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HAPPY MEMORIES



KAY EYMAN, WA0WOF MARGARET OROS, WA0KVP MARTE, KOEPE

(PICTURE TAKEN AT 1993 YLRL CONVENTION, WICHITA, I<S)

Marte KOEPE

In Our Thoughts

Geraldine Baker KL7ALZ was reported as a Silent Key.

Dorothy Spilski, K8DS, was reported as a Silent Key by her daughter.

They will both be sorely missed.



President's Message de Anne Manna, WB1ARU



I am excited by the number of new members who have joined YLRL. It was a pleasure to see so many women at Dayton Hamvention® this year. If you were not there, we missed you! There are 164 names in the guest book that was on the table at Booth 234 - YLRL and Buckeye Belles. Those of us who spent the majority of our time at the booth had a chance to visit with all the YLs who stopped by. Since the Forum was scheduled for Sunday morning, when many would have already left, we held two afternoon informal get-togethers in the concession area nearby our booth. Many thanks to our OMs, WAI ENO and KT0F, for "manning" the booth while we met!

At the YL Forum on Sunday, VK5TMC Tina and DF8MN Connie shared information about the next two YL International Meets, Germany in 2010 and Australia in 2012. More information about those events will be available soon.

The next **YLRL Convention** will be in 2011 in the Boston area. I am the Chairwoman for that convention and look forward to welcoming many of you to Massachusetts and New England.

This is an election year for YLRL. Our By-Laws stipulate that the President and Vice President may not succeed themselves in office, so those two offices must be filled. Also, some of our other officers have served for several years and are not planning to run for election again. If you are a well organized woman who enjoys having a say in how things work, please contact the Nominating Committee or me for more information. All job descriptions are in the last Directory issue on pages 52 and 53. The Nominating Committee members are KB3CSQ Betty Jo, N3ZEL Jacque and KA2NAF Joyce.

I am happy to report that the project discussed at the 2008 Huntsville Convention of revising and reprinting CO

YL is underway! The goal is to have the book completed for YLRL's 75th Anniversary in 2014. Several members each took a chapter to retype and e mail to N0WBV who will collate them and add the pictures. After that first phase is completed, we want to add the past 20 years of the history of women in Amateur Radio so that the book will be as current as we can make it. If you have information about any "firsts" for women hams, please let us know. All information that we use must be able to be verified. Pictures will also be welcomed. Also, if you would like to help with the retyping of the original, please contact KC4IYD Nancy or N0WBV Cheryl.

The Thursday Night Net is back on 20 meters at 0100 UTC. We encourage contacts for the Friendship Award during this round table style net. Listen for us and pick up the mike and join in the fun!
33,
Anne WB1ARU

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Contest Results & Upcoming Events!

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CLARA results see page 26

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- [REDACTED]

5 Year Certificates

KC8ZMC Sara Haynes, N1PVT Jane Oliver

40 Year Sticker

KOGO Nell Devitt

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Basic Rules Applicable To All YLRL Certificates

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

Please see page 27 for a complete list of the latest certificates issued!



Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB

In my last article I wrote about a young girl named Kaitlyn. Kaitlyn's call is KS3P. If you recall I included an email her dad, Stan NX3P sent me. It told of her interest in becoming a ham and about Kaitlyn being a 4th generation Amateur Radio Operator. I said to myself how much I would like to someday be able to meet Kaitlyn. On February 28th my dad, Mike WM4RB and I attended the Dalton GA hamfest. The Dalton hamfest is a very good hamfest and several hundred hams attend each year. As I was walking around looking at different items I noticed a girl about 25 feet away from me. I thought she looked familiar but just couldn't figure out who she was, then it came to me... it was Kaitlyn! I ran to where she was and ask if she was indeed Kaitlyn and she said yes I am. It was a joy to meet Kaitlyn and her dad. You could not only see the joy in her eyes but feel the excitement in her voice about ham radio and becoming a licensed Amateur. Meeting Kaitlyn and her dad made my day. It is always a joy to see other young people come into the hobby.

What most young people don't realize about Amateur Radio is the great opportunities there are in Amateur Radio. One being, the abundance of scholarships that's available to young hams attending college. During the talks I
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give about Amateur Radio at different hamfest and events I have started including this information and believe me ears perk up. Young people now more than ever realize the importance of a good college education and thanks to many GREAT hams and organizations many young hams that could not go to college because of the high cost of tuition are now afforded the opportunity.

If you know of a young person with an interest in Amateur Radio please do all you can to spark that interest and help them in any way you can. A new ham with a Technician Class license can do so much. For instance they have all privileges on 6 meters, 2m/ 440, 220, 900 and 1.2GHZ. They also have a portion of the 10 meter band. 2 meter and 6 meter SSB is a lot of fun and I have recently discovered how much fun D-Star is.

Believe me when I say young people love to text message from their cell phones. They can do the same thing but in a different way with Amateur Radio. One way is by APRS. We run UI-View at my home and it has a message window. It's a lot of fun to text other hams. Another way is packet radio. I talk about texting and packet during the talks I give because I know texting is what the young people like. When you talk to a young person about Amateur Radio

you have to get to their level and tell them something about it they can relate to and may enjoy. We are all ambassadors for the great hobby and need to do all we can to help it grow and pass it on to the next generation.

DAYTON!

If you have any Dayton stories you would like me to include in upcoming articles please email me at we4mb@arrl.net or we4mb@yahoo.com

That's about all I have this time. Please I ask once more. If you know of any young person with an interest in ham radio, do all you can and help spread information about our hobby.

Please remember the brave men and women protecting our freedom. Also remember the ones less fortunate. Remember our Country and Leaders.
73 & 88,
Emily WE4MB



Corrections from last issue: The picture where you have notated as "Kaitlyn and her parents" was only half correct. The picture shows **Kaitlyn's grandmother Susan Cole N3AOK, Kaitlyn I<S3P, and her dad Stan Cole NX3P.**

No
Picture
at this
time.

District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT



Greetings from New England where the weather changes faster than the calendar pages! Spring got a hot start in late April only to be followed by chilly weather in mid May. There has also been a great deal of wind.

WRONE met on May 2 in Essex, CT at Oliver's Tavern, hosted by KB1FVN Joanne. An enjoyable time was had by all who attended. At the meeting following lunch, WRONE voted to host the 2071 *YLRL Convention* in the greater Boston area. WB1ARU Anne is the Chairwoman of the event. All YLs across District 1 are encouraged to support this event whether or not they are current members of WRONE.

KA1JVN Hennie and W1LIO Arline have returned from Florida after a cool winter there, but away from the ice in New England. The ice storms of December had left their mark on Hennie's property with damage to a garage roof and many trees. She and OM KU1Q Walt have spent hours since their return cutting up the fallen limbs.

Yankee Lassies Net has regular check-ins each Wednesday morning by W1JX Bobbie, KAI VAX Betsey, KA1JVN Hennie, N1 PVT Jane and WB1ARU Anne. W1LIO has also been on a few times.

WB1ARU Anne and OM WA1ENO Tony traveled to

Dayton Hamvention® by way of Pittsburgh. Anne was the Moderator for the YL Forum on Sunday morning and also conducted 2 informal get togethers on Friday and Saturday afternoons. The rest of the time she spent in the YLRL - Buckeye Belles booth greeting over 160 YLs who stopped to visit. They included both long time and brand new hams. After Dayton, Anne and Tony toured "Fallingwater", the Frank Lloyd Wright house in southwestern PA.

Don't forget to send news to N1PVT Jane for the next issue of YL Harmonics by June 15. de WB1ARU for N1PVT

Changes & Corrections

Callsign changes

Nancy KE4RTP is now **N1NCY**

Suzette, ZR6SVW is now **ZS6SZT**-congratulations on the upgrade!

Name corrections:

W7PBR, Dorthy "Dottie" Thompson, please note there is only one O in her name.

Address changes:

Cecilia H. Zwaclc, WA2NYF address is now:
[REDACTED]

Evelyn Hockersmith, W4EVE new address is: [REDACTED]

Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL has a new [REDACTED]

Effective June 15, 2009, **Ann Santos, WAIS** has a new address:
[REDACTED]

District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF



Hey Gals!

Well, it certainly doesn't feel like spring here in the Northeast! It's still rather cold and damp. But the flowers are in bloom and we are promised warmer temperatures as we look to May.

My Daughters, Krista, KB2MER, Holly, KB2ZMM and her son (my Grandson) Damien and I traveled to the Northern Virginia area the beginning of April to visit my brother and his family. We had a really nice time visiting and showing off the new Grandson, and I know the girls enjoyed being with their cousins. Being around family is comforting.

I haven't heard much from

Barbara - VK3AGU our adopted DX YL from Australia, other than she is working hard and misses everyone here in the US. Like many of us YL's who are working, it leaves us little time for getting on the air! We need to change that! And I hope that the improving band conditions will help.

Most clubs that I have been visiting these past few weeks are already planning their Field Day Operations for 2009. The ARRL has already gotten their supply of Field Day T-Shirts and Pins ready for purchase. Hopefully, many of you are getting in the Field Day spirit!

I have heard from Shirley N2SKP in Eastern New York,

regarding her involvement in The Public Presentation - Intro to Ham Radio given in Fishkill, NY on Saturday, March 7, 2009. Shirley says they had a nice turnout! Shirley is a member of the QSY Society, a club in ENY Section.

I have decided not to attend Dayton Hamvention this year. There are too many things on the home front that need my attention. So, if you are traveling to Dayton, please say Hi to all the YL's at the YLRL booth and Forum. Enjoy and travel safely!

I would like to hear from you gals, out there. Please drop me a line and let me know what you all have been up to!

33 - Joyce, KA2ANF



In Photo (all seated)

*Joyce (KA2ANF) is on the right
Holly (KB2ZMM) is next to me holding my
Grandson, Damien
Ann (sister-in-law) next to Holly
Bob (brother) next to Ann*

In Photo (standing)

*Krista (KB2MER) is on the right
John (Nephew) is next to Krista
Leslie (Niece) is next to John
Amber (Great Niece) next to Leslie
Jaylynn (Great-Great Niece) held by her
Mother Amber
Justin (Nephew) next to Amber
Sarah (Great-Great Niece) next to Justin*

Visiting with Family is a good thing!!



District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL

Hello to all from Three Land—

Well, Spring is trying to arrive here. Crocus, tulips, daffodils, are all trying to bloom. Many are succeeding but we're still experiencing those cold nights, often below freezing. Let's just hope the fruit trees can escape the frost and give us another terrific year. It's still too early but we're itching to start planting the garden.

With Spring the Hamfest season arrives. There have been four in the area so far, and it feels good to get out and around and visit with friends that we've not seen through the winter. The economy can't help but have an impact on our hamfests, yet I see more friends car-pooling to get

there. It's heartening to see the spirit still with us. The Dayton Hamvention will still be well attended from this area and excitement is growing. I'm hoping to meet more of the YLRL members from this area and put some faces with the names and call signs I've heard on the net and seen in the emails.

I was glad to be able to participate in the CLARA contest this year. There was a small window late in the evening allowing me to reach into Canada for a few hours. By the next day it was gone, ruining the plans we had made to meet again and continue our conversations. Conditions have been just this erratic all year.

but we can only wait and hope for improvement! I appreciate those sudden windows that allow us to pull a clear contact out of a seemingly impossible wall of noise.

Again this spring our club is having licensing classes, and there has been quite a bit of interest. We have a Technician Class this month and a General Class in the Autumn, and more and more interest is shown in offering an Extra Class. No one could say that interest in the hobby is waning here!

I hope you all have a good Spring, and will look for you at Dayton.

73,33

Jacque, N3ZEL

District 4 News continued from Page 11

(sponsored by LARG) that tested Nancy and others. The pic of Nancy is from LARG member Dennis Boehler (KF4TJI) who is also Carol's OM.

Rose-Marie Battig KB4RM writes that the DX-YL net is going quite well on Monday on 14.288 at 1500 Z. She had 12 check-ins on March 16th but wishes more US YLs would try to check in also. Come on gals; let's give it our best try. Being from Sweden and speaking Swedish (although she has lived here for 45 years) Rose-Marie also has her own Swedish net every Friday ... with up to 25 Swedes checking in. She is also looking for info regarding

the YL-DX World meeting in Munich next year. So, if you have any news about it, give it to Rose-Marie.

Mary Moore WX4MM writes that she is staying busy but tries to check into the Thursday night net when possible. She is also mentoring an ARRL Emcomm Level 1 course, and taking a course in "Spanish for 911 Dispatchers". Her son Thomas, KD4WNA, has moved back home from New Orleans and helps with the tower work. She also reports that Evelyn and OM Don KD4DHH are planning a trip to Pigeon Forge, TN to meet up with a group of hams they talk to. They went to Indiana and met a group last fall and really enjoyed putting

faces with callsigns. Evelyn is still studying to get her General class. Enjoy your trip to TN. Connie Beckwith KJ4UNA has new towers and antennas up at her QTH. She has been taking the FEMA ICS courses online. She plans to take her General class test soon. Good luck Connie. And, Barbara Reid KR4SJ is back home in Bradenton Fl. She is going to take a trip to Notre Dame in Indiana in May to see her son Dennis receive his Doctorate from Oxford. Enjoy Barbara.

Well, that's about it for this time. Thanks a lot to the gals above for sharing their news and pics.

Enjoy your summer.

33, Joan, W4JMJ



District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ



Greetings to all district four YLs:

Hello and Happy Summer (by the time you read this column). Anything has to be better than that last winter! LOL ... even in Florida! Having said that, we will have hurricane season officially commencing in June. But, on a lighter note the fresh days of Spring are gracing us with plenty of sunshine and breezy, fresh air sans A/C. Everything is in bloom, bursting with new life. What could be better?

... Maybe ... propagation. As many of you well know, our HF bands have been in a real mess for quite awhile. We are promised better conditions sometime in the near future, it won't arrive a moment too soon for me. I have tried to check into our YLRL Thursday night net BUT no luck! Of course, it doesn't help that I'm here in Florida in a deed-restricted community with a mediocre stealth antenna. Not to worry, soon we will head to Georgia where the antenna is a little more substantial. Don't get me wrong, it's not a 60-foot tower with a beam (I wish!!!!), but it is a DEZ up 35 feet, which is better than the working conditions in Florida.

So what else is new? Well the Florida QSO party is on Sat & Sun April 25 & 26. Our local club, "Marci" in Manatee County, is planning a big weekend. We will have a cookout and expect many

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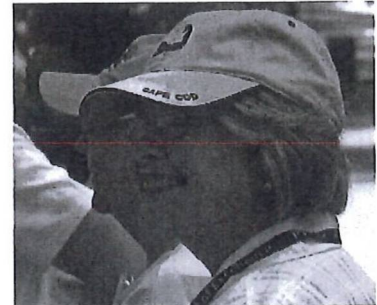
club members to be active operating as IC4GG (club call) as multi-multi, low power and mixed. The event will happen at our usual meeting location at the Red Cross on 59th St. in Bradenton, Florida. We are looking forward to working everyone and hope to work many YLs too! Hope we meet you on the air!

Also, Field day is coming up in June. Field day is held the fourth full weekend each June, and will be June 27 & 28 this year. I hope you have been making plans to be involved in this exciting event. Don't forget to get... "bitten by the bug"! I will be up at my Georgia QTH for field day and wouldn't miss it for the world. Hope we get to wave a hand at each other on the air.

Recently I completed the CERT (community emergency response team) course offered at the Manatee County EOC. Our Ares group recommended the course, and I'm glad I took it. It certainly provided a vast array of knowledge/ and hands-on experience concerning emergency situations. Several members of our local amateur radio club attended including 2 YLs.

I recently purchased a Rigbl aster Plus with the intention of getting involved with digital modes. I have done a very little reading on the subject. My brother John (VE3WWR) called me up and

raved about the fun he was having using his newly acquired Rigbl aster . His favorite mode to date is SSTV. He told me to get 2!!!!... One for Florida and one for the Georgia QTH as well. Well, I finally did order one BUT now all I have to do is figure out how to hook it up. Enthusiasm is great... now if I only had more experience! LOL



*New General Class HAM
Nancy Dluhosh (N1NCY).*

Gloria Borgrink, KE4JEH, has news from Leesburg VA. Nancy Dluhosh, KE4RPT (Now N1NCY!) is now a General class ham ... CONGRATS Nancy! Nancy sponsored both Carol Boehler, KF4TJJ and Gloria Borgrink for YLRL membership. Both gals were working on the VE team



The VE Team

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District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello,

Hope you all are doing well now that we hopefully have had our last cold snap, all is well here just been very busy more about that closer to the end of this article.

Texas News:

Congratulations goes out to Inez Cole W5WXT of San Antonio, TX she tells me she has received her certificate for 50 years of continuous membership in YLRL from 1954 to 2009 she holds certificate # 20. Thanks for all you have done thru the years for YLRL!

We want to welcome a new member Dottie W7PBR of San Antonio, TX she has upgraded to General and she is very active in San Antonio ARES, member of ARRL, BCARES, AARO and Roost clubs. Dottie and her OM John K5PBR were deployed to the Houston area after Hurricane IKE and spent 5 days helping the local people. She tells me she likes Field Day and is interested in contesting and learning the digital modes. Listen for Dottie on the YL nets soon.

Ann WA5GLM - Brownwood, TX Reports she is completely off the air at the moment due to a big storm last week. Other people had lots of damage, but we were fortunate in that we just have a few things gone due to a lightning hit. We celebrated our 51st anniversary by hobbling into the bone doctor's together Bob for his

foot (he broke it walking down the sidewalk to get in the car and go to church—true story!) and I for a weird back problem. Then we went home and took a nap. There must be a message there somewhere, hi hi! We are leaving for a motor home rally in Texarkana in the next couple of days. We are ready for some fun and rest—Bob has been working long days, some of them while he hobbled in his removable cast. Not much of this has anything to do with ham radio, darn it. Maybe we'll have better luck next time... We wish Ann and Bob congratulations on their 51 years of marriage, hope they recover from the injuries real soon. Keep us posted on the motor home rally trip.

Joyce W5MWK- DeSoto, TX Shares she had a great Mothers Day Grandson Jason and Granddaughter Mickey with her friend Nikki came for a visit, they had a wonderful time. Joyce's oldest son Jim A. came with a dozen red roses. Husband Jim gave her a mixed arrangement of yellow roses and her youngest son & family a beautiful plant that has 3 blooms she has plans to transplant it in about three weeks. Please keep Joyce on your prayer list she is still on the list and waiting for her kidney transplant.

Oklahoma News:

Doris of Broken Arrow, OK reports that she and her OM Andy W5IWL attended the Claremore, OK hamfest

in March and sure enjoyed seeing lots of old friends and the shopping at the flea market. Keep Doris in your prayers she is recovering from a bad fall. Lucky she did not break anything but has a gash and a hematoma on her head and a real shiner. She is using a walker to help get around due to her very sore knees. Her friends say they are going to wrap her in bubble wrap to help protect her. Be careful Doris and hope you recover real soon.

Mississippi News:

Congratulations to Barb KE5QHZ, Judy KE5PLL who upgraded to General, Barb W5PTG who upgraded to Extra and Anne KF5AGA who passed her tech and will be on the air soon. Great work ladies hope to work you on the bands soon.

Barbara KE5QHZ and OM Dan AE5JG - Saucier, MS are traveling up to Wisconsin for their granddaughters High School Graduation. On the way they plan to stop in Tunica, MS to celebrate their 52nd Wedding Anniversary on May 18th. Barbara tells us their early anniversary present to each other was the installation of their new 47 ft free standing tower and beam antenna a Force 12, C-31 XR Classic for 10,15 & 20 meters. Barbara serves Southern Mississippi YL as activities director. We wish both Barb and Dan congratulations

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District 5 News

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on the anniversary, and new radio gear hope to hear you both in the pile ups.

Judy KE5PLL - Perkinston, MS is team leader for the Wiggins MS Red Cross and received honors as being the first DAT team in South Mississippi chapter out of nine counties to be chosen as "Red Cross Heroes". Congratulations to Judy and her team. Judy is a very busy person along with volunteer work she also has a day job where she serves as center coordinator for the Parent Center with the Stone County School District and she is also secretary for the Southern Mississippi YL. Judy and her OM Herby KE5NSG are also busy with their church and will be going on a Mission Trip in June.

Ed KA5VFU and I opened our radio shack and home to the Magnolia DX Association for the ARRL SSB DX Test in March we were multi-op and our Contest Chairman WQ5L Ray reports that the bands weren't so hot, but the turnout, the food, and the fellowship were great. Running two rigs, MDXA made 632 QSOs and 245 Band countries. Those operating were K5DL, N5UCF, AE5FB, K2FF, WQ5L, N5PXF, AE5JG, KE5QHZ, N5VAG, W5UE, KE5RRT, KB5FSV, N5GD, KE5MOZ, WD5BJT, KB5CSQ, and KA5VFU. Also in attendance were several loggers/listeners including KE5ZOS, KE5ZOQ, KE5ZOU, and YL Rachel. N5YY, W5MSW, N5UCF and AE5FB operated the

kitchen. A great time was had by all!

Have not had much time for radio lately with all the thunder storms but did work 2 YLs— Sue W5MSW on 80 m and Marsha VP5/K4IRI on 20 m.

Looking forward to Dayton this will be our first time to attend such a large hamfest, hope to see you there.

73
Betty Jo
KB5CSQ

Greetings from Dayton,

The writing of this article is coming from the Dayton Hamvention at the Hara Arena so much to do and to much to see. The first time to attend Dayton and trust me it is huge. A special Thank You goes to our traveling friends Vic N5YY and Sue W5MSW who have been to Dayton before and directed us in the right direction and shared with us lots laughs and a great time.



Vic, N5YY and Sue, W5MSW

While at Dayton I had the pleasure of meeting and talking to a lot of YLs and of course you must visit the YLRL table you just never know who will be

there working the booth when I went by Anne WB1ARU, Cheryl N0WBV, Carol K4SAF and Kay WA0WOF. Another must is attending the YLRL forum where I met Tina VK5TMC and her OM Robert from Australia and Connie DF8MN from Germany and 30 other YL from all over what a nice group. Ladies start saving up the \$\$ now lots of YL plans for the future YLRL in Boston June or July 2011, International YL meeting Germany in 2010 and International YL meeting in Australia in 2012. Sue W5MSW and I have told our OM we would like to go to Australia we are still awaiting an answer.

The vendors booths were full of new radio gear to see and touch and of course all the gadgets of all kinds. During my touring around the vendor booths I met more YLs just to mention a few ICOM booth- Ann WAIS and Telewave & US Tower - Mary KF6QJN. I had the pleasure of interviewing Gail K2RED of CQ Communications who has been managing editor for 30 years and she also edits for CQ VHF and the DX Magazine. Gail tells us she has been a ham for 12 years and she is active on 20 meters only with 100 watts and a dipole her radio is a YAESU FT840. She has had the pleasure of attending several contesting stations through the years and you can usually see her at the Hamfest in Orlando, Hamcom and Dayton working the CQ booth. Please see the pictures of Dayton in the center section.

73 Betty Jo, KB5CSQ

Dayton



Anna, K0DHUY (left) was licensed at Dayton at age 8. Kaitlyn, (right) KS3P was also licensed at 8 and an extra at 9!



German was popular! Anna receives a certifiical
Burke's Grandson Sean talks with Horst, Connif



Around the
YLRL/Buckeye
Belles Booth



The YL Forum both



2009



Gail, K2RED and Betty Jo, KB5CSQ



AA2JO Bobbie, W2PVS Betty and her daughter, N1UWV Margaret



5 from DARC and Carole'sOM.



Mary, KF6QJN



official and unofficial!



Anne (above top) Introduced speakers Tina, (above) and Connie (below) both of whom talked about the next 2 International YL meets. 2010 in Germany and 2012 in Australia!



*The Editor apologizes that this letter may not have made the November/December issue 2008!
Here it is repeated just in case.*



**2008 Young Ladies Radio League, Inc Convention
sponsored by the Huntsville Area YL Amateur Radio
Club**

<http://www.ylrl.org>

Dear Prize Contributors,

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank the following contributors,
on behalf of the Convention committee.

Carol Bush, KL2FA
Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL
Evelyn Hockersmith, W4EVE
VibroP lex
TANGLE Net
Carol Lafferty, IC4SAF
Billie Jo Byrd, ICB5CSQ
The Wireman, N8UG
Donna Bornt, KI4DET
Buckeye Belles
KL7 YL's

Connie Beckwith, ICJ4UNA
CQ Communications
Cheryl Whitlock, AA4YL
HAYLARC
Mary Moore, WX4MM
WRONE
Sara Haynes, KC8ZMC
Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ
Linda Osmer, WB4TJE
Bryan Jones

and all of those that gave that I may have overlooked.

Without wonderful people like yourselves and your generosity our
convention would not have been as successful. As at past conventions
door prizes were one of the high points.

Again I would like to say THANK YOU all for your support.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Moore
WX4MM
Prize Chairwoman



District Six News de Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL

Hello Ladies,

I need to begin by apologizing to Jennifer for making an error on her callsign. Jennifer's callsign is KI6OIL, not KG6OIL as I wrote last Harmonics. I hope you of you enjoyed reading about her work in support of the Annual Baker to Vegas Relay Race.

There is no new news from the 6th call area. Either that or all of the YLs are so busy that haven't the time to share their news with me. Please ladies, if you enjoy reading about what the other YLs are up to lately, you need to let your area chairperson know so she can write about it.

I remain active with our

local radio club, and on the HF. I'm enjoying my new station and I've operated PSK31 for the first time. I prefer RTTY over PSK31 because with RTTY you can copy parts of a transmission and still have a QSO. PSK31 seems to be all or nothing at all. I've also been active on 3905 CCN CW nets. For those of you who think CW is dead, guess again - we had 37 stations checked into the CW net on last week. The love it when YLs check into the net, and they are very supportive of hams new to the code or getting back into it. If you are interested in finding out more, check their website, www.3905ccn.com or

contact me. For those of you with iPhones, there are a couple of CW practice apps out there.

When this is published it will almost be time for Field Day. Please send me news about your FD experiences so I can share them in the next issue. Pictures are also great, but please identify the people in the photos if you can.

If you are traveling this summer consider make radio a part of your vacation. It can be a wonderful opportunity to meet YLs in other states or countries. And remember to send me the new s and photos.

33, Ginger, AB6YL

Don't forget to send in news to your District Chairwoman! She is especially interested in your activities and pictures at Field Day 2009!



District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS



Hello Everyone!

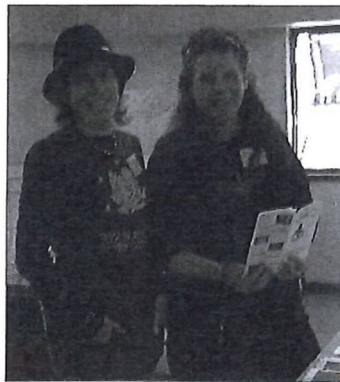
Tuesday, April 14 -We had a rainy Easter Sunday but this morning the sun has found an opening in the clouds and the forecast is for sunshine tomorrow. The flowering trees are in full blossom and my tulips have big buds. I'm anxious for the ground to dry out so I can do some planting.

It's time to think about Hamventions and Annual Meetings. Barbara AC7UH writes: "If you haven't signed up for the YL Luncheon at SeaPac, go to www.seapac.org on the web. You can register online for SeaPac, the ARRL Northwest Division convention, which opens Saturday morning June 6, as well as reserve your ticket for the YL luncheon, which will be from 11:30 - 1:30 on Saturday afternoon. The luncheon will include a presentation by Roxann Holwege AB7HO, who will talk about YL activities in the Seaside area. When you arrive at the convention, check in at the YLRL club table. There are always YLs around, as well as a few chairs so you can rest before finishing your circuit of the show."

The Evergreen Intertie YLs had their usual table at the Mike and Key Flea market at the Western Washington Fairgrounds at Puyallup on March 7th. There were fewer YLs who signed in this year - it was a cold, raw, windy day but
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Casey Hicks WY7V, Beth Samuelson N7UXV, "Sam" Ritchie WB7TXR, Sara Lyon AB-7PS, Judy LaFleur N7NII; Betty Tanner KE7NBL, Mary Pascavage W7HPA. There were 21 YLs who signed our log but not all showed up for the photo-op!



KirstenRandall KD7OJQ and Tami Berstein W6VJH

it was great to greet old friends and meet new ones. There have been more check ins on the net recently including several who just got their tickets!

Thanks to Claudia KL0HI for a very attractive Spring MINOW Net Newsletter. There was news from members - Lucie WB6RFE wrote: "My Sister, who has lived with me almost seven

years, has moved to an Assisted Living near me. She will be 98 April 3rd, but doing better since moving..... I see her nearly every day (I'm still driving at 92 Hi Hi)..... I'm thinking of selling my house and moving to an Independent Living Apt. in the same complex..." Lorraine W7RFC of Brookings stays very busy with her Ham Club Secretary duties and her Church Newsletter. She and OM Bob W7VN have a very busy Ham Radio life. Polly N7SJH, also of Brookings keeps busy with the PBARC newsletter. Bonsai and keeping OM Dick K7VPL in check and Lab, Ralph in his new fenced area. Claudia KLOHI has survived the redoing of her hip surgery and is back to walking a mile a day and yard work. Emily WA6YL wrote: ...We have moved to a Senior Mobile Home Park in San Marcos, CA. There is an emergency communications team here and we have our 2 meter set up." And Marietjie ZS6CEZ our YLRL adoptee, sent best wishes for "Good health and may our friendship goes on for many more years. "The Newsletter also included the Announcement and Schedule for the MINOW annual meeting, which will be held May 2-3 at Brookings, OR. Claudia KL7HI and Polly Keusink, N7SJH will be the hosts. I'm really disappointed that we

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District Eight News de Jean Ruth, KB8YHN



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

Byrness W8LE writes that no real radio news - my son Ric, WI6I is visiting right now but only for a couple of days.

Connie N8IO writes I'm not going to make Dayton this year for the 3rd time since I've been licensed. My back surgery went well on April 13 and I have not had any pain since. My follow up appointment is the day before Dayton and I don't think it would be wise to push my luck to over extend. I'll be home for Field Day and the Marietta Club is going out of the norm to actually set up away from the Clubhouse so that will be interesting.

The Belles Annual meeting that was scheduled for May 2nd had to be canceled due to lack of attendance. However, the Belles picnic meeting will be held on at the QTH of Byrness W8LE on Aug 8th. The installation of new officers, which was to be held at the annual meeting, will instead be held at the picnic meeting.

Annette Wood KC8SQM will be the new president of the Belles and Byrness W8LE will be the new treasurer. They ran unopposed and congratulations to both. The position of secretary and VP are still open.

Nancy KC4IYD writes she made it to Dayton and helped out with the Belles/YLRL booth and had fun meeting friends. I also met my new DXYL Tina Clogg VK5TMC. This year I will be operating field day with my OM. Ironically this will be the first time we've operated just the 2 of us in a long time. In the past I've done it with the NASA Glenn Amateur Radio Club or with Carol KI8IM and her family and my family so looking forward to just operating with the OM this year.

Strays

Here is a great note from Dot, VK2DB!

Hello Alara (and YLRL) members.

It isn't often that someone can celebrate 70 years of holding an amateur radio licence and here is one Alara member able to do so.

I know many of you will not have had contact with Mavis at all, but she was a very radio active lady before she moved into a retirement village and in the Alara contest she still often uses CW to get and give points.

SO: Here is the invitation to attend a luncheon to celebrate Mavis VK3I<S's 70th anniversary of being 'on air'.

When: 6th June 2009, 12 noon for a 12.30 start.

Where: The Wheelers Hill Hotel
Cnr. Jells and Fertree Gully Road
Wheelers Hill Vic 3150

However, if, like me, you can't attend, you could think about sending her a congratulatory note or card.

Mavis Stafford VK3KS
71 / 101 Whalley Drive
WHEELERS HILL VIC 3150



Mavis, VK3KS

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Dot VK2DB



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS



Hello ladies. As I write this it is the Memorial Day weekend so that means that the Dayton Hamvention is past for this year. Dayton is always a lot of fun. It's fun seeing new equipment but mostly seeing old friends and making new ones. Al and I always enjoy Hamvention because our son lives in the Dayton area so we get grandchildren time too. Thursday night we got to see our grandson, Sean's last Wind Symphony concert in his high school career. In August he will be heading to Carnegie - Mellon in Pittsburgh. The orchestra played a piece that he composed and scored. It was very thrilling seeing him in his tux conducting the orchestra.

At Hamvention, I got to meet Helen, UR5WA, a very lovely YL from the Ukraine and her OM, Victor, US5WE. I also met a YL

from Indiana; in fact, she and I are almost neighbors, Terri, KI4MGF. I also got to see Pam, KC9JMA, from Terre Haute. I only get to see Pam at Dayton and the Fort Wayne Hamfest so we had some catching up to do.

Our grandson, Sean, made friends with Connie, DF8MN last year at Hamvention. He was a third year German student at the time and she was kind enough to talk with him in her native tongue. Sean went with us again on Saturday and he met up with Connie and her O.M. Horst again, and had a great time showing how his German skills improved over the year. Our youngest grandson, Evan, went with Saturday morning and he got to meet Connie and Horst too and gave them a message from Sean in German.

We see so many people we know at Dayton that it is hard

to remember everyone. I know I saw others and I apologize for not listing you.

I also received a nice letter from Dot, N9ALC. Sounds like they had quite a winter. Dot was sick with dizzy spells. She says that things are slowly getting back to normal and they can get on with "all the good stuff". They also have two new great grandsons since last letter. She is still working on her 5 band DXCC. She has 100 countries on 10-15-20. She needs 1 more for 40 and a few more for 80. She has also been working on her Christmas ornaments for this year and has them all done for this year.

I will close this for now. I can't tell you what a pleasure it was writing the column with a lot of news to tell.

Enjoy the rest of spring and everyone be healthy and safe.
33, Carole WB9RUS

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can't attend this year but eye problems prohibit us.

Barbara AC7UH commented, "The February trip to Belize was great fun, but it is good to be home. Just about the time I became accustomed to being V31UH, we came home and now I'm AC7UH again. Just about the time I had adjusted to the sun, humidity, warm rain, and life out of doors, we're home again with clouds and cold rain, and we're indoors more than outside. I miss the
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warm days and nights, but not the accompanying insects." I was happy to be able to make a contact with V31UH even though it was pretty marginal. She made something over 100 DX and stateside contacts with V31UH.

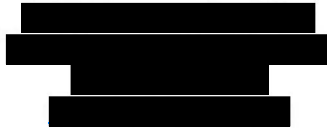
Guess that's all for this time. I need more news! Please let me know what you have been doing! I'll be looking for reports on Field Day for the July/August issue!

33 de Sara AB7PS

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



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS



Greetings from District 10!

Marte Wessel, KOEPE, writes that she is (too slowly, of course) healing from her leg fracture, and is getting about with a cane. Part of the leg is especially recalcitrant, it seems, but she is using an ultrasonic device, which stimulates bone growth, and praying for good results.

Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV, continues to work hard helping to put together the regional "HamCon Colorado 2009" (at which, as was noted last month, she will give a keynote address. This year the conference, which is now several years old, has the theme "Amateur Radio: Resilient, Relevant, Ready". It consists of meetings of a number of groups, educational and discussion forums on topics of developing technologies and varied modes of operation such as APRS, D-Star and satellite; styles of operations from 2 meter voice to DX, casual to contesting; organizations such as ARES, special events station operation (this year with W1AW/ 0! !); show and tell (typically including things like large towers and emergency services communication trailers or vans, rockets, and lots of equipment); and, of course, exhibits by many of the various ham radio groups in the area.

One of the most intriguing to me is always "EOSS", or Edge of Space Sciences. They launch helium balloons to the "edge of space", up about 100,000

feet, and use radio to track and retrieve the payload. They can carry up to 25 pounds of experiments, many of which are designed and built by youth. Vendors are, of course, included among the exhibitors, and there are plenty of prizes and lots of good company. For those of us who can't make it to Dayton—and even many who can—it is a good deal of fun. Look for more on this event in the July/ August issue.

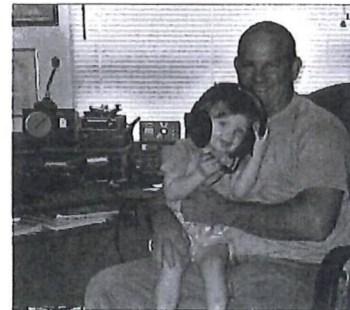
Paul Veal, N0AH wrote in about his daughter, Anna Veal, KD0HUY, was born in 2000 and earned her Technician license at Dayton 2009 at the age of 8 years old. Like any kid her age, she loves pasta, chips and in her special case, crepes. Her French mother and I met through the radio years ago and her grand father is FOEFQ.

Three weeks before Dayton, Anna decided to put her interest in the hobby and earn her ticket. At first, she took tests on QRZ.COM and memorized questions quickly. Then, with one week to go, she began reading W5YI's Technician study guide underlining questions she knew in yellow and those she needed to learn in green.

While nervous, she took the test at Dayton and passed on her first try. Now she is helping her mother study for her Technician exam while she is now studying for her General test and homing in on her CW skills.

Today, Anna had a chance for

her first ever QSO on 2 meters through an open link with M6LND who was on his way home from work in the UI<. I am really happy for her Ham career starting off so well. She met a number of wonderful hams in Dayton and is looking forward to all the radio activities, including Field Day, for this summer.



Anna age 3 with her dad.

Cheryl, N0WBV, also writes that she had a wonderful time at Dayton! "I always hang out around the YLRL/Buckeye Belles booth because if I go looking for someone, I always seem to miss them. If I stay at the booth, I get to see everyone. The YL Forum was a treat even though it was moved to Sunday and there were still quite a few YLs in attendance. There were almost as many at the informal YL meet and greets we held in the lunch area for those who couldn't be there Sunday. Now on to the next radio event!" Look for Dayton pictures in the center section.

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Alaska District News de Heather Hasler, KL7SP



SPRING and SUMMER are here! Daylight is returning throughout the state and the summer is upon us with lots of activities and exciting events.

Longer days and warmer weather makes all Alaskans happy and ready for SUMMER fun under the Midnight Sun.

Antenna projects are at the top of the list and while it is just now April we have already had three antenna projects completed as the ice begins to melt away.

I'm happy to say we were able to preserve Betty Mallay's old call sign, ICL7AP with the development of the YLRL Club of Alaska.

We hope to use this callsign for special events and YL Sponsored activities where radio communications are needed. This includes the upcoming Gold Nugget Triathlon, which occurs each May. This is the largest ALL women triathlon held in the United States. This event will take place on Sunday, May 17* with over 1470 participants.

Emergency Services

As many of you know, I am also the Emergency Coordinator for the Anchorage ARES district. This is one area of amateur radio that I am passionate about and work strongly towards all the time. This last few months we have had several alerts because of the Mt. Redoubt eruption about 100 miles south of Anchorage. Fortunately we only had one incident where ash fall fell on Anchorage. This was on March

21, 2009. Only minor ash fall of 1/8 of an inch fell however it did close the airport for almost 24 hours. Right now the mountain remains at the ORANGE status level and this status could continue for several months.

We are working to establish a WINLINK network in South Central Alaska to be able to use this mode of communication during emergency operations. We have installed a Winlink RMS at the Anchorage EOC with the call sign WL7CVG.

On June 6, we will have a large multi-agency exercise simulating an Aviation accident at ANC international airport. This will involve multiple communication modes, multiple agencies including law enforcement, hospitals, military, airport police and fire. Red Cross and of course HAM radio when all else fails. This exercise is a PART 139 commercial airport requirement every three years. We have been fortunate to be part of the planning team for this exercise to be able to represent ham radio and the resources that ham radio operators can provide during emergency operations.

AM RADIO CLASSES

During the month of April 2009 we have been teaching an entry ham radio class with 50 students! WOW! Certainly one of the largest ham classes we have ever taught.

Twenty Nine (that's 29!) of these are Anchorage Police Department personnel and thanks to Lt. Koch

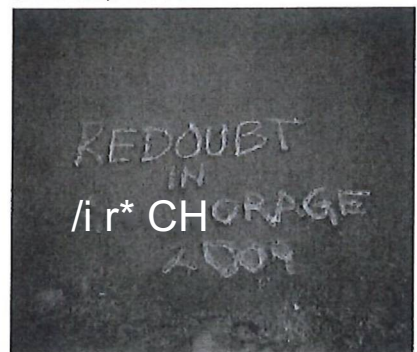
at APD who got his license in our ham class last fall, we are working with APD to get a radio installed at their dispatch center to be available during emergency operations when public systems fail.

So as you can see the summer has just begun and we are busy with activities. Every weekend this summer has public service activities, field day activities or emergency exercises and antenna projects. Look for more updates throughout the summer and if you are planning to visit 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 have a great SUMMER!

33,
Heather, KL7SP



PS. Heather sent in some great Redoubt pictures that lost it in translation to Black and White, sorry Heather! Here's the name in the Ash from Mt. Redoubt - Editor



VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

The 2009 Friendship Award is going to be a lot of fun this year. I have managed to log quite a number of YLs but still do not have every letter of the alphabet. Going to take some doing, I think. I understand that some have completed and submitted their logs already. My congratulations to all of you!

I was unable to participate in the YL/ OM Contest in February but did have a lot of fun with the CLARA Contest on March 10th and March 14th. Conditions were not the best but I spent an hour each day making contacts. It is a very relaxed contest so I even managed to run up additions to the Friendship Award log at the same time! Daylight Savings Time has brought me just a little nearer to a good contact with the DX-YL Net on 14.288.0 at 15:00 UTC each Monday. I listen, hopefully, for friendly YL voices and it will be good to hear the European signals in my shack once again. Every Thursday evening I do the same for the YL Evening Net on 40M. I shall have better luck joining that Net when 20M opens up and I can bring my beam into action. I want to encourage all YLs to get on the air. You don't have to wait for a contest. There are many YL Nets out there on every band and mode that would welcome a check-in. I cannot think of a nicer way to spend an hour exchanging news

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and views with old friends and making new friends. Take care and keep well.

33 Suzanne VE7IM

VE3HAI, Ann writes that spring has finally arrived in Toronto and band conditions are improving. The news, however, has not all been good, as CLARA lost two prominent hams this spring, VE3GJH, Cathy (see tribute on the CLARA web site) and VE3HIR, Tess. Both hams will be remembered fondly for their many contributions to our hobby.

Dayton is coming up, as Ami wrote her news. She and Bare are hoping to go with their daughter Janet, N9ZKU. The annual Toronto area flea market at Milton will be the location of another CLARA coffee meeting. If you find yourself in our area on July 11th drop in. Details are available by contacting Ann at VE3HAI@rac.ca

Until next time, stay well and take time for yourself.

33 de Aim

VA3WX, Jeanne writes that she participated in the CLARA Contest but not a lot. Band conditions were not too good and you had to have patience in making contacts, at times. She sent in her log of a small number of contacts. Jeanne and her neighbor sold daffodils for the Cancer Society on Friday, April 3rd and it was a blustery and rainy day. Had brought

along a thermos of coffee and baked goods so enjoyed visiting and chatting. Jeanne will be attending an awards dinner in Burlington on April 22nd and will receive her 15-year pin for delivering Meals on Wheels. Spring is here and there are lots of tiny violets in her backyard, big buds on her lilac bushes and the tulips are popping out of the ground. Very sad to lose two CLARA members in March. Tess, VE3HIR, and Cathy, VE3GJH. Tess had done lots of contest work and had been net control for some of our nets. Cathy was an original starter for CLARA and put together some great Galas that Jeanne was able to attend a few times. Once spring came Cathy and her OM could be found at flea markets. Wishing everyone a great spring and beautiful summer.

33s Jeanne

VE1QT, Linda tells me that she has completed her YL 2009 Friendship Award log and has already sent it in. *Congratulations Linda!* She is still working on WAS and DXCC. She completed her DXCC using her call sign, VE1BEW and now she is logging brand new contacts using call sign, VE1QT. This May Linda will be in Quebec where 4 generations of mothers in her

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DX News & DX Treasurer de Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF

Hi Girls, spring is finally here in California with the wonderful fragrance of orange blossoms. Not a great deal of news in this early issue, but wanted to credit our DX Members with their accomplishments for all of us to see. Have a safe and most of all healthy summer.

Our congratulations to Suzette, ZR6SVW who has upgraded with a new callsign, ZS6SZT. *"There were a few ways she could upgrade to become a full and unlimited ham operator. She chose to do the 100 simplex contacts and also receive the 100 qsl cards. So that was done and it was handed in and now she has her new callsign."*

In addition, we congratulate Yamini, VU2YAM on her recent accolades published by **The Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response Association, USA March 09 News letter.**

Yamini in the News

DERA Member Ms. S. Yamini, VU2YAM, AAO, NIAR has received a "Letter of Appreciation" from His Excellency, Shri. Rameswar Thakur, Governor of Karnataka state recognizing her service and outstanding achievements in the field of amateur radio. An article about her achievements in ham radio and her present Winlink success was recently featured in a major newspaper in Andhra Prabha,

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*Yamini, VU2YAM on the air.
Thanks to DERA for the picture*

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

New YLRL Members e Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ-Secretary



New Members for May/June 2009

We are pleased to introduce these new members to YLRL.

District 5

Dorothy M. Thompson
W7PBR

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

Dorothy was licensed in 2007 and she belongs to ARRL, BCARES, AARO and ROOST clubs. She is interested in getting involved in contesting. We also welcome her OM John S. Goff, JR K5PBR as an associate member.

District 6

Eugenie Balentine Segroves
KM6D

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

Eugenie is active on nets on multiple bands and does contesting. She belongs to 2 clubs and teaches licensing

classes and participates in field day in Wilderness areas. She has been licensed since 2002 and holds an Extra license.

District 8

Linda Kenik KD8JKG

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

Welcome to Linda who is also a member of the Buckeye Belles.

District 9

Mary Pifer KB9NLJ

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

Mary is a member of the Crossroads of America Amateur Radio Ladies Association and the Wabash Valley ARA. She has an OM David and 2 sons who are

licensed, holds an Extra class license and loves doing field day (takes on the night shift) and helping with local events.

Canada

Merle W. Taylor VE1VCI

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Merle writes that she is 86 years young and has been licensed since 1987. Every morning she checks into the weather net that goes to Envioement Canada and she takes part in many contest including CLARA and CW contests. She loves nets and enjoys getting on with K4RM and the DX girls on Monday mornings. She says she "loves the hobby" Welcome Merle.

Plus look for all the new members who signed up at the Dayton Hamvention® in the next issue!

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This has certainly been a spring, which needs ham radio, from flooding rivers in North Dakota to testing warning sirens around our district. Keep in touch—keep up the good work.

Sitting here in a spring snow storm (70+ degree days last week and next),

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Doshia, KB0NAS

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family will gather to celebrate Mother's Day. It is now believed that she damaged the nerves when she fell and broke her wrist just before Christmas last year. Lately, she has been suffering with Carpel Tunnel Syndrome and may have to face corrective surgery sometime in the future.
33s Linda

VE7ONY, Leona writes: Hello to all! I hope spring has finally arrived for all of you. As V-P of CLARA I am responsible for the organization of the CLARA Contest. Women are prizewinners of multi-tasking and our contest is certainly set for all of you! It is a contest where you will hear women having conversations, not just collecting call signs for points. It is a time to get to know some of those DX contacts. Especially, it is a contest, to enjoy and have fun!

The CLARA contest appreciated both, ALARA and YLRL, for giving our contest special additional advertising. Thank you, especially to, Anne WB1ARU, who sent out emails to the membership to alert you that the CLARA Contest was on! Next year I will be sure to get it in the Harmonics earlier!

This year we introduced Echolink and/or CQ100 connections as a single band certificate and we will continue that again next year. I have some great ideas for next year! The results are summarized below.

As the contest manager, I send out contest information emails to anyone who requested that they be on the Contest list. My email is VE7ONY@rac.ca. I look forward to hearing from any of you!

CLARA CONTEST 2009 RESULTS

The CLARA Contest was held Tuesday March 10th and Saturday March 14th, 2009.
In Honour of Tess Hardie VE3HIR and Cathy Hrischenko VE3GJH

<u>First</u>	Minnie VE3DBQ	3712	
<u>Second</u>	Helen VA1YL	3150	
<u>Third</u>	Linda VE9GLF		1690
<u>Highest number of DX YL contacts</u>	Minnie	9	
<u>Highest scoring OM</u>	Steven VE3JPJ	1113	
<u>Highest Scores in Provinces</u>			
ON	Minnie VE3DBQ	3712 BC	Diana VE7XYL 665
NS	Helen VA1YL	3150 NB	Linda VE9GLF 1690
<u>High Score Low Power</u> Minnie VE3DBQ 3712			
<u>High Score Echolink</u> Shirley Tregellas VK5YL with 11 contacts = 186 points			
<u>Draw Prize:</u>			

SPECIAL Thank You to: Anne Manna, WB1ARU, for sending mass emails which encouraged more DX YLs and to Shirley Tregellas, VK5YL, and Jim Spicer, VE3CTS, for opening and monitoring Echolink to enable us all to make more contacts.

SPECIAL AWARDS to:

Barbaree, VA3BEC, for personal high score

Suzanne, VE7IM, and Jan, VE3ZYL, for first time contesting

All YL logged scores submitted

Minnie VE3DBQ 3712, Helen VA1YL 3150, Linda VE9GLF 1690, Barbaree VA3BEC 1340, Heather VE3HQB 1116, Linda VE1QT 833, Diana VE7XYL 665, Merle VE1VCI576, Suzanne VE7IM 276, Frances VE3FIKG 249, Jeanne VA3WX 235, Jan VE3ZYL 205, Mary WX4MM 180, Ann VE3HAI 165, Jacque N3ZEL 78

Echolink: Shirley VK5YL 186, Minnie VE3DBQ 150, Roberta VA3RMW 124

All OM Scores Logged Steven VE3JPJ 1113, Bare VE3HAH 16

33s Leona VE7ONY, CLARA Contest Manager.

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

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

I'd like to start by re-reminding everyone of the new Certificate we have for 2009 only ... the YL FRIENDSHIP CERTIFICATE !! Check out past issues of the YL Harmonics or the YLRL website for the rules. Basically you need to make contact with 26 YL's, and use a letter from each callsign to get the whole alphabet, plus you have to find out something interesting about each YL (name of pet, where they like to vacation, a hobby, etc.). Send your logs (only logs, not QSL cards) to me by e-mail or snail mail to receive your certificate. And speaking of this new certificate. I'm happy to announce the following ...

YL FRIENDSHIP Certificate # 1 goes to **Linda Harvey VE1QT** from N.S. Canada. Congratulations Linda for being the first YL to complete the certificate.

Now on to our other certificate acheivers ...

YLCC Certificates:

Manuel Greco K2LFG received a sticker for adding 50 new YL's to his Certificate # 663.

Rosel Zenker DL3KWR (Germany) has added two stickers (50 YL's each) to her Certificate # 1108.

WAC Certificates:

Riichiro Ogawa JH0JQS (Japan) has been awarded Certificate #1512 with an endorsement for making all contacts on 15M using only CW.

Rosel Zenker DL3KWR (Germany) has been awarded Certificate #1513 with an endorsement for making all contacts using only CW.

Yoshinobu Iwakaw JA2OLJ (Japan) has been awarded Certificate #1514

DX-YL Certificate:

Rosel Zenker DL3KWR (Germany) has received Certificate # 305

YL-DXCC

Lenny, K5OVC is acknowledged for confirming contact #316.

Congratulations to everyone who has achieved a certificate or sticker. You've done well. I'd like to see more people sending in applications for certificates. Remember you can always find information about the certificates program on the YLRL website, or e-mail me at n8st@att.net.

And just a word to the wise here ... I am a busy person who sometimes puts an envelope in the wrong stack of papers, so if you send me an application and you haven't received anything back from me within a month, please send me an e-mail to ask about it. I try to get certificates finished as soon as possible, but sometimes they will- get lost in the mail or in my piling system, so reminders are appreciated. Thank you. Carolyn N8ST

YLRL SUPPLIES

Note: please make your check or money order payable to **YLRL, Inc.** All items are postpaid except for DX airmail. For DX airmail, please add \$10.00 per order. International Postal Money Orders are requested, if possible.

YLRL Stationery: Diamond Logo Letterhead & Matching Envelopes

50 sheets 8 x 11, with 50 #10 envelopes	\$7.50
25 sheets 8 x 11 with 25 #10 envelopes	\$5.00
50 sheets 5 x 8 (note size) w/o envelopes	\$3.50
25 sheets 5 x 8 (note size) w/o envelopes	\$2.00
YLRL postcards (without postage)	25 postcards \$2.25 or 50 for \$3.75

YLRL JEWELRY, PATCHES, AND DECALS: Girl on the World Logo

50 th Anniversary Pin	\$3.00
60 th Anniversary pin/charm	\$3.00
Patch: 4" circle, gray with blue logo	\$3.50
Decals: 3" circle, silver and blue (indoor use)	3 for \$1.00
3" circle, silver and blue Mylar (for window or windshield; logo faces out)	0.75 ea. or 3 for \$2.00

YLRL JEWELRY: Diamond Logo

Pins: Silver and Blue enamel or Gold and Blue Enamel	\$5.00
Charms: Silver and Blue enamel or Gold and Blue Enamel	\$5.00

GIRL-ON -THE-WORLD STICKERS

Silver with blue girl, 1" diameter	10 for \$1.00
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YLRL SHIRTS

T-shirts Color: White or Light Blue	\$15.00
Staff Shirt Color: White or Light Blue	\$22.00
Sweatshirt Color: White	\$23.00

Available in sizes Small (S) to Extra-Extra-Large (XXL). Please print first name and call sign to be embroidered on front. Add \$2.00 for shirt sizes XXL.

Send your orders directly to the **YLRL Supplies Chairman:**

Barbara Bender, KA3VXR

