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Hamvention® Update!

AS OF PRINTING WE DO NOT KNOW THE ROOM OR TIME FOR THE YL FORUM AT THE DAYTON HAMVENTION®. PLEASE CHECK THEIR AND OUR WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION CLOSER TO TIME. WE WILL AGAIN HAVE BOOTH #234 FOR THE YLRL/BUCKEYE BELL TABLE.

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Scholarship Information

Marte Wessel, KOEPE

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
ETHEL SMITH, K4LMB
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NO SI< donations...that makes me happy for we have lost too many of our friends.

Thank you Wendy Chang, BV2RS for your generous donation to the YLRL Scholarship Fund.
Thank you to the Colorado YL's for donation to scholarship fund.

Feb. 26, 2009 balance in Money Market	\$16,829.23
Colorado YL donation	2,027.38
Total	\$18,856.61

The Colorado-YLs having been unable to award the Elise and Joe White Scholarship have donated it to YLRL in honor of Elise an Joe.

Like many others, Elise White was active in Colorado amateur radio as an XYL before she received her license. She began helping a few with the mathematics in classes organized by her OM, Joe White K0CNV and others. Soon it was a fixed practice for Elise to instructor the entire class during the section given over to the mathematics required for the amateur test. In the meantime, Elise was also active in Colorado-YLs and encouraged many women to join the classes and get their own licenses.

When Elise became a silent key, the Colorado-YLs decided to start a scholarship fund named in her honor. The fund was established by contributing our Loose Change (the name of our newsletter) at each meeting. Coins and bills have been collected by passing around a bank that is in the form of Silver Dollar (our logo). Over the years the amount has increased toover \$2,700.

Joe White was an active leader in Colorado amateur radio for decades. He not only organized classes for new Hams, but also held the on-air swap net every Sunday. As state director of ARES he initiated plans to have Hams and CB-ers cooperate during several emergency events of forest fires and flood conditions. During emergency situations the offices of the state governor knew they could always depend on Joe White to handle communications for our remote mountainous areas. We remember many contributions of Elise and Joe and whatever we say about their Ham activities we have to add, "...and there's more." He was later added to the Colorado-YLs scholarship fund along with Elise.

With the scholarship being unawarded for a number of years, the Colorado-YLs unanimously decided to award the funds to the YLRL so that the money could be used for the purpose in which it was intended, to help a YL in a communications or electronics field. In the names of Elise and Joe White, this fund is hereby awarded to the YLRL Scholarship fund. Please see Elise's picture and the check awarded in the District 10 news.

Personal note: My heartfelt thanks to all the YLs who sent cards, made phone calls and most of all for your prayers when I was in the hospital. Went for check-up with surgeon and can now put weight on leg...still on walker but at least do not have to "hop" anymore. God bless you all.

Marte KOEPE

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.I<I6CM.bappy.com. and click on the name Lenore Jensen. The wesbite was created by San Ferando Valley ARC club member AC6C.



President's Message de Anne Manna, WB1ARU



It's hard to believe that Spring is just around the corner! The winter has flown by for me, perhaps because I spent a month in Colorado siding with my OM, WAI ENO Tony. Although I had good intentions and made an effort to check in to some of the nets and to get on for the YL-OM contest, I had no luck. We were located in a valley with best propagation to the northeast. Maybe next year I'll visit another ham who isn't in a rock box! We did have a wonderful vacation and excellent siding.

I am encouraged by the timely renewals that are pouring into K4SAF Carol's mailbox. There have been some questions about the new renewal date and the new date on your card. YLRL membership is now for the calendar year, January to January. Dues are not delinquent until March 31. This is a result of a vote of the membership last summer. This made the membership year and the fiscal year the same, simplifying the record keeping. By the way, if you mistakenly sent your renewal to the Editor, it will be forwarded to the Treasurer, but it will delay the arrival of your membership card.

By now I am sure that most of you have heard about the next postage rate increase set for May 2009. The new rates will cause a financial problem for YLRL, as even now the portion of dues allotted to YL Harmonics (3/4 of dues) barely covers the costs of printing and postage. There are some possible solutions to the problem that have been suggested. The number of issues could be cut from 6 to 4, but then information would be so old it could hardly be called "news"! We could increase dues, but that would be counter-productive, resulting in a loss of members. We could increase the percentage of dues that goes toward YL Harmonics, however, there are other expenses that are paid with money from dues. We could increase the charge for first class and/or DX postage, but that too could cause hardship, especially for DX sponsors. Another suggestion that has been made is the possibility of on-line access to YL Harmonics. This is done by many organizations and would require a "members only" section of our website. Of course we would still publish printed copies, especially the Directory Issue. Let

me know your thoughts on this dilemma! Perhaps one of you has another idea.

Our Editor N0WBV Cheryl is doing a wonderful job putting together a magazine that we can be proud of. When I compare it to publications by other groups of our size, or larger, it stands out in the crowd. Thank you Cheryl for your hours of dedicated volunteer time. Thanks also to K4SAF Carol and WA6UVF Jeanie, our Receiving Treasurers, who are handling the renewals and new member applications in such a timely manner. These are just three of our members who have taken on big responsibilities for YLRL. There are many more who do jobs both large and small to keep YLRL strong and active. The Nominating Committee, KA2ANF Joyce, N3ZEL Jacque and KB5CSQ Betty Jo, Chairwoman, are working on a slate of officers for 2010-2011. The election will be this summer. If you are interested in a position, please contact one of them. You can find descriptions of all positions in the Constitution and By-Laws, printed in the Directory Issue.

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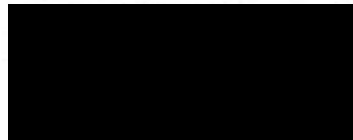
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Contest Results & Upcoming Events!

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For a list of YL contests for 2009 please see the center section.

For this year's ALARA Contest information please see page 25

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

N8ZHL, Constance Koehn; VU2SWS, Sarla Sharma; W3REN, Maryjo Valesek;
KK7RC, Christine Rudolph; VK4VR, Vai Rickaby

10 Year Certificates

CT1YH, Lucia Santos-Tome; KB7SBK, Peggy Stone; KB3ATI, Brenda Diamond-Rose;
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ZL2ADK, Cathy Purdie; KD7FLP, Norma Webb; K9XYL, Susan McGirr

15 Year Certificates

KC7BSV, Genevieve Topping; N3RBT, Mary Gundlach; JR3MNA, Machiko Sasaki;
NOWBV, Cheryl Muhr; KB4RM, Rose Marie Battig; KA3VXR, Blance Bender;
N4ROS, Patricia Hensely

20 Year Certificates

KH6OE, Patricia Hibbs; NOJPH, Twila Greenheck; SV3AGQ, Sitsa Tagaraki; KC4EW, Esther Watkins;
N6QWF, Jane Miller; KB7BSM, Sherry Swann; WOJJ, Judith Jakska; N4NPX, Irma Fetz
N7KTY, Loretta Jepsen; KB2CIZ, Elizabeth Duffy; JL1XWR, Kiyo Inoue; KOGAS, Connie Schaeffer

25 Year Certificates

N1HMG, Jean Lucas; NT8Y, Anna Wolfe; KA5EWJ, Mary Emert; K4PPS, Dorothy Beam;
GOCCI, Angelika Roberts; VK4AOE, Margaret Schwerin; N3I<N, Kay Craigie;
NX7V, Lois Vallin; N7KEL, Jean little; WX4MM, Mary Moore; KA0BAT, Melba Hoss

30 Year Certificates

N8AJU, Sue Simpson; VE7YL, Elizabeth Anderson; ZL1 ALE, Aola Johnston;
I<I8V, Verline Ferris; I<5IH, Ilene Hammack; KA2CLX, Elsie Finkelstein;
KA9BAC, Beryl Pedersen; KC7TE, Daurel Carhart

40 Year Certificates

F5MLE, Monique Tendron; WB2RWT, Gladys Zickler; K5ECP, Helen Drake

45 Year Certificates

K3ZDN, Jane Jones

50 Year Certificates

K5OPT, Ruth Jank; W1ICV, Jane Anderson; K7CHA, Bertha Roylance



Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB



I hope everyone has been staying warm during the winter months. It has been usually cold here in southeast Tennessee.

The first hamfest in my local area will be the Dalton Ga. Hamfest on February 28th. Dalton is always a good hamfest. Hams travel as far away as West Tennessee, South GA, Mississippi and AL for this one. There will be 2 hamfests in Tennessee on March 21st - held by the Middle Tennessee Amateur Radio Society in Tullahoma, TN and Reelfoot Amateur Radio Club in Union City, TN. On April 18th the Tennessee Section (Delta Division) Convention will be held in Bartlett, TN hosted by the Mid South Amateur Radio Association during their yearly hamfest. My dad WM4RB and I always travel to the Dayton Hamvention in Dayton, OH as well as the Huntsville Hamfest in Huntsville, AL each year. Hope to see my YLRL friends at one of the hamfest I'll be able to attend.

I want to share with you a portion of an email I received from Stan NX3P about his daughter Kaitlyn KJ4GPG (Now KS3P).

Kaitlyn has been interested in ham radio for quite a few years, but 2008 must have been the right time for her to take the leap and get licensed herself. Kaitlyn is a 4th generation ham. Her great grandfather had earned his novice years ago. Kaitlyn's paternal grandparents YL Harmonics March/April 2009

had earned their license. Her grandfather was Stan, Cole Jr AD3T (sk) and her grandmother is Susan Cole N3AOK. They convinced Kaitlyn's dad Stan, to join the family in 1981 and eventually became NX3P back in 1989.



Kaitlyn and passing certificate.

In August 2008, Bob W7I<U came down from his home in MO to attend the Huntsville, AL hamfest. After the hamfest on Saturday, we brought out a IC-7000 on the back patio and set up a fishing pole vertical antenna. Craig K9TEN and Ottis KG4RWZ joined us and we took turns playing control operator for Kaitlyn. Bob W7KU convinced Kaitlyn to bring out her Technician manual and they studied for an hour or so.

The next morning, we took Kaitlyn to the Huntsville Hamfest and she got to meet the folks in the youth group and representatives from YLRL. Kaitlyn sat for the Technician exam to get a feel for testing with the adults. She did not pass, but was determined to study on. Within about 2 weeks, she went to the Huntsville CAVEC testing session in

September and passed her Technician exam.

Within a week, we learned



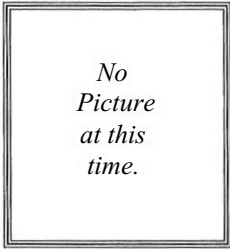
she was *With the VE* going to be *TS&tlbd* her new call sign of KJ4GPG. Not content to stay on VHF and above, she studied her General manual. On October 18, 2008, we took her down to Athens, AL and let her try the General. She passed it and became a General a day after her 9th birthday. We then decided that now that she is a General, maybe we could go for the Extra and have all of the amateur privileges. So on, January 3, 2009, we visited the Huntsville, AL test session and she passed the Extra exam.



Kaitlyn and her parents.

Kaitlyn has been a real joy to her mom and I. She has been a straight "A" student since starting school. She reads at

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District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT



District One has a little news to report. Anne, WB1ARU writes that she and OM WA1ENO, Tony spent a month in Colorado skiing and visiting friends. Their host in Redstone was K3NI and they also enjoyed the local Tuesday Ham Breakfast a couple of times. Anne skied one day with KOALT Christine and met up with N0DBY Sue on the slopes another day. The skiing was wonderful. On the last day that they skied there was 22 inches of new powder! They also tried out cross country skiing for the first time. It was quite a workout, especially since they were at 9000 feet in McClure Pass! They also got together with N0WBV, Cheryl and OM KT0F, John for dinner before flying back to Boston. The next trip that Anne and Tony are planning is to Dayton in May. They are also planning to attend the 10-X Convention in Orlando in July. Anne is enjoying retirement because she can travel more often!

The Yankee Lassies Net has been short and sweet in recent months since so many of the regulars have been wintering in warmer climates. Hopefully this will change in April, when we expect W1LIO [Arline] and KA1VAX [Hennie] to return from Florida. Another former regular to the net, WA1JYO [Vera] has been without a radio. She wrote that she is doing well but misses getting on the air. Her rig is currently in New York City being worked on by a professor at Cooper Union College who is also a ham. Can't wait until we hear Vera on the air again.

The plans for the Wrono luncheon are set...we are going to Oliver's Tavern in Essex, CT on May 2. That is a goodly drive from our QTH but one we've made before to travel on the Essex Steam Train and take the riverboat ride to Gillette Castle. My kids loved that when they were young! I like the name of the restaurant and am sure we will all have a good time.

That's all for now....YI's in the first call area please send me your news!

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Passing the button.

After grabbing a bite to eat, and Lynn a quick nap, we headed to the EW Mile marker. From about 17:45 to 19:15, there was a lull, and Steve Wardlaw (KN6Y), the EW Stage coordinator said that it was too quiet. But, by 19:45, runners were trickling in at a steady pace, and by 20:00, we were nonstop, with me looking

for Bibs and writing down times, and Lynn calling them in to the stage. This lasted a good hour and forty-five minutes, to the point that we had to just relay only the Bib numbers in order to keep up. Once we got another lull, which wasn't until about 22:00, we relayed the rest of the information to Stage 12, to ensure all the records were accurate.

It was a dark, moonless night, and we had to use our headlights in order to see the runners. Some of the lead vehicles that followed the runners didn't appreciate it, but what could we do? Between that, and the non-stop

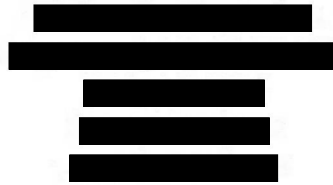
communications for close to two hours, our car battery died, so I<N6Y drove up from the Stage to give us a jump. We also had some technical troubles in the form of another Ham on a nearby frequency (who was more than likely not part of the Event) using too much power, which disrupted our communications to Stage 12. A bit frustrating, but we worked around it.

At 02:30, the last runner trickled past our EW spot, and Dave Greenhut (N6HD—who relieved KN6Y), radioed that we were free to return to the Stage, and so we did: feeling exhausted, but that our mission had been accomplished.

Looking forward to next year!



District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF

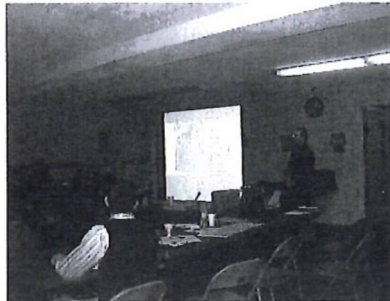


Greetings all,

Is it Spring yet? I'm certainly ready! Unfortunately the Northeast is set for another snowstorm for tomorrow. Perhaps we will be lucky and it will turn to rain.

Early in February, I attended the ARRL Hudson Division Cabinet meeting hosted by the ARRL Director, Frank Fallon, N2FF. We had a very nice turnout of about 40 hams. Folks traveled from as far north as the Albany/Schenectady Area, and from as far south as Ocean County, NJ. We also had representatives from the New York, Long Island area. There were many presentation, and we heard from the radio club at West Point Military Academy Radio Club, Ham Radio University 2009, Suffolk County Radio Club, Nassau County RACES/ARES, and the director did a presentation on LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD, just to highlight a few. My OM George, KC2GLG, introduced a new concept to the Cabinet meeting. We now have the meeting available as a PODCAST! Thanks to George, those who couldn't make the meeting now have the advantage of hearing the presenters.

This October starts the celebration of the Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary. Locally, in the Western part of New Jersey, there are plans being made for one of the first events in YL Harmonics March/April 2009



Diane and George at the cabinet meeting.

the nationwide celebration. This event will be held the weekend of October 2-4, 2009 at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in Augusta, NJ. This is site for the Patriot's Path (BSA) Council Centennial Jamboree. They are expecting to host approximately 5,000 plus Scouts and staff. I attended a planning meeting in February at the local radio club who is sponsoring an Amateur Radio operating event at this Jamboree. This will give great exposure for Amateur Radio. I'm sure there are going to be many events across the nation as the Scouts celebrate this 100th year anniversary. One of the largest will be the event in Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia in July 2010. I hope some of you can get on the air to help support any operating events that are a part of these activities. This is going to be a great promotion of Amateur Radio.

News from Long Island NY from one of our YL's Diane Ortiz, K2DO is that she is taking part in the 'Adventure for the Cures

Ride' to raise money for women's cancers. Please see Diane's fundraising page at: www.firstgiving.com/dianeortiz

Diane is the founder/President of Big Apple Motorcycle School in New York. She has done many things to help promote Amateur Radio and has been a member of the YLRL for many years. If you can help her in her latest venture, please check out the website above. I truly admire Diane for being a 'leader' in the world of Amateur Radio and a real mentor for all of us YL's! Good Luck, Diane!

There are opportunities coming up to participate in SKYWARN training! If you haven't had the opportunity to participate in any of these classes, make this your year to attend if you can. It's free and the classes are fun and informative!

YL's are getting on the air, especially on Thursday evenings. Some of our local YL's have been found on 7.240 MHz, 7.245 MHz around 9:00pm. Join in the fun and get on the air!

Ladies! Don't forget to spread the word that YLRL is offering a new award for YL's in 2009. The YL Friendship Award! Here's our chance to work 26 YL's, with one for each letter of the alphabet! Complete details in the last YLH publication that just came out.

Until next time!
33 - Joyce, ICA2ANF



District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL



Hello to All in 3 Land—

Well, we're starting to get a few warm days here, and believe me, they are appreciated. I really need to get out there and do some clean-up after the cold, snow, ice and high winds! I've been very lucky so far to have the antennas still up and working; others have not been as lucky.

The first two local hamfests of the season have passed, and it was terrific to see folks after the winter. Lots of visiting and planning to attend the next ones; especially asking "Are you going to Dayton?" Susan, KB3JHQ and OM Gene, KB3JHR were in attendance at WACOM's hamfest last month. They are active providing communications for auto races most of the year. The season is starting for them and most of their free time is spent "at the races" so they were glad to be able to catch a hamfest.



Susan, KB3JHQ and Gene, KB3JHR

The YLRL Thursday night net is most enjoyable (even though about half the time I cannot be heard). The nights when I do make contact more than make up for the times I'm in the noise. Conditions finally seem to be improving so look

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for participation to pick up. The New YLRL Award Certificate is also generating interest. I ran into Nick, WA3NB, at the hamfest and he couldn't wait to tell me about a recent contact with Cheryl, N0WBV, and how she was explaining this new award. The great thing about getting together for a hamfest... in the course of our conversation we were joined by several more hams who were asking for more information. Look for a few more 3-1 and YLs to join in the fun.

From Lois, WB3EFQ, "The only thing of interest here is that I was involved with helping on a habitat for Humanity Build here in Altoona and the house was dedicated today 2/15. It was very interesting and the home was built in conjunction with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. I am secretary for our local branch. Also I have been doing a fair amount of quilting...just finished my first hand quilted, hand appliqued wall hanging and a full size quilt for my granddaughter." Glad to hear from you Lois, and congratulations!

Again, I urge you out there to send in your news. Let us know how you got through the winter. Do you work contests? Special events? Rag chew? And what are you looking forward to this spring? Let us share the fun if you got a rare contact. Made a new friend or got reacquainted with an "old" one.

73, 33
Jacque, N3ZEL

Youth News

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a 9th grade level as a 3rd grade student and has recently become a 2nd degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Her parents are not sure where her determination comes from, but are confident that this drive will serve her well in the future. Her love of animals has her wanting to become a Vet for a career, but she is young and will most likely change her mind.

Her interests in ham radio are chatting with the local operators on 2 meters and working DX on HF. She is also wanting to learn CW and has plans of doing a presentation for her 3rd grade class on Amateur Radio. Kaitlyn Cole KJ4GPG is now an Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator.

Stan, NX3P

I want to congratulate Kaitlyn on her accomplishments. I know everyone in her family is very proud of her. I hope to be able to meet Kaitlyn someday.

It's always a joy to see another young person come into this hobby we all love so well.

If you know of anyone young or old that has an interest in Amateur Radio I encourage you to work with and help them obtain their license.

In closing I want to ask you to please remember the men and women in uniform away from home preserving our freedom and also remember the ones less fortunate. Also remember the Leaders of our Country in these trying times.

Please email me with news or stories you wish to have included in upcoming youth articles.

73 & 88, Emily, WE4MB

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District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ



■ Hello district 4 YLs :

By the time you are reading this. Spring should have arrived. And not a moment too soon for some folks ! Here in Florida we had some real cold snaps but happily none of that fluffy white stuff from the north . hihi

In January I did have a refresher course in snow-shoveling 101 while I was up in Hamilton, Ontario Canada visiting my brother, VE3WWR (who is recovering from a heart attack). It's hard to imagine but in another 2 months we will start our 2009 hurricane season! We just can't win !

On to the real news. First off we extend our hearty congratulations to 9 year old Kaitlyn Cole who upgraded (in January '09) to Extra with her new vanity call KS3P. Well done Kaitlyn!



Kaitlyn in front of radio.

Ruby Byrd, KF4NI /7 writes that she and hubby Kent, W4NKB are enjoying warm Arizona over the cold NC winter. They attended the Thunderbird Winterfest

in Phoenix and had a great time. Kent gave Ruby a new Yaesu FT2000D HF rig for a birthday/Christmas present and she is enjoying talking on it everyday. She was thrilled to work the YLs on Falkland Island on it. Ruby just passed her 10th anniversary as a breast cancer survivor and thanks the good Lord for still being here and on the air every day. She tries to be on 18.128 every day around 4PM EST, so please try and stop by and say hello. ... I'll be looking for you on 17m Ruby.

Myra Kitchen, K3PGH writes that she attended the South Florida Fair in January sponsored by the Palm Beach Amateur Radio Council. They had exhibits of various modes of Ham radio to show the public. There was also a sign-up sheet for those interested in becoming a ham (they had about 200 names on the List !). Classes will be starting in the next few months. It is also the 100th anniversary of Palm Beach county. The exhibit consisted of posters showing Ham radio articles from various years going back to 1949. It sounds like a good time was had by all Myra.



Mary Moore, WX4MM writes that she tries to get on the YL night roundtable on Thursdays but doesn't always make it. Hopefully conditions will improve soon. She worked a CW contest in January making 50 contacts, and also did a little RTTY. More play time and less work time would help. (At deadline time) Mary's sister Barbara, KR4SJ is in Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa diagnosed with AML-M3 Leukemia. She will be there for quite some time getting treatment. Barbara, Mary and family are in our prayers.

I attended the Orlando hamfest on Valentine's Day with my OM and my Elmer, WB3AYW. We had a real good time. There were a lot of goodies and hams ! (as usual). My hubby gave me a footswitch to my Heil mic for a Valentine's Day gift (and I was pleased with that... I must be an old ham ! hihi) . Well, ladies, I thank all who sent me some news to write about and hope you all will send in something over the next few months. Don't be shy ! Wishing you you all the best.

33,
Joan, W4JMJ

The ladies in the pix are from left to right Betty Peace KE4BFC, Louise Connolly KI4LNN and Myra Kitchen K3PGH.



District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello to all,

Hope you survived the winter weather without frost bite and looking forward to spring, outdoor gardening, and maybe putting up or repairing an antenna or two. The YLRL has the new friendship award active and running and we need you on the air.

Oklahoma News:

Doris K5BNQ of Broken Arrow, OK shares they have experienced another ice storm and grateful it was not as severe as they endured last year. Doris and OM Andy W5IWL just celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary and took a 2 day trip to Branson, MO.

Doris is so proud of her OM W5IWL he has been participating in a week long Crystal Radio Contest and managed to hear and log 66 stations on his neat crystal set he built this past year. Doris asked how many of us have ever seen a crystal set?

Doris and OM have a new great grandson their 16th great grandchild and that makes 23 grandchildren. Boy what a blessing.

I checked on Doris after the news reported the Oklahoma tornadoes and she reports they had rain, thunder and lightning but the tornadoes missed them thank goodness.

New Mexico News:

Judy KC5KPG of Milan, NM shares she attended the weeklong Quartzsite hamfest

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where she gave a talk on YLRL as a ham radio organization of interest to YL's. She invites you all to join in on the YLRL 40 meter net on Thursday nights and complements Anne WB1ARU and the YL's that assist her of the job well done.

Texas News:

Ann WA5GLM of Brownwood, TX reports her Grandson Brandon KD5UDD, has been accepted to Texas Tech Law School and awarded a full scholarship. Congratulations Brandon!!!! Ann also adds that she and the OM eloped when they were freshmen at Tech several decades ago and never thought they would see a grandchild there.

With all the cold weather there (sleet & snow) Ann has had lost of time to enjoy her fireplace and read a few good books. Their rabbits enjoy the cold weather and it gave them a rest from the armadillos that keep her yard dug up and flower beds tilled.

She has a trip planned next month to Vegas with the OM and his buddies to watch them bowl in the Nationals. We wish them the best and maybe next issue Aim will share with us how they placed.

Joyce W5MWI< of Desoto, TX reports she has had ice also. She tells us she had both her sons and their families' home for Christmas so the house was very full. She was very tired but enjoyed every minute of it. She

planning to have everything catered in 09. Joyce reports their adopted granddaughter who is 4 years old now speaks Spanish very well and also plays the violin. All the other grandchildren are out of High school and going to college.

Please keep Joyce on your prayer list she is still on the kidney transplant list and has been approved but she feels she may not get one due to her age.

Mary, KA5EWJ El Paso, TX reports that her OM Clay K5TRW, with the support of W5ES, Roland Mata K5CW, David Null W5CSM, and Lew Maxwell KB5HPT are teaching a Technician class.

Clay is the main instruments along with Roland and Dave providing color commentary and information during the course keeping the students on their toes. A written exam is given weekly so they can gauge the process of the students.

Mary tells us that this course has been a bit challenging as most of the students have little or no electronics experience. The classes are being held at the LDS Church located at Redd Rd and Reseler the course will be completed February 21st.

Once the students received their license they will be quickly moved on to the emergency communications under the support and supervision of

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Lew Maxwell KB5HPT. The ultimate goal of the LDS church students is to establish an emergency communications system for the church families there in El Paso County. Great news Mary always nice to hear about radio activities and hope you keep us informed on the students. We all know just passing the test is not enough it will take Elmer's to keep them interested and active.

Carol KI<5L of Port Arthur, TX not able to do any radio at this time they lost the antennas during Hurricane Rita and never did get them back up again. Carol's daughter gave them an outdoor bird feeder station complete with pole and accessories. The birds love it, and they really enjoy watching them. Carol spends her spare time knitting and crocheting and sends best wishes all the YLs.

Mississippi News:

Gene AE5FB of Gulfport, MS and OM Jerry moved in their new home in November. Gene has a new tower, antenna, and new ICOM Pro III. She has also been active on YLRL Thursday night net. Gene also became a first time Grandmother on Feb. 9th baby girl Robbie Lynn Hargrove.

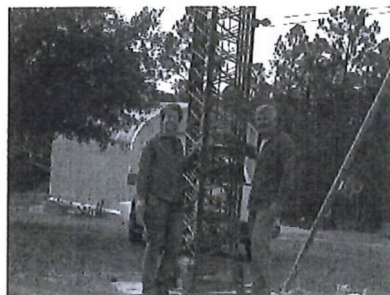
Gene, AE5FB and Jerry, N5UCF

Southern Mississippi YL (SMYL) Gulfport, MS has scheduled different activities this year instead of just dinner once a month; the Activity Ch Barb KE5QHZ has plans to visit gardens, plays, tours, and a few other activities we will mention later. Barb KE5QHZ and Sue W5MSW together planned a trip -Attend a Play in Biloxi at Center Stage on a Sunday afternoon we had a great time with 16 attending following the play we went out to dinner. Keep reading the Harmonics we are also trying to schedule an YL on the air activity soon.



Betty JO, KB5CSQ and Sue, W5MSW

I have been some what active on the radio lately worked the Falkland YL's on several bands very good operators and what a great opportunity to work DX YL. The best news they all had



their on call signs which I think was great also. Had the pleasure to work Gaynell J79WWW on 20 meters, AL1G Corliss on 20 meters, HI9/EA3WL Nuria on 20 meters and W9YL Heather on 40 meters operating a special event station for Valentine Day. Sure is great to tune the band and hear YL calling CQ.

Ed KA5VFU and I just attended the Jackson Mississippi hamfest we had a great time meeting new friends and seeing some of our old friends we have not seen for a long while. Ed KA5VFU and I shared a table one end for ICOM-D-Star and the other end YLRL where Sue W5MSW and I talked to YL from Mississippi and Louisiana. Thanks to Cheryl N0WBV who sent me extra literature and YLRL applications for the ladies to read and learn about YLRL.

Thank you for your news can't wait to hear from you next time. Now that you have read your YLRL Harmonics let get up and get on the radio!

73

Betty Jo
KB5CSQ

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

Thanks to Victoria SV2ICBS / LA7VPA for providing this tentative calendar for 2009!

2008-2009 YL Contests Calendar v. 2.0

Organizer	Name of Contest	2008 Date	Mode	Link	Gussed Dates for 2009
PI4YLC	Midwinter Contest	Jan 10	CW	http://www.qsl.net/pi4ylc/Engel/s/midwinter%20contest.htm	Jan 10
PI4YLC	Midwinter Contest	Jan 11	SSB	http://www.qsl.net/pi4ylc/Engel/s/midwinter%20contest.htm	Jan 11
YLRL	YL-OM Contest	Feb 9-11	SSB/CW/ DIGI	http://www.ylrl.org/ylcontests.html#YLOM	Feb 13-15
PODXS 070 Club	Valentine Sprint	Feb 15	PSK31	http://www.podxs070.com/contests/070_ValentineSprint.htm	Feb 13
JLRS	The 6 ^h HINA 3.3 Contest	Mar 2-3	SSB/CW/ DIGI	http://www.jarl.com/jlrs/contest/33con.html	Mar 2-3
AGCW	YL-CW Party	Mar 4	CW	http://www.aacw.org/?Contests:YL-CW-Party	Mar 3
CQ RADIO	Russian YL/OM Contest	Mar 12	SSB/CW	http://www.qrz.ru/contest/detail/313	Mar 7
CLARA	2008 HF Contest	Mar 11 Mar 15	SSB/CW	http://www.clara.comm.sfu.ca/contest.html	? Mar 10? ? Mar 15?
New Zealand WARO	Thelma Souper Memorial Contest	Mar 31-Apr 1	SSB/CW	http://www.qsl.net/zl6yl/awards.html	? Mar 28-29 ?
ALARA	28th ALARA Contest	Aug 30-31	SSB/CW	http://alara.org.au/files/ALARA-2008-Contest-Rules.odf	Aug 29-30
JLRS	The 37 th JLRS Party Contest	Sep 20-21	SSB	http://www.jarl.com/jlrs/contest/37-jlrs.html	? Sep 19-20?
JLRS	The 37 th JLRS Party Contest	Sep 27-28	CW	http://www.jarl.com/jlrs/contest/37-jlrs.html	? Sep 26-27 ?
YLRL	DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest	n/a	SSB/CW/ DIGI	http://www.ylrl.org/ylcontests.html#DXYL	Oct 9-11
UFT	UFT-YL-CW Contest	Nov 20-21	CW	www.uft.net	???

The 2009 dates marked with “?,?” are not verified, they are just guessed because no information has been released yet. They will be updated as soon as information becomes available.



SYLRA

(Scandinavian Young Ladies Radio Amateurs)
2009

Meeting in Norway

On behalf of the organizers of SYLRA meeting in Norway 2009, we would like to invite you and your OM to the SYLRA 2009 meeting.

The program is not fully decided yet, but we will later this year be putting up a web site where you can have all the details about the program.

To help you plan for the meeting, we are happy to inform you that the actual meeting will take place on **Kolbotn** which is just outside Oslo (the capital of Norway) and this is in the region of Ingrid LA8FOA and Unni LA6RHA's qths.

Dates for the meeting are set from **Thursday 3rd September** (arrival) till **Sunday 6th September** 2009(departure).

During the SYLRA meeting in Ostersund 2007, many of the YLs came with wishes about a SYLRA Y1 ham radio "expedition" in connection with a meeting.

We have taken that into account and are planning such an event in connection with the SYLRA meeting in Norway. So set aside some time after the meeting if you want to join us going to a part of our country which is easy accessed, but still wild and special. We will come back to this with more information later on.

Ingrid LA8FOA and Unni LA6RHA
Organizers of SYLRA Meeting in Norway 2009.



District Six News de Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL

Hi Ladies,

For those of us lucky enough to live in Southern California, winter is almost over and the Spring wildflowers are starting to bloom. AE6FH & I recently visited Joshua Tree National Park to photograph the flowers and operate 75m SSB mobile on one of the 3905CCN Worked All States Net. Directed nets are a great way for YLs new to HF to develop their operating skills and experience the changes in propagation..

While I was off enjoying the quiet beauty of Joshua Tree NP, and operating HF mobile for the fun of it, Jennifer O'Connell (KG6OIL) and her OM Lynn, (KD6DNY) were on the Mohave Desert providing vital communications for an annual law-enforcement charity fundraiser.



Jennifer, KG6OIL

Thank you Jennifer for agreeing to share your experience supporting the Baker to Vegas relay. 33 Ginger, AB6YL

So in March, the OM (Lynn—KG6DNY) and I made our annual trek to Pahrump, Nevada, to help man Stage 12 for the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay.

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Jennifer, KG6OIL & her OM Lynn, KD6DNY

The event celebrated its 25th year, and it's a popular one for local Hams, as well as a few who aren't. The relay itself attracts law enforcement teams from Germany and the UK, so I'm sure the communications response is probably equally far flung!

As for us, we just did the 300 or so mile drive from our North Hollywood home, up Interstate 15, through Las Vegas, and 30 minutes West to Pahrump, a sleepy suburb that's only on the map because of this race, and the housing boomlet that is now pretty much defunct.



Hams getting ready.

We came equipped with a Radio Shack HTX212 2-meter radio, our twin Icom IC V8 HTs, and a Yaesu VX5, in case we needed some 440 backup.

We arrived around 16:30, only to discover that our Stage Lead,

Gene Sweich (WB9COY), threw out his back, and wasn't able to make the trip up from San Diego. Joy Matlack (KD6FJV), the race's Communications Director, was on it, and pulled the lead from Stage 11 to handle the stage. There seemed to be a lot of that going around, as Lynn and I heard via our ARES Net that some of the Hams on the earlier stages ended up going to the later stages to assist.

Last year, we were assigned to the Early Warning (EW) spot,



Stage Setup.

where you sit one mile from the stage and radio relay the runners Bib number and time to the stage, so that the other team runner can be in place to take the baton and start running. We introduced ourselves to the new Stage Lead (who I believe was also named Gene), and said where we had worked last year, and that we were willing to do it again. The Stage Lead was amenable to this, gave us the paperwork, and let us know that the race was actually running early. He recommended we head out to the Mile spot at 17:45.

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District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS



Happy Springtime to all the YLs!

We've had a colder winter than usual with a heavy snow fall in December, rain and floods in January, frosty mornings and more snow this past week. But by the time you receive this spring should be putting in an appearance. Meanwhile - here is the news for the last two months!

Barbara, AC7UH reports that The Two Rivers YLs met at the Yasson's for the Post-Holiday Potluck Luncheon on Saturday January 24. "Altogether there were 14 of us.



From left to right: Peggy Stone KB7SBK, Ellie Singletary, Marianna Kearney W7WFO, Margaret Hardwick WA6NXV, Laura Seitlinger KC7LOK, Barbara Lewey K7BJL.

The company was delightful, and the food was delicious. We took a poll and the first license in the group was granted in the 1950's; the most recent license was only a couple of months ago, which represents quite a bit of experience. I had a couple of very kind offers to host another potluck, so stay tuned for more information sometime after the weather warms up a bit.



The top row from left to right: Vanessa McCoy KE7UBB, Kristin Tomson K7KWT, Natalie Mealer WA6QVM, Marilyn Melhorn KE7WEN; the bottom row from left to right: Lisa Bloomquist KE7HPW, Jill Khovy KE7WEC, Barbara Yasson AC7UH. Not pictured was Shawna Ross NL7NI.

Barbara also reports that plans are afoot for the YLRL club table at and the YL Luncheon at SeaPac, the ARRL Northwest Division convention, which opens Saturday morning June 6. The YL luncheon will be from 11:30 - 1:30 on Saturday, and will include a presentation by Roxann Holwege AB7HO, who will talk about YL activities in the Seaside area. Register early for SeaPac and plan to attend the YL luncheon. When you arrive, check in at the YLRL club table. Thanks Barbara for your hard work on this!

The Evergreen Intertie YL net keeps plugging along - think the heavy snow in the mountains caused some bad reception as well as some radio problems. We had three new YL check ins last Monday and they seemed excited about the Friendship Award so I've sent them the information and will encourage contacts around the net. Judy

N7NII called to say she will secure our regular table for YLRL at the Mike and Key Flea Market and Hamfest on March 7th.

The MINOW Net continues with Ruth, KIIF and Me keeping it going. We miss Elizabeth KK7VO who moved to Pullman after Christmas. She doesn't have an HF antenna up yet but I'm happy that she can check into the Evergreen Intertie. We are talking about ways of encouraging more participation.

Barbara, AC7UH and her OM Phil, AB7RW have joined the "Two contests in two weeks team" as part of the "Adventure before Dementia" program and are in Belize this week for the WPX RITTY contest and the ARRL International DX. She is planning to do some sideband between the two contests so I'm hoping to make a contact with her on 20 meters.

Received a newsy letter from Norma, KD7FLP. She wrote "I am now handicapped. I suffered a stroke last year but I now have recovered almost completely. I also had my cataracts operated on and with my new glasses I am seeing very well. I also have a home health care aid that helps us remain as independent as possible and we are very happy to be able to remain in our own home together.

Guess this that's it for this time! Please don't forget to send me your news
33 Sara AB7PS



District Eight News de Jean Ruth, KB8YHN



Hey everyone. This is Nancy, KC4IYD reporting for DC8. It looks like Winter is almost over here in 8 land but I heard on the news about a blizzard out west and flooding elsewhere, so let's hope everyone soon gets to experience Spring. Dawn KC8SQN, Annette KC8SQM and I were locked up behind bars on February 4th, but it was for a food cause. We were raising money for Muscular Dystrophy.



*Above Nancy and Dawn
Below Annette serving time*



Altogether, we raised about \$700. Thanks to those of you who donated to our cause. I plan to be at Dayton this year and again will only be there Friday and Saturday. The OM is a VEC and has exam sessions the third Sunday of every month. He could not find someone to fill in for him so we have to head back home Saturday night. I will be at the Buckeye Belles/YLRL booth - #234 - so stop by and say hi!

Susie N8CGM writes.. I think almost everyone knows by now that Anne WB1ARU appointed me as the replacement Tape Topics person.

"Librarian" is the official title, but a little exalted. So far all I have to do is to transcribe YLH into text files (usually 4) for Linda Reeder N7HVF's JAWS (Job Access With Speech) to read to her. Most others who need help with YLH have it already, in the form of full-page plastic magnifiers. My first DX adoptee, Lois Wollin DJOGI, has moved back to the US, to Galesburg IL, and reclaimed her original call of KF6ZX.

Byrness, W8LE writes. I'm hoping to be on the air soon as I have finally found an electrical man to do the wiring in this new house. I want to put the rig in the basement but no attic over the house but there is attic over the attached garage. Bill Ruth KB8USZ has been helping me so here's hoping this will work. As soon as the man can work in the time to do it Bill will help me get the rig going. Sure will be nice to talk to all you people again and get on some of the nets.

Carolyn, N8ST writes, I had fun trying to make contacts in the YLOM contest. I say "trying" because I didn't make very many actual contacts. I tried to do the CW/ digital part and the SSB part both because I enjoy both modes, so when there were no SSB contacts for awhile I'd switch over to digital and then back to SSB when the digital contacts ran out. It was definitely interesting to do it all in the same weekend this time. I did make a new friend from Texas Dorothy W7PBR who has now joined YLRL. Welcome Dorothy! The USS JURASSIC is going to take a year off from Field Day this year, but that

doesn't mean we're not going to participate. The Grant Amateur Radio Club has asked us to join them, so those JURASSIC members who want to participate will be joining with the GARC this year. That's a switch from a few years ago when the GARC didn't have Field Day and they joined N8ST

Connie, N8IO writes I have managed to get on Tangle Net most of the time. Now that we are in Daylight Savings mode, it's easier to remember that both Open House and Tangle Nets are on at the same time, 1800 UTC. I also try on Open House Wednesdays but sure don't hear as many as I used to in the past. A friend and myself went to Mansfield in February for the MidWinter Hamfest. I was the guest of WD8Q and his lovely lady Barb. It had snowed and when we left the home before dawn, their little dog Francie slipped out of the house as we were leaving so we spent a good half hour on Doggie Roundup! A little WHITE dog in newly falling snow led to a hectic time! All was well when we finally got on the road. We had breakfast with the gang doing the Flamfest or rather we got to breakfast as most were leaving. My car was parked fairly close to the main building so I managed to check into OSSBN (traffic net). Don't think I'll make it to Dayton for the Hamvention this year as I will be having surgery on my lower back on April 13 in Columbus. I won't be able to drive for at least 4 weeks so to be on the safe side. I'll stay home. Boo Hoo!

Until next time, 33/76 de
kc4iyd/8 Nancy



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS



I want to say Happy Spring ladies, but it's a little early for that. Darn. We have all survived the holidays, I hope, and spring will be here eventually. I am definitely ready for it. Al and I missed the first Fox Hunt of the season because our partners in crime, so to speak, were in Florida and with Al still on crutches and me not tolerating snow and cold very well, we stayed home and they had the hunt without our crack team. Look out for us next month!

Speaking of Al and crutches, he should be off them and walking normally about the middle of March. I guess if you're going to break a foot winter is the best time to do it.

I assume 9-land YL's are staying close to home or have headed to warmer climates because I have heard from no one. Let's hope that everything is good and they are all just laying low for now. That said, I should get some really good stories about winter escapades in a month or so.

Stay warm, stay healthy, and start looking for daffodils.

33, Carole WB9RUS

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this one was no exception as almost a year was needed to prepare. The logistics of air travel planning along with needed hand-carried equipment in accordance with current airline security information are some of the basic obstacles to research far in advance. According to Janet and Bob, it all began with just an "idea," and blossomed from there. They are both seasoned operators with many DX contacts everyday, but were extremely happy to welcome DX YL's to operate from their own shacks. Hopefully this will give some of you the spark of expanding an "idea" into an YL event.

And More DX News

Hello dear friends from abroad.

At the end of 2008 we had elections for YLRCI "Elettra Marconi" and the new Board of officers is as follows:

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Well, as you see there isn't much of a change. I'm the DX correspondent of our club since over 16 years, and we can't find a better one, hi.

- In May 2009 we will celebrate 40 years of our YL club and announce a special Award for this event, please check the web page, tnx.

Since 2 weeks I'm back from our marvelous VP8YL event which was outstanding, well organized and we all had a lot of fun, many laughs and kiddings! Who knows if we'll plan something similar in the future.....

Vy best 33 and 73's to all of you
Ruth IT9ESZ / VP8YLI



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KBONAS



Mary Cox, KC0MEZ has been busy working the WPX and the ARRL DX contest. Mary likes using Ham Radio Deluxe for logging contacts as it will automatically copy frequency from the radio and record time. At this time she has worked 80+ countries and all 50 states. She will be sending out so many Qsl cards that the postal service will love her! She also went with the Colorado-YLs to hear the Boulder Amateur Radio Club (BARC) Juniors prepare their speeches for the Youth forum at the Dayton Hamvention® this year.

Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV has been asked to give a keynote speech at this year's HamCon Colorado. HamCon hosts the Rocky Mountain Division of the

ARRL's annual meeting. Her topic is "Never Stop Learning- From the Newbie to the Vet". She hopes to not only strike a chord with the newly licensed, but with some of the longer licensed Radio Operators who have focused on one area of the hobby for so long that they maybe starting to get a little bored with it. With topics in the speech include: Dxpeditions, Paper Chasing, Emergency Preparedness, Contesting and much more.

The Colorado-YLs have been unable to award the Elise and Joe White.Scholarship, so have sent it to the YLRL Scholarship fund so it will be used as intended. Sharlene Meydell, KB0WBT; Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV and Marie Dambrosky,

WB0HUC went to the bank to get the funds to send to Marte for the Scholarship fund.



Elise White

Sharlene, Cheryl and Marie with the check



Corrections & Changes

If someone you know is not getting their YL-Harmonics please send corrections to the Carol, IC4SAF, 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

JA8AQY, Masako Izumi

address is:



SP2FF, Barbara Ulatowska

address is:





Alaska District News de Heather Hasper, KL7SP



Hello from Alaska

It is getting to be spring in Alaska. Longer days and warmer weather makes most Alaskans very happy and ready for the SUMMER!

We just got finished with the Annual Fur Rendezvous Winter Festival in Anchorage. If you ever want to visit Alaska during the winter time, the week to come is during the winter festival Fur Rendezvous. This year was the 74th Anniversary of Fur Rondy and the 50th Anniversary of Alaska statehood. Beautiful chilly weather, great volunteers and fun winter activities made for a great event. The events included the annual Running of the Reindeer where runners try to stay in front of a herd of Reindeer as they run down historic 4th Avenue. Also the World Championship Sled Dog races which ham radio has supported for more than 40 years.

Ham operators have provided communications for the Fur Rondy sled dog races through the use of a timing board. Hams along the trail relay when the mushers go by their checkpoints using ham radio so that the operator's downtown at the Start/Finish can advise the Race officials.

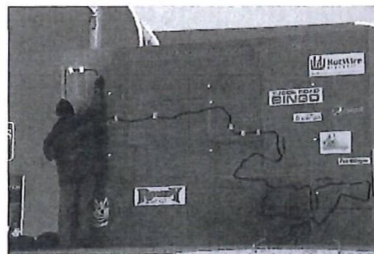
Coming up next is the Iditarod another event that ham radio has provided communications for since its inception. Then we get into SPRING!!! Warmer weather, longer days and lots

of antenna and radio projects in the works for both public and private entities and operators.

So that is what is keeping us busy in Alaska. Let us know if you plan to visit or take a trip or cruise to Alaska so we can be sure to meet up with you when you are traveling through South Central Alaska and the Anchorage area.

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

Hope you have a great spring!
33, Heather KL7SP



Fur Rondy Board.



Fur Rondy Starting line.



Running of the Reindeer.



In Our Thoughts

From the Yahoogroups YL Net group:

A tribute to Cathy Hrischenko VE3GJH ritten by George Hrischenko VE3DGX

Thank you for the tribute by George VE3DGX for his beloved wife Cathy VE3GJH

Due to her involvement and the mention of CLARA and other YL nets etc, this is being to the Packet YL Net, and from there hopefully it will go further. Please check into the group for the full story.

Also please Keep Annette I<C8SQM's husband, Jim Wood in your prayers. He was brought to the emergency room Saturday night with pains in his stomach. Sunday 3/29 afternoon he went into surgery.

N4XDA, L. Christine Martelle was reported as a Silent Key by her Stepdaughter when a 20 year sticker was sent for Continous Membership.



VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM



We have 3 new members in the VE District. They are as follows: Suzanne, VE2SZN, Linda, VE1QT and Leona, VE7ONY. I would like to welcome them to YLRL and I am sure they will enjoy their membership as much as I do. I hope many of you will have the opportunity of making contact with these YLs during contests or on various Nets. I was saddened to hear that Martha, KOEPE, had a fall just before Christmas. We all miss her greatly on the Tangle Net. Pete, WOCM, her OM, has been super and has kept us all informed of her progress. *Get better soon, Martha. I miss you and send you my very best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.* It will be spring by the time this issue of Harmonics hits our mailbox. We will have warm air, warm sun and the smell of the good, warm earth. Can hardly wait. You can see by everyone's contributions, that we Canadians are looking forward to the end of winter with great anticipation. 33 Suzanne VE7IM

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: Toronto received a record snowfall this winter. And, band conditions have been worse than awful. Surely spring will be here soon, along with improved band conditions. By the time you read this, she and Bare, VE3HAH hope to be back to the regular flea market circuit. As

she wrote her news, Dayton was only four months away! It's the lack of flea markets, not so much the snow, which makes winter seem too long. Ann hopes everyone had a good 2008 and will have an even better 2009.

Vai, VE5AQ, writes: She is having eye problems but has faith in her Drs and is sure things will be better after her next set of treatments. She has been trying to contact Nets but has not been very successful lately and feels Saskatchewan might be in a deep, dark hole. *Get better soon, Vai, we hope your eye condition improves quickly as zoell as propagation.*

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: Not much improvement in band conditions. Wondering how the YL/OM contest will go if I can't hear anyone to work! Updated my IOTA in January and I now have 996 so just 4 to go to make my 1000! Missed the last two new ones from the Indian Ocean - never heard a squeak! I am looking forward to reading about the YL DXpedition to the Falklands. Managed to work 6 of the YLs - that was fun. Enjoy the Echolink YL Nets - good way to keep in contact. 33 Elizabeth VE7YL

Jeanne, VA3WX, writes: I caught a virus that was making its rounds here in Burlington and the first week I was in bed for 3 days. The OM was the chief cook and bottle washer and did a great job. Yesterday

we had another 6 inches of snow and I swear the snowflakes are getting bigger with each storm. Six more weeks of winter and boy are we looking forward to lots of sunshine and warmer temperatures. Keep well. 33 Jeanne VA3WX

Linda, VE1QT, phoned: She reports that she fell and broke two bones in her wrist just before Christmas. Her wrist is not progressing very well. She had just had her first session of physiotherapy when she caught a winter bug but is hoping to continue with the treatments soon. Needless to say, this has not been a good winter for her. We switched from the telephone to 14.120.0 MHz for a lively and delightful 15-minute chat. Coast to coast communications!

Leona, VE7ONY, writes: As a new member I thought you might like a bit information about VE7ONY. I live in the Okanagan Valley situated at the top of the Sonora Desert that runs from Mexico through the US to British Columbia, Canada. The climate here is hot and dry in the summer and somewhat snow covered in the winter with temperatures just above and below the freezing mark. Each season is distinctive. We are about 1800 feet above sea level, which should be a natural

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DX News & DX Treasurer de Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF

This DX Column issue is devoted entirely to a recent YL operating event because as YL's we all must celebrate when active YL's represent us internationally by planning and operating Amateur Radio activities. Recognition of YL operating activity becomes visible when the majority of the Amateur Radio populous acknowledges a "YL's only" operating event as very successful. So, Kudos from all of us who celebrate the excellent publicity VP8 YL Event has furnished for all YL's!

Within this small arena of YL operating events, the VP8-YL Falkland Islands Event January 17-31, 2009 certainly proved to be a memorable experience. Six DX YL's traveled great distances from all over the globe to participate using their newly acquired VP8 call signs in two operating sites or as we say "shacks." DX YL's for this event were: **Liz, MOACL/VP8YLB; Unni, LA5RHA/VP8YLD; Nicky, M5YLO/VP8YLE; Victoria, SV2KBS/VP8YLG; Chantal, PA3GQG/VP8YLH; Ruth, IT9ESZ/VP8YLI**



*Standing, left to right: Ruth, IT9ESZ/VP8YLI; Nicky, M5YLO/VP8YLE; Liz, MOACL/VP8YLB; Unni, LA5RHA/VP8YLD
Sitting: Chantal, PA3GQG/VP8YLH; Victoria, SV2KBS/VP8YLG*

And....**Janet, VP8AIB** in addition to all the **local VP8 YL's** who filled in the schedule when needed. VP8AIB, Janet and her OM, Bob, VP8LP were the planning hosts of this most successful YL event.



Hosts Janet, VP8AIB and Bob, VP8LPB

For those of you who are new to DX-pedition type operating, a schedule formats an equal shift in operating time frame by denoting a YL to operate when, where and on what frequencies. This method of scheduling allows a fair propagation opening to every YL as conditions permit. The travel planning of this event included packing their own personal radios (rigs), cables, and microphones in addition to method needed to log either by hand or computer. Antennas and operating shacks were furnished thanks to Janet and Bob. Those of us who have worked "pile-ups" know this is not easily done especially when you have 1000+ all calling at once. Of course, we acknowledge the YL voice always has priority. Hi. Some of the VP8 YL Event operators had not experienced

the thrill of working the world and were fortunate to have experienced operators lend them the needed skills to operate and log as accomplished YL operators. Reports from stations contacted reflected excellent operating techniques.

The total stations worked reached over 25,000 within the two weeks which included several travel arrival and departure days. During this time, all countries on all continents and in every amateur zone in the world were contacted. Local VP8 YL's filled in the schedule when needed and especially when the DX YL's did sightseeing as VP8 has much history to experience.



Including the local VP8 Ladies.

This is merely a glimpse of what happens before and during a DX operating event. Reports from the girls reflected much joy in operating, but most of all in meeting other DX YL's and visiting another country. And, of course they all can relive VP8 while sending out all those 25,000 qsl cards!! Activities like this require much planning and

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New YLRL Members de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ-Secretary



New Members for March/April 2009

We are pleased to introduce these new members to YLRL.

District 4

Margaret Gentges AI4UX

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Margaret holds an Extra class license and is also a member of ARRL and LARG

District 8

Elizabeth A. Myers W8LIZ

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

Liz is just getting back to amateur radio after 48 years. She started off in high school and got her novice ticket in 1960. Then her license expired and she was busy raising 4 children and working. She got back to the hobby in 2007 and is building her own equipment and plans to do QRP and CW. She currently serves as the EC for Raleigh County in WV and is working with the county 911 / EOC to set up and train ARES members.

District 9

Ruth E. Resler N9ZTF

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 3

Ruth has been licensed since 1995 and holds a general class license. She is active on 2 meters

Nancy Uhrick KJ4EKO

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 3

Nancy holds a technician license and was licensed in 2008. No additional information given

District 10

Helen Schlarman WOACI

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

Helen was endorsed by Cecelia WOCMR and is active on 2 meters. She will be attending Skywarn class in March. She holds her OM's call as he is deceased. Her first call was KDOEOM. She is also a member of ARES

Canada

Leona Senez VE7ONY

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

Leona is Vice President of CLARA and is active on the 20 meter net and the CLARA HF contest manager. She comes from a "ham" family with her OM John VE7ONZ, sons Peter VE7ZZS and John VA7JBS. She has been sponsored by Suzanne VE7IM

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antenna, right. My family are all licensed HAMs so I joined them! I use a 2-meter radio to cross country ski in the backcountry and for emergency situations as an instructor for the schools program. I have spent many weekends marshalling races of all kinds, including the Ironman races. As V-P of CLARA I am the manager of the CLARA Contest held this year March 10 and 14th and I do like to DX! I look forward to hearing all of you on the air! 33 Leona

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I hope you are getting on the air - perhaps you will be the first to get the new Friendship Award! I know that there are many YLs working hard to earn it. Check into one of the YL nets and work the YLs. Many of the nets are informal and encourage the kind of contacts that are needed for the award.

33,
Anne WB1ARU

AUSTRALIAN LADIES AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION INC.

29TH A.L.A.R.A. CONTEST

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

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

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

STARTS: Saturday 29th August 2009 at 0600 hours UTC

ENDS: Sunday 30th August 2009 at 1159 hours UTC

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES: Bands to be used are 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz only. The following are suggested frequencies for easier location of contacts:

28.380 to 28.410 21.170 to 21.200 and 21.380 to 21.410 14.250 to 14.280 7.070 to 7.100 3.560to3.590

OPERATION:

Every individual phone or CW contact may be counted.

There must be an interval of greater than 1 hour between contacts with any one station on any one band and in the same mode.

No net or list operations

No crossmode operations.

No crossband operations.

All contacts must be made in accordance with operator and station licence regulations.

PROCEDURE: Phone: call "CQ ALARA CONTEST"

CW: YLs call "CQ TEST ALARA"

OMs call "CQ YL"

EXCHANGES: ALARA member: RS or RST, serial no. starting at 001, ALARA member, name.

YL non-member,

OM or Club:

RS or RST, serial no.starting at 001, name, and whether Club station.

OMs, Clubs & SWLs work YLs only.

SCORING: Phone: 5 points for ALARA member contacted
4 points for YL non-member contacted
3 points for OM or Club station contacted

CW: All contacts made on CW count for double points

OM, SWL, & 5 points for ALARA member logged

CLUB: 4 points for YL non-member logged

LOGS: Single log entry. Logs must show date/time UTC, band, mode, callsign worked, report & serial no. sent, report & serial no. received, name of operator of station worked, whether it is a Club station, and points claimed.

Sample Log:

Date	Time UTC	Band MHz	Mode	Callsign	RS(T) &--- Serial No. Sent	RS(T) & Serial No. Red	Name	Points
UTC 30/08	0135	28	SSB	VK6DE	59001	58028	Bev.	1
	0141	21	CW	VK3KS	599002	599045	Mavis	10
	tar	IT	SSB	FK8FA	59025	59011	Aimee	5
	IT00	33	CW	VK7LUV	599129	599004	Susan	10
	TTO3	33	SSB	VK3BSP	59T30	59006	toe (Club)	3

LOGS MUST BE SIGNED. Logs also to show full name, callsign and address of operator, and show final score (points claimed). Logs must be legible. No carbon copies. No logs will be returned. Decision of the Contest Manager will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Logs must be received by the Contest Manager by: **30th September, 2009.**

CONTEST MANAGER: Mrs. Lesley Smit VK5HLS

PO Box 271

ASHTON 5137

OR: alaracontest@wia.org.au

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More details can be found on the ALARA website at www.alara.org.au

Strays

District 2 Chairwoman Joyce wanted to pass along this information she received on the "Chick Factor International!"

I just wanted to let you know that some of the ladies from our club did, in fact, start a new YL club. It's not active or ready to take members yet, but we have high hopes for it in the future.

I told you it was going to have a creative name and here it is - Chick Factor International!

For anyone who doesn't understand the meaning of the name, here's an explanation: A couple of years ago, while our club was operating a multi-multi station in WPX, we were visited by a YL op — Heather Heininger, KB9ZLB — and her father. She wanted to operate the contest, so we put her on 20 meters. Of course, WPX requires stations to exchange QSO numbers, and that's when Fleather started to shine.

Several of us guys were gathered around behind her and could only hear one-half of the conversation, but it was enough. Heather kept saying things like, "Oh, and I'm your first QSO in the contest" and "What's my QSO number? One?" and so forth. After a while it became obvious that most of the stations that were calling Heather weren't the least bit interested in WPX - they just wanted to talk to a girl-¹

As soon as the men in the club realized what was going on, we started chuckling and shaking our heads. Finally I said, "Well, guys, I guess that's what you call The Chick Factor."

And so a new term was born! (It was actually mentioned in my November 2007 article for QST, which mentioned not only Heather but Amanda Feriante, a 10-year-old Extra who's become our little ham radio rock star during our Indy 500 special events (W9IMS).

Anyway, we're thinking about issuing cards that would be available to any YL who wanted one. It would say something to the effect of, "I am ... THE CHICK FACTOR." (Which honors the fact that when you have a pile-up to break, a YL voice is your secret weapon. Of course, YLs are good for starting pile-ups, too.)

Oh well, I promised to fill you in when we got our club call, and it just arrived in the mail last week. It's currently KC9NFS, but we're going to apply for a vanity call. We're still sorting through the suggestions.

Hope you can get your membership card one of these days and proudly declare your status as your club's Chick Factor! (And your daughters' too.)

Take care, Joyce.

73, Brian, W9IND

After reading last month's issue with the question on our oldest member, Cece, W0CMR writes in:

One of our newest YLRL members is Helen Schlarman, W0AKI, a friend of mine. Last Friday, she turned 88 years old. She is a relatively new ham and a really neat person. She is very active on our local 2 meter repeaters.

She, with the help of the local club (The St. Louis and Suburban Radio Club) is in the process of starting up a new website to celebrate Amateur Radio and to provide a source for new hams, nearly new hams, or others that can benefit from the information and/or programs presented on the website. Check out her website at www.w0aki.com [http:// www.w0aki.com](http://www.w0aki.com) . Remember it is new and currently under construction. There will be more added to it soon, but I thought you may be interested in checking it out. There is a reprint of a CQ magazine about her that you may be interested in reading. I've been asked to post something under "Why Radio" that I will submit to the webmaster in the next day or so.

33 & 73,

Cecilia "Cece" Rongey
Amateur Station W0CMR
Ex - KC0ULG

Shriner Hospital Kids talk to Santa

Santa Claus Communications with the Montreal Shriners Hospital. Every Christmas for many years now, my husband, Noble John Grow, VE2EQL, of the Karnak Shrine, organizes an Amateur Radio Communication link between Santa Claus at the North Pole and the children of the Shriners Hospital, Canadian Unit in Montreal, Quebec.

So, in the morning of December 12, 2007, our Santa Claus, Noble Jerry Stein, also known as "Ma-ger" the clown, is the first one to arrive. He is well known and appreciated by every one at the hospital. As my husband is a past Canadian Armed Forces member, with the 712e Communication Squadron, he includes young reservists from the Unit. Reservist Tarik El Qarmi and Shane Farr were this year's happy volunteers. My husband, John, provides the amateur radio equipment.

The North Pole station is set up in tire cafeteria solarium area, away from any patient's prying eyes. The radios are installed and then testing is performed to insure a proper two-way communication contact.

The second radio is set up in the Child Life Department. The moment comes to start the activities. With "Elf Tarik", I head on to the Child Life room, which is filled with waiting children. With anticipation, the children greeted us with smiles and sparkling eyes.

The activities start by a call to the Shriners Hospital from "RADIO SANTA NORTH POLE". After a few repetitive tries, the hospital responds: "RADIO STATION SANTA, THIS IS THE SHRINERS HOSPITAL IN MONTREAL. ELF TARIK AT THE COMS", is responded, and so the link is established. Elf Shane, of the North Pole, provides a visual update of the activities at the North Pole, to the excited children..."Santa is busy exercising the reindeers, and will be on the air shortly...Weather conditions here are fair...and many transport planes are arriving with materials for the workshop", provides Elf Shane. By radio, from the cafeteria, Santa Claus transmits his joyful HO! HO! HO! Now it is his turn to talk to the children.

One child comes from Newfoundland! He has been waiting for a long time to be able to communicate with Santa who asks him if he has been a good boy? ...Of course! He is always a good boy and while his parents are listening attentively, he tells Santa of all the presents that he would like to receive for Christmas.

Then, it is the turn of a young girl from Ontario. Strangely though, as it may seem at first, she does not want to talk to Santa "Ma-ger", however, Santa engages her and asks her what she would like for Christmas? She responds with a puzzling answer: She does not want anything for herself but instead, if Santa would send a house for everyone of her family to live in at the same time, since they are poor. Taken aback by this request, Santa "Ma-ger" is stunned. Seeking divine inspiration, even for him, the seconds stretch, seemingly, into eternity...How would he keep the hope of this child alive? "GOOD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE" He replies kindly..."But for yourself, what would you like for Christmas?" The youth answers/"Anything would be just fine". Santa "Ma-ger", with a teary eye is moved by the child's request, thinking that if it would be answered, the family would finally be able to share a meal all together at the dining room table, especially for Christmas.

The little boy from Newfoundland wants to talk to Santa again. He recounts his adventure of last evening at the Bell Center, the hockey game, his ride on the "zamboni"... Santa "Ma-ger" listens attentively.

As the day progresses, my helper "Elf Tarik" and I venture to the Day Clinic. Santa "Ma-ger", continues to listen to the children's requests. At first, they are shy to speak in the microphone, but after a few words, they are comfortable...

So, now we have finished talking with all the children available, we head on to the solarium to join Santa "Ma-ger" and "Elf Shane". We exchange our impressions of the day, as we are all happy with the experience. Santa "Ma-ger", our helpers Elf Tarik, Elf Shane and myself, complete a magical event for the children. It is richness for the Shriners community and for every one, to have volunteers to keep the children's heart, spontaneity and hope alive.

In December 2009, hopefully, we will meet again to bring happiness to awaiting children of the Montreal Shriners Hospital.

Suzanne Thauvette VE2SZN
CRA Kartem ARC



Reservist Shane Farr, Noble Jerry Stein, Suzanne Thauvette VE2SZN, Reservist Tarik El Qarmi.

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