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A Generous Bequest from Margaret Oros, WA0KVP



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WITH THE ADDITION OF THE BEQUEST BY MARGARET OROS, WA0KVP (SEE CENTER SECTION) THE TOTAL IN THE ACCOUNT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009 IS: \$16,772.34

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KARAN RICHARDSON, PRESIDENT OF BANK
IF YOU WOULD LIKE COMPLETE REPORT OF CD AND MM PLEASE SEND ME SASE FOR THE INFORMATION.

Marte KOEPE

Oldest YL Amateur Radio Operator?

Muriel Cushman, WB1BZE, (Gen) from Gorham ME renewed her license in 2006 with the next renewal date rapidly coming up on 1 April 2016. The most interesting aspect of this is that she was born in 1911.

At 98 Muriel must be one of the oldest (or most senior as some put it) YLs! She does not do much operating but still has a complete HF station that her late husband Paul, kllpb assembled in their basement.

Okay Ladies! Who is the most senior licensed YL? Let's break it down to still active and license, but not active. I know YLRL has had members as young as 8 and as old as 104, so what is the current record?

Contact either President, Anne-WBIARU or Editor, Cheryl-NOWBV with your results so we can get the information to the proper questioners!



President's Message de Anne Manna, WB1ARU



Happy New Year! It is 2009 - the 70th birthday of YLRL. As most of you know, YLRL was founded in 1939 by Ethel K4LMB (formerly W7FWB). She and 12 other YLs got together and formed the organization. Over the years we have become an international organization with membership numbers that have been as high as 1200. YLRL continues to exist for the purposes stated in our Constitution which include encouragement of and assistance to YLs, service to blind and handicapped YLs, scholarships for YLs, awards for operating achievements, hosting and encouraging DX YLs and promotion of amateur skills among YLs.

Getting on the air is more difficult for some than for others. Sometimes it just takes a schedule or a net to get in the habit of making time for radio. I know that has helped me to get on more often. I have been trying to remember the Monday DX-YL net on 14.288 at 1500 UTC with KB4RM Rose Marie as net control. There are at least

3 or 4 DX YLs on every week. Also, the Thursday Night YL Net at 0200 UTC is continuing despite awful band conditions.

On a recent Saturday I participated in a YL Echolink-IRLP Net. I was excited to be able to make contact with my adoptee BV2RS Wendy for the first time. The fact that she is here in Boston to meet her new granddaughter means that we will actually meet in person! Having a DX Adoptee is a great way to make friends around the world. I don't know if I will ever travel outside the US, but I can go there by radio. There are many YLs around the world to talk to.

N8ST Carolyn our Certificate Manager has announced an award just for 2009 which might give some of you the nudge you need to get on the air. The YLRL Friendship Award is explained in this YL Harmonics. With only 26 contacts needed for this award, there should be many YLs receiving certificates.

I hope that I will hear many of you on my favorite contest the YL-OM Contest on

Valentine's Day weekend. It's a fun event and the OMs are always eager to work the YLs. I will be in Colorado, but plan to be on from the QTH there.

Finally, I am pleased to announce the appointment of N8CGM Susie as the new Tape Topics Librarian. She has already started working on this important task. If you know of a visually impaired YLRL member who cannot access YL Harmonics in print, please let the YLH Editor N0WBV Cheryl and N8CGM Susie know. I know that all of us appreciate that Susie has stepped forward to fill the vacancy left when K9RXK Anna became an SI<. The volunteers who take on a job for YLRL are the reason that we are celebrating our 70th Anniversary this year!

Due to a computer linking error, some issues mistakenly had the photo of the Vice President of YLRL with the President's column. The mistake has been corrected and apologies for any inconvenience.

The Editor

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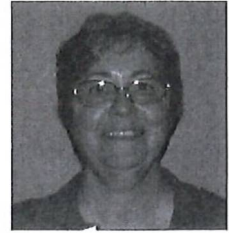
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Contest Results & Upcoming Events!

Vice President
Annette Wood, KCSQMPO



Just a reminder that the YL-OM contest has combined CW, SSB and Digital this year. It will be held on Feb. 13-15, 2009. Hope everyone will work it.

Southern Mississippi YL net info is 147.375 + 600 no tone Every Thursday night 7:00pm

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 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

5 Year Certificate

Joy P. Lemmons, KB0YUP; Anne Berg, WD9JHP; Joanie Ver Duft, KC0GMI

15 Year Certificates

Gail Kirk, N3LTW

20 Year Certificates

Ronya LaPlante, KB7CTQ and Pamela C. Follansbee, WM7R

30 Year Certificates

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Corrections & Changes

If someone you know is not getting their YL-Harmonics please send corrections to the Carol, K4SAF, our US Receiving Treasurer or for DX-Jeanie, WA6UVF, our DX Treasurer (See front cover for info) and let us know which issues were missed. 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.

Also if you send dues or address corrections to the return address on your envelopes, they will be delayed. The permit is held by the Editor who has to then send the information on to the correct parties. Thank you -The Editor



Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB

I hope everyone had a very good Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year!

The Cleveland Amateur Radio Club of Cleveland, TN of which I'm a member had a Christmas and New Year's party to round out the year. Everyone attending had a great time. That's what I enjoy most about Amateur Radio,...the people young and old. Amateur Radio has no limitations when it comes to friendships. The adults are very good Elmers for young hams. They enjoy the opportunity to help, teach and show us how to build an antenna, put together a station or maybe how to operate RTTY and PSK31. Part of being a ham is giving back and that's what adult hams do for us. They do this because they love this hobby as much as we young hams do.

Each time I go to a hamfest be it in my home state of Tennessee or out of state, I see many hams I have met over the years. The adult hams have seen me grow up not only from an 8 year old when I was first licensed and now starting my teen years but, now being able myself to help young hams. As I travel to different hamfest in the Delta Region of the ARRL and to other states such as Ohio and Florida, I've had the pleasure of meeting young

hams and young people with an interest in Amateur Radio. It always brings me joy to see a 5 or 6 year old with an interest in becoming a ham. I ask them why they want to become a ham and most of the time the answer is BECAUSE IT'S FUN! It is fun. On January 3rd of this year I held a Youth Forum at the Lakeway Amateur Radio Club's Hamfest in Morristown, Tennessee. Six young people attending and 5 adults. The age of the young people ranged from 5 years to 15 years old with 2 holding a ham license and the others had a strong interest in the hobby. We had a GREAT time. You may think holding a Forum and only having 6 young people attending is not worth the time or effort but it really is. It's my way of giving back to this hobby I love so much.



*Youth Forum at
Morristown Hamfest*

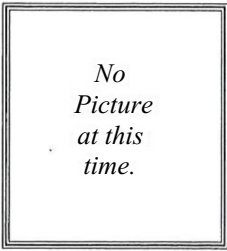
If you are a young ham I encourage you to show another young person the joys of ham radio. Amateur Radio is a hobby the entire family can enjoy. It is a way to give back to your community by the way of emergency communications, like when your area is under a storm watch. You will find in most areas when an emergency occurs there will be a 2-meter Net on one of the local repeaters. Most hams on the Net will be trained Weather Spotters and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) members. I want to encourage each of you to take Weather Spotters training. It only takes 3 or 4 hours of your time and you will learn so much. It is very interesting learning about weather patterns and how storms develop.

That's about all I have for now. If you have any news or stories about young hams please email me and I'll include it in upcoming articles.

As always please continue to remember the ones less fortunate than yourself.

Please remember the Service men and women who continue fighting and preserving freedom for our Country.

Until Next Time,
73 & 88 Emily, WE4MB



District One News

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District One is alive and well, although there isn't too much new to report. Several of our regular Yankee Lassies Net check-ins are away for the winter, so our nets have been short and sweet. We would love to have any YL's in the NY/NE area join us on Wednesday mornings on 3.912 Mhz to chat and get to know us!

News for Harmonics should be sent to me: Jane Oliver [N1PVT] at my email address: N1PVT@aol.com or you could phone me at 508-865-2187. I'll try not to lose the info before it's time to print the column!

The weather here in 1-land has been frightful this winter, but spring is on the way....let's hope the sunspots follow!
33 de Jane Oliver, N1PVT



Wendy, BV2RS (right) visits with Anne, WBIARU

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activities thru the year. That was surprising for some, of all we had accomplished in a year and then some of the activities we had forgot about. Following dinner the ladies received their awards:

Net control for our 2 meter net- Dee WB5OHN, Mary Ann KC5VBZ and Gene AE5FB,
Bylaws and constitution committee- Peggy KE5MVX, Marsh AE5GN, Sue W5MSW, Barb KE5QHR and Gene AE5FB,
Club Officers - Vice President Mary Ann KC5VBZ, Sec/Treasurer Gene AE5FB,
Field Day awards for those that made 20 contacts are more - Judy KE5PLL, Carlin KE5QIK, Barb KE5QHR and Marsha AE5GN,



Most check in for 2 meter net- Dee WB5OHN
Activity chairman - Barb KE5QHZ

Special awards- our senior supporters-MS Rosemary daughter of Marsha AE5GN, and MS Berta daughter of Dee WB5OHN,



The SMYL held a raffle for a \$100.00 for the year of 2008 and the winner is Marsha AE5GN. We usually do a special activity for the month of December last

year is was a family who lost all their belongings in a house fire a few weeks before Christmas which was a great success this year we held a non perishable food drive for the Gulfport branch of Feed My Sheep.



The SMYL have elected the new officers for the year 2009 and have lots of new ideas they hope to accomplish in the New Year President -Betty KB5CSQ, Vice President -Sue W5MSW, Secretary - Judy KE5PLL and Treasurer Gene AE5FB.

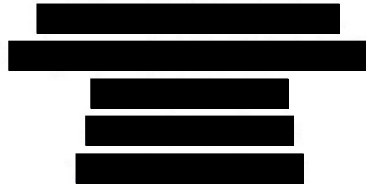
Please see the pictures taken at the Christmas Dinner.

We also want to wish Marte KOEPE a speedy recovery from her injury.

Betty Jo, KB5CSQ



District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF



Greetings all.

Sitting here by the fire, on a very cold Saturday morning, and the OM is in the shack operating SKYWARN Recognition Day on HF. I will manage to log a few contacts, but right now, I'm enjoying the comfort of the fire and my new 2 *Vi* month old Grandson Damien. Damien arrived on September 26th and has delighted us all! He weighed in at 71lbs 10oz and was 21 1/2 inches in length. His Mom, Holly - KB2ZMM is recovering well and her OM Matt- (not yet a ham) is enjoying being a new dad. Krista, KB2MER is also enjoying her new role as "Aunt Krista". So thank you all for your well wishes!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and will receive many blessings during this upcoming Holiday Season.

During the past week we have been enjoying the company of one of our DX YL's - Barbara Kayton VK3AGU from Australia. It's been great to have her visit with us. We were together at the FLARC Auction the Friday after Thanksgiving. It was great auction, and the turnout was over 100 people! There were also quite a few items of interest to bid on...and yes and I brought some of those items home!

Last month I was able to attend the **Kean University Symposium; We CARE about NJ! Weather & Environmental Hazards: The Challenges of** YL Harmonics January/February 2009

Awareness, Research, and Education in NJ. This was a very informative seminar addressing the challenges of making people and businesses more aware of the weather and the environment in this area. Most people who live in the Northern New Jersey area tend to think that severe weather does not happen in this area. Being a SKYWARN Spotter, I can certainly tell you that we do get our share of hazardous weather in the Northeast!

On another note, the Hudson Division Awards Luncheon was on Saturday November 8th at Biagio's restaurant in Paramus, NJ. The attendance was not as great as past functions, but we did have around 76 guests. There were many YL's in attendance to support the award winners and to help in the selling of door prize tickets. Antje Post KC2DTE and Rachael Weiss, KC2SGF were amongst the YL's helping with the festivities.

I'd like to thank you all for your support this past year and give you some things to think about in the upcoming New Year. Amateur Radio needs to grow and to reach out to the public and make them aware of the need for alternative communications. By doing this we will all need to take an active role in teaching the art of Amateur Radio to those who are interested. More and more, we are seeing the requirement by state and local governments to have Amateur Radio as an alternate communications resource. We need to have an active role in helping support that requirement. Please consider volunteering when asked to be a part of mentoring or teaching Amateur Radio. It's a great hobby and a great Public Service opportunity. Happy New Year!

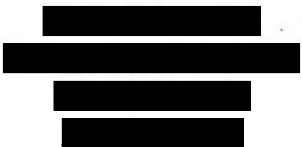
33 - Joyce, KA2ANF



"The BARA BABES" (L to R) Barbara, VK3AGU; Joyce, KA2ANF; Kathy, WA2YSF and Madeleine, NN2J enjoying time together at the auction KA2ANFauctioii2008.jpg



District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL



Hello to all from 3-Land.

Here we are, in a headlong rush to the holidays. As you read this they will be memories, hopefully warm and fond ones to be savored through the years. We are having a brief lull from the wintry weather, which has been very erratic with one day in the 50s and dropping into the 20s by night, then even lower the next day.

There have been the parties for both of my ham clubs—one was impossible to get to for the ice and snow, the other was on a fine sunny day when travel couldn't have been easier. The host of that party had erected

a 2-meter 8-element beam next to the fireplace and decorated it with lights, tinsel, garlands, and various radio components for ornaments. Nicely imaginative and we all got a good laugh.

I have not been able to make contact on the Thursday night HF net, but I am so glad to see and hear that it continues. Since I work daylight I cannot make any of the others. I encourage everyone to try for the nets and keep the bands active. Too often I hear someone complain that they had tuned up and down the band and there was no one on! Well, unless they put out their call and looked for some-

one to talk to, neither were they. Don't give up, put your call out there. I may be looking for someone to talk to!

WACOM's next event will be the Washington County Sports Show early in February when we will operate under the Special Event call of W3C. Look for us February 4-7, 2009.

I hope you all have had safe, sane, healthy holidays and enjoying a prosperous new year. Please let me know what activities you have coming up in 2009.
73,33
Jacque, N3ZEL

IN OUR THOUGHTS

Jeanie, WA6UVF, just called and talked w/Lia, WA2NFY. Lia wanted me to say "Hi" to everyone as she misses ham radio. She said that she is sleeping most of the time now and cannot get on the air anymore. She was very sad, but I told her that she has many good memories of ham radio and that we are thinking of her. Her phone number is: 585-647-1145

Ruthanna WB3CQN is doing ok. She is back home with her dog and said things are going ok.

From Anne, WB1ARU

I just had a phone call from WIMP Linda who gave me the sad news that NN1C Deb Clark became a silent key on December 23. Linda is going to mail me a copy of the obit that Deb's OM sent her so I can pull a few notes out of it. Deb and her OM moved from VT to WY a couple of years ago. She was diagnosed with bone cancer and it moved quickly. Linda is still quite sad - they were good friends and part of a close-knit group of YLs in VT, Wireless Women of Vermont (WWV). Deb had also been an ARRL Asst Section Mgr a few years ago.

Here are the details as YLRL knows them:

Deborah Wescott Woodbridge, 66, died Dec. 23, 2008, of cancer at her home in Cody.

<http://www.codyenterprise.com/articles/2009/01/05/obituaries/doc49627a650418c547532183.txt>

Please keep Marte, K0EPE in your thoughts. She fell and broke her femur and had to have surgery. She will be in the hospital for a bit and then home. She can't have flowers, but would like you to keep her in your thoughts and prayers. The hospital address is: Room 6366, SW Medical Center 315 W. 15th Ave. Liberal, KS 67901. Her hospital phone is (620) 629-6366. She is in good spirits and hopes to be home soon.



District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ



Greetings Ladies,
My name is Joan Jones, W4JMJ, and I'm your new district 4 chairwoman. First, I want to take this opportunity to thank Carol Lafferty for all her hard work with the district 4 news and to wish her well in her new position as Receiving Treasurer. I'd also like to wish all you ladies a very Happy New Year and the best of 2009.

Here is a little about myself. My husband Peter (not a ham) and I and our dog Coco live in Parrish Florida. We also spend some time at our other QTH in the Blairsville Georgia Mountains. My brother John (VE3WWR) is the one who got me interested in Ham radio. Since I've only been a ham for a little over one year I still consider myself a "newbie".

I was pleased to attend the YLRL convention at the Huntsville hamfest last August and met many YLs there. I hope I will get to meet many more of you over the years.

I recently finished my first on-line ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (ARECC) - level 1. Just after I finished the course, I attended the Tampa Bay hamfest in Palmetto Florida. It was there that I met some other members of the YLRL: Myra Kitchen, K3PGH (was giving a YL forum); Alice King, AI4I<; and Sue Simpson, N8AJU (was helping her OM W8EI< with the Quarter Century Wireless Association). We had a good discussion on emergency

communications there. Also present was Gail King, KJ4GEK who asked for info on becoming a YLRL member and Lydia Morgan, KF4TPW who helps her OM Buddy, WB4OMG with the D Star forums. All in all it was a good hamfest and great to meet so many YLRL members.



Tampa Bay Hamfest at a YLRL forum

Lto R (standing): Alice King, AI4K and Myra Ki

Lto R (sitting): Gail King, KJ4GEK, Joan, W4JMJ; and Lydia Morgan, KF4TPW, Gretchen, K3PGH

December 20 marked another first for me; I attended my first VE session as a test giver with the Marci (Manatee Amateur Radio Club, Inc) group. Afterwards we took part in our yearly SET (simulated emergency test). I was nervous at first, but actually enjoyed the challenge. Now I'm looking at becoming an ARES member and continuing with the emcomm level 2 course.

I have managed to check into our Thursday night net a few times. Although it was much easier in the summer months, I have managed to hear Anne, WB1ARU (on 7.245) from both

my Florida and Georgia QTHs. I don't have a great antenna system in Florida because of CCRs (my antenna is in my attic here). But in Georgia I have an outside antenna so things are a little easier there. Hopefully there will be many more check-ins as band conditions improve with propagation.

I haven't received a whole lot of news from the ladies (so far) but this is what I do have: first I'd like to congratulate Kay Craigie, N3KN and Carter, N3AO, her OM, who have been blessed with their second grandchild, a little girl!!!! As the song goes ..." thank heaven for little girls!" !!!!!

Also, Rose-Marie, KB4RM net control for the DX-YL net every Monday at 1500z reminds us that starting in January they will meet at 14.280 to 14.288 instead of at 14.223. I (for one) will definitely make an effort to check in with these gals.

As far as news is concerned I don't have much more to report. I am looking forward to attending the 2009 Orlando HamCation and hope to see some other YLs too. So, if you see me there (in my W4JMJ hat) please stop me and say hi. I'd really like that. And, don't forget to drop me an email sometime ... I'd love to hear from you with or without news.!!! Oh, and pictures would be great too! Until next time....

73

Joan W4JMJ

Margaret Oros, WA0KVP



Marte, KOEPE, writes a note of sadness and gratitude. Margaret Oros, WA0KVP became a silent key last year. In her will, she left a bequest of \$5,000.00 for the YLRL Scholarship fund. The gift was placed in the Scholarship money market account.

"What a wonderful thing for Margaret to do, but to tell you the truth, I would rather have my dear friend with me. Oh, what happy times we had when she would stop on her way from Lawrence, Kansas to Arizona.

Margaret was 95 when she died, but still 'sharp as a tack.' She always said she didn't care for those 'old' people in the assisted living home. Memories of our loved ones can never be lost."

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 ivell. Please consider sponsoring a YL in YLRL!

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
Masuko Izuini, JA8AQY

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.

Certificate Custodians

WAS-YL, YLCC, YL-DXCC, WAC-YL, DX-YL -Carolyn Donner, N8ST-XXXXXXXXXX

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 addresses to the appropriate custodian.
7. Decisions of the custodians regarding interpretations of the rules as here stated or later amended shall be final.
8. Certificate custodians and their addresses are listed in each issue of *YL Harmonics*.

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

To help promote YLRL and the YLRL Award Certificates, and of course to get more YL's on the air chatting (instead of just exchanging signal reports), we are going to have an annual Award Certificate. This annual Award will change each year, so watch for it at the beginning of every year. The award will be for contacts made only during the year it is advertised. The 2009 award will be the YL FRIENDSHIP AWARD. Since the annual award certificate will have to be completed in one year, the rules are a little simpler. Here are the 2009 Award rules ...

2009 YL FRIENDSHIP AWARD RULES:

1. Contacts must be made in the calendar year of 2009 between January 1, and December 31).
2. All contacts must be made with YL's only on any band (HF, VHF, UHF and including the use of repeaters Echolink, and IRLP, but not during Nets) and any mode (SSB, PSK31, RTTY, CW, etc.).
[Note, you can use a net to ask a YL to stay around after the net for a contact, or to move to a different frequency to make the contact, but we don't want to disrupt nets to chat long enough to get contacts for this award as the Net Control may not like the disruption of regular net activities.]
3. The award is only available to YL's. You do not have to be a YLRL member to receive this award.
4. Send in only a log of contacts on the form, or a similar sheet of paper computer produced or hand drawn.
5. The Log must list the CALLSIGN of the YL worked, NAME of YL (first name is fine), DATE, TIME, FREQUENCY/BAND, and some other "tidbit" of information about the YL. "Tidbits" can include anything particular to the YL, such as husband's name, pet's name and type, a hobby the YL enjoys, how many children/grandchildren the YL has, where the YL works, anything, etc.
6. Needed are contacts with 26 YL's with callsigns that have one of the 26 letters of the English alphabet in the callsign. You will need a different YL for each letter of the English alphabet. For example ... N8ST can be used for the letter "N", "S", or "T", but only for one letter (not all). List your log alphabetically by the alphabet letters used.
7. Your log must include at the top of the entry - 2009 YL FRIENDSHIP AWARD APPLICATION, Your NAME, CALLSIGN, ADDRESS, and IF YOU ARE A YLRL MEMBER.
8. Send log (not QSL cards) to the Certificate Custodian. Logs can be submitted at any time during the year and as late as January 31, 2010.
- 8A. Logs may be submitted via e-mail. E-mailed submissions will receive a certificate in .pdf format by return e-mail.
- 8B. Mailed logs should include 4 first class postage stamps for USA entries. DX entries do not have to send stamps. Please do not send IRC's as my post office will not accept them (it's a small country village and they just do not know what to do with them <grin>).

2009 YL FRIENDSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

NAME:

CALLSIGN:

ADDRESS:

YLRL MEMBER? (circle one) YES NO

	CAT! SIGN	NAME	DATE	TIME	FREQ	"TIDBIT"
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[NOTE: You don't have to actually use this form, as long as you have the information organized in the same way.] Example:

	CALLSIGN	NAME	DATE	TIME	FREQ or BAND	TiDBrr
A	WB6BQA	Janice	Jan 3,2009	0900	20 M	Cat named Dusty
B	KCSBoV	Meg	Feb. 9, 2009	2314	28.345	Likes to crochet
c	W4CXY	Carol	Jan. 2,2009	1204	10 M	Has 3 grandkids
D	DLOMY	Chris	June 10, 2009	0103	SOM	Vacationed in Spain
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[Continue on until you have one callsign for each letter of the English Alphabet.]

YLRL DX MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2009

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

Name----- Callsign-----
Address-----
City Country Zipcode
Email address/web page
New Member? Former Member?
Class of license held-----Year first licensed-----
Sponsored by:

Please complete the following optional information:

Please list any affiliated clubs of which you are a member-----

Occupation Birthday

Other hams in family (Name & Call)

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

Are you active in Ham Radio? On what bands?

Do you contest? Which ones?

Do you DX?-----

Has any information changed since you joined YLRL2

MEMBERSHIP DUES

New? Renewal?-----

Membership dues are payable January 1, delinquent March 31 and are pro-rated for those **rejoining** (after skipping 1 or more years) after August 31. Please submit all funds in US dollars.

Current dues are as follows:

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

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

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

\$15.00 subscriber

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

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

Rates subject to change as needed.

Please mail completed form and your check made payable to "YLRL" to the Receiving Treasurer.

PLEASE SEND ALL DX DUES IN US FUNDS TO THE DX RECEIVING TREASURER.

Please do NOT send US and DX dues together.

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

This form is for DX, though US / CANADA Treasurer is listed on back. Rev. 1/09 CAM

Receiving Treasurers

US Districts 1-10, I<H6, I<L7, VE

Carol Lafferty, K4SAF

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

DX Treasurer

Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Please help us out by taking the time to fill out all the areas in **Red/Bold** in full each time you renew. It is so easy to let a change slip by during the year. This will help us keep our records up-to-date and keep you from missing an issue of YL Harmonics. Remember to pay your dues by March 31, 2009 to keep current for the 2009 year. After March 31, 2009 you will be delinquent.

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

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

Address-----

City _____ State Zipcode

Telephone Number (____) _____ Unlisted Y/N

New _____ Member? Former _____ Member? _____

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

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

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

Please complete the following optional information:

Please list any affiliated clubs of which you are a member-----*

Occupation2 _____ Birthday _____

Other hams in family (Name & Call) _____

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Do you contest? Which ones? _____

Do you DX? -----

Has any information changed since you joined YLRL? -----

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

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**Please fill out your sponsor information for our records, in case
we need help with your DX-YL.**

Name----- Callsign _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Telephone _____ Number _____ (_____) _____ Unlisted _____ Y/N _____

New _____ Member? _____ Former _____ Member? _____

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

e-mail address/web page _____

Member of ARRL? Yes No _____

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District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello and Happy New Year to all!

Thanks to all the YL that are so quick to send in their information for the Harmonics I truly enjoy hearing from you all. Ed KA5VFU my OM and I traveled to Dallas TX the week before Christmas for business and I had hoped to meet with some of the YL in TX while I was there. We have made our plans and will be in Dayton this year so hope to see you all then.

New Mexico News:

Judy KC7KPG and OM are spending the winter operating radio from the motor home in Arizona desert. They will be attending the Quartszsite, AZ weeklong hamfest mid January and the Yuma hamfest on the third week. She said tell you ladies that sure beats being at home in the New Mexico Zuni Mountains with 30 inches of snow.

Judy has been active on YL-ISSB on 14.332 each day, but she is not having much luck on the YLRL net on 7.245 but she will keep trying. She wishes you all a New Year filled with love, happiness, prosperity and good health.

Texas News:

Grace K5YTT has checked into the YLRL net on Thursdays a few times in generally awful band conditions. Her first contact was Carol K4SAF who requested a QSL. Grace says all she had was a stack from her early days with GAYLARK.

Grace says Carol promptly returned a photocopy of her 1959 QSL when she was a new 5 call and a newlywed, too, with those from K5BJU Harriett now in Madisonville and now departed charter members W5EGD Lillian Beebe and K5PFF Audrey Beyer. Grace says she has passed these on to Harriett and that is certainly a small world!

Grace plans to try and check in on TYLRUN net since her OM has put up a better 80m antenna. She also adds that if she gets brave enough for the YL-OM contest it will depend on another job that winds up the following week.

Zenda KD5MD have been doing the usual things, in December Zenda & OM Jim NX5B were in 4 Christmas Parades in the area dressed as Confederates. She says this year they had to wear long johns because the weather was colder than Southern standards. One of her granddaughters announced that we are to be great-grandparents in August, our first and they are tickled pink.

Zenda says- In January I will reach my three score & ten. It is amazing that the Good Lord has seen fit to allow me this many years. I never would have believed I would be this old & still feel so young. Have a great New Year Everyone.

Nell K0GO says she has another change of address!! She had an L2 compression fracture on May 1, missed a cruise be-

cause of it, and finally decided because she is a workaholic and could not stop taking care of their acre plus, they needed to be in a situation of no yard work. Researched many places and here she is in The Meridian, Temple, TX. She tells us she can hardly believe they call this INDEPENDENT living when they do laundry, house cleaning, and have a beautiful restaurant on site. Nell says It sounds "assisted" to me. Smile. New address is in Changes & Corrections in this issue.

Ann WA5GLM says they had great time at the TYLRUN birthday party and thanks to Judy W0JJ who did a bang up job of planning and putting it all together assisted she thinks by Julia K5JFJ and her daughter Cynthia. Ann tells us that Julia broke her hip in a fall shortly after the party and she is doing rehab in a nursing home. We hope she recovers real soon. Our thoughts go out to Ann and family their daughter-in-law Donna N5WJZ became a silent key shortly before Christmas.

Mississippi News:

The SMYL had a wonderful time at their annual Christmas Party at the Western Sizzlin in Wiggins MS. The YL exchanged gifts and so did the OM we played a round of dirty Santa which became very comical. During dinner we enjoyed a power point presentation of our

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District Six News de Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL

My wish to all of you is for Happy New Year with better band conditions. I haven't much "news" to report from 6 Land. I'm sure that the YLs like me have been busy with the holidays, family, and friends. For those of you that make New Year's Resolutions please make a resolution to share more news with me so that I can pass it on to the other YLs. Email or write and please share photos. My email is ab6yl@earthlink.net.

One piece of new I do have is my good is that I was a lucky raffle winner at our local radio club and won a \$200 gift certificate to our local HRO I haven't decided what new toy to get, but I have my eye on a couple of things. For now I will just savor the many possibilities.

The band conditions in 2008 were some of the worst I can remember. Instead of dwelling on how bad they were, I want to share one of my

favorite on-the-air YLs contact with you from "the good old days". It occurred on June 20, 1993, a magical night when band conditions were just right. My call sign at that time was KN6IZ and I had been licensed a little over 6 months. I turned on our old TS820 and called CQ on 20m RTTY, and N4LIH, Barbara in Clearwater, Florida answered my call. She was a first YL (and only) YL contact on RTTY. We chatted back and forth for a half-hour and set a schedule for a CW contact on another night. Once we had signed clear, we were both called by several OMs who had been printing us and waiting patiently to call us. Many of them said they were the first YLs they had met on RTTY. Barbara was also my first YL CW contact. We had several other contacts, but unfortunately, she did not send QSL cards, so I only have memories and "lines in the log-"

I've shared, now it is your turn. It doesn't need to be long or exotic, but please send me your memories of YL contacts that are special to you. Or share a story of why you became a ham. I think I was destined to be a ham.

I grew up with CB radios back when you needed a license to operate them. My father's CB call was 18Q8715 and one of his QSL cards is framed on the wall of my shack. Guess it is no surprise that my brother (WB9YWX) and I both became hams.

A website has been created to honor Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ one of YLRL's founders. If you would like to learn more about Lenore, you are invited to visit the website www.KI6CM.bappy.com and click on the name Lenore Jensen. The website was created by San Ferando Valley ARC club member, AC6C.

33 & Happy New Year.

Changes and Corrections

District 5

N. Devitt-Freiberger, K0GO
has a new address:

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

[Redacted] (This one is a Seguin phone number so my friends from there can call me toll free. ;-)

DX

Mio Miyoshi, JR3MVF has a new email address:

[Redacted]



District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

Hello to everyone from District 7 and Happy New Year 2009. Winter has finally arrived in the Pacific Northwest. We've only had light snow showers here in Olympia but more is forecast for later in the week and it is COLD. The actual temperature is 28° degrees F. but the wind has been blowing all day and the wind chill has ranged between 20° and about 7°.

Not much to report - the last two months have been quiet. MINOW NET - Elizabeth, KK7VO has a new job in Pullman so has taken down her antennas and is packing to move. So Ruth, K1IIF and myself are keeping the net going. Cycle #24 is at last beginning so we are hoping that better conditions will allow a few more to check in. We will have to work on that in the New Year. It was nice to receive a short Email recently from Marietjie Coetzee, ZS6CEZ - our YLRL adoptee from South Africa telling that she is in her new home. She wrote: "It is very hot here!"

One of the MINOWs - Lory Jepsen, N7KTY reports that she has been enjoyed visiting bazaars in November and December and found some delightful treasures as well as "winning" 2 silent auction bids.

TWO RIVERS YLs - Barbara Yasson, AC7UH reports that Shawna Ross, NL7NI has YL Harmonics January/February 2009

generously invited the Two Rivers YLs to her QTH in the Felida area of Vancouver for the 2008 Post-holiday get-together held in 2009. She'll work with Shawna to find a good date; probably a Saturday in January, Barbara has also started work on the YLRL luncheon at SeaPac and has already reserved the table and the room for our luncheon.

The Evergreen Intertie YL Net has also had a slow 3 months I'm usually net control but had a problem with cutting in and out. We finally decided it was the microphone and ordered a new one. I'm not sure that completely solved the problem but it is doing better. There has also been a lot of static, which has discouraged check-ins. But we usually have 3 or 4 every Monday evening. We will have to work on getting more participation in January.

NEWS OF YLRL MEMBERS: Barbara, AC7UH has been doing a little contesting lately in preparation for their trip (Barbara and her OM Phil, AB7RW) to Belize for the CQWW WPX RTTY contest n Feb. 14/15 and the ARRL DX CW contest on Feb. 21. "There will be 4 operators. Two of them went last year and they appreciate that there will be more operators this year. I won't do the CW, but will probably help in the RTTY contest. I imagine I'll do sideband during

the week between the two contests, so I'm trying to get on the air to get some practice. I enjoy it, always have, but have never been able to manage to find time Phil and I are beginning to overcome the one operator radio station issues, but we really need to re-do the radio room to make it more efficient, so someone can be operating while the other one does other stuff. So what else is new...."?

Elizabeth, KK7VO reported, "As usual the Klamath Falls ham club here volunteered to line up the entries for the Snowflake parade. We had about 20 hams to line up 92 entries. Each of us was assigned a group of numbers to line up. We also had some sheets with the names and their numbers so we could direct people to where they needed to be. We started at 5 and had everyone lined up by 7 when the parade started. This parade is one of the larger lighted parades I think. It's the largest parade in Klamath Falls."

Now it's your turn to let us know what you've been doing - upgrades, club offices, conventions, nets or? I hope by now you have sent in your dues for 2009! Did you know there are nearly 70 YLs in the 7th District?

Wishing ALL of you good health, happiness and a wonderful 2009.

33, Sara AB7PS



District Eight News de Jean Ruth, KB8YHN



Hi everyone, this is Nancy, KC4IYD and I hope everyone had a safe, happy and joyous holiday season. My daughter, Carol and friends Dawn, KC8SQN and her husband and several other friends met at the home of Annette, KC8SQM and her husband for a New Year Eve's party. As I write this, Northeast Ohio is dealing with 8-12 inches of snow in various parts of the area. While us adults are dealing the snow and shoveling of driveways, children are enjoying the nice fluffy snow. My daughter, Carol, especially had fun playing in the snow with our 2 miniature schnauzers.

Annette, KC8SQM who works as an Administrative Assistant at St. John West Shore Hospital wrote: she is working with the hospital on their emergency preparedness committee and will be coordinating the amateur radio part for this effort.

Jean, WB8FIC wrote: my 2-meter rig is still charged up, but other things have taken the place of our great hobby. All five of my sons were here on January 2nd. The oldest son, George, N1GB, flew in from Vermont with his oldest daughter. My son Richard, W7XB and his wife drove from Alabama. There were 33 of us here enjoying the comradeship and the soup and sandwiches. It was one long great party time from

New Year's Eve until Saturday, January 3rd when everyone went home and I could put up my feet.

Connie, N8IO wrote Greetings from Southeast Ohio! We've been fairly lucky so far as we have had very little snow. That is good as of Friday, Jan 9 my OM has had 104 treatments in Hyperbaric and I drive him to Parkersburg, OH while he dives (what they call the treatments). He is in the chamber for around 2 hours every day. When the weather is decent, I go out to the car to check into OSSBN. I participated in a S.E.T. exercise from the parking lot at the hospital recently as well as I checked into Tangle Net on 20 meters and was actually heard from the same location. Speaking of Tangle Net, as most of you should know by now that Martha, KOEPE has a badly broken leg and is still in the hospital in Liberal, KS. I've been calling her at least every other day. She is in good spirits and faithfully following the Dr's orders. She cannot put any weight on her leg so she is hopping on the good leg helped by a walker. Keep her in your prayers. We had 7 or 8 last Thursday on Tangle but Open House is suffering. I can't hear K6KCI and W2GLB has to swing her antenna back and forth to get us both. Remember both of these YL Nets. Wed. 14.288 +/- at 1900 in the Winter for Open

House and Thurs. 14.297 at 1800 for Tangle year round.

Mary Jane Rhodes-Ellis, KD8EIR wrote that the Cambridge Amateur Radio Association named her OM Russ Ellis, N8MWK her 2008 Co-Hams of the year.

Sara, KC8ZMC wrote I am still studying for my General when I have time. She also writes that the Political stage has taken a great amount of my time and has proven of high interest to me. For many, this is an Outstanding Event and Obama has yet to see and learn much about his office and permissible actions. "God help him."

■ Carolyn N8ST wrote that December was a fun month for us. We started it off with the Grant Amateur Radio Club's annual Christmas Dinner and gift exchange. This is one of the best attended events of the GARC, so we enjoy seeing people who can't make it to the meetings regularly as well as those who do. During the gift exchange I received a wooden bowl from Dot, KB8TQU filled with chocolates (YUMMY!!!). Next we attended a community Christmas concert put on by our church's Worship Band. Then on my birthday Gary I<8BE (my OM) and I went to Kentucky to the Creation Museum. They had a special planetarium show on the Star of Bethlehem which was fantastic, and of course the museum is always a treat.



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS



Happy New Year Ladies. I hope your Holidays were the best and you are staying healthy. Our Christmas was a little weird this year. We normally do Christmas at our house with our daughter and her family and our son and his family here on Christmas day. Well, this year, our daughter-in-law had to work the next day (they live about 3 hours from here) and their 15-year-old son had wrestling practice the next day also so they thought it best to just stay home and come here the 27th for Christmas. Kelly, our daughter, invited us to her house for Christmas day for a change. We accepted, but since I had the turkey, I had to cook the turkey here and transport it, along with stuffing, rolls and pie. Kelly took care of the rest. It was a very nice day, but a bit strange doing Christmas elsewhere.

Well, the 27th arrives and we are preparing for the whole family to be here for dinner and more gifts. When my O.M., Al, WB9SSE, went to the mailbox about noon, he noticed a large

patch of ice in front of the mailbox with a puddle of water over it. As he was thinking "boy that must be slippery" when down he went. He limped into the house and told me what happened. When he could no longer put weight on the foot, I got the crutches out and started to get my purse to take him to the emergency room. Naturally he refused to go since the family was due in a few hours (and being a man). We had a nice second Christmas with all the kids and more good food.

After the family left the next day, Sunday, he finally agreed to let me take him to the hospital. Turns out he has three broken bones in his left foot. He is in a boot that looks like something from Star Wars. We go back to the orthopaedist on Tuesday to find out when he can put some weight on it. Life has been interesting here with him semi-immobilized. He has been a very good patient, and I enjoy taking care of him. Needless to say, we are spending a LOT of quality time together.

Add to this mix, we had

been "baby-sitting" for our friend's, Jim, K9OMA and Anne, KA9YYI, Shih Tzu, Sparky. They had been in Germany since December 14. Sparky helped me a lot taking care of "Uncle" Al. We are hoping that he is able to walk again, when Fox Hunting starts in February.

We did see Susie, KB9WWO, and her OM Tom, K9TB over the holidays. They are the proud grandparents of grandchild number 5. His name is Isaiah Zane Baker weighing in at 8 lb. 3 oz. He was born January 1 and was the first baby of the New Year in the hospital. Since they are in West Milton, PA, and Susie is in Fort Wayne, IN she has the empty arms syndrome from not being able to hold him yet.

I am sorry this column has been all about our family and our trials and tribulations, but as I have said before, if I don't hear from anyone, you will hear about my life, such as it is. Let's hope that 2009 is a wonderful year for all of us.

33, Carole WB9RUS

New Members Continued from Page 24

District 9

Ruth E. Resler N9ZTF



Ruth has been licensed since 1995 and holds a general class license. She is active on 2 meters. YL Harmonics January/February 2009

Nancy Uhrick KJ4EKO



Nancy holds a technician license and was licensed in 2008.

Alaska

Betty Carrington ICL1XL



Betty is a member of MARA, where she is the secretary and ARRL. She is active on the local nets and repeaters. She holds a general class license.



District Ten News de Doshia Kretlce, KBONAS



Greetings from District 10!
I hope everyone has come through the worst of winter well, and is ready for spring.

The Colorado YL's had their quarterly face to face meeting in December, with a special treat—talking via speaker phone with Marte Wessel, KOEPE, in Liberal, Kansas. Another activity at the meeting was admiring a two very intricate pieces of counted crossstitch recently completed by member Kathy Crouch, KC0QYS. Kathy says she has been doing needlework for about 30 years, and has earned awards. From a short distance away, the representations could have been paintings!

I still haven't been able to make it into the Thursday evening YL net. Maybe I'll try a short distance (NVIS) antenna and see if someone can relay!!!

A few days after the meeting Cheryl, N0WBV got the call from Marte, KOEPE regarding her fall. She is doing better, but it will take some time to start getting around on her own.

Marte also sent in this information about her OM Pete W0CM's 95th birthday and accomplishments!

Pete has 241 countries on 160, Marte writes, as well as 387 on phone and is a member of the DXCC Honor Roll. He was just awarded a plaque for 70 years as a member of ARRL!



Pete and his awards.

Congratulations to Pete and good wishes to Marte.



Marte, KOEPE and Pete W0CM

Wishing everyone a full and fruitful 2009, Doshia, KBONAS

New YLRL Members de Lois Gutshall -Secretary



New Members for January/February 2009

We are pleased to introduce these new members to YLRL.

District 4

Gail King KJ4GEK



Gail is a member of the BARSYL net and the BARS net. She is newly licensed as a technician and her OM Gene is also a ham.

District 5

Beth Pearce KC5RWW



Beth was recommended by Gloria Meng WA5PQX and she is a member of the Ada Amateur Radio Club in Ada, Oklahoma. She holds a general class license and is active on 2 meters and 20 meters. Her OM Steve is KC5RWX.

District 6

Shannon O'Reilly KI6SMH

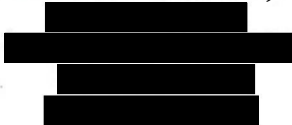


Newly licensed in 2008 she holds a technician license.

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Alaska District News de Heather Hasler, KL7SP



Hello from Alaska.

Well it is the depth of winter up here and the temperature as we write this is -26° with a wind chill-of-44. Throughout Alaska we are under a deep winter freeze with high pressure sitting above Northern Alaska allowing for cold Siberian air to spread all over the state and sit here.

While the bands are slowly coming back, hearing the YL Net on Thursday evenings at 0200 Z is very hard. I would like to encourage all YL stations to remember to up your power and turn your beams around and listen for Alaska stations. Not only will you find YLs on the air who want to make contact, you will hear many other club stations.

For those who are not aware, if you are trying to pursue the ARRL DX Certificate, Alaska is considered a separate state because making a contact with an Alaska station does require more effort. Now consider the reverse when Alaska stations are trying to contact the lower 48 constantly operating on high power to get a signal through the noise only to be encountered with someone who says try again next time there is too much QRM (noise). Arggggh.

So please keep us in mind both for the national YLRL net on Thursdays and on special events and contest.

I mention this not only for the weekly nets and contest but also for potential for emergency communications and NCS traffic messages.

We are getting into our busy volunteer season with sled dog races coming up throughout January, February and March all throughout the state.

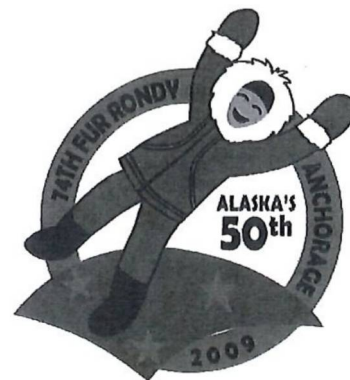


This year Alaska is celebrating its 50th Anniversary of statehood. This was celebrated on January 3rd and will continue to be celebrated throughout the year including at this coming February's Fur Rendezvous. The Alaska DX club has acquired a special QSL and callsign for the year, KL50. This will be given for

QSO's made throughout this year.



We hope to have a special event station for Fur Rondy coming up from February from February 27th ending on March 7th with the start of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race in Anchorage. So be sure to listen for Alaska stations.

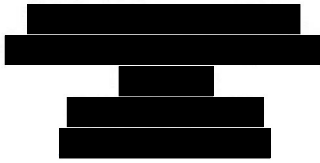


Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, if you are going to be heading up this way and want information on what frequencies are available or if you need further information.

You can email me at [redacted]
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VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM



Christmas and the New Year's celebrations are all tucked away in our 'memory banks' and now it is on to another year and a fresh new calendar on the wall. I hope 2009 will be a pleasant and peaceful year for all of us.

33 Suzanne VE7IM

Ann Nutter, VE3HAI writes:

She and her husband have been busy, as usual, but chiefly with non-ham events. They did attend the Newmarket Flea Market, where Ann had coffee with the CLARA gals and Bare looked around. They met a friend from their Beaconsfield days (almost thirty years ago), making that ham event especially memorable. Ann and Bare also attended the QCWA Chapter 73 luncheon in November, where they helped with registration. This is a very busy event, so they were glad to have Ann's friend, Roberta, VA3RMW, helping them. Their last ham event of 2008 was the best. Ann drove to Burlington to visit Jeanne, VA2WX, for lunch. It was an especially nice visit. Ann hopes everyone had a wonderful holiday, both at Thanksgiving and at Christmas and she wishes everyone a very Happy New Year along with better band conditions. 33 de Ann, VE3HAI

Elizabeth Anderson, VE7YL

writes: Will the rain ever stop? Guess we can count ourselves lucky when we look at the wild
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fires that California had - feel so sorry for people who lost their homes. Bands sometimes seem a little better but I think we would all be happier with a real improvement. Managed to get the FJI on CW during the CQWWCW this last weekend. Gave me a new country CW and a little closer to my goal of ARRL Honor Roll CW. Wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and Peace in 2009. 33 de Elizabeth, VE7YL

Paulette Shouten, VE7VPE

writes: Well, winter is here and once again my OM, John, and I are snowbirds in Palm Springs, California. The weather here has been tremendous. Unfortunately, we have not been able to get on the air yet. Still have to come up with a disguised antenna. Regulations in our RV Resort specify no use of radio. This stems back years and years ago when CB's and other radio would interfere with their television sets. Hard to get things changed around here so we are doing this on the sly. Hopefully, we will come up with something soon and get back on the air. Hope everyone has a great Christmas and a Happy New Year and I will be back on the air and Echolink again soon! 33 de Paulette, VE7VPE

Heather Holmes, VE3HOH

writes: Just want to wish everyone all the happiness of the season. Christmas is a very busy time for families

and friends, what with get-togethers and traveling. Take time to enjoy yourselves, life is too short. Our household has had a busy summer. Three square dance conventions, many weekend camping/dancing events and lots of fun with grandkids. I can't believe how fast they're growing. My sad news is that my father passed away November 20th at the age of 96. He had a wonderful life and died peacefully in his sleep, at home. Merry Christmas to all and God bless. 33 de Heather, VE3HQH

Vai Lemlco, VE5AQ writes:

Hello all. Well let's see, the OM and I added to our 40 Meter Loop and he put up a 17 Meter Loop and they work great. Only problem is that band Conditions are the pits, as you all know. I try checking into my favorite nets-The CLARA, the Tangle Net, the YL Open House and even the Minnow. No way! I know you girls are there because I can just hear you in the background but with conditions the way they are there is no way I can make contact and, believe me, I have tried. My only wish for 2009 is that the bands do clear up so that we can chat on these nets. So will say 33 for now. I take a line from Joan, AB7KE, in Arizona, In God we trust. Take care all, until next time. 33 de Vai, VE5AQ/VA5ACJ.



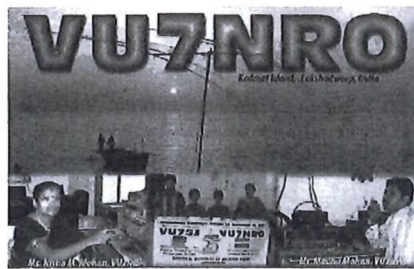
DX News & DX Treasurer de Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF

Welcome YL's to 2009,

Let us hope for much improved propagation in 2009 and years to come reminiscent of contacts many of us experienced years ago. As DX Chair, I am now more often reminded of friendships made well over thirty years ago through on-the-air contacts with many of our DX members. Isn't it great that we have maintained our status as YL's. Hopefully, this will encourage those of you who are new to amateur radio or those of us experiencing the process of rediscovering old-time YL friends to utilize our amateur licenses.

To help promote more on-the-air activity among YL's, YLRL will begin 2009 with the addition of some new YL contests. As always, we welcome suggestions from our DX membership with ideas to encourage licensed YL's to become more active.

One of my goals of 2009 as DX Chair will be to highlight DX YL's who are active on the air. Those of us who are fortunate to participate on DX-peditions can help illustrate the excitement and thrill of working pile-ups. However, YL's who are active in local events are to be equally applauded. So please feel free to send me information and/or photos of YL's who are actively on the air. 33, Jeanie, wa6uvf



photos from Nisha, VU2NIS about the VU7NRO DX-pedition

Pictures from Southafrica, the first one is showing the participants of the meeting,

the organizers of the YL-meetings (from left)

2004 Chae, HL1KDW; 2006 Sarla, VU2SWS; 2008 Janet, ZS5JAN and Vee, ZS6ZEN; 2010 Conny DF8MN

International YL-Meeting in South Africa

After South Korea in 2004 and India in 2006 the International YL-Meeting took place in South Africa this year in October.

Janet, ZS5JAN, and Vee, ZS6ZEN, invited everybody and about 50 YLs and OM from 12 nations came, but we missed participants from USA this time. The official meeting was in Johannesburg. After the meeting there was a sightseeing tour through the wonderful country of South Africa, organized by Janet and Vee.

We stayed in Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town, saw many highlights like Table Mountain, Cape of Good Hope, and of course lots of wild animals and beautiful exotic trees and flowers.

The next International YL-Meeting will take place in Germany in June/July 2010. This meeting will be combined with the Ham radio in Friedrichshafen. I will organize little tours in and around Munich for about a week, so that participants from oversea, once in Europe, will have good possibilities to visit other European countries after the meeting.

Looking forward to meeting old and new friends from all over the world in Munich 2010!

Best wishes and 73

Conny DF8MN

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