. She received her technician license in August of 2007 and March of 2008 has passed her extra exam and received her new call Marsha is now AE5GN. Congratulations fine job.

Judi WOJJ invites everyone to check in with the ladies from the Texas Young Ladies Round Up Net (TYLRUN) on Thursday mornings. They meet at 7:55am central time on 3.947 or 3.948 if QRM and usually finish around 8:10am so be on time or you will miss them. They would love to have more YLs to chat with. When you join them you will meet Evelyn N5BOT from OK, Julia K5JFT from TX, Doris K5BNQ from OK, Kathy K5IHF from TX and Judi WOJJ from TX who is usually net control. Judi reports that she will be out recovering from knee replacement for a couple of months so

Julia K5JFT will be net control for those months.

Tracy K5YTT says I wish I could say I have been actively hamming again, but the truth is I have been actively playing English horn in the community orchestra and doing church-related music work. While her OM Bob K5KDN spends his days at the computer either working in conjunction with Flex radio or talking on their SDR 5000. Tracy said Bob worked the YL on Clipperton Island (he thinks) on CW and he was congratulating himself on getting through on 10 meters. Tracy and Bob expect to be at Dayton, Bob will be working at the Flex Radio booth again and Tracy will be wandering around.

Tracy K5YTT shares with us her combat medic grandson Michael came stateside in February on leave and they were

introduced to their one-year-old great grandson and his mother. Michael is scheduled to return to Iraq the end of March. Their son who has retired from the submarine service a year ago plans to move his family to Austin area this summer. Phil heads home while his sister makes plans to move father away. That's life for grandparents. HI

Thank you all in DC 5 for getting your news to me, I love to hear from you!

I do need some help I have a few YLRL district 5 members with incorrect email addresses please email me your correct address you can find my email in this column's header.

73&33

Betty Jo, KB5CSQ



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS

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Greetings from 0 land!

As I write this, I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Huntsville in August. I will be returning to Colorado just in time for the Democratic National Convention, which will be a major amateur radio event as well, what with all the public service and safety matters surrounding it. The preparations being made for everything from medical services for food poisoning outbreaks to hail storms to increased traffic to who-knows-what are amazing. Most of the emergency operations centers in the area will be open and staffed. After that, we will be looking to do a major exercise in the fall! All that preparation, for what we don't expect to happen. And yet, Colorado had an "it doesn't happen here" event in the middle of May, when a tornado up to a mile wide swept up the small towns that line 125 in northern Colorado. We are only supposed to get little ropes of tornados that might damage a building or two. This one damaged or destroyed hundreds of homes and businesses. Needless to say, the local ARES district was up and active for days straight with primary and supplemental communications for responders and shelters and ATV views for those in the command center.

Communication among hams is not limited to over the air. The Colorado YL's got together YL Harmonics May/June 2008

for the annual meeting on May 10th at the home of Mary Cox, KB0MEZ. Mary will continue as the club chairlady. She has been travelling lately, going to South Dakota and Minnesota. She writes, "I helped net control on the yllssb by putting out calls for check- ins. Did this several times while on trip. Don't forget ladies, when traveling, have [your] radio on 2 meter national simplex frequency as someone with ham gear may call you when they pass you!" Another way the Colorado YL's are keeping in touch it through the moderated members- only Yahoo group "coyls." Hurray for technology!

Cheryl, N0WBV, our redoubtable editor, has been active as well.

She writes: I got to attend the Dayton Hamvention® again this year. This makes 14 out of the past 15 years John, KT0F, and I have attended. What a blast! I got to see so many old friends and meet some new ones.

I really enjoyed the YL forum this year. The topics included a brief history of YLs in Amateur Radio and the YLRL by Anne, WB1ARU. That was followed by great convention information from Nancy, K4JD. (Don't forget to register by July 12th. It is sure to be a great time and I know a few District 10 members who are going.) The last speaker was Jeannie, WA6UVF who spoke about her trip to VU7 as part of the DXpedition team that put multiple islands on the air. It

was an amazing piece to hear!

Ham Radio plans for the next few months include: The YLRL convention in August and the ALARA meet in Tasmania in September. Somewhere in the middle of all that will be the next Colorado-YL meeting with the local Ladies. Whew! This year is going by fast and it will only be a short while before the plans for 2009 are in the works. 33's and 73's,
Doshia, KB0NAS



COYL Treasurer, Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV hands President, Mary Cox, KB0MEZ the "silver dollar" used to collect donations for the Elise and Joe White Scholarship fund. For information on the scholarship, contact Doshia, KB0NAS at the column heading.



Alaska District News de Heather Hasper, KL7SP

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Hello from Alaska, I<L7.
Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. We have had a few late snow showers here in Anchorage and as I write this, Juneau is having a blizzard. But spring and summer are truly just around the corner.

GREAT NEWS! The ARRL has approved our request to operate the ARRL 2008 Alaska Convention Arctic Circle Special Event Station as W1AW/KL7! This has never been done before anywhere in Alaska. The call sign W1AW belongs to the ARRL national headquarters in Newington CT. The Executive Secretary David Sumner, who is also the call sign Trustee, has approved our request for our special event station.



We will be operating from the Alaska Arctic Circle location where the Arctic Circle meets the Dalton Highway. For those of you who are grid Square hunters, this is Grid Square BP-56. This is a great opportunity for those of you looking for an Alaska Adventure. We will be operating from July 25th thru

August 10, 2008 on all bands and all modes.

We will be operating a Special Event 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 huge state, Denali, Fairbanks and on to the Arctic Circle for an adventure you will never forget. 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.

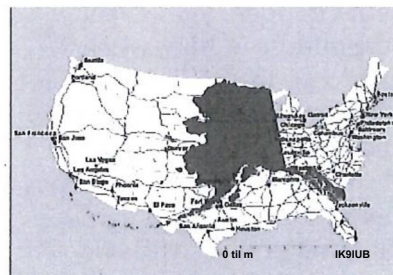
Our Ham Convention planning committee has also agreed that our table decorations that are going to be used during the Saturday night banquet dinner will be put up for silent auction. The proceeds from the silent auction sale of our Radio Polar Bear centerpieces will be donated to the YLRL scholarship! Be there so you can take home one of these great polar teddy bears for your Hamshack and home station. *[They are adorable. I wish I could bid!-Ed.]*



Two of the wonderful centerpieces!



I would like to also thank Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ for sending me a copy of CQYL. What a great book! Have you read it? As a member of YLRL I would ask everyone, 'Have you had the opportunity to read this great history of the roll women have played in amateur radio?' I received this book as a gift because I was asking about the history of our diamond logo. Lois sent me a copy and it has been a wealth of information about the organization.



Alaska in Dark Grey compared to the Continental Unite States

I have been a ham operator since 1993, just over 15 years. I don't qualify yet for QCWA, but I participate in everything I can to promote amateur radio.

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VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

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I have had renovations done to my sunporch and two new sets of stairs built so May, June and warmer weather will find me sanding and painting. Not a pleasant prospect but I am preparing myself for the job the only way I know how. I am planning a party for when it is finished....

Have kept busy all winter with sessions of Tai Chi and just signed up for yet another set. The Fibre Arts group meets twice a month and I am working on a piece of embroidery. Very intricate work and I often wish that I had opted for an easier pattern. My eyesight is not what it once was but I am determined to finish it. Others in the group are spinning and knitting. The wool comes from their sheep and is washed, carded, spun and then dyed before being turned into wonderful knitted, felted or woven items. Beautiful work. Talented ladies. There are several active theatre groups in the valley and we have enjoyed evenings of entertainment throughout the winter and have tickets to some exciting productions this spring and early summer.

Life goes on. Each day brings something new. Spring had arrived and with it warmer air, wonderful wild flowers and a new crop of lambs. The juncos have gone and the finches have taken their place at my feeders. I saw a humming bird the other day and a robin is making a nest in an elbow of one of the downspouts.

Looking forward to meeting

YL Harmonics May / June 2008

everyone in Huntsville this summer. My flights are arranged, registration sent and reservations made. **I am hoping to find someone to share my double room.**

33 de Suzanne VE7IM

Ann Nutter - VE3HAI writes:

Spring is finally here. I know it because we saw a flock of cedar waxwings this week and there is a cardinal singing his heart out on our patio now. We were buried in snow from late October on. However, as always, there was lots to do and as retirees, we didn't have to go out when the weather was really bad. So the winter did pass quickly, just not as quickly as it usually does.

As I write this, Dayton is next month. Our daughter Janet, N9ZKU, is coming with us for the Friday events. Janet lives in Ft. Wayne, so we'll spend a few days with her then too. We're also looking forward to the QCWA Convention in Virginia Beach in October. Luckily, it is the weekend after our Probus Rendezvous, which is in St. John, New Brunswick, so we'll be able to take in both events and visit Washington while on route. We've never visited the Smithsonian and hope to see some of it this time.

Our CLARA 80-Meter Net has had improving conditions since the time change. Long may it last. The CLARA 40th Anniversary Challenge draws to

a close the end of March. What a great event that was. I frequently heard YLs on the air working for their certificate. And one last CLARA comment, there are a few cookbooks left so check our website to find out how to order one. The gals out did themselves again. There are lots of great recipes to try.

Until next time, stay well and enjoy yourselves. Submitted by Ann, VE3HAI

Jeanne Gordon - VA3WX writes:

Spring has arrived, no snow to be found, the temperatures are getting to 60 degrees F. some days. Jeanne's front garden is showing lots of flowers beginning to pop up and a patch of daffodils should be in bloom in another week. So glad to get out walking again. Jeanne participated in the CLARA contest but had only one contact on 20-meters in 3 hours so waited until evening then came down to 80-meters to make some CLARA contacts. Truus, P49TR, certainly puts in a great signal even when I don't hear anyone else and nice to meet up with her again in the CLARA contest. On March 29th Jeanne and a neighbour sold daffodils for the Cancer Society at the local Canadian Tire Store for 3 hours. This was the 9th year for selling and they brought in \$119.00.

A fund raiser to buy mosquito nets for a community in Africa was held at the Red Cross branch

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DX News & DX Treasurer de Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF

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Yamini (VU2YAM) Awarded DERA Gold Medal

By Kathryn M. Dunlevy-Wilson

DERA International, the Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response Association (www.disasters.org), awarded its Gold Medal for Public Service to Ms Sadineni Yamini (VU2YAM) at the Dayton Hamvention on May 17, 2008. Instead of the traditional ceremonies that normally accompany this prestigious award, Ms Yamini (who prefers to be called "Yamini") requested that the award be presented at a gathering of Young Lady Radio League (YLRL) members in order to highlight the importance of women taking on prominent leadership roles in emergency communications, community preparedness and international projects. In accepting the award, Yamini said, "The right woman with the right qualifications, who is confident in what she is doing can change the world if she has enough courage, goodness of heart and absolute determination."

Courage, determination, and success were indeed the very reasons Yamini was selected for the DERA Gold Medal over more than 150 other nominees. As overall manager for the TI9KK DXpedition to Costa Rica's Isla Del Coco, Yamini was faced with a daunting task of logistics planning, political negotiation and emergency response on a grand scale. Major obstacles which would have derailed the entire DXpedition developed during initial team deployment, and Yamini alone had to negotiate with senior government officials in Costa Rica. Despite severe language barriers (Yamini does not speak Spanish and government officials could not locate a translator who could speak Tagulu) Yamini's superb command of the English language allowed a clear and candid exchange during difficult, contentious negotiations that extended over several days. To the credit of the government of Costa Rica, senior officials recognized Yamini's technical expertise and ability to manage a complex and highly dangerous operation. Despite sensitive environmental concerns for a pristine island and special security concerns, Yamini persuaded the government of Costa Rica to reverse its emergency quarantine of the island and allow the TI9KK team to proceed as planned under her leadership and personal responsibility.

While the DXpedition did not have emergency communications as its primary purpose, all the elements needed for rapid and effective management of communications response to a major international disaster under dynamic and unpredictable conditions were present, and Yamini handled them all successfully. The credibility she established with the governments of Central America through her candor, determination and professional management style will pave the way for future international cooperation in a region of the world particularly vulnerable to devastating tropical storms, flash floods, landslides and far-reaching environmental emergencies. Her ability to successfully deliver to the government on 100% of her assurances will go a long way toward paving future cooperation during crisis situations.

Presenting the award on behalf of DERA was Bascombe Wilson, W0AIR, Chair of the DERA Board of Directors, and Dennis Hardin, KF0LF, representing DERA's international membership at large. Honored guests for the presentation included Dr. Sudhakar Rao, (VU2SH) of India, whose corporate offices are in New Delhi, Washington, DC, and Newark, NJ, Mr. S. Suri (VU2MY) and S. Ram Mohan (VU2MYH) of the National Institute of Amateur Radio in India, Leszek Fabjanski (SP3DOI) of Poland and Jeanie Parker (WA6UVF) of YLRL.

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New YLRL Members de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ-Secretary

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New Members for May-June 2008

We are pleased to introduce these new members to YLRL.

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Khrystyne is a news editor (QST Happenings) and is active on all bands and enjoys contests. She is a member of YCCC and NARL. Tier OM Michael is K1MK. She was endorsed by Melissa KD7IEM

District 4

Gladys Oliver ICC4CUI

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Birthday: May 22

Gladys is a member of HAYLARC and has been licensed since 1987

Mamie H. Handy N4JGC

6025 Carmel Dr.

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Birthday: May 29

Mamie is also a member of HAYLARC and a former storm spotter.

Katherine Sparks KF4EKZ

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Birthday: May 2

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Katherine is a member of the Davie County ARC and is active on 2 meters. Her OM is Wilson KF4ISF and she was endorsed by Mattie K4CZP

Sherry Hydrick ICD7YEE

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Birthday: May 16

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Sherry holds an extra class license and has been licensed since 2003. She enjoys special events stations, digital PSI< 31 and RTTY and APRS. Her OM is KD7YEF.

District 5

Sandra Felder ICE5BKU

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Birthday: September 21

Sandra is active on 2 meters and has run several morning nets. She is also active on 20 - 17 meters. She also belongs to the Lighthouse group and IOTA

District 6

Ruth Blattner KI6MNZ

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Birthday: March 26

Ruth was licensed in 2007 and is an active lady. She belongs to the DAR, MOOSE, Native Daughters of the Golden West and other groups and enjoys genealogy, knitting, painting and crocheting. She is just getting started in the ham hobby and was endorsed by Dawn Biocca KB6LHP

Elisabeth Thomas-Matej KI6IMV

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Birthday: January 27

Elisabeth is the daughter of Madeline ICI6IMW. She is involved with RACES, Marin Operational Area and is active of 2 meters and 70 CM

Corrections & Changes

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

Changes & Corrections

District 10

Ronya LaPlante KB7CTQ

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and you could either attend a breakfast or lunch done by the staff. Jeanne was among a group of volunteers who went for a lunch. The goal was to raise \$350 and they raised \$1,116 so that was so great. Hope everyone has a great spring....

33s, Jeanne - VA3WX

Paulette Schouten - VE7VPE:

Hello everyone. My OM, John, VE7TI, and I have arrived back in Surrey, BC, safely after spending 5 months in Palm Springs, CA. We had a great time and really enjoyed that sunshine and warmth and, of course, the American hospitality and the friendliness. We are definitely snowbirds now. Upon our arrival home, I went to move my car from the driveway so that we could put the Fifth Wheel trailer in and low and behold it wouldn't start, dead battery. Good thing too. When John opened up the hood you couldn't see the engine for all the pinecones, seeds and nesting material. The squirrels had moved in while we were away!! Cleaned it all out, got the battery started and those darned squirrels just keep coming back. I have to check the engine every time I want to go out just in case there is more stuff on it from the squirrels. First time we have ever experienced that!! Anyone know how to get rid of pesky squirrels?

Unfortunately coming back means tax season for me. I am swamped with returns and all due by April 30th. Good thing the weather hasn't been great here so I don't feel so bad spending day and night in

front of my computer. I have 4 weeks to get done what normally takes me 12. Doesn't leave me much time for anything else right now.

Do manage to get on the local BC CLARA Friendship Net, which is every Wednesday evening. I am one of 4 net controllers. That is when I'm home. While down south I was able to get on EchoLink and make the ladies nets in Canada and Australia.

Hopefully the weather will smarten up and warm up. Would like to get a garden in early this year and lots of clean up to do outside. That's it for me. Hope everyone has a great summer, that is, if it ever arrives!!

Paulette - VE7VPE

Vai Lemko - VE5AO writes:

Wow, what can I say, April already. I started early, March 27th, it was such a beautiful day here in Moose Jaw, that all the snow was gone from the back yard, and Yaesu, my little Schnauzer was tracking in so much trash from the lawn, that I got out the lawnmower, lowered the blade and Utterly vacuumed up all the winter trash, and underneath was lovely green grass starting to sprout. Then of course, being the prairies, the weather turned a bit chilly once again, but at least the backyard really looked good. As of April 2nd, my tulips on the East side of the house were up 1 % inches, sure hoping that we don't get too cold out at night.

So here we are heading into the middle of the month, and soon will be able to get the garden roto-tilled, and get the

potatoes in the ground, and get all of the lovely plants for the flower pots. Oh I can hardly wait.

Moose Jaw has now joined the modern age so to speak. We have an IRLP node #1882 and hooked up to Reflector #9300. I have been and still am a net control for the nightly net which is held at 9:00 pm local 0300UTC. I usually do Thursday, and fill in on other nights when one of the other controllers can't make it, but with summer coming, at the end of May that will be it for a while. I don't usually do too much radio wise come summer. Our club will eventually turn this node into a repeater, but we have to do some fundraising first, just to get the needed monies.

Well, I finally got back to this article and it is April 19th and it has been a couple of weeks since I started it. Both Harv and I have nasty colds and it sure has taken a toll on both of us. Then to top everything off, the tulips are up about 4 inches, the trees are starting to bud out, and we are in for a bit more of "Old Man Winter". I think Moose Jaw will just get the rain, at least that is our hope, and I really have had enough of snow. So ARES is on weather watch for the next couple of days.

Well girls, I really don't have much more to write about, spring has sprung, and the birds are singing, so maybe summer can't be far behind. Do take care all, prayers for those that need them, and we can all use hugs once in a while.

33, Vai, VE5AQ

ALASKA NEWS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 22

I currently am the historian for our local radio club in Anchorage. I took this role on because I found that so many of our mentors and older operators were sadly becoming silent keys. I knew if I did not act to preserve the history of their work and efforts towards ham radio it would be lost.

How many times have you gone through your belongings and wondered who that photo was? I know many people don't like to think about what happens when someone dies, but as a volunteer with Red Cross and other agencies, I see people who are not prepared for this aspect of life. Over and over again as I volunteer for organizations right now, each one of them

is asking how are we going to continue to recruit members, recruit funding? If our organizations are going to continue to future generations, we have to preserve the unique history that our organization has. With women in Amateur Radio, that can only be done by educating the next generation of YLs about the past so they have an understanding of the great challenges the former leaders of our accomplished on our behalf. You can help preserve our history by documenting both in your columns and local ham radio clubs the success that YL amateur radio clubs have had all over the country in each region. By writing down the name, callsign and event of the people in the photos

that you preserve or donate to the organization. These little steps will help to ensure that our organization continues into future generations who will be able to continue the legacy of the original women who founded our organization.

Thanks for all your support, and we hope you can all come see us this August for the ARRL 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 KL7SF@arri.net or feel free to call me at 907-275-7474.

33,
KL7SP

IN OUR THOUGHTS

This issue has been so jam packed that space was more limited than usual. Thanks to everyone who wrote or sent pictures. Your input to the columnists is what makes *YL-Harmonics* what it is. Thank you for your patience in the delay.

As a result of all the information, the In Our Thoughts section will be abbreviated to listing the Silent Keys and In Our Thoughts members. Please look for more detailed information on these wonderful YLs in the July/ August issue.

Please keep these YLs in your thoughts.

Naomi, KA0RTG and her OM Hogie

Taeko, JR3HII

Marte, K0EPE and her OM, Pete

Kay, WA0WOF and her OM, Mike

Lia, WA2NYF, She is currently at: Crimson Ridge Gardens, 1 Treeline Drive, Rochester, NY 14612

Silent Keys-more details next issue:

WB2YBA, Dr. Christine Haycock

W6NAZ, Lenore Jensen

W6UAJ, Marion Russ

WA7JFC/6, Lucile Banks

W7JZA, Ruby La Rue

K7KCY, Barbara Ross

WA8YL, Carol Hugentober

XE1CI, Nellie De Lazard

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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