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BEGINNING BLANCE IN MONEY MARKET JUNE 10, 2008	\$6,804.00
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	\$7,038.12
2008 YLRL SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE	7,659.00
	\$14,697.12
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DC, KL7SP AND THE ANCHORAGE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, KL7AA FOR THE
OUTSTANDING WORK YOU DID FOR YLRL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

SINCERE THANKS TO YLRL OFFICERS AND MARY, WX4MM FOR SELLING TICKETS AND BEING
IN CHARGE OF DRAWING AT 2008 YLRL CONVENTION.

HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL THE YLRL MEMBERS WHO THROUGH THEIR DONATIONS AND
HARD WORK SELLING TICKETS MADE THE 2008 YLRL SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE A SUCCESS!

Marte KOEPE

*To see where the scholarship money goes, just check out the front cover and center section of
this issue to meet the 2008 scholarship winners!*

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2. All contacts must be made **FROM** the same country.
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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.

Report from the Certificate Custodian for 2008

I'm happy to say that even with the sunspot cycle being very low the past year we have had several applications for certificates and upgrade stickers. Congratulations to the following for their achievements ...

WAC Certificate

JA1RAE	Masaru Tomewake	Certificate # 1508	Endorsement: SSB
JA1GLE	Shuuichi Taki	Certificate # 1509	Endorsement: 15M/SSB
JHOSGG	Koyu Kujimaki	Certificate # 1510	Endorsement: 15M/SSB
JA5LEX	Shinichiro Tamaki	Certificate # 1511	no endorsement

YLCC Certificate:

DL3LS Ursula Buerger Upgrade sticker for 2000 contacts

DX YL Certificate:

JA1CKI Hoshino Yukio Certificate #304

DXCC Certificate:

I8IHG Gaetano Gondola Upgrade sticker for 175 contacts

Thanks to everyone who participated. Please keep making those contacts with YL's and sending in your applications for certificates and upgrades. Remember you can apply for certificates by e-mail now (see the rules), and will receive your certificate in .pdf format attached to an e-mail. This will be much faster than applying by snail mail.

Carolyn N8ST



President's Message de Anne Manna, WB1ARU

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I can hardly believe that my first year as President is almost over! It has flown by just as the old adage says, "Time flies when you're having fun!" The 2008 Convention in Huntsville was part of that fun, as is the new YL Thursday Evening Net. If you have not been able to join us on the air, I hope that you will sometime soon.

The net meets at 0200 UTC now that we are back on standard time. Currently we are meeting on 40 meters around 7.245 MHz. There is no evening propagation on 20m during the winter months, but we will be back on 14.288 as soon as it opens up. There have been at least 43 different YLs who have checked in one or more times since we started in July! Many times there is no one who can hear all those who check in, but everyone who is heard by at least one other station is counted as a check in for that net. If you can hear one other YL on the frequency

on Thursday evening, give her a call!

I have also been able to get on the air for some of the daytime nets. I spoke with some of our DX-YL friends on 20m on a Monday morning and hope to get on with them many more times. There are also the Wednesday YL Open House and the Thursday Tangle Net in the afternoon on 20 meters. I invite you to participate if you can. All of the nets are good places to make contacts with other YLs. YLRL offers a certificate, YLCC, for working 100 YLs as well as other certificates. Check the Directory for more information.

YLRL is now sponsoring just 2 contests and the next one is the YL-OM Contest February 13 -15. Beginning with the 2009 contest, both CW and SSB will occur on the same days but will be scored separately. The OMs love to work us, so get on the air and you will

make plenty of contacts! It's also a great time to work other YLs. Even though we don't count points for working each other for the contest, it's still nice to work each other on the air. Complete details were printed in the Directory.

An issue that I would like to bring to your attention is the need for someone to help us provide YL Harmonics in a form that our sightless members can access. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact me or our Editor, N0WBV Cheryl today. In the past, readers transcribed YLH on tape, but tape is now an outdated technology.

The holiday season is upon us so I send best wishes to each one of you as 2008 comes to a close and 2009 begins. May whatever holiday you celebrate at this time of year be blessed with time for family and friends.

33, AnneWB1ARU

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DX-YL Net

We are going to change frequency for the DX-Y1 net on Monday. We are moving up to 14.280 to 14.288 and start in January. Time is always 1500 UTC.

This way more YLs can check in, we have talked about it for so long, and are now starting on 14.223 but move up, after Jan I* we will be on 14.288.

DX-YL net every Monday 1500 UTC on 14.280 to 14.288.

33 Rose-Marie ICB4RM

Judi W0JJ/5 reminds everyone the **Texas Young Ladies Round Up Net (TYLRUN)** meets at 7:55 am central time on 3.947 or 3.948 if QRM. They would love to have more YLs join them and they are usually finished by 8:10 am.

Continuous Membership Certificate

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

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5 Year Certificates

Myra Kitchen, K3PGH; Amy Pender, WA8MY; Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

10 Year Sticker

Jane Kindler, K2JAN; Norma Mendel, KC5DDO; Patricia Hoffman, W7DNS

15 Year Sticker

Eleanor Morris, KD4NFE

20 Year Sticker

Edith Guyer, KF5OZ; Anita Powers, W7DXM

25 Year Sticker

H. Kim Wilson, VK3CYL

35 Year Sticker

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40 Year Sticker

Rosemary Davidson, WA8VXE; Akiyo Nishino, JH'IGMZ

50 year Certificate

Burnette Boyett, K5JGC



Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB

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Hello again! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. I sure have! School has started and I have begun the 8th grade at Lake Forest Middle School in Cleveland, TN. I enjoy going to school and seeing friends from last year and making new ones this year. I really enjoyed going the Huntsville Hamfest and meeting several of the YL's during the YLRL International Convention. While at Huntsville I also helped out at the ARRL Youth Booth and met Robbie Lock, KG4PLK age 18, ARRL ASM Youth for Alabama. Robbie had lots of activities for the youth. Robbie attends Huntsville High School and is a cadet in the J.R.O.T.C. Program. Robbie Was also the Alabama Young Ham of the Year 2006-2007.



Robbie Lock, KG4PLK

Rebekah Williams, WG4Y age 16, ARRL Assistant Director for Youth Activities-Southeastern Division was also on hand to help. Rebekah has been a ham since the age of 8. She was ARRL ASM Youth-Alabama for 4 years before her latest appointment in March of this year. Rebekah
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was named Young Ham of the Year in 2005. I first met Rebekah during the Dayton Hamvention in 2005 and we quickly became friends. I've worked with Rebekah at Dayton and Huntsville for the past 3 years and have grown to admire her work in Amateur Radio.



Rebekah Williams, WG4Y

Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV of Yaesu made available 2 HT's (VX-1R) to be given away during the Youth Activities at Huntsville and made 2 young people very happy.



Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV

Each year in Huntsville the award is presented to the Young of the Year. This year it was presented to Emily Stewart, KC0PTL age 17 of Leavenworth, KS. Emily was

first licensed in 2003 at the age of 12. Emily interest in Amateur Radio comes from listening to her dad Mike, K0MDS on the radio. Emily was born in Germany while her dad was serving in the US Military. Her interest in ham radio lies in packet and satellites. Emily belongs to International Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society and is the Copy Editor and Senior Page Manager of her High School Year Book. Emily also is a volunteer Pharmacy Technician with Cushing Memorial Hospital and she is registered with the state of Kansas. I first met Emily while working in the ARRL Youth Lounge at Dayton last year. She is a very nice person and a joy to be around.



Emily Stewart, KC0PTL

If you have any news you would like for me to report feel free to contact me.

Until next time!
73 & 88
Emily WE4MB

No
Picture
at this
time.

District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT

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The warning bells have gone off on my computer, which means I am dangerously late in submitting my column for Harmonics. This has been a very busy season for me, although we are winding down at last. For those who don't remember, I own a farm in south central Massachusetts, which specializes in tree fruit and vegetables, with plant sales, bakery, honey, and preserves thrown in. As the harvest is over [my Jamaican workers left today for the perennial summer that is Jamaica], the chaos is over and now we just have to keep up with everything until December 24, when the roadside stand closes for the season. I always look forward to January, February and March!

WB1ARU, Anne sent me some news from her and Tony, WA1ENO. They attended a total of 5 ham conventions in 2008. In April, they were in Maine for the Andy Hamfest, then off to Dayton in May. Of course they went to Huntsville in August for the YLRL Convention, followed the next weekend by the ARRL District 1 Convention in Boxboro, MA. In October they hopped in the car again and attended the QCWA Convention in Virginia Beach. They enjoyed each convention, seeing many long-time friends and making several new ones. Getting to see some parts of the US that they had not seen before was an added bonus. They are enjoying the opportunity to do more

to visit in November/December

Anne's retirement. When they are not traveling, Anne keeps busy with many volunteer activities and tries to get on the air more frequently on the hf bands. Additionally, I happen to know that the pair will once again head to Colorado for a month of skiing this winter... ain't retirement grand?



Jan, K4IJK (left) and Arlene, W1L10

The WRONE luncheon on the first Saturday of November allowed many of us to get together at O'Connor's Restaurant in West Boylston, MA to chat and eat as well as conduct a business meeting. Attendance was good, although we would love to welcome more YL's and their spouses or friends to this twice-yearly gathering.



The WRONE Meeting

We are still hunting for a good spot for our next meeting, but that info will be on the WRONE website as soon as a location is selected.

At this meeting we had the opportunity to bid a fond farewell (for the winter-only, thank heavens) to Henny, KA1JVN and Walt and Arline, W1L10 who are heading for Florida for the winter. Fortunately they will return before the next WRONE meeting in May.

That's about it for now. Hope everyone reading this has a happy holiday season and a healthy new year. Catch you down the coax!

33 de N1PVT, Jane in MA

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Elizabeth I<I<7VO and myself. Phyllis Shanks W2GLB checks in every few weeks and occasionally a new YL will try but conditions have not been good.

A bit more about SK Barbara Ross K7KCY of Carson City, Nevada who passed away March 7 of this year. She was a licensed Amateur Radio Operator for 45 years, a hobby she truly enjoyed. Pictures of Barbara and her OM of 51 years Reid Ross W7HOP can be found on the Website for W9Pci - www.w9pci.com/w9pci/Feature/photos.htm

7 - landers - do you know of other YL nets in 7 land? Please let me know. And don't forget to send me your news! Enjoy the Holidays!

Sara AB7PS



District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF

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Greetings Ladies,

Summer is fast drawing to a close. And I will see another Birthday toward the end of August!
I'd like to take a moment to welcome some new YL's to YLRL in the 2nd District:

Heidi Mendelsohn KC2LEQ

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Heidi is endorsed by Joyce Birmingham KA2ANF and she is a member of the Bergen Amateur Radio Association, and the East Coast DX Association. She is married to Steve W2ML

Karen Cefalo KC2OPX

6 Judith Drive, Greenlawn, NY 11740

Karen holds a general class and is involved with GARC and LIDXA. Her father is N2XXS and she is active on 20 meters. She joined at the Dayton Hamvention

Welcome, ladies!!!

I've received a nice letter from Lia WA2NFY in Rochester, NY that I want to share with you all. Many have asked about Lia, so here's her news:

July 22, 2003

To all my dear YLRL friends,

Finally, I am able to send some news for the YL's in 2-land.

I am so glad in a way, but sad that L had to give up my favored mode "CW", not being able to put up an antenna at my new QTH.

I am at Crimson Ridge Campus - The Meadows. I feel really at home after the change and am glad that I can keep in touch by 2 meters. I have already made a new friend, Sue, KC2SUE, who is a new Ham.

My apartment is spacious and filled with items from my house. Some beautiful certificates are on the wall. QSL of King Hussein, 2-land, Switzerland Cards and others. I had to think what to keep and what to get rid of - Sad but it was needed.

We have a rich program here, Music, Exercise, Movies and trips by bus — tomorrow we go to the beach. I am looking forward to going swimming in Lake Ontario, like older times. I ualced today for % hour and feel free and glad that I can enjoy the beautiful Manor surrounding, the buildings, the many birds and yes, some robins. While walking, I often think hoiu my life has changed, not to forget that I have lost Ham Radio.

My dear relatives have helped me in many ways, driving me to the Doctor and Bank and to shopping. They are from Lee's side and do all they can to make me feel happy. I could not do without them.

Dear friends visit me and take me out for lunch and for church, which makes me happy and thankful. I wish I had been able to learn e-mail, but it is too late for me. I hope my many friends forgive me for that. I can't answer all the letters, phone calls even from Japan! Forgive my bad writing as old age changes many things, but I am happy and healthy...looking good as they say. Many people here are 90 and others are not very far from it, HI!

My little rose colored bird, Peachy is my companion. I am glad I could take a bird 'with me. The Parrot is with his Bird Mother and it was not easy to let him go.

We had a meeting after our very good and interesting day of programs. There is always something to do every day!

This is all the nezvsfrom "Crimson Ridge" Senior Living Center in Rochester. Please, write to me and call me -I miss you all very much!

33 es CU Lia, WA2NFY

Lia Zwack WA2NFY
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What a lovely letter from our friend, Lia. I wished I lived closer so I could visit her, too!
Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!
33 de Joyce KA2ANF



District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL

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Hello again from Three-Land—

The year has flown by and here we are almost into the Holidays!!! But it has been a busy and interesting summer. We have lately extended the dipole and I am hoping that will help me get into the YL nets on Thursday evenings.

Terrific news from Laura Schlabach—she has upgraded her license from Technician to General. And in even better news she tells us that their adoption of daughter Zoe, 2, was finalized this past May. Congratulations, Laura! Best

Wishes to you and all the family.

Our WACOM Club Hamfest is coming up at the beginning of November, and this is always one of our big events for the year. A good opportunity for us to meet and greet new local hams. I'll be holding a VE session again, and we have several signed up for tests for upgrades. It's good to see the interest and continued activity, particularly when there are young people that are coming out and joining in the hobby.

On a sad note I was contacted by the son of Jeanne

H. Doncaster, KA3CEO. She had moved to Ohio late in the summer and had suffered from health problems. She passed away September 27th. I did appreciate her son passing along the information—she will be missed.

I hope that all is well with all of you and please, please send me your news for the Harmonics. It's good to hear what you've all been up to.

33,73

Jacque, N3ZEL

District 5 News CONTINUED from PAGE 13

Judi W0JJ/5 reminds everyone the Texas Young Ladies Round Up Net (TYLRUN) meets at 7:55 am central time on 3.947 or 3.948 if QRM. They would love to have more YLs join them and they are usually finished by 8:10 am.

Martha, W5YKE reports she is off the air and at this time not sure she will be back active.

Mississippi News:

Gene, AE5FB is packing and getting ready to board the boat for her first expedition an IOTA trip to East Ship Island beginning October 16 thru October 18. Gene holds an extra class license, worked field day operations and competes with her OM Jerry N5UCF toward their DXCC and WAS awards. Gene serves as SMYL Secretary/Treasurer and a member of

YLRL. This will be the first time East Ship has been activated please see web page <http://www.k5s-na082.com> also see Gene's picture included with this article.



Gene in preparation

I will have the YLs over for four days to operate radio and hopefully work Gene, AE5FB on the IOTA but also let the ladies that do not have HF radios try for their WAS and maybe that rare DX station. We are opening our home for the CQWW contest again this year for anyone wishing to operate we always have a great time of fun and fellowship.

Southern Mississippi YLs

Gene, AE5FB



and Magnolia DX Assn will be setting up an Amateur Radio booth Nov 7th at the local VA Hospital to demo how Amateur Radio can be used by the disabled and the different programs available for the disabled along with Handy Ham and ARRL brochures. The SMYL and MDXA will set up another booth on Nov 15th at the Local Garden Park Hospital Health Fair where we will again have ARRL Brochures and Amateur Radio demo.

Well YL's that is all for this time hope to have more exciting news in the next issue. Wish you all safe and Happy Holidays.

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Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ



District Four News de Carol Laferty, K4SAF

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Hello District 4 YLs,

Our National Convention in Huntsville was very enjoyable. It was so nice to see old friends and make new ones. Our trip to the Space Center was a highlight of the convention for me. You don't really understand how huge one of those Saturn 5 rockets is until you stand under it. Although my OM wasn't with me, our YL/OM Banquet was lots of fun.

One of my most memorable moments has to be when Suzanne VE7IM from Vancouver Island, British Columbia, opened the gift she won! The prize was a beautiful, handmade table runner with placemats donated by the Buckeye Belles. Suzanne just kept pulling out things from that box, laughing with delight with each piece!



Suzanne, VE7IM and her prize

Being in the southern USA is always a treat, and the HAYLARCs were wonderful hostesses. A huge "thank you" goes to them for hosting our Convention. I'll be looking forward to going back to the Huntsville Hamfest in 2009 and see many of you again.

During our Convention it was announced that we are needing a new Receiving Treasurer next year. Nancy Rabel Hall is so busy with her work, home life.



Cheryl, NOWBV & Emily WE4MB try the Space Shot! -



Cheryl, NOWBV, Doshia, KB0NAS & Emily, WE4MB

and taking care of her adorable daughter Carol. She is finding it hard to fit everything into her hectic schedule, as well we can understand. Been there, done that. I volunteered my services as Receiving Treasurer, and I have been appointed to that position. So this will be my last column as your District 4 Chairwoman. It is with reluctance that I give up the position because I enjoy hearing from you all through email.

Joan Jones, W4JMJ, has been appointed to be my replacement, and has already sent you a message with that announcement. I know you will support her efforts as you have mine. She seems very excited about being named Chairwoman and I wish her all the best.

I have been working on the YLRL Century award, and need two more QSOs to make 100. In going through my old QSLs, I have found one from Doris, K5BNQ and Grace Tracy, K5YTT that I worked in 1959 during one of our YL Anniversary Parties.



A1959 con tact from Doris, K5BNQ- they met face to face at Huntsville!

It's good that all three of us are still participating in ham radio and members of YLRL. I hope all of you have long "careers" in amateur radio and YLRL. Keep up that continuous membership each year.



QSL card from K4BNQ in 1959

I just returned from a visit to Ft. Collins, Colorado with my daughter and family. The Rockies are an awesome sight and I'm so glad I got to visit 0-land in CO finally! Wish there had been time to visit with Cheryl, our Editor.

Please continue to send pictures and info to Joan, our new column editor. Thanks you for being so nice and cooperative for the two years I have been writing the District 4 column. Let's keep in touch.
33s, Carol

Here is Joan's information it will be in the District 4 header starting next issue. Joan Jones, W4JMJ 2916 Little Country Rd Parrish, FL 34219 (941) 776-9883 rvijfl@msn.com



District Five News
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Hello,

I will start with a recap of summer activities Huntsville YLRL convention was great. This was my first YLRL convention and a big THANK YOU goes to the HAYLARC's for a great job. I had the best time meeting all the YLs and putting a face with the voice. Mark you calendar now and plan to attend the next YLRL convention I know you will enjoy.

Hope all had a successful field day I was responsible for the GOTA Station again this year and proud to say we had 6 new YLs to operate and out of the 6 we had 5 make the required 20 contacts, 14 total GOTA station ops and 3 were kids 11 yrs to 17yrs of age.

If you have not tuned in to 40 meter on 7.245 on Thursday nights at 0200 UTC for the YLRL net you need to give it a try Anne, WB1ARU has been doing a great job as net control along with others across the states assisting with relays when necessary. The bands have been really bad lately so calling the net on 20 has been poor.

During the pass few months I have had the pleasure of talking to a lot of fifth district YLs by telephone while trying to update our records. Just let me tell you there is a lot of news and radio knowledge out there and I enjoy hearing about what has happen and what is happening now with these ladies. We have

some that are off the air due to the lost of a spouse, some have relocated to assisted living area, and some found out YLRL is still very active. Hopefully we have renewed some interest.

New Mexico News:

Robbie, N4CHIC says she has only been on 2 meters for the last few years and I mention the YLRL net and she said she had forgotten how to check in it had been so long. Then I received an email in September from Robbie and she has had the old rotator replaced in the antenna and one of the elements repaired so we hope to hear her soon.

Texas News:

Alverta, K5MIZ reports they survived Hurricane Gustav with no damage thank goodness and their group was meeting at the 59 Diner for their monthly breakfast they were expecting about 8 members.

Burnette, K5JGC has taken on remodeling as a hobby I think she likes the shopping for porcelain, tile and granite not to mention decision like color and size more so than the actual construction. I hope by the time she reads this article the job is finished and all is well.

Inez, W5WXT reported she has been in YLRL for 50 yrs and has enjoyed it all. Please note the copy of a QSL card that Inez send me where YLs-I<5YCE, K5TSE, W5WXT, K5OPV, W5KQG, K5OPS, and K5OPT visited the Alamo some of you may remember these YLs and

received this card. I think I remember Inez telling me she became a ham in October of 1952.



K5YCE-K5TSE - W5WXT - K5OPV - W5KQG - K5OPS - K5OPT

The Alamo YL card!

Mary, WB5TRW has changed her call back to KA5EWJ which she tells me was her first original call. Mary and I had a laugh about her getting her old call back she had it first but when she got it back it is now a vanity call and they charge you for it she just did not think that was fair. We also talked about her OM Clay, K5TRW who sent me information on Worked All El Paso contest WAE. This contest started in 1936 and is the second oldest contest in the U.S. superseded only by the WAS. The WAE is a year long contest culminating on the first full weekend of November from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM MDT both Saturday and Sunday you all need to check this out at www.w5es.org and try for the certificates.

Ruth, K5OPT reports she is only active on 40 meters so hopefully we can hear her on the YLRL net soon.

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YLRL Convention Pictures Huntsville, AL 2008



Scholarship winners for 2008!

Please meet our 2008 scholarship winners.



Rebecca Rich, KB0VVT is a 19 year old who will be a junior this fall. She is majoring in electrical journalism at MIT. She holds an Extra class license and has been licensed since 1996. Her parents are both Hams. Presently she is active on SSB and CW on the HF bands, and is a member of the Raytown Amateur Radio Club, Kansas City DX Club, the MIT W1MX society and she has been a member of YLRL. Her interests include contesting such as Field Day, ARRL Sweepstakes and WPX contests.

Stephanie Schaefer, KC2NSA is a 20-year-old junior at Marywood University studying Elementary Education with dual concentrations in Music and Mathematics, a minor in History and citation in Honors. At Marywood University she is a member of Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Orchestra, Volunteers in Action, Music Ministry and Peers on Wellness. She works as a Lifeguard and Swim Instructor at the YMCA and tutors on Marywood's campus. All of her family members are Hams and she hopes to someday use her position as an Elementary Educator to promote Amateur Radio.



Both YLs also sent the following thank you letters, excerpts are as follow and you can contact President Anne Manna, WB1ARU if you wish to see the full letter.

Dear Young Ladies' Radio League:

As I begin my academic year here at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, I would like to thank you for your support. This year is my third year studying Electrical Engineering at MIT, and without financial support from groups like the Young Ladies' Radio League, Ethel Smith Memorial Scholarship my academic goals here would not be possible. I cannot thank you enough.

[studies deleted as similar to above]

Thank you again for your support as I pursue my academic career at MIT. I know this term will be one of the most exciting and academically rigorous terms I have had yet, and I can't wait to see what all it has to offer!

Sincerely,
Rebecca Rich, KB0VVT

Dear Young Ladies' Radio League:

I have just received the check for the YLRL Scholarship in memory of Mary Lou Brown, NM7N. I am very proud to have been selected to receive this scholarship and I am deeply appreciative of this financial award.

[bio deleted as it is similar to above]

Thank you for selecting me.
With Sincere Gratitude,
Stephanie L. Schaefer, KC2NSAS

The Ballot results are in for the Proposed Changes

Proposed Changes to the YLRL Constitution and By Laws
November 2008

YLRL Constitution

Article V - Organization

Current:

Section 2 The fiscal year shall begin on January 1

Section 3 The membership year shall begin on March 1

New:

Section 2 The fiscal year and membership year shall begin on January 1

Section 3 Delete

YLRL By Laws

Article II Dues

Current:

Section 3 Dues for renewal of continuous membership shall be paid in advance, shall be due and payable on March 1st of each year and shall become delinquent if not paid by March 31st of that year

Section 4 For new and reinstating members joining after August 31st the dues may be prorated by half the annual dues for that fiscal year

New:

Section 3 Dues for renewal of continuous membership shall be paid in advance, shall be due and payable on ~~January 1~~ of each year and shall become delinquent if not paid by March 31st of that year

Section 4 For new and reinstating members joining after ~~June 30~~, the dues may be prorated by half the annual dues for that fiscal year.

Proposed changes mailed to all members by separate mailing with response required by November 30, 2008

Tally of ballots cast:

125 Yes

7 No

Comments from members:

Martha Edwards W6QYL - "I tried in 1965 to get the organization to move to Jan 1 - no luck" "You are all doing a great job - its fun watching YLRL growth"

Marion Dixon WA7TLL - " I think having all dates the same (January) is a good idea. I do hope the dues information each year is sent early enough so that we are not so preoccupied with Christmas preparations that the applications are set aside and completely forgotten"

A SPECIAL AWARD FOR KC4IYD!

From Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD- "Just wanted to let you all know of an honor that was given to me over the weekend. I received the Allan Severson Memorial award, formerly the Ohio Ham of the Year. The award was presented at the Ohio Section Conference on Sept. 13. Joe Phillips, the Ohio Section Manager, actually "cornered" me at the Huntsville Hamfest last month (yep, I saw him at the Huntsville hamfest when Dawn and I stopped there on the Sunday afternoon of the YLRL Convention) and told me I was the recipient. The plaque is real neat. Here is the press release from the website: <http://www.arrlOhio.org/>"



Joe & Nancy



Nancy, KC4IYD



District Six News de Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL

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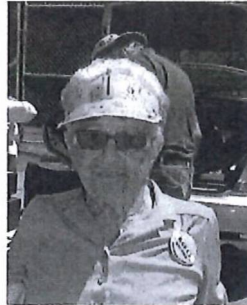
It is hard to believe that summer is over and fall is here. I received a letter from Ruth Hinkle (W6LXL) telling me the weather in Scott Valley has turned cool and "the nights are getting downright cold." Ruth had a busy summer that included spending time on Kauai visiting her new great-grandson, Ikaika. Ikaika's mommy is Hawaiian, and his name is Hawaiian for "strong heart."

Ruth also spent time in Whittier celebrating August birthdays including her own. Her daughter, Peggy (KB6QPB), took her to visit Vada (W6CEE) in Hemet. Thanks Ruth for sending me the photo to share with all of the ladies.



Ruth, W6LXL & Vada, W6CEE

Vada moved down from the mountains to get away from the bad winters. Vada's new home is in a lovely retirement community close to her church, shopping, etc. and she is actively engages in swimming and aerobics. Her friends miss hearing her on the Ironing Board Net and hope that she can get back on the air one of these days.



Irma, K6KCI

The Ironing Board Net meets Tuesdays at 10AM California time on 7.233. Check-in numbers have been dropping but Irma (K6KCI) and JoAnne (WA6QKC) regularly check-in from Thousand Oaks.

In August, I ran into Irma (K6KCI) at the Santa Barbara Hamfest (see photo.) Irma and her OM were members of the SB ARC for many years before they moved to Thousand Oaks.

I've been enjoying having a Yaesu FT-857D in my car. The band conditions have been terrible, so you can imagine my surprise when I got a call from Kurt ,HB9MX (Switzerland), on 20 meters when I was driving to work one morning last week. He heard me chatting with Jda (KB5YQ) and gave me a call. Kurt has confirmed contacts with over 1950 individual YL-stations around the world.

My daughter is in California for a visit. She comes every year around this time and we will be headed to Las Vegas in a few days with a friend of ours. My daughter, Robbie, isn't a ham, but she does a great job logging for me if I am operating mobile. I'll end the District 6 News with words from Ruth, "All of you YLs out there... get on the air!!!"
33,
Ginger, AB6YL

PLEASE HELP!

Please help YLRL and our visually impaired members. With our Tape Topics Librarian Anna Arnholt, K9RXK becoming a Silent Key, we no longer have Tape Topics being produced. In addition it has come to our attention that the mode of tape is very outdated and there are many other alternatives to this medium.

Suggestions have included a searchable PDF file (for visually impaired readers at this time), a text document with pictures described and a large print version of the magazine.

While not all suggestions work for all members, it is a great start. If you know a member who would get her Harmonics in the alternative method, please contact her and help us find out what method is preferred. We also need to know if the number of members needing this method has changed and if one of you would be willing to take over the "Tape Topics" role and help convert the issue if necessary.

Thank you for your help and support!



District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

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Hello to everyone.

Fall has arrived; the trees are beginning to show their autumn colors. The last couple of months seem to have been rather quiet in 7 land. First, a bit of news from members:

Barbara Yasson AC7UH was again in charge of Communications for the Race for the Cure in Portland in September. She reports that the communications team consisted of 35 volunteers, 32 of whom were radio operators. "The YL count for this year was 17, including my 9 year-old granddaughter."

Lory N7KTY had total knee replacement June 30th. She writes "Still have a bit of numbness down to the ankle, and occasionally my knee feels 'heavy', but other than that I'm back at the gym doing PT exercises and upper body strength training and deep water aerobics 3x/ week, riding stationary bike at home when I remember. Can climb stairs again without pain, yippee." Lory used to be one of our regulars on MINOW Net but deep-water aerobics at the gym coincide with the net - we miss you. Lory.

I am pleased to welcome Rita Wilson K7INL of Chloride, AZ as a new member of YLRL. I hope to hear you on the air, Rita.
NEWS of YL Nets

According to Barbara AC7UH The Two Rivers YL

net was started in the middle 1990's by Charlotte Lindell, whose call sign at the time was KC7AAY. The name of the group came from the Columbia and Willamette rivers, and the fact that there were check-ins to the net from Vancouver, Portland, Gresham, Salem, etc.

The net is on Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. on the 147.24 repeater (+ offset and no tone), the Clark County Amateur Radio Club 2 meter repeater. It is reasonably informal and there is a get-together about 3 times a year. There are about 28 YLs now who have checked into the net or are interested in meeting other YLs in the area.



Two Rivers YL fall get together

Their fall get together was held Saturday October 18 at the Newport Bay Seafood Grill in Tigard. Barbara AC7UH reported "The luncheon went off without a hitch and fun was had by all. Attending were: Peggy Stone KB7SBK, Amy Wong N7AMY, Marianna Kearney W7WFO, Claire Fillinger K6ZCR, Barbara Yasson AC7UH, Shawna Ross, NL7NI, Natalie Mealer WA6QVM, Jill Khovy

KE7WEC, Ellie Singletary (Laura's mother) and Laura Seitlinger KC7LOK.

Roxann Holwege AB7HO reports "The Coastal YL Group meets at 8pm on Sunday evenings on the SEARC and Beachnet Repeaters. They are linked together for our use. We are a social net, started so all the new YL's that are in the area would feel comfortable to talk to other YL's. It is also a way for them to run a net. We usually meet for about 30 minutes and have had around 6-12 check-ins. We have about 25 YL's on our list and more are checking in."

The Evergreen Intertie YL Net on 2 meters has been in existence for many years. I began checking-in in 1994. The roster for that year had 64 YLs on the list. One of these was Moe WB0RTF who is listed in the Directory as one of the Silent Keys of 2008. Only a few Old-Timers still check-in but new YLs join us from time to time. But there have also been problems; I'm usually Net Control with Mary W7HPA taking a turn once a month. However I have been 'breaking up' - we concluded it was in the microphone so I'm waiting for a new one to arrive.

The MINOW YL Net on 75 meters continues with the three YLs who check in regularly on Friday morning -Ruth K1IIF,

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District Eight News de Jean Ruth, KB8YHN

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Nancy, KC4IYD, submitted the following. Winter has arrived to Ohio and we've already had several days of snowfall here in Northeast Ohio. Annette, KC8SQM and I attended a weekend long scrapbook event in Sept., we had fun and plan to put a scrapbook together of our activities from the YLRL Convention sometime next year. My family and I will be spending Thanksgiving with my inlaws in Ohio and Christmas with my folks in Florida.

Connie, N8IO writes: I have been taking my OM to Parkersburg, WV daily for the past 3 months for Hyperbaric (oxygen) treatment that takes about 4 hours out of the day. He is under treatment for a hole in his foot that has been going on since after Christmas last year. Made it to Massillon Hamfest on October 26th and stopped to see Doris, WD8IKC to show her some pictures of my newest Great Grandson, Mason Syllas Ritenour, born Oct 1 at 10 pounds 3 ounces and 21.75 inches long, before I started back to Marietta. I've been able to check into the OSSBN (Ohio Single Side Band Net) from the mobile but the reception is pretty bad since I'm down to Parkersburg right outside of the hospital so that may be the problem. I really miss checking into YL Open House and Tangle Net as that is while Jerry is having his treatment and 20 meters isn't the best from the mobile. We will be going to Maryland for Thanksgiving and our son from Maine is going to be there too. YL Harmonics November/December

Nice get together that I'm really looking forward to this. Happy Holidays to all, 33 and Teddy Bear Hugs.

Carolyn, N8ST writes, the Grant Amateur Radio Club had their annual hamfest on November 8. I was in charge of the VE testing session, there was 12 tests taken, only one new ham (and it's a YL ... YEAH!!!) and one upgrade. I setup a table at the hamfest for free things and of course had YLRL flyers on it. I'm happy to report that Dot, KB8TQU now has a radio (2 meter) beside her bed so she can chat with other hams when she feels like it. Other things I've done lately include getting the motorcycle endorsement on my driver's license, catching up on YLRL certificates applications, keeping up with Starfleet, Starfleet Academy, and USS JURASSIC "stuff", and of course running our home businesses. <grin> The USS JURASSIC now has six members who are also YLRL members: Dot, KB8TQU; Shelley, KD8IYW; Nancy, KC4IYD/8; Annette, KC8SQM; Dawn, KC8SQN; and me N8ST. My OM, Gary K8BE, and I took his sister Carol (not a ham) to the Creation Museum in Kentucky. If you ever get a chance to go, it's a great museum. We spent the day there and can't wait to go back, because there is so much to see and learn about creation, dinosaurs, and Noah's flood. It's great for people of all ages from the smallest child to the oldest adult.

Susie, N8CGM wrote I'm

sitting in the condo of some barbershop harmony friends (34 floors up from the street) in Honolulu. My chorus, Cincinnati Sound, competed in last week's Sweet Adelines Inti contest. We didn't place at all highly, but when our director read us the judges' comments, we realized we hadn't done too badly for one of the "rookie" chori at International. Then immediately after contest we boarded the Norwegian Cruise Lines "Pride of America" for a week's cruise around the Hawaiian Islands, with many shore excursions available. Now that we've finally adjusted to island time, we get to deal with jet lag back to EST Mon the 17th overnight & get home Tue mid AM, after a red-eye from HNL to ATL, avoiding an overnight stay at LAX. We left our car in Dayton, since flight prices from there are lower than from CVG (Gr Cincinnati, highest in the nation!). We also hope the 4 cats who let us live with them will be happy to see us after all this time.

Byrness, W8LE wrote that I am getting ready to do so I can get on the air again. Bill, my son, put an antenna up in the attic in my garage but I will have to get an electrical contractor to drill thru the wall and get the wires down to the basement. My son suggested I do it this way -I have just been dragging my feet as I keep finding things to do. My son got a nice new rig for me so I should be getting it on the air. With winter approaching I will be staying home more so "hamming" will be fun again.



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

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Happy fall ladies. I can't believe that 2008 is winding down. It has gone so quickly, much too quickly. We have just returned home from our latest trip. We have traveled a lot this year, most have been very short trips, one was just an overnight, but we were on the road more than usual this year. I guess that is one reason this year has slipped away.

Our most recent trip was 12 days to Disney World with our son, his wife and four children, ranging in age from 7 to 18. We had a great time. The kids got me on a couple of rides I could swear I said I would never ride. But, I do admit there were two that I absolutely refused to go on and my O.M., Al, told me they were both wise decisions. While in the Orlando area, we were able to have dinner with the first baseball player we hosted 3 years ago. We hadn't seen him since he left Fort

Wayne and it was wonderful being with him and his family, if only for one evening. We also spent one day at the Kennedy Space Center. It has been many years since we were there and I still get goosebumps seeing all the rockets and the space capsules. What history is sitting in those buildings.



*Carole, Al & the Family at
Disney World*

As far as amateur radio is concerned, we wrapped up our Fox Hunting season yesterday, with our team being the foxes. We had the wrap-party at our home after. The fox was hidden by the pond in our

addition. I really didn't think it would be a difficult hunt, but Al and Jim, K9OMA, were a bit devious. There were actually two foxes, one at the south end of the pond, and one at the north end and we were transmitting alternately between the two, all they had to find was one of them. After the fox was found, we had a chili dinner and lots of desserts, good conversation, and laughs.

The Fort Wayne Hamfest is the next amateur radio event in our lives. I will be hosting a YLRL forum on Saturday as well as doing some announcing of the hourly prizes. This is always a good time to see friends we don't get to see any other time and meet some new friends.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season coming up. Stay warm and healthy.

33, Carole WB9RUS

A Farewell from the Current RT - Nancy KC4IYD

I agreed to take over the position of RT for District 1-10, KL7, I<H6 and Canada, with the intention of helping YLRL as no one had yet volunteered for that position and all the other YLRL positions had candidates. However, over the past year I have realized that this position required much more time and effort than I had anticipated. With my job that has me traveling almost every month, my family and church activities, I was finding that I was not able to devote the time that was required for this position. While I have been able to process the membership reports, I was falling behind in submitting reports and alot of people have not received their membership cards, for which I am sorry.

During the summer, I realized that I could not continue with all the activities I was doing and knew I had to make a decision. Therefore, I submitted my resignation to Anne WB1ARU prior to the Fluntsville YLRL Convention but told her I would continue to stay on until a replacement was found.

I am grateful that Carol Laferty, K4SAF will take over this position and I was lucky enough to meet her at the Hunstville YLRL Convention and give her an overview of the position. For those of you who haven't received your membership cards, I intend to send them out in December for 2008 with a note that the 2009 dues go to Carol. Thanks for giving me this opportunity and I enjoyed reading the notes some of you send. I know that Carol will do a great job.

33 de kc4iyd/8,Nancy



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KBONAS

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Greetings from District 10!

It has been a very quiet early fall here, with mostly warm, dry weather, and the snow keeping to the higher mountains. I have tried several times to join the YL Thursday night net, but at most I have heard fragments; the conditions are just not right. I will be trying again now that time has changed and it is later, sun time—also, no thunderstorms to make me ground the antenna!

Trying to talk with YLs across the country has got me thinking a lot more about antennas. To that end, I made a very nice day trip into the mountains and attended a day long "Techfest" one of the area's radio clubs, the 285 TechConnect Radio Club put on. ("285" refers to US Highway 285, which runs into the mountains west of Denver and south through Santa Fe, New Mexico.)



Note the YLs in the crowd of the Techfest!



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For nearly 6 hours I learned more about antennas. Some was definitely useful; including reminders about just how much signal is lost between radio and transmission from the antenna (and fortunately what can be gained by a decent antenna). Some was interesting but useless (to me) stuff about huge antenna towers (covenant restrictions).

Then, some things might be useful, such as the fact that traditional lineman's safety belts are just plain dangerous. They are tailor made to break a person's back should one fall.

I also learned the basics of using an antenna modeling freeware program, 4NEC2, developed by G. J. Burke and A. J. Poggio which uses the Numerical Electromagnetics Code (NEC) that has been developed at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, Livermore, California, under the sponsorship of the Naval Ocean Systems Center and the Air Force Weapons Laboratory. It produces a model of the signal coming out of a huge variety of antennas—and shows me clearly that my best bet might actually be to use the same antenna I use for nets within Colorado, and let someone with a better antenna relay!!! (That would be Cheryl, N0WBV). Ah, well.

One of the things that really pleased me was that the conference itself was largely organized by a YL, Nancy,

K0NNC. In addition, there were at least half a dozen women there through the day. And they weren't just baking cookies!!



Nancy, K0NNC and helper

Unfortunately, there was not a chance to meet them, but the session was so successful that the group decided to hold another next year. Another thing the 285 group does is sponsor a youth group at the area's elementary school. From 16 to 20 upper elementary students meet regularly, and next year they plan to begin a middle school group as the fifth graders enter 6th grade. Ellie, N0QCX, is having a positive impact on work with young hams and would-be hams for miles around.

Floping everyone has the happiest of holidays, 33, Doshia, KBONAS.

**YLRL congratulates
K5OVC, Lenny for
having 315 confirmed
YL-DXCC contacts.**



Alaska District News de Heather Hasper, KL7SP

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Hello from I<L7 YL

Winter is upon us and while some of you may be experiencing an 'Indian' summer, the majority of Alaska has dropped into the cold of winter. Days are getting shorter and nights longer as we approach with winter Solstice on 12/21.

We have a lot to be proud of as this year comes to a close. The Young Ladies of Alaska were able to host the largest amateur radio convention in Alaska. From the coordination of the welcome BBQ, to the table decorations, registrations, the hospitality suite and the scholarship donation, the YL amateur radio operators put together a great event with the help of OM's.

To view photos of our convention feel free to check out www.akhamfest.com

We have created a new website for the Polar Amateur Radio I<club of Alaska. This website has a page dedicated to YLRL of Alaska and photos of old QSL cards of members and past members who have contributed to the role of YL's in amateur radio throughout Alaska. I encourage all of you to visit www.kl7ion-parka.com. Turn your speakers up as well for a fun blast from the past.

We have a lot of new ham operators getting licenses and our focus for 2009 will be increasing our membership throughout Alaska. In

November there are entry technician courses being offered in Anchorage, Bethel, and the Matanuska Valley and in Kodiak. The only way our organization will continue is by being mentors to the next generation of ham operators. I spent a few days with KL7LA going over photos from past events and documenting her experiences with ham radio during the 1980's when she and her husband were the center of communications for so many activities in Alaska.

If you know the histor y

of amateur radio in your community, consider putting it down on paper so the next generation of ham radio operators can have a full understanding of how far amateur radio has come in the last 100 years.

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

You can email me at KL7SP@arrl.net or feel free to call me at 907-275-7474.

33,
KL7SP



ALASKA AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS

Within minutes the ALASKA AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS responded to provide communications after the GREAT EATHQUAKE OF MARCH 27, 1964. The amateurs provided vital communications to all agencies within Alaska and to the outside world. There were two distinct operations. One group worked within the city of Anchorage to provide two meter communications between Civil defense and other points such as Hospitals, Alaska Command, International Airport, Merrill Field, Broadcast Stations, traffic control points, danger areas, Public Health Center, Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.

The other group concentrated their efforts to handle the many thousands of messages from within Alaska to points outside Alaska. Some of these points were foreign countries where relatives were so anxious to hear if their families were injured. In all there were over 50,000 messages handled within the disaster area and to the outside. This feat was only one of the Public Services rendered by the Alaska Amateur Radio Operators. They have and will always stand ready to serve their fellow man as best they can.



VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

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On behalf of all the VE members of YLRL may I extend our very best wishes to you all for a safe, happy Christmas and a bright, healthy New Year. 33 Suzanne VE7IM

Elizabeth - VE7YL writes:
Awful summer for propagation - My contacts with the 222DX net from VI< were few and far between. Don't think I can remember such a dismal summer for new YL contacts. Did work a few new IOTA, which brings me up to 987 confirmed and four I'm waiting cards on. Am working for that 1000 plaque and had hoped to get it this year. Don't think so now!! EchoLink has been a lifeline. Hope everyone has a great fall. Look forward to the next Harmonics with it's news.

33 Elizabeth VE7YL

Paulette - VE7VPE writes: My gosh summer has gone by so quickly. Lots of company and a trip to Holland. My garden grew extremely well this year and a large yield of everything planted. The local 2 meter CLARA Friendship Net started again October 1*¹. Great hearing everyone on the air again. Hopefully a few more ladies will join us each week. Haven't been able to get on any of the nets through EchoLink, need a new pair of headphones/microphone. I can hear everyone but they can't hear me. Will work on that so that I can get on the nets again. HF is out, also, the antenna came down and the OM hasn't had time to put it back up. Pleading to Palm Springs for the winter soon. This year we hope to be able to get a radio up and running so might even be able to get on some local nets while there. Hope everyone had a great summer and that winter

isn't too harsh this year. 33 Paulette VE7VPE

Ann - VE3HAI writes: The CLARA get together at Milton was fun in July, as was the TFM picnic in September. Next came the QCWA Chapter 73 lunch in October and then in November, the Ft Wayne Flea market beckoned. Ann hopes everyone has a great Christmas and enjoys lots of ham activities in the New Year. 33 Ann VE3HAI

Jeanne - VA3WX writes: The month of September was a real nice month. A neighbor gave Jeanne lots of big, red tomatoes so she has put some in the freezer for winter use in casseroles. A visit from her sister-in-law from Berwick, Nova Scotia took place in the beginning of September for 4 days so lots of shopping including Christmas shopping and a visit to an antique store. Jeanne's computer crashed so just getting use to using a lap top computer and quite a difference in the keyboard and space bar from her desktop. Having lots of static at night for the evening CLARA net on Monday nights. We sometimes need relays but glad to have the net up and running again. Our sympathy to Kay, WA0WOF, on the passing of her OM, Mike. Jeanne has been sponsoring Kay into CLARA for some years. Wishing everyone a nice fall. 33 Jeanne VA3WX

Heather - VE3HOH writes: In the spring we went to Dayton Hamfest and had a great time, I hadn't been there in about 10 or 15 years. Our summer was filled with square dance conventions (3) and lots of camping/dancing and family events. Flam radio takes a back seat but it is always with us (car, truck, camper and home).

Fall has arrived here. Last night was our first hard frost. The trees are spectacular this year. Brilliant reds and yellows, a beautiful time of the year, even though winter is close behind. Wishing everyone a great fall and Holiday Season. 33 Heather VE3HQH

Vai - VE5AO writes: Not much going on from VE5 land. I am slowly getting back into radio. Our 75M Full Wave Loop antenna is working very well and Flarv has transmatched it to all bands, and has all the numbers written down, so that I don't have to do much except twiddle the dials. We also put up a Ringo Ranger 2M antenna, which certainly does help with the IRLP. By the way, we are on node 9101-channel 2. Our Saskatchewan Net runs daily at 9:00 PM local or 0300UTC. I am Net control on Thursday evenings. I4F bands are terrible, and I started as Net control for the Aurora Net (7.055 MHz) once again, but had to give it up, as all I was doing was handing it over to the B.C. relay stations because they were hearing everyone, not like me who has an S7 noise level. Oh well, once it gets really cold outside, then the band conditions will improve. I have also installed Echolink on the computer and have joined the YL IRLP/Echolink net the 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month, and am enjoying it. I do prefer HF, but at least with the Echolink you can hear all the girls without the noise. Sure is nice. Well, that's it, not much else, we pruned our trees, some flowers are still holding out, but the frost will get them soon. Do take care all, prayers for all who need them, and hugs for everyone. 33 Vai VE5ACJ/VE5AQ



DX News & DX Treasurer

de Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF

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Hi All,

The unseasonably warm weather pattern continues here in the Western U.S. as we are experiencing summer temperatures of 33 c. one day and fall temperatures of 15 c. a day later. We hear many of you are also experiencing changes in your weather with operating conditions sporadic from day to day at the ending of this cycle. To help with these changing conditions, a number of YL's here in the States have formed gathering frequencies for informal nets on 40 and 20 meters: (Thursday night, U.S.) 0200 UTC, 7.245+ - and/or 14.288 + - . So, please join in if you hear us.

News from: *de Magda ZS6MVW*:
"Suzette ZR6SVW also a member of YLRL is now upgrading to a ZS class license. She done her 100 qso's on simplex and received 100 qsl cards. So all is done and the paperwork must now be done by the authorities and then she will be a ZS. Suzette also had her Merit Function at the school on the 30th October and did very well again."

YL's attending the ZS6/South Africa International YL Meeting have returned home after a very successful event. Congratulations to the hosting YL's from South Africa as

everyone reported having a great time. We look forward to hearing about the next YL International Meeting in Munich in 2010.

Let's hope for good conditions during VP8 (Falkland Islands) YL DX Operation, Jan 17-31, 2009. There will be eight DX YL's operating with separate Falkland Island callsigns of VP8YL__ . Each YL will operate with their own callsign, so be sure to listen to the last letter of the call sign identifying each YL. Only YLs will be operating, so hopefully good conditions and YL voices will prevail to promote "pileups." Hi!

33,
Jeanie, wa6uvf

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!

Countries needing sponsors may include (but are not limited to):

*South Africa
India
Poland
Japan
Australia
&
More*

MISSING IN ACTION!

Below is a list of members whose membership cards and/or YL-Harmonics has been returned to sender with unknown or no forwarding. If you can contact them, please let them know we are unable to reach them and are holding their items. Once we get 2 returns in a row, all YL-Harmonics are held due to mailing cost issues. Please keep your records updated and let the Receiving Treasurers know if you have any changes. Thank you!

-The Editor & Receiving Treasurers

Returned mail for:

Barbara Ulatowska, SP2FF

Chae Do Soolc, HLIICDW-but have possible correction.

Masuko Izumi, JA8AQY

Found!

Heather Pike, VK2HD de Dot Bishop, VK2DB

If you have missed any issues due to a problem with your address-or for any other missing issues-please contact the editor with the dates, so we can resend them. Thank you.

New YLRL Members de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ-Secretary

RR 1, Box 71, Altoona, PA 16601
(814) 942-7334

wb3efq@verizon.net



New Members for November/December 2008

We are pleased to introduce these new members to YLRL.

District 1

Susan Bently W1VPF

69 Dunne Ave., Collinsville, CT
06019
Birthday: December 18
E-mail: susan.bentley@hartfordlife.com
Susan is newly licensed and joined YLRL at Boxborough. She was endorsed by WB1ARU

Brittany Decker IC8IOGL

59 Robinson Road, Hudson, New
Hampshire 03051
Birthday: January 28
E-mail: kblogl@comcast.net
Brittany is a member of the
Nashua ARC and the Young
Amateur Contest ham team. She
is the Assistant Section manager
for youth and is starting a young
amateurs club. She enjoys contest
such as field day and VHF contests.
Endorsed by WB1ARU

Kimberly Stewart KB1PZG

27 Berkeley Drive, Chelmsford, MA
01824
Birthday: May 2
E-mail: ldastewart@comcast.net
Kim is currently active on 2 and 6
meters. Endorsed by WB1ARU

District 4

Connie Beckwith IC4J4FCG

11182 Lee Rd 279, Cusseta, AL 36852
Birthday: July 21
E-mail: wallacel2020@bellsouth.net
Connie is a new ham, licensed
in 2008 and the other ham in her
family is KE4UNA

Evelyn Hockersmith W4EVE

PO Box 897, Valley, AL 36854
Birthday: October 14
E-mail: evelynh250@hotmail.com
Evelyn is also newly licensed with
lots of family "ham" support. Her
daughter is our former president

Mary Moore, WX4MM and she has
her OM Don K4DHH, son-in-law
Tom WX4TM, daughter Barbara
KR4SJ and grandson Thomas
KD4WNA in the hobby. It was nice
being with Evelyn at the Huntsville
convention. By the way, she won
the prize for the oldest licensed
ham there.

Amy Rothrock KT4E

417 Sugarwood Drive, Knoxville,
TN 37934
Birthday: March 28
Enjoys contests, dx and has her OM
John AK4Z and N4OHP to share
the radio with.

Barbara McLester W5YXU

6240 Hwy 49, Columbiana, AL
35051
Birthday: November 27
E-mail: bwmcl@bellsouth.net
Barbara was licensed in 2008 and
holds an extra class license. She
participates in nets and certificates.
Her OM is W4XYU. She won her
YLRL membership at the YL forum
in Huntsville

Debra Barnes KI4ZKL

167 Co. Rd 342, Killen, AL 35645
Birthday: April 17
E-mail: ki4zkl@arrl.com
Deb participates in nets

Sharron S. Fritts W4WIF

2486 Smith Rd., Philadelphia, TN
37846
Birthday: April 2
E-mail: w4wif@localnet.com
Sharron is active with slowscan
TV, Maritime mobile net. Smokey
Mt ACR, Monroe County ARC
and McMinn Co ARC. Her OM is
W4SEF

Sandy Linder KC4TBQ

507 York Rd., Fayetteville, NC 28303
Birthday: September 11
E-mail: wb7ond@yahoo.com

Nancy Williams NR4RR

528 Meadowlark Trail,
Chattanooga, TN 37412
Birthday June 6
E-mail: nr4rr@comcast.net
Nancy enjoys the RV service
net and RV radio net. She also
participates in field days and HF.
Her OM is KR4RR and oldest son is
KG4PIR

Kaitlyn S. Cole KJ4GPG

117 Willow Valley Drive, Harvest,
AL 35749
Birthday: October 17
E-mail: mailto:tkdtigergirl@hotmail.com
Kaitlyn may be our youngest
member at the tender age of 8. She
is in the 3rd grade and is currently
working on getting her general
class license. Let us know when you
get it!

District 5

Barbara Miller KE5QHZ

18724 Reese Dr., Saucier, MS 39574
Birthday: January 21
E-mail: dwarden223@aol.com
Barb has been licensed since 2007
and joins her OM Dan in the hobby

Katy Luftig WB0JBZ

514 Douglas St., Canton, MS 39046
Birthday: December 18
E-mail: kluftig@mdes.ms.gov
Katy is re-entering amateur radio
after a long absence...welcome
back.

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Katherine Rush ICE5TZC
514 Douglas St., Canton, MS 39046
Birthday: December 11
Newly licensed Katherine participates with Skywarn and is the daughter of Katy Luftig

District 7

Rita Wilson IC7INL
PO Box 204, Chloride, AZ 86431-0204
Birthday: October 3
E-mail: Wilson.AZ@frontiernet.net
email to: Wilson.AZ@frontiernet.net
Rita joins us having been licensed since 2006 and holding a general class license. She enjoys participating in Field Day

District 8

Shelley L. Harrell KD8IYW
1702 Kress Rd., Mt. Crab, OH 45154
Shelley is a Sr. Payroll tax analyst and participates on 2, 440, 10 and 6 meters and enjoys field day. Her OM John is KD8DFV. She was endorsed by Carolyn N8ST

District 9

Diana L. Weiss W9DW
N6739 250th St., Knapp, WI
Birthday: June 16 E-mail: Diana@lawyerweiss.com

Diane has been licensed since 1991 and holds an Extra class license. She is interested in emergency communications. Her OM John is W9JW

District 10

Emily Stewart ICC0PTL
1100 Wellington, Leavenworth, I<S 66048
Birthday: June 18
E-mail: beastar@kc.rr.com
Emily has the distinction of being the ARRL Young Ham of the Year. She enjoys packet, satellites and stormchasing. We hope to hear more from this young ham.

Alaska

Carol Bush KL2FA
PO Box 871141, Wasilla, AI< 99687
Birthday: January 6
E-mail: cbush@gci.net
Carol belongs to a number of clubs and ARES. She works the FM modes, PSK 31 and sideband, is a volunteer with the Itarod and supports communications for walks and bike races. Her OM KL7JFT is an Army Mars Emergency Coordinator. (Note: I also believe it was Carol who dressed the adorable bears for the AI< convention and we saw at the Huntsville conventions)

VE

Linda Harvey VE1QT
928 Station Rd, Scotch Village, Nova Scotia B0N2G0
My apologies to Linda for somehow overlooking her in previous columns. Welcome

Suzanne Thauvette VE2SZN

210 de Vercheres, Greenfield Park, Quebec, Canada
Birthday: October 1
E-mail: s_thauvette@hotmail.com
Suzanne is a retired teacher and her OM and son are both licensed. She was endorsed by Anne WB1ARU at the Boxboro Hamfest

DX

Lizette van Wyk, ZS6LZT
Bergartillerieweg 118 Danville ext 5, Pretoria 0183, SOUTH AFRICA
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Marianne Treyvellan, ZR6JMT
Unit 6, Le Paradis 40 Laubscher Road, Glen Vista 2058, SOUTH AFRICA
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Suzette van Wyk, ZR6SVW
Bergartillerieweg 118 Danville ext 5, Pretoria 0183, SOUTH AFRICA
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Changes and Corrections

District 1

Ann Santos, WAIS has new information:
Phone number (603) 930-4707
New address is:
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Nashua, NH
03062

District 2

Lia Zwack, WA2NFY has new information (also in District 2 news):
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The Meadows
3 Treeline Drive #585
Rochester, NY 14612
Telephone: 585-647-1145

Nancy, KS2YL Her email address is sunacresl@frontiernet.net Notice that there are two "nets" in the address.

District 4

Connie Beckwith, KJ4UNA please note the new callsign

District 5

Louisa Sando, W5RZJ has a new address:
300 Valencia SE, Apt 230
Albuquerque, NM 87108

District 7

Linda Reeder, N7HVF has a new email address:
n7hvf@xmission.com

District 9

B. Juanita Harris, K9VIP has a new address:
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#2633
Pflugerville, TX 78660-3267
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IN OUR THOUGHTS

Mary Lorraine Witkowski, WA1EDR, died peacefully on Monday, (August 25, 2008) at a local convalescent home. Lorraine was a licensed amateur Ham radio operator a hobby she enjoyed for many years. Lorraine was responsible for helping to keep up communications in the aftermath of the Windsor Locks tornado. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 628 Hartford, CT 06103. Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home in Suffield has care of the arrangements. Please visit us at www.carmonfuneralhome.com for online condolences.

Fron Shirley Volkening:

I am **Ruth Wardell's (WA8YPY)** daughter, Shirley. My mother passed away September 3rd. She was 90 years old May 31st, a birthday she shared for the last three years with her great-granddaughter. I have been in touch with the Michigan group, TASYL, who were already working on a story about her for their next newsletter. Also my father, my brother and I have sent a donation in her memory to Marte Wessel for the YLRL Scholarship Fund. My mother enjoyed reading the last issue of YL-Harmonics that came. Thank you to everyone in YLRL for all the enjoyment YLRL brought her.

Sincerely,
Shirley Volkening

Judy Thomas, KE6MBH is listed in QRZ as a Silent Key - last updated 9-15-2008

From the son of **Jeanne H. Doncaster, KA3CEO**. She had moved to Ohio late in the summer and had suffered from health problems. She passed away September 27th. She will be missed.

CHANGES & CORRECTIONS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

VE

Diane Grundy, VA3SJF Has new information:
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Thelma Woodhouse, VE3CLT

Has new information:
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Aurora, Ontario, L4G 6T4
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Truus Rosenthal, VE3MRS Has

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Canada
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DX

Kiyo Inoue, JL1XWR, Has new email:
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Heather Pike, VK2HD has a new address:

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Narromine
New South Wales 2821
Australia

Cathy Purdie, ZL2ADK Has a new email:

cathpurdie@inspire.net.nz

Marietjie Coetzee ZS6CEZ Has a new address:

6 Steenbok Street
THABAZIMBI
0380 South Africa

Yvonne Van Dijk, ZR6TBL has

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Glenvista
2058
South Africa

Yvonne's information change also applies to **Marianne Treyvellan, ZR6JMT**

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