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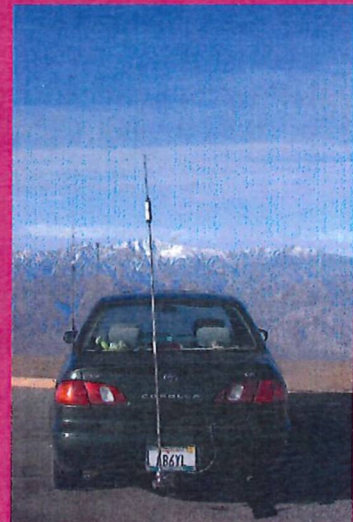
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Thanks.

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THANK YOU HENRIETTA C HORVAY, KA1TVN FOR SENDING THE YEARLY DONATION FROM THE WOMEN RADIO OPERATORS OF NEW ENGLAND (WRONE) THE DONATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

HOW WONDERFUL TO HEAR THAT THE WRONE YL CLUB WILL BE THE SPONSOR OF THE YLRL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN 2011. ANNE MANNA, WB1AUR IS CONVENTION CHAIRMAN.

YLS IF YOU HAVE THE CQ YL BOOK WRITTEN BY LOUISA SANDO, W5RZJ YOU WILL BE ABLE TO READ ABOUT THE WRONE YLS WHO SPONSORED THE THIRD YLRL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN CAMBRIDGE, MA ON JUNE 17-19, 1960.

THE FIRST YLRL CONVENTION THAT I ATTENDED WAS IN 1964 IN COLUMBUS, OH. SPONSORED BY THE BUCKEYE BELLES.

THE PICTURES IN CQ YL BROUGHT BACK SO MANY MEMORIES OF THE YLS. SOME HAPPY-SOME SAD. MY HEART IS FILLED WITH GRATITUDE THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF KNOWING SO MANY OF THE YLS OF YLRL.

MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

Marte KOEPE

In Our Thoughts

Suzanne Snape writes, "I am sad to report another of our number has become a silent key. VE3CLT, Thelma Woodhouse, passed away, peacefully, on May 6, 2009 in her 95th year. Our condolences go out to her extended family and friends."

Heather Hasper writes, "It is always a bummer when I have to report the loss of one of our own. We in Alaska recently lost Geraldine Baker, ICL7ALZ. Geri as she was known by was a great operator and a very active YL."



President's Message de Anne Manna, WB1ARU

It is time for a new election for YLRL! I guess the old saying about time flying when you are having fun is true! I can't believe that my term as President is nearly over. KB5CSQ BJ, N3ZEL Jacque and KA2NAF, Joyce have been working hard on the Nominating Committee, but they need your help! Volunteers are the backbone of an organization like ours, so don't be shy! Contact one of them, or any officer, for more information about the open positions. It's a lot of fun to be a part of the leadership of YLRL. We are especially in need of someone who is talented in the area of finance to be our new Disbursing Treasurer. AC5QQ Linda has done a wonderful job for many years, however due to increased responsibilities in her position at UT Southwestern Medical Center; she is unable to continue as our Treasurer. I know that one of you is the right woman for the job!

The weather in my part of the country has been very unusual this spring. After a taste of summer at the end of April and again at the end of May, we had the coolest and cloudiest June on record in New England. There were only 3 sunny days! At least Field Day weekend was not rainy. My OM WA1ENO Tony and I operated as a ID station in our own shack. We were on the air for about 18 hours and made over 1300 contacts! Of course, after checking for dupes and eliminating all the ID contacts, our submitted log had closer to 1000. We had a great time and managed a few QSOs with friends along the way. We would like to go out in the field again for FD in the future; however there are advantages to the home QTH!

I have been finding time to get on the air a little more, usually on one of the YL nets. I enjoy having a chance to talk with many of you when the conditions are favorable. I

received my Friendship Award on June 23. I chose to submit and receive it by e-mail and print it on my color printer. It is a very attractive award thanks to N8ST Carolyn's nice design work. I have not tried for any awards for quite a while, but now I may see if I can get an endorsement on my YLCC. It would mean researching my old logs and QSL cards - or getting on the air more and making new contacts! Perhaps I'll work you one of these days.

Remember that the next issue is the Directory Issue, so make sure to let us know if any of your information has changed! Check your listing in last year's issue to be certain - especially your e-mail. While you're at it, check your QRZ listing too!

33,
Anne WB1ARU

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Contest Results & Upcoming Events!

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The YL-OM Scores are in:

YL-OM SSB

Victoria Panagiotou, SV2KBS	27,378
Rita Wilson, K7INL	24,404
Melba Hoss, KA0BAT	1,500
Carolyn Donner, N8ST	468

YL-OM CW Digital

Carolyn Donner, N8ST	252
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YL-OM SSB OM's

James Murray, KC2UON	2
Terry Hoss, KA0BHO	1

Congratulations to everyone who sent in their log!

Certificate Custodian

WAS-YL, YLCC , YL-DXCC , WAC-YL. DX-YL -Carolyn Donner, N8ST- [REDACTED]

Basic Rules Applicable To All YLRL Certificates

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

Keep working on those Certificates and Awards!



Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB



It has been a good year so far. We were in a drought here in Tennessee this time last year, this year we are just about normal in rainfall and oh yeah...I PASSED the eighth grade and heading to my first year of high school! Part of me is a little scared and another part of me is excited. Some of my friends are going to Walker Valley High School with me and some are going to Bradley High and Cleveland High School. I guess that is part of growing up and making new friends. I hope everyone has a good summer.

I wasn't able to attend the Dayton Hamvention this year because my school system had to make up 4 weather related days and 3 of my finals were held 3 or the last 4 days. I was very upset because I missed Dayton. I missed not seeing the many friends I have in Dayton. I missed not being able to help in the ARRL Youth Lounge. I believe my dad WM4RB was more upset than I was. It was the first time I've missed Dayton since becoming a ham. I believe this was the first year Kaitlyn I<S3P attended Dayton since becoming a ham. As you may recall I included Kaitlyn's story in my last article. Kaitlyn was able to work with other young hams in the ARRL Youth Lounge at Dayton; I know she had a GREAT time.

Dad drove to the Hamvention and return home on the Monday
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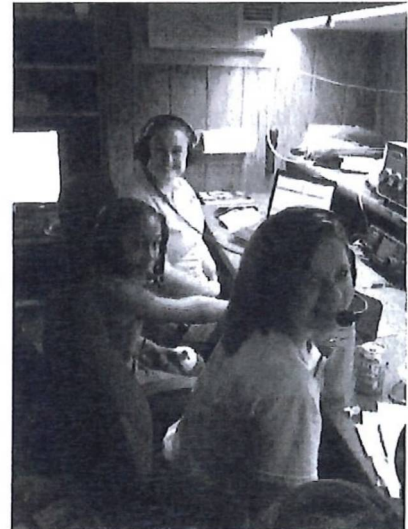
May 18th. School ended for me on Wednesday May 20th. On May 21st dad and I left in a packed motor home for Indianapolis so I could help operate the Special Event Station W9IMS (Whiskey 9 Indianapolis Motor Speedway) again this year. On the night before the Indy 500 race all the YLs of W9IMS took over the radios and operated for 3 or 4 hours, we had pileups on 80 meters, 40 meters and 20 meters. We had a good time. That's what it's all about...having fun with your friends. We ate good while we were there too.

This was my first time being able to attend the BIG RACE. The Indy 500 was awesome; I'll never forget the feeling I had when those engines started. I can't wait until next year. I hope I'm out of school and able to make Dayton next year.

In closing I want to tell you about 2 sisters I read about. Veronica KB3SSN and Victoria ICB3SSM Latham ages 7 and 8 of Shippensburg, PA became hams a few weeks ago and are the talk of their town. Both of their parents are hams, father Shannon W3SML and mother Rachel KB3RNP. Veronica and Victoria have been around ham radios most of their lives. This is family that loves the hobby and I'm sure will grow even closer because of it.

I hope most of you got to enjoy Field Day on June 27th and

28th. When someone ask in my hometown of Cleveland, TN. ..when is Field Day, someone always says "the last rainy weekend in June". It seems to rain on us every Field Day but we always have fun and that's what Field Day is about...having fun, testing your communication skills, showing your community what ham radio is and introducing newcomers to our hobby.



Heather, KB9ZLB (Top), Emily WE4MB and Little Girl (middle)

Until next time 73 & 88,
Emily WE4MB



No
Picture
at this
time.

District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT



The good news is that it has finally stopped raining; the bad news is that it is still pretty cool for summer. On the other hand, after hearing weather reports of record-breaking heat from other parts of the country, maybe we'll just stick to the good news!

This summer finds many New England YLs having 'staycations' as opposed to heading off to other parts. One exception is our illustrious president, WB1ARU [Anne], who will be attending the Ten-Ten Convention in Florida later in July with her OM, WA1ENO [Tony]. Following the convention, they will be off to South Dakota for a week or so, and then back home to check on the garden.

Learned an interesting tidbit on the Yankee Lassies today: The last surviving wooden whaling ship in New England, which is housed at the Old Mystic Seaport Museum in Mystic, CT was built by the great-great grandfather of KA1VAX [Betsey]. I thought that was most impressive. Apparently a big article about the Mystic Seaport was printed in a Maine paper up in Ellsworth, where both W1JX [Bobbie] and WB1EHS [Barb] read all about it. It was Barb who remembered Betsey's connection, and Betsey clarified it on the net today. The boat, the Charles W. Morgan, was featured on a postage stamp honoring the state of Connecticut several years ago. Appropriately,

Charles W. Morgan was Betsey's great-great grandfather's name! Heard a lot of YLs on during Field Day, including WB1ARU. I spent a few hours and picked up a couple of hundred contacts. It is always great fun, and wonderful to hear YLs doing their part.

I'm still always looking for news from the New England YLs; so don't be shy about sending an email or snail-mail note along to me with news from you. As a farmer, I keep pretty busy during the summer months, and go out in the fields every day, rain or shine, so I'm happy to finally see a little shine! Until next time, 33 all around!

N1PVT Jane, MA

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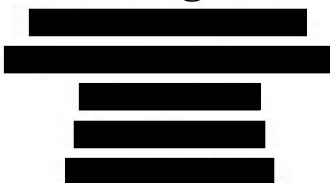
Victoria Panagiotou, SV2KBS



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 try 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!



District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF



Greetings Ladies,
I hope everyone has recovered from Field Day, 2009. I did get the opportunity to visit quite a few clubs in the NNJ area. It was a pretty nice weekend weather-wise and the bands were in pretty good shape. After making the rounds to several local clubs, I came back to the house here and got on the air with the club station, I<2VK. Operating with George, KC2GLG, Krista, KB2MER and Holly, KB2ZMM, we had a great time and made over 150 contacts operating a variety of bands/modes.

News from the BARA Club, came from Joanne

Hurley, KC2QGH, reporting: "BARA Babes YLNet, is excited to be up and running." "Joanne and Heidi, KC2LEQ returned from Dayton, Hamvention energized and determined to start a net for local YLs to communicate, practice radio skills and foster friendships." "Their motto is: if you can hear us, join us." "The BARA Babes are now designing t-shirts for their net - this way even more YLs will learn about the net and join in the fun!"

I have had the opportunity to check-in with them on the two-meter repeater of the BCFMA club. It's very exciting to hear the

participation increase each week. Congratulations, ladies!!!

Hearing from Heidi, KC2LEQ and Joanne, KC2QGH, it sounds like these ladies had a great time at Dayton, Hamvention. I hear that Heidi was a big help at the YLRL booth!

I wish I could have gotten to Dayton this year. But, work is busy, busy and there are never enough hours in a day!

Ladies, if you have news - please drop me a line so we can get it in this column.

Well, that's about all the news from District 2. I hope everyone is enjoying summer.

33 - Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF

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-


5 Year Certificates

Deedie Matthews, KI4ERR



District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL



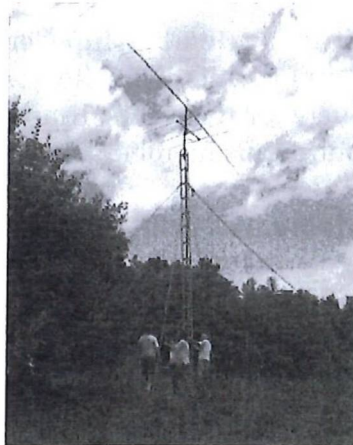
Hello to all in District Three— I hope those who made it to Dayton had a good time and checked in with the YLRL booth. This was a terrific year for me because I got to go and really browse (oh, the walking!) and visit and see the sights, including the Wright Patterson Air Space Museum. The YLRL group couldn't be nicer, and I heard quite a few compliments from the YLs and XYLs that stopped by.

I do want to welcome two new members that joined at Dayton: Susan M. Reisinger, KB3MSP, from Selingsgrove, PA. She is a member of the Susquehanna Valley Radio Club and a Skywarn Spotter for NWS out of State College. Welcome also Susan's daughter Kirsta, KB3MSQ. Susan writes that Kirsta "is activities director for our club so she has helped organize who is doing what. I just got my general license so I will be able to do more this year. Kirsta is still a Tech. We are excited to have a connection with some YLs."

In trying to keep in touch with some district members, and trying to update contact data, there were some terrific telephone conversations and email exchanges lately. From Lois, WB3EFQ: "We are busy between grandkids and camping." From Lynnette, W3GZZ: "I spent the first two weeks of May Storm chasing with my friend WX3I, Lou Ruh. Lou has an RV set up with computer, GPS, XM Satellite radio radar and runs

APRS for tracking purposes. We saw several storms with wall clouds, a gustnado, an impressive shelf cloud and lots of cows, fences and telephone poles! We missed a tornado in Early TX and we were about an hour south of the Kirksville Mo tornado. This year there seemed to be less storm activity than we have had in past years so we had some days where nothing happened. We traveled 7580 miles in 14 days - this covered PA, MD, VA, TN, AL, TX, OK, KS, MO, IN, IL, and OH. "

Laura, NT3Y, writes: "I suggest every ham to host a Field Day. This year I had the pleasure of having my first one. I, NT3Y, and my Elmer, NT3O, hosted the DDXA club's 2009 PA Field Day. We had 153 contacts two of which were CW. This was our first Field day at my home. We were classed, as a 3 E in EASTERN PA and our station was K3TI.



Laura, NT3Y's group at Field Day

All of my groundwork, which took around two months, was worth the many things I learned and practiced on Field Day. I had done clearing for a tower, clearing for easy access, and put my barn in good order for Station #2 to operate in. I also had my chickens and rabbits fenced in. Charlie, NT3O was looking over the whole operation and other members of the club pitched in to facilitate the operations for the stations.

In preparation of Station #1 I used a bow and arrow to put up a wire home brew 75 feet into the trees over my pond. This wire in addition to my I<LM 6 element would be one good and solid station worked out in the field. We had an Orion II to boot for Station #1. Station #2: The blistering hot day before Field Day WB4FPL, Eric; KA3PVA, Bill; W3DSX, Randy; NT3Y (me), NT3O, Charlie; KB3RPK, Laura (my oldest daughter) and KB3NTV, Bridget (my youngest daughter) raised a 48-ft steel tower with guy wires, and put a 12 element M Square 2M and a 4 element Cushcraft 6 M on top. A 746 Pro Icom was used. My apiary was undisturbed as the tower was only several yards away. I was surprised as no one was intimidated by the bees. Station #3 was my NVIS, and a Voyager II. A clearing for the NVIS was made weeks ahead. My Elmer and myself put this home brew together the first year that I

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District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ



Greetings district 4 YLs from the north Georgia mountains. We are up here enjoying the summer from our cabin in Blairsville Georgia. And I must say the summer is starting to shape up beautifully. We have had much needed rain here. The lakes are up compared to their levels at the same time last year. Time to get those fishing poles out! LOL

For the YL news I'd first like to welcome new YLRL members: Sally Guise KJ4WO_z, Lydia Morgan KF4TWP, Mary Holtschneider KG4OQA. We are glad you decided to join and hope you enjoy the many features of the YLRL. By the way, if by chance you've forgotten to renew your YLRL membership, please take a moment to do that. We don't want to lose any of you!

Mary Moore WX4MM reports a nice YL contingent (WX4MM, KI4ERR, KI4YZY, KJ4UNA) worked the Alabama QSO party. They made 614 contacts in 12 hours, which Mary states wasn't bad considering all but her had never contested before. Good going YLs !!!! More news, I worked the June VHF QSO Party on 6 meters over the weekend. Had a lot of fun in a short time. Managed 149 contacts in 70 grid

squares. Only able to operate for 4 hours, between housecleaning, grandkids, ironing, hemming work pants, going out to eat, a little dancing, and a trip to the country to help a friend get digital TV connected. Maybe next year I'll find someone to do the chores and I can play more. Had a real good time on 6 meters and recommend all the gals get on the air. Only heard one other YL on the band. See you in Huntsville, 33 Mary WX4MM

Kay Craigie N3KN reports that she will be a member of the group staffing the ARRL booth at the ham radio convention in Friedrichshafen, Germany, in June. The event is the European equivalent of Dayton and hams attend from many different countries. Well Kay, good luck at the convention, which sounds very exciting.

Ruby Byrd KF4NI reports the cacti are in full bloom now in beautiful warm Arizona.



One of Ruby's Cacti

She and her OM Kent W4NKB had planned to return to NC in early June but an unexpected gallbladder attack put Kent in the hospital for surgery. Ruby reports that Kent was riding his bicycle the next day after coming home from his surgery! We are glad to hear Kent is doing well Kay and have a fine trip to NC and a great summer!

Well, it seems like propagation is improving somewhat as we have had more members checking into the Thursday night YLRL net on 14.288 at 01:00 UTC. What a great opportunity to meet and chat with other members of our league! If you haven't yet checked in, please try and catch us on Thursday nights. It's also a great way to work on your Friendship award.

Talking about propagation, hopefully Field Day 2009 should be fun again this year. I'm really looking forward to it. Don't forget to GOTA ... get on the air !!!

Well ladies, that's all the news I have for now. Have a great summer.

33,
Joan, W4JMJ



District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello from DC 5,

Hope you all are staying in where it is cool! I know the Mississippi portion of DC 5 has been Hot and Hot we have seen 107 to 110 degrees and that folks it temp not heat index. We went for 22 days with out any rain and thank goodness we finally got some rain just before all the grass complete died. These temps are just unreal for us in the month of June this is what we usually get for the end of July and August. We survived our Field Day activities but it also was hot out in the Mississippi Forestry area nothing but tall pine trees and hot weather more on Field Day later.

Broken Arrow, OK

Doris K5BNQ said they are Hot also with temps of 102 and their grass dying also but they are living it up inside. Now that sound like a plan we all may need to try. Doris and OM W5IWL attended Field Day at the American Airline ARC in Tulsa where they are Honorary Life Members. They both enjoyed the Field Day Dinner with the club and enjoyed sitting around and rag chewing a little.

Doris and Olen also entered several items in the Heartland Antique Radio Assn. "Summer Sizzler" the club collects and makes old time broadcast radio work. Doris tells us they also

have a contest and they won 1st place on a real old Kennedy Type 220 Radio. I have never seen one have any of you? They also received a 2nd on Andy's Crystal Set and a 3rd on Doris's prized like new D-104 microphone exhibit. Congratulations on the top winning great work!!

Look for Doris and OM at the Arkansas Convention at Wilhelmina State Park lodge near Mena Arkansas on Labor Day weekend. Doris hopes you all will join them for all the fun and it is up in the mountains with cool clouds all around.

Brownwood, TX

Ann WA5GLM and OM Bob WA5JPA celebrated their 51st Anniversary she said by hobbling into the Dr's office together. Congratulations on 51 years together you just don't hear too much of that anymore. They are having a few health problems now and then but they are all minor.

Their Grandson Brandon whom many of the TYLRUN bunch will know, is headed for law school at Oklahoma U in August. Brandon has a serious girlfriend, a girl who's sweet and beautiful, even if she's an Aggie. This sound like football revelry to me but Ann says they are very open and accepting family and would love her even if she were a two headed Hottentot. HI HI

Hottentot not sure about this it must be a Texas thing?

The Brownwood Amateur Radio Club's Field Day was a big success and had some really good coverage by the local paper.

Ann reports she has been busy with a TEA Party in April with over a 1000 people attendance and nearly 1000 signatures on their petitions. They followed that party up with an Old Fashioned Family Fourth Picnic in the Park complete with a barbershop quartet to sing the National Anthem and other patriotic songs including George Washington complete with powdered wig and period dress in spite of the Texas heat wave. They survived the heat with lots of ice tea and watermelon now that sounds like a lot of fun.

DeSoto, TX

Joyce W5MWK shares a very interesting family fact- Her family was one of the Texas First Families one of the 232 families that arrived before 1846. Her family May was there in 1829 they came from Edinburgh, Scotland.

She also shares that her last grandson Chris graduated from High School and will be going to the University of New

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Mexico school of Engineering and Mining at Socorro, NM. The last grandchild, which is adopted, is four now and play the violin and sings beautifully the rest of the family are well.

Houston, TX

Alverta K5MIZ reports the temp in Houston at the writing of this article is 98 degrees, they do not go outside much and their yards are really suffering from the heat wave for over a month.

She did get to travel to her granddaughter's college graduation ceremony from Webb Institute in Glen Cove, Long Island, New York. Congratulation to the granddaughter she received a degree in the Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering and will be working in Annapolis, MD. Alverta says that's still too far to come home on a weekend but they are so blessed she has a job-so many new graduates still looking for work.

She reminds everyone that their Lady Radio group still meets for Sunday lunch once a month and I am proud to say I had the pleasure of meeting with them and had a great time. I truly hope I get the chance to meet with you all again.

Sequin, TX

Nell, KOGO and OM Hank, W5VD made their usual July trek to Minnesota for the July family gathering of Nell's late sister Myrtle's family of ten children, forty grandchildren

and thirty-eight great grandchildren. Among other places they visit will include Nell's hometown of Milnor, North Dakota. Of course, they will be giving out counties for the County Hunters as they go. Hope you have a safe trip and make a lot of county hunters happy.

Saucier, MS

Barb KE5QHZ reports she will have a special and long time friend visiting for the month of August and will not be active on the radio. She has been working on DX contact and worked all states contacts.

Gulfport, MS

Gene AE5FB attended Magnolia DX Assn field where she coached and logged for the W5NO- GOTA Station. She also operated the club station K5MDX along with helping and preparing the meals for field day. In her spare time Gene and her OM Jerry N5UCF have been land shaping their yard around their new home.

Perkinston, MS

Judy KE5PLL and OM Flerby KE5NSG have just returned home from a Mission Trip to Maryland they had a great time and feel so blessed to have had the chance to help others. She also reports the bus they were traveling on broke down on the way home and they had to fly home.

Southern Mississippi YL Group Has received their Club call KF5BTO and the YL have voted to go with a vanity call in memory of a long time Amateur Operator here on the

Mississippi coast. We are in the process of applying for that call will keep you posted.

The SMYL held their monthly dinner/meeting at the local Cafe' New Orleans 16 YL and 11 OM we had great time and good food.

Also for the CQWW contest in October the SMYL will be on the air 2 stations with either KF5BTO or our vanity call. Mike KE5QHR will be cooking ribs and pork shoulder, Ed KA5VFU will be cooking chicken and the YL will bring covered dishes to accompany the meal. More on the contest and activities as the time gets closer.

Sue W5MSW & OM Vic N5YY and BJ KB5CSQ & OM Ed KA5VFU will be attending Huntsville Hamfest in August hope to see you there.

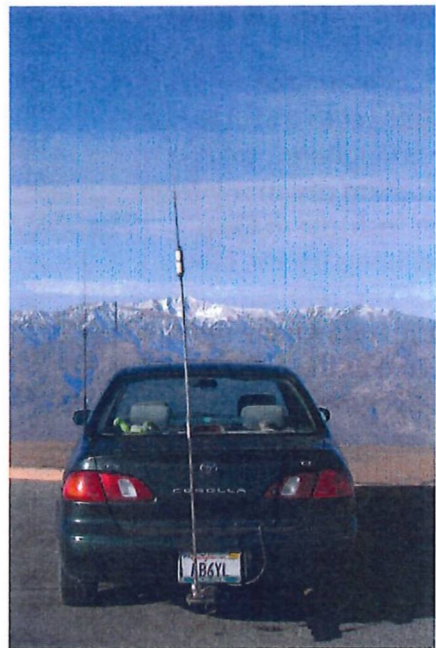
I would like to say Thanks to all the YL that participated in any way with the MDXA Field Day-Mary Ann KC5VBZ, Gene AE5FB, Sue W5MSW, Yvette AE5MI, Majorie KE5YPT, and Elaine KF5AGH. The most excited would be Mimi a 7 year old who operated the GOTA Station and successfully made her 20 contact in 38 minutes her mom Sonia also operated and hope soon both will become amateur radio operators.

Thank you for all your news.

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Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Field Day 2009



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became a ham which was 3 years ago. Thank goodness for Elmers. Radio's survival and good will is based on passing the torch and Elmers are key to its success.

And yes ...the normal challenges took place: 259s had to be soldered, bad coaxes had to be replaced, the NVIS did not like its location because it was too close to the house (shielding), I never did get my Buddy antenna up on the metal roof as a trial back-up, and propagation fluctuated. We had the "normal" alterations and modifications to take in stride.

We had so much fun!!! The last 30 minutes I finally sat at Station #1 and had a pile-up in minutes. Next year I know to dive right in and grab a net. We did not win any contest for high score yet there could not be a happier group of operators. I also had the pleasure of operating with my two daughters. It became a family event that brought us a little closer. K3TI will be operating from our home again next Field Day. With a few modifications as we run around with wire, antennas, tower, and lots of laughs along the way." Field Day was different but lots of fun here. My OM (Ed, N3ZNI) and I operated from home (work schedules prevented us from going to one of the clubs' sites). Loved it, and will probably do the same again.

From Gloria Saylor, Amateur Radio Operator, N3IOP, this terrific report:
"I am club advisor and radio station trustee of a radio club at the elementary school where I teach Art, the North Clarion County Elementary School. I have had the club for 18 years.

Our Ham Shack is a mobile cabinet in the corner of the school Art Room. The Club is thankful for the generosity of amateurs who have loaned or donated equipment, and given of their time and talents to help the students. We meet every Wednesday that is also a school day from 20:00 to 20:40 UTC. The students and I have great fun working the School Club Roundup contest during the second full week in February. **The "School Club Roundup" is a contest for Amateur Radio Clubs all over the world. The purpose of the contest is to give school children a special time and place to communicate with each other and with the amateur radio community. The objective is to make as many contacts as possible in one week, especially with other schools. Extra points are also earned from contacts made with other states, Canadian Provinces, and countries.**

We have worked the School Club Roundup contest 19 times, always placing in the TOP 8. We finished First Place in the United States in the Elementary School Division in the years 2000, 2002, 2004, February 2007, and February 2009. **North Clarion School Amateur Radio Club, W3NCS, finished First Place in Elementary Schools in the United States participating in the 2009 School Club Roundup, and with this win, we are five-time National Champions.**

"This year really showed the value of Amateur Radio in an emergency situation."

Emergency power was needed the Thursday of school club roundup week. Joe Beichner, AA3TH, and myself, N3IOP, arrived at school early to get the radio gear ready. A severe

windstorm hit our area. The elementary school had no electricity, and the students were coming with a two-hour delay. We drove 20 miles to Joe's house, grabbed his generator, a couple of batteries, and drove back to the school.

Here's what the scene in the art room looked like -Joe at the radio, the kids gathered around, the only light was from the window and two candles. A power cable was strung out of the window to the small portable generator pounded by wind-driven sleet. The coax draping out of the window was connected to a long wire hanging in a tree.

Nobody in the building had email, text messages, the Internet was down, cell phones were not working, and we were talking to the world! It was a school club roundup to remember! "

And since it is now officially summer here in southwestern Pennsylvania I can report that the garden is at last ALL planted. It grows in size every year, as we just have to try something new and till up just a little more of the yard. The county fairs are starting, so it's time to decide which contests to enter (canned goods? Baked goods?) along with running the spinning contest.

On Wednesday evenings I run an YL Net on our local 2m repeater, and I am happy to say that participation is growing. Aimed at YLs and XYLs, we are glad to welcome OM s as well. The net is quite informal covering any number of topics, and at times has gotten very lively.

Enjoy the summer, everyone take care and we hope to be hearing you on the air!

73,33

Jacque, N3ZEL

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Kristy B. Leach KE5EII 2446

[REDACTED]
No additional information available.

District 7

Shirley Fenstermaker 10312

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Shirley is a member of the Clark Co Amateur Radio Club and her former call was WN9RJW. She works as an auditor.

Here is the winner of a gift subscription from SeaPac

Barbara Lewey K7BJL

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Gift subscription from SEAPAC. Barbara has been

licensed since 2005 with an Extra class ticket and her OM Allen is K7ABL. Congratulations

District 8

Vickie Mate K8VGM

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Vicke is active on 75,160 and 40 meters and likes DX. When not on radio she loves to sew. OM is Joe K8YN.

Beth A. Vanderby ICD8KMC

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

District 10

Anna Veal KD0HUY

[REDACTED]
Anna is newly licensed and is being sponsored by Cheryl N0WBV

Canada

Welcome Back

Gloria Knight KC2DQL

[REDACTED]
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Originally licensed in 1999 Gloria holds a tech license and is rejoining YLRL

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*



District Six News de Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL

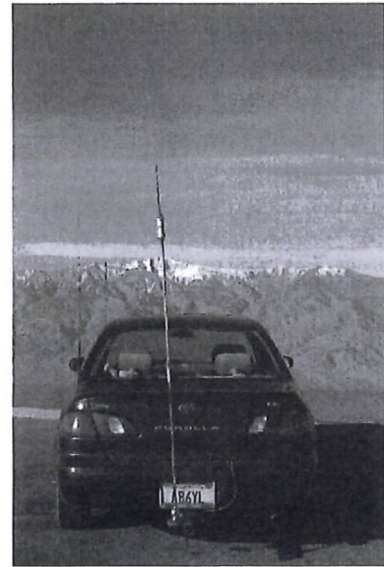
Hello Ladies,
Another Field Day is history. I hope that many of you got to participate in one way or another. I operated with the San Fernando Valley ARC in Northridge, CA. The weather was perfect and the band conditions not too bad either. Jennifer, KI6OIL, split her FD time between the SFVARC and the local ARES site a few miles away. Since we are in an urban setting, many hams find themselves splitting time between FD sites - something that isn't possible for clubs that operate from remote sites. I didn't have my camera with me, so sorry no photos. I was happy to hear several other YLs on the air operating too.

After several attempts to check into the YLRL Thursday evening HF net from my mobile

rig I finally made it! The net is continuing to grow. Irma, K6KCI, and other long time YLRL members tell me that the daytime YL HF nets used to have lots of check-ins and would go on for hours. Now many of the YLs are at work during the day and can't make those nets, so it is good to see this HF evening net hanging in there.

If you live in an apartment or place where you can't have an HF antenna, you may want to consider HF mobile. The new rigs are small and many are affordable. I use a trailer hitch mounted antenna system - not fancy but it works. I'll be going on the road again this September heading up to Lassen National Park. I hope to check into some of the daytime nets. Here's a picture of my car taken in Death Valley where I operated from last January.

No other news to report from "6 land."
33'
Ginger



Ginger's car in Death Valley

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Welcome to Shirley Fenstermaker, W7SAF of Vancouver, WA, and a member of the Clark County ARC. Welcome also to Barbara Lewey K7BJL who won the YLRL membership drawing at the luncheon. She lives in Battle Ground, WA and also belongs to the CCARC and is on the VE team.

Guess this is all for this time. Please don't forget to send me NEWS!

33 de Sara AB7PS



From the SeaPac Luncheon

Back Row: KE7NZN Deb Treusdell; KD7RIN Elizabeth Bigley; K7ERO Alice M. Wood; KE7TQS Darlene Fielder; KF7CHS Susan Cole; KE7QFR Terry Williams; Karen Barker; KE7JBF Chris Yody; KE7VBH Joan Butterfield

Middle Row: KE7UIX Jeannette Nachbar; K7BJL Barb Lewey N7UXV Beth Samuelson;

Front Row: AB7PS Sara Lyon; AC7UH Barbara Yasson; AB7HO Roxann Holwege; KE7FWS Debbie Magnuson; W7DNS Pat Hoffman; VA7VIE Margaret Elliott



District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS



Greetings from District 7!

After a rather rainy May, June has felt more like July. We've had very little rain for over a month now and the forests and grassland are getting dry!

It has been a busy spring for 7th district YLS. April 24-26 was the Discovery Walks Festival. Barbara Yasson AC7UH and Lisa Bloomquist, KE7HPW, net controls, with help from Linda Ford, AA6MR did a terrific job keeping control of everybody and making sure that all checkpoints were covered at all times.

The weekend of May 2nd and 3rd was the annual MINOW Net gathering. This year the meeting was in Brookings, OR with Claudia Doyle KLOHI and N7SJH Polly Keusink, both of Brookings, as hosts. There were 8 YLs - Claudia (and OM Doug KLOHH), Polly (and OM Dick K7VPL); Robin Parker-Resnick KL7BI; Phyllis Shanks W2GLB; Betty Marsh KL7FJW; and Barbara Yasson AC7UH (and OM Phil AB7RW). We were pleased that Betty brought Rose Rybacheck KL7FQQ who now lives in Washington. Lorraine Wilkinson W7RFC (and her OM Bob W7VN) joined the group for the tour and dinner. I was unable to attend this year because my OM Bob AA7YD was having eye surgery but Barbara, AC7UH; outgoing president reported.

"The MINOW meeting in Brookings went well. As usual the Brookings gals planned a really nice tour for us. Unfortunately the weather was rainy, but being in the Pacific Northwest, we carried on, and enjoyed the tour anyway. The tour was around the Jedediah Smith State Park to see the magnificent redwoods as well as some of the flowers and birds in that neighborhood. The dinner restaurant had an amazing view of the Pacific coast from where we were sitting, and of course the company was great fun. The Sunday morning meeting covered the usual topics." This was the year of elections and Elizabeth Simon, KK7VO was elected President. Phyllis Shanks W2GLB is continuing as Vice President and Claudia Doyle KLOHI is continuing as Secretary -Treasurer. Plans were made for an evening net on 40 meters in addition to the Friday morning net on 75 m. Hope to have more about this later.

A month later, the first weekend in June was SeaPac, the Northwestern Division ARRL Convention in Seaside, OR. As usual we had our YLRL table - it was fun to meet the YLs that came by, many of them new to Amateur Radio. 19 YLs and 1 OM (who kindly took our picture) attended the YLRL luncheon at noon. Roxanne Holwege AB7HO and Alice

Wood KE7BRO gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation "YLs Make Waves" about Emergency Preparedness in the Seaside area and the YL participation. They related how two years ago all normal communication had been cut off from outside the community during a powerful storm and without Amateur Radio they would have been completely isolated. This spiked interest in STARS- Seaside Tsunami Amateur Radio Society, the recently formed radio club which now has the call of WA7VE. I was very impressed with the large number of YLs from Seaside and the nearby area who attended SeaPac this year. Two other YLs from other counties in Oregon reported that they now have YL nets - I'm hoping they will send me more details for a future Harmonics.

The Evergreen Intertie YL Net continues with good evenings and very poor. We bought a new 2-meter yagi antenna at SeaPac - my OM got it installed last week but its trial run last Monday wasn't too successful.

Field Day is coming! 7th District YLs - I hope you are planning to participate somewhere and please send me information about your experiences.

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District Eight News de Jean Ruth, KB8YHN

Nancy KC4IYD writes, "Ohio lost a great great ham radio friend with the loss of Ohio section manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE. He attended several of the Belles annual meetings and was a speaker for the YLRL Convention in Cleveland in 2002. I last spoke to him at Dayton and we joked about his former bright red jacket that one could see on him from far away. He will be missed. I participated in Field Day with the OM, W8HF. This is the first time just the two of us worked field day. We were at a friend's "pasture" in SE Ohio. We brought everything with us, a tent, a gazebo that housed the radio, table and chairs, food, water, bug spray, FD package and an air mattress for the tent. We had a small generator and a car battery that was charged using solar power. Overall, it was just the 2 of us and we had fun."

Connie N8IO writes "I drove up attend my grandson's wedding so I could use my mobile and did get into the Thursday evening YL net on 20 meters on the way up. I heard N8ST but don't think she got me. OH Well! I was on the phone with Anne, WB1ARU and she was trying to give me directions since I didn't have a map and my GPS had

some strange directions that it was giving me, I finally got to where I was supposed to be. We were saddened by the loss of our Section Manager, Joe Phillips, K8QOE on June 20. I attended the viewing on Friday June 26 but had already volunteered to pick up the messages that were normally to go to Joe and reroute them to the SEC. 90% of those messages sent a farewell to Joe by adding "73 to K8QOE" in the text. Our new Section Manager was appointed the first week of July. He is Frank Piper, KI8GW a former SEC so he has worked with the section before and I'm sure he will be an asset to OH. I was the PR for W8HH the Marietta Amateur Radio Club on Field Day where we were set up in Jackson Park here in Marietta. As well as being here for the OSSBN where I picked up the messages mentioned in my last.

Carolyn N8ST writes "Well, we didn't have a big Field Day this year. My OM Gary I<8BE and I have hosted Field Day for the USS JURASSIC for 10 years and decided to take a year off to see what other club's Field Days are like. We went to the Grant Amateur Radio Club's Field Day site in the early afternoon and

found they were busy setting up canopies, food, chairs, etc., but not radio equipment. The leader soon left saying he had to go home and get the radios and antennas. He came back 4 hours later. Meanwhile we helped a few members setup an antenna and get a member's radio on the air. A few hours later they setup another one. They were using generators that worked really well (and quiet too). We enjoyed getting the chance to sit around and chat with everyone. Later in the evening Gary and I made a few contacts from home running ID for the USS JURASSIC. Other YLRL members who helped with the GARC Field Day were Dot KB8TQU and Shelley KD8IYW. As always Field Day was fun, no matter where you are or which group you work with."

Please send your news to me to be included in YLH. Nancy, kc4iyd@yalioo.com

Nancy, KC4IYD sent in the District 8 column for this issue-thanks, Nancy.



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS



Good morning, afternoon or evening, whatever it happens to be when you read your Harmonics. It is evening here as I type this. Field Day is over for another year. The Fort Wayne Radio Club moved our site this year from the Girl Scout Camp to the Indiana-Purdue Campus in town with the hopes we would get more traffic of non-hams wondering what was going on. Unfortunately that didn't seem to happen, but it was a very nice site in spite of that. At the Girl Scout Camp, we were able to have a hog roast, but it didn't seem feasible at the new site so we had a potluck instead. That was fine with me because that was one less dinner I had to organize. I hope any Field Day activities that you all may have participated in were successful.

My OM, Al and I have some exciting news. We adopted not one, but two "puppies" from the Humane Shelter yesterday. We had been without a canine companion for 2 *Vi* years since our much-loved Sophie passed away. We went and looked at the dogs three days ago and we chose one, a sweet Beagle named Theodore. We couldn't bring him home for two days because he had to be there a week before he could be adopted.



Bailey

Al also had fallen head-over-heels for a Collie-Shepherd mix named Libby. On our way up Friday I asked him if he wanted to bring her home too. He thought I had lost my mind. I hope I haven't. To make a long story short, we brought Libby home too.



Libby

Theodore's name was changed to Bailey, as in Beagle Bailey. Pardon the pun, but I thought a great name.

Bailey is about 3 and Libby 1. They are very well behaved and get along great together. We have never had two dogs before, but there is a first time for everything. Libby seems to be Al's baby and Bailey is mine.

I hope everyone is having

a wonderful summer. Please say a prayer that I keep my sanity with our new additions. Everyone stay well and enjoy some nice weather.

33, Carole WB9RUS

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The float plane landed on the water and taxied up to the end of the dock in Thorne Bay where Akiyo and I said our good-byes to Betty and boarded. Akiyo sat in front while I took the jump seat near the door. The pilot pointed to life vests hanging in small pouches above each seat. He asked if I knew how to open the door latch. Afterwards I noticed this door had a bungee cord attached as security. Akiyo and I thoroughly enjoyed our short and very low flight over water to Ketchikan where we boarded another plane for Seattle. Akiyo left for Tokyo within minutes of my departure for Ontario, CA. The valuable lesson we three gained from this rewarding experience came from knowing it is never too late to meet old friends.



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KBONAS



Greetings from District 10!

I had the pleasure of attending the 2009 ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Conference in Estes Park this May. Highlights included a W1AW/0 radio station, about 50 sessions ranging from group meetings to technical instruction to presentations on the wide variety of activities in which hams engage to food and speakers.

Our own Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV, spoke at the Hamcon Luncheon, talking about the huge variety of activities available to keep any ham interested. She also spoke to the YL forum, highlighting DXing and DXpeditions. How would you like to travel to a tropical island or an icy desert? What is your style—walk into a station all set up, or do it yourself, or something in between?

One of the most intriguing sessions I went to was a forum on public service. It sought to come up with a consensus definition of what public service might be, to identify public service groups and nets in the four state Rocky Mountain district, and to suggest how the

ARRL should support public service, perhaps with training and/or certification in various skill groups. Another session dealt with how to run your station on remote, over the Internet. Imagine going on vacation anywhere (with internet) and still checking into your local net on your own radio!

One of the pleasures of going to any ham convention is always meeting new people. I had the opportunity to meet possibly our youngest YL, Anna, KD0HUY. Anna received her license after passing her test at Dayton this year; she is eight. She jumped right in on the special events stations.



Anna, KD0HUY at the Special Events Station W1AW/0

Next year the conference will be in Casper, Wyoming. I hope to see some of you there!

From Cheryl, N0WBV, "I had a great time at Field

Day this year. It was great to hear all the YLs on the air for the event. I stopped at at least four field day sites and 3 of them had YLs working them putting up antennas and getting on the air. I saw a total of seven YLs active with the radios with my own eyes, but that doesn't include all the YLs I heard on the air! What an active event this year."



Cheryl, N0WBV and Marie, KD0BQD at Field Day

Don't forget to update your records for the Directory Issue! Send news for November/December issue as well. Pictures are always welcome.

Doshia, KBONAS



Alaska District News de Heather Hasper, KL7SP



Hello

Hope Summer is going well for all. We are busy up here with many antenna projects and lots of sunshine.

As June comes to an end we celebrate the long Solstice here in AI< with more than 19 hours of daylight in Anchorage and more than 21 hours of daylight in Fairbanks and further places north of the Arctic Circle.

In Anchorage, the summer solstice means the annual Midnight Sun Marathon. For any of your runners out there it is a great time to come to see Alaska. The event is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon and brings runners from all over the country and the world to see Anchorage and its great trail system. This is a large public service event for ham radio operators in Anchorage.

With the end of June of course is Field Day and also another annual traditional event in Alaska, the MOTLEY Picnic. For those of you who may have visited or been to Alaska, the MOTLEY group is a daily net that takes place on 3.933 at 9PM AI<ST, 0500 UTC. Each year the operators and participants of the net get together at Byer's Lake 148 miles north of Anchorage on the Parks Highway. The picnic is a weeklong camping excursion with ham radio seminars, great food and fun rapport with ELMERS and ham operators of all ages. This year marks the 27th annual MOTLEY picnic in Alaska, one of the many fun

events of the summer.

As July approaches, we are getting into our tower climbing and antenna maintenance mode. We recently completed two tower installs for some older operators and will be working on several other projects before snowfall in October.

It is always a bummer when I have to report the loss of one of our own. We in Alaska recently lost Geraldine Baker, KL7ALZ. Geri as she was known by was a great operator and a very active YL. She moved to Alaska in 1942 with her OM Nick and they began a fun life that involved ham radio and a great love of animals.



Geri was a founding member of PARKA, the YL radio club founded in 1955 by some of the best YL operators in Alaska. She remained very active on the air for many years and never let her YLRL membership cease. Geri was 83 years old at her passing. Many of you know doubt have GERI listed in your logbooks and if you are fortunate to have obtained a PARKA Lucky Seven award or talked to a YL in Alaska, odds are it was Geri Baker, KL7ALZ. Attached is a copy of her QSL card and our wishes to

her family as we recognize her as a Silent Key.

Summer is halfway over and we have lots of radio work to do before the snow falls.

State Fair will be our biggest event coming up in August for any one of you who might be planning a visit to Alaska.

Feel free to contact us so we can hopefully meet up with some of you in person.

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

Hope you are having a great SUMMER!

33,
Heather
KL7SP

SILENT KEY
KL7ALZ
Geraldine 'Geri' Baker
1925-2009
Fifty-three-year Alaska resident Geraldine StaVonne Baker, 83, died peacefully April 09, 2009, at her Anchorage home. Geri and her OM, Nick came to Alaska in 1946. Geri was a founding member of the Polar Amateur Radio Klub of Alaska at PARKAJ in 1955 and was an active YL in Amateur Radio for more than 50 years.
The amateur radio community in Alaska will miss her and sends their condolences to her family.



VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM



I am sad to report another of our number has become a silent key. VE3CLT, Thelma Woodhouse, passed away, peacefully, on May 6, 2009 in her 95th year. Our condolences go out to her extended family and friends. On a happier note, I would like to welcome a new member, VE1VCI, Merle Taylor. Merle reports that she is 86 years young and took up her license again in 1987. She likes to DX and can be found checking in to the YL-DX Net, when propagation allows, most Mondays @ 15:00 UTC on 14.288.0. 33 Suzanne VE7IM

VE3HAI, Ann, writes: She and Bare, VE3HAH, did get to Dayton this year and really enjoyed stopping in at the YLRL Booth.



Ann, VE3HAI (middle) with Cheryl, N0WBV (left) and Jacque, N3ZEL (right)

Ann's daughter, Janet, N9ZKU was able to take the day off work and go with them. That's always a special treat. Ann also mentioned that the highlight of Dayton this YL Harmonics July/August 2009

year was a chat she had with Kay Eyman, WAOWOF. Kay and Ann shared a ride from the airport to the Philadelphia YLRL convention back in the seventies and have kept in touch ever since. Another special treat was to meet all the Chapter 120 gang at the QCWA booth. It's really rare for everyone to be there at the same time. Even the weather was good this year. What more can one ask for, except to wish everyone a healthy and fun summer?

VE7YL, Elizabeth, writes: The weather has turned lovely - spring and early summer have finally arrived! How we needed that sunshine! Took part in the Manchester Mineira All America CW contest two weekends ago. Thoroughly enjoyed and managed to give quite a few CW contacts - YLs counted for 5 points so I was a welcome addition to many logs. Only worked two other YLs. Propagation still not good and I've not been able to get into the YL 222 net at 0530z on a Monday. Miss hearing my VI< friends. Hope everyone has a great summer. 33 Elizabeth VE7YL

VA3WX, Jeannie, writes: I was very sorry to hear of, VE3CLT, Thelma's passing. I had met her in the 1980s and had even presented her with a plaque at one of our CLARA

gatherings. She hadn't been active on the air for quite a few years but would get a note or phone call from her once in a while. Jeanne also reports that she attended a Red Cross awards and buffet supper at a local banquet hall during Volunteer week in April and received a 15 year pin and certificate for delivering Meals on Wheels. The Red Cross celebrated its 100 anniversary so those attending the evening received a pin as well. Got the planting of flowers underway the long weekend in May, as is the custom here. We have not had many days of warm temperatures so more planting needs to be done. Our farmers markets opened the beginning of June so it's nice to go shopping for local produce now and looking forward to the raspberries and strawberries coming soon. Band conditions are poor and hope when the CLARA nets resume in Sept, we will be able to hear strong signals. Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer. 33s, Jeanne

VE3HQB, Heather, writes: We're leaving on Monday for a weeklong square dance on Manitoulin Island. This is a

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DX News & DX Treasurer de Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF

As DX Chairman I've always tried to avoid writing articles about my own activities; however this time I helped two of my long-time YL friends, Betty, KL7FJW and Akiyo, JH1GMZ to meet in person for the first time. The following experience is only one example of the friendships formed through our YLRL DX Adoptee/Sponsor program.

Betty, KL7FJW from Thorne Bay, Alaska and I have known each other since I became a newly licensed YL in 1977. We sailed together as crew with her OM, Ralph and son, Terry aboard their 38' sailboat from Cabo San Lucas, Mexico to Hilo, Hawaii over 20 years ago. A few months ago she invited me to come up for a visit. Betty and I agreed on a time frame and I let her YLRL DX YL adoptee, Akiyo, JH1GMZ know of our plans. Akiyo quickly sent me a reply asking if she could come with me. Of course I said, "Yes" as I first met Akiyo back in 1980 in Tokyo on one of my earlier visits to Japan.



*Betty, KL7FJW and
Akiyo, JH1GMZ*

Betty, KL7FJW who now lives in Thorne Bay, Alaska sponsors, Akiyo, JH1GMZ from Tokyo, Japan. They have been friends since 1968 through ham radio, post with photos, e-mails and phone calls, but have never met for an "eye-ball QSO." It took some planning, but we were able to coordinate our flights to Seattle and onto Ketchikan. Akiyo and I met in the baggage claim area of Seattle Airport via cell phone as we both had no idea there were 15 baggage carousels!



Akiyo, JH1GMZ

Akiyo and I flew to Ketchikan and then boarded a ferry to Hollis where Betty met us. What a thrill to see these two meet for the very first time. Akiyo and I stayed in a B & B only a few houses away from Betty's apartment. Of course, you can imagine the many hours, of conversation among these long-time friends. These two YL's also share the commonality of losing their OM's. As with many of our ham radio experiences the differences in culture and nationality soon fade away into similarities many women share today.

Betty gave us a varied tour of

her area via land and sea as we also took her 18' skiff across the water to her beautiful home she and OM Ralph built. This was a unique experience for Akiyo as we quickly skimmed across a flat bay, stepped onto Betty's dock and then walked up the path of many wooden planks to her home. We enjoyed touring Betty's home and forested grounds which she now has for sale as the only access is from the water.

Betty reminded us that during the winter months ice forms around the dock, burrrrr! The only mode of transportation to collect mail and groceries is by small boat. We three YL's traveled on a number of interesting roads to see the sights of Thorne Bay and surrounding areas often stopping for young fawns to cross in front of our vehicle.

Betty and I decided that the "float plane" back to Ketchikan would be an added experience for our mutual friend, Akiyo.



The Float Plane

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New YLRL Members de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ-Secretary



New Members for Jul/August 2009

We are pleased to introduce these new members to YLRL.

Many of these ladies joined at the Dayton Hamvention in May. It appears that hamfests are a great place to recruit other girls into the wonderful organization.

District 2

Joanne Hurney KC2QGH

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Joanne is a member of the Bergen Amateur Radio Association and her OM, Paul is WA2IIE. She joined at Dayton.

Diana Eng KC2UHB

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Diana was the winner of a membership at Dayton. She is a fashion designer and recently operated at VP5/KC2UHB. She is active on 20 and 40 meters.

Sarah Ingerson AK2D

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Sarah holds an Extra license and belongs to Rochester DX Association, Oswego county RACES, Erie County RACES and Lancaster ARC. She works in human resources. Her former calls were KC2PNE and AC2AP. She is active on 2 meters and HF.

District 3

Susan M. Reisinger

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Susan belongs to the Susquehanna Valley Radio Club and is a Skywarn Spotter for NWS out of State College. She is active on 2 meters.

Kirsta M. Reisinger

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Daughter of Susan KB3MSP
Kirsta has been licensed since 2005 and is a member of the Susquehanna Valley Radio Club.

District 4

Sally Guise KJ4LWO

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Sally is a new ham and works as a dietitian. Her OM Luther is K5NOB.

Lydia Morgan KF4TPW

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Lydia is self employed and upgraded to general at the Dayton Hamvention. She hopes to do some contesting.

Mary Holtschneider KG4OQA

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Mary belongs to ARRL and the Raleigh ARC and when she is not scuba diving or piloting a helicopter or hand glider or caving she is a Registered nurse. She holds an extra class license.

District 5

Sallie Howard WD5EOK

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Sallie is a member of the Austin ARC and is active on 2 meters . Other hams in her family include Deroy AA5R and James KC5CKV.

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festival that occurs every 2 years and Doug is one of the 3 calls. I sure hope the weather warms up. Today was sunny but windy and 15C, felt more like IOC. We've had very cool temperatures and a lot of rain, even had snow showers on the Island last weekend. It is a 6+ hour drive north of us to get to the Island but well worth it. I haven't been on the air since the CLARA contest, just too busy. June is a busy month for us and we're only home long enough to cut grass, do washing, get caught up on the books and pay bills. July and Aug will be a little easier but we hope to get some work done around home. New

windows, re-shingle the garage roof, more antenna work, etc. It never ends. Wouldn't have it any other way. Take care and hope you have a nice summer. 33, Heather

VE1VCI, Merle, writes: I got interested in Amateur Radio in 1986 when I noticed an ad in the local paper with the information about a 6 month course involving theory and Morse code. I showed up and registered with eleven men. It had been 43 years since I had touched the Morse code and theory was not my strength so I knew I had my hands full. I studied and struggled and in August of 1987 got my license and some

of the teachers and a class member came and installed my G5RV antenna system and my 440 Kenwood transceiver. The propagation those years was a lot better than it is today. I still love the hobby and have met many wonderful folks. PS: I forgot the most interesting part. In 1942, at age 19, I joined the R.C.A.F. Women's Division and trained as a wireless operator ground.... we were known as W.O.G's. I eventually graduated six months later and was posted to #4 SFTS (Service Flying Training School) in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to teach pilots the Morse code. 33, Merle

White Space and the Directory Issue

Wondering why there is so much white space in this issue? In some issues we get so much news, it is hard to fit it all in and others such as this one, have smaller reports. WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU. If you don't send in news, you will see more white space and we may have to shrink the size of the magazine or change how often you receive it. Please send in your news and pictures!

The NEXT issue is the Directory Issue!!!

Are you and your Adoptees current?

We need corrected information by September 1st to make sure the Directory is correct. Not sure if you are paid? Check now so we can make sure you and your Adoptees are in the Directory issue. We would sure hate to lose you!

YL Thursday Evening Net Celebrates First Anniversary

In July of 2008 a new net for YLs began on Thursday evenings at 0100 UTC. The idea came from W0CMR Cece who was responding to comments in the President's column by WB1ARU Anne. The first net was on 14.288 on July 11 with 8 YLs checking in. A week later the net met on 7.245 with 5 YLs, then moved up to 14.288, enabling additional YLs to join the fun.

The net has met nearly every week since, on either 20 or 40 meters. There have been at least 52 different YLs who have been able to make contact with others, plus more who have tried. The YLs are from 25 states and 4 provinces, from Nova Scotia to California, from Florida to British Columbia and many places in between.

Net control has been WB1ARU Anne for many nets with help from several others including W0CMR Cece, WX4MM Mary and K5YTT Grace. Several YLs have been on nearly every week, while others have been on only once or twice.

The net is run in a roundtable style, with each YL encouraged to call any others that she can hear. In the past few weeks there have been many contacts made for the YL Friendship Award. It has been wonderful to hear the YL activity on the air. Even some OMs are starting to notice and hang around to work YLs when the net ends!

All YLs are encouraged to listen for the net each week. Some YLs without General or Extra class privileges have checked in with a control op in the shack. Everyone on the net tries to listen for others. Often the net control station does not hear all the YLs who check in, but relays are made by those who do.

Anne sends out an e-mail notice before the net each week and a follow up e-mail after the net with a list of those who got on the log for that evening. If you would like to receive those e-mails, send Anne your request at enoaru@gis.net.

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