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KE7ZZR



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Marte Wessel, KOEPE



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ETHEL, K4LMB  
1997-1997



MARY LOU, NM7N  
1927-1998

### SHAPING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

AS WE KNOW ETHEL, K4LMB WAS THE FOUNDER OF YLRL IN 1939. ETHEL WAS A GENTLE LADY; IN HER QUIET WAY SHE "GOT THINGS DONE". IN 1978 SHE, WITH THE HELP OF HUGH TURNBULL FROM THE FOUNDATION OF AMATEUR RADIO, ESTABLISHED THE YLRL SCHOLARSHIP. IN 1978 THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS \$300.00. WE NOW GIVE TWO SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$1,500.00 EACH. FROM 1978 THROUGH 2009, YLRL HAS AWARDED 43 SCHOLARSHIPS AMOUNTING TO \$49,900.00. THIS GREAT CAUSE COULD NOT BE DONE WITHOUT THE HELP FROM THE MEMBERS OF YLRL. SINCERE THANKS!

MARY LOU, NM7N WAS OUTSTANDING IN MANY PHASES OF AMATEUR RADIO. SHE WAS PRESIDENT OF YLRL IN 1989 BRINGING MANY NEW IDEAS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF YLRL. SHE HELD SEVERAL OFFICES IN ARRL. MARY LOU WAS AN AVID DXER GOING ON MANY DXPEDITIONS. WHEN YOU MET MARY LOU, YOU KNEW SHE WAS YOUR "FRIEND", WILING TO HELP WITH ANY PROBLEM.

BOTH ETHEL AND MARY LOU GAVE OF THEIR TIME TO YLRL NOT ONLY IN SERVICE, BUT THEY ALSO GAVE GENEROUSLY MONETARILY.

WE CAN'T SAY HOW MUCH YLRL MEANS TO US-LASTING FRIENDSHIPS, OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR FELLOW MAN. WE THANK BOTH ETHEL AND MARY LOU FOR SHOWING THE WAY TO TRULY BE AN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR.

*Marte KOEPE*



## President's Message de Anne Manna, WB1ARU

Congratulations to WB3EFQ, Lois, our incoming President for 2010 - 2011! It is hard for me to believe that this is the last message that I will write as President. I have enjoyed my two-year term and look forward to remaining active with YLRL for many more years. My next responsibility is the 2011 YLRL Convention, which will be held in the Boston, Massachusetts area. Look for more information and a survey in the January - February issue of YLH. Lodging in a major metropolitan area is never low cost, but we will make every effort to keep prices reasonable. The cost of living has certainly changed since the last time a Convention was held in Boston - 50 years ago in 1960. Back then, the registration of \$10.00 included lunch and the banquet, and rooms were \$8.00/ single or \$10.00/double (with a bath!) at the Hotel Commander in Harvard Square. I don't think we could even get a tent site for that price today! That same hotel is now a luxury Sheraton with rates starting at \$200 - \$400 depending on the season! We

won't be there in 2011!

There is one goal that I set for myself as President that has not yet been accomplished. I really wanted to have our YLRL website upgraded to be more interactive and useful. KC4IYD, Nancy is our Webmaster, but not a website designer. She has done a very good job of keeping it current as well as posting pictures of past conventions. What we need is someone who can enable our website to have more features. It would be wonderful to have a member's only section where we could have Harmonics available as a PDF file. If this is something that you can help with, please contact WB3EFQ, Lois; KC4IYD, Nancy; or me. I am sure that the person for this task is one of our members!

It's nice to be back with a news filled issue this month! The Directory issue is very important, but I miss reading about all the activities that our members are involved in. We have varied interests across the hobby, everything from 2-meters with family

members to DXpeditions in remote locations. Some are world travelers with many "eyelash QSOs" and others have worldwide friends from the comfort of their hamshacks. CW, RTTY, phone and Echolink are only a few of the modes that our members employ in their ham activity. Some like to check into nets for a chance to chat with a whole group at once, others prefer "rag chewing", traffic handling or emergency support. Whatever your interest, I hope that you are making use of your license.

I should get on the air more than I do, however, I have been checking into four weekly nets fairly regularly. One is the Yankee Lassies, a net on 75 meters that draws check-ins from New England. It meets on Wednesday mornings. The other three nets are all on 20 meters. The DX-YL Net is on each Monday at 1500; KB4RM, Rose Marie is the US net control

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### President's Advisory Committee

Term expires December 31, 2009  
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Kay Eyman, WA0WOF  
Martha Edwards, W6QYL

Term expires December 31, 2011  
Mary Moore, WX4MM  
Marte Wessel, K0EPE  
Carol Hall, WD8DQG

### Vice President's Advisory Committee

Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

## Contest Results, Nets & Upcoming Events!

Vice President  
Annette Wood, KC8SQM



Jackie M0CUR, the Bylara Secretary noticed that the Bylara nets are incorrect. Here are the three nets currently used at the moment:

Monday's 80m 19.30 onwards 3.708+-QRM callsign M0BYL net control is Sheila G3HCQ

Wednesday's 40m 11.30 UTC 7.103+-QRM callsign MM0BYL net control is Irene GM0FTX

Friday's 11.30 UTC 7.103+-QRM callsign MM0BYL net control is Irene GM0FTX

Jackie adds, although conditions have not improved much the Ladies still make the effort despite the QRM.

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### Certificate Custodian

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#### Basic Rules Applicable To All YLRL Certificates

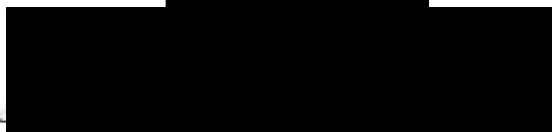
1. Contacts made through repeater devices or any other power relay method cannot be used for any YLRL certificate confirmation.
2. All contacts must be made **FROM** the same country.
3. **DO NOT SEND QSL CARDS TO THE CUSTODIAN!** Two other Amateurs must sign the log verifying that the QSL cards are 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*.

*Remember the last day to work towards the Friendship Award is  
December 31, 2009*

Keep working on those Certificates and Awards!



## Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB



Summer vacation is over and school has started up again. I started back to school on August the 5<sup>th</sup> as a freshman at Walker Valley High School in Bradley County, Tennessee. I had 2 months off and packed lots of fun in the time I had away from school.

Some of the things I enjoyed while on summer vacation was going to the YMCA with my friends, swimming, laying out in the sun (with a ample supply of sun screen), a Florida vacation and operating on 6-meters.

6-meters has been off and on this summer but if you monitor the DX clusters, [www.dxsummit.fi](http://www.dxsummit.fi) is a good web site to see operating DX stations and on [www.vhfdx.net](http://www.vhfdx.net) you will see if 6 meters is active. What is so much fun about 6 meters is the band can open up and close in a matter of a few minutes and if your lucky it will stay open for a couple of hours, that's why it is called the "Magic Band". You really don't need an expensive antenna system. I operated for over a year on a 6-meter dipole that is only 9ft 4 1 / 16in long at a frequency of 50.125MHz. 50.125 USB is the calling frequency for 6- meters. A good source for calculating antenna length is <http://bfm.org/~bn589/antenna.html> NBDNO's Antenna Calculator. You can calculate a dipole, 3 element yagi and vertical antennas on the webpage. After using a dipole for a while I installed a 6-meter YL Harmonics November/December 2009

yagi. With the yagi I can hear more stations than ever before.

Another mode of operation that can be fun is 2-meter sideband. The calling frequency is 144.200 USB. You can also use the DX clusters and [www.vhfdx.net](http://www.vhfdx.net) to monitor 2-meter sideband activity. I use a 14-element beam for 2-meter sideband. It is not uncommon to talk 200 to 500 miles on 2-meter sideband. It is possible to talk 60 to 70 miles at any given time.

The VHF and UHF bands (1.2GHz, 900MHz, 440, 220, 2m and 6m) are more than just FM repeaters. As you can see you can have loads of fun operating sideband just like on HF. You only have to have a Technician license to enjoy the VHF and UHF bands.

You can also operate packet. All you need for packet operation is a radio and a TNC (terminal node controller) or often called a modem.

The following information on packet radio is from the web site [www.choisser.com/packet/part01.html](http://www.choisser.com/packet/part01.html)

"Packet is communications between people either direct or indirect. You can work "keyboard to keyboard" or use electronic mailboxes or bulletin board systems to leave messages. Due to the error checking by the TNC, all of it is error free, too."

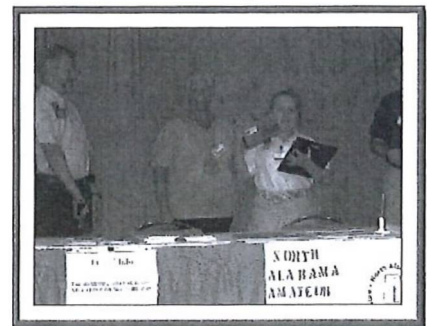
If you have the capability of 6m or 2m sideband I urge you to give it a try. If you have a

packet modem I encourage you to check packet out to. There's lots of ways to have fun in radio and I hope I have sparked you interest a little.

Kaitlyn Cole, I<S3P received the 2009 Alabama Outstanding Youth Ham of the Year award during the Huntsville Hamfest. Kaitlyn received an ICOM-80 AD handheld radio donated by ICOM along with an award plaque.

Kaitlyn is very deserving of this award, she is very active in ham radio and as anyone can tell you that has had the pleasure of meeting her she has a smile that can light up a room.

Congratulations Kaitlyn for this most deserving award!



**From left to right are Greg Sarratt W4OZK ARRL Southeastern Division Director, Pat Marcy W7PZ of ICOM and Kaitlyn Cole KS3P (photo by Stan Cole NX3P)**

If you have something you wish to have me include in my next article feel free to drop me an email.

Until next time!  
73&88, Emily WE4MB

No  
Picture  
at this  
time.

## District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT

As I sit here writing this column, the sun is shining brightly but the temperature is only 17 degrees. Winter has finally arrived in Massachusetts. I have been very busy on the farm all seasons, currently trying to get all the apple gift packages out so that they arrive in time for Christmas. I have also been working my fingers to the bone making mixed green wreaths, and there are still quite a few more ordered that have to be put together. It is hard to get to the greens yard now with six inches of snow on the ground, but we'll manage it somehow! Last night was our choir's last rehearsal before our Candlelight Service on Sunday afternoon, and things seem to be in pretty good shape. After the apples are shipped, the wreaths are made and the concert is over, I can start cleaning out my house for

Christmas. It sure looks like a daunting task!

The November meeting of WRONE was held on November 7 at the Pinkerton Tavern in Derry, New Hampshire. We had a good group...26 people in all, 14 of whom were members. There were three new YL hams, KB1TEO [Marianne], KB1TEI [Jeanne] and KB1TEB [Lisa] who were present for the first time and joined WRONE. Let's hope they join up with the YLRL, too! If you hear these ladies on the air, be sure to welcome them to the greatest hobby in the world. It was especially nice to see W1LIO [Arline] at the meeting and we look forward to her getting an HF antenna up at her new QTH in Franklin, MA so that she can join us on the Yankee Lassies net on 80 meters. YLRL president WB1ARU [Anne] was present

and announced that she would be taking the exam for Extra the next week. I am happy to say she passed...received an email from her the next week confirming that great news. Congratulations, Anne! We all wished KA1JVN [Hennie] and KU1Q [Walt] a good trip to Florida the following week, and I haven't heard from them since to assume they arrived safely and are busy warming up! A great time was had by all. KB1FVN [Joanne] said she is looking into holding our next meeting in Vermont, which will be first in quite a while for the group. It is fun to travel around New England, meeting and greeting and eating with our fellow hams.

Here's hoping everyone has a great holiday season, and that I hear from more of you in 2010!  
33 de N1PVT [Jane, MA]

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and DJ1TE, Christa helps out from the European side. It's great fun to chat with the YLs in Germany, Scotland, Belgium, Denmark, Aruba or Canada as well as those in the US. The Tangle Net has been in operation for years every Thursday at 1800. K0EPE, Marte is the Net Control, with assistance from stations from the east and west coasts. The fourth net is the one that I helped get started last year and am net control for most of the time. The Thursday Night YL Net is on at 0200 UTC during the winter and 0100 UTC

when we switch to daylight savings time. Lately, the bands have not been cooperative in the evening, but we have not given up. If you have not ever been on an HF net, I encourage you to give it a try. If you do not have HF privileges yet, then maybe you can listen to a net with another ham, and perhaps check in with her or him as control operator. This might be an incentive for you to upgrade your license! The cold winter months are a good time to study and get on the air.

Finally, I would like to

thank all the officers who have served with me for the past two years. Some are continuing to serve and others have completed their term of office. I especially want to thank the President's Advisory Committee for their assistance and support during my term. They were always ready to answer my questions and give me advice when needed. I also want to thank the entire membership for their support. I will close with the same comment that ended my first President's Message: *"Remember - you are YLRL, there is no organization without members!"*



## District 2 News

de Joy



This month starts my third year as YLRL Chairperson for the Second District. In August, I was also re-elected to the Vice Director position of the Hudson Division for the ARRL. I am pleased to serve in both organizations.

Following a nice summer, I was happy to be able to support some of the Division happenings for the ARRL in the month of September. During my travels for the Division it is always a pleasure to meet new YLs coming into this great hobby. And yes, I do my best to represent the YLRL, as well, introducing the new YLs to our great organization.

I have heard from the BARA Babes, who have now designed their own T-Shirts and are continuing to meet weekly on the 146.790 two meter repeater of the BERGEN FM Association in Bergen County, New Jersey. They have attracted quite a few YLs from the NNJ and NY area during their Monday evening two-meter net. If you are local, or if you can get into this repeater, please join the YLs. I know they would welcome new YL check-ins. I've heard that they are planning a December 'get-together' in the homes of one of the area YLs.

DX news from one of the DX newsletters finds that activity for 4U1UN will be prominent in the middle of October. One of our very own, Diane Ortiz, I<2DO

from Long Island, NY will be part of the operation, along with some very prestigious DX and Contest Operators.

Speaking of Diane, on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hudson Division Awards Luncheon, we honored Diane Ortiz, K2DO as the Grand Ole Ham. Diane was truly delighted to have been chosen for this most prestigious award and becomes the first ever YL Grand Ole Ham in the Hudson Division. (I prefer to think of Diane as the Grand YL Ham, HI) Congratulations!

There were quite a few YLs present to help Diane and the

other award winners celebrate.

I would like to hear more from other YLs throughout District 2. Hey ladies, I know you are out there!!! Hope you are getting on the air and supporting local clubs and activities wherever you may be. Please drop me a line, and let me know what you've been up to lately - [ka2anf@arrl.net](mailto:ka2anf@arrl.net)

I'd like to wish everyone Happy Holidays, as we get ready to celebrate, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year! Enjoy!

33 de Joyce KA2ANF



*Diane Ortiz, K2DO  
Grand Ole Ham  
Hudson Division Awards Luncheon  
November 8, 2009*

*Diane Ortiz, K2DO &  
friends  
Grand Ole Ham  
Hudson Division  
Awards Luncheon  
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## District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL



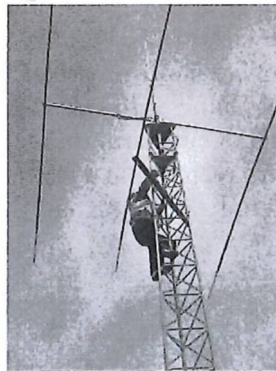
Hello to all in District 3—  
Here we are at the end of the year...and it seems to have really flown by. For all the wonderful highlights, I find that there was so much more that I wanted to get done, but isn't that the way every year? I failed to earn the Friendship Award, though I had a great time trying. It was a good incentive to get on that radio and get working. If only the propagation had cooperated!

I have had an email from Jane, K3ZDN, who writes "I'm not very active in ham radio these days: at best I make one contact a week with a friend who lives about 60 miles away. The big news in my life is that I celebrated my 90th birthday in Oct." Many, many Happy Returns Jane! Terrific news!

And this from Lois, WB3EFQ, "Thanks to everyone for their support as I assume the duties of President of YLRL. I look forward to the next 2 years. Tom and I are planning to attend the International YL gathering in Munich in June 2010 and seeing our friends from around the world. I still try to get on several of the YL nets as conditions and schedule permit." Sounds like a fantastic trip and the best of luck to you Lois and we hope you have a great trip.

From Laura, NT3Y, "Last weekend I was on a tower to repair the antennae for Berks County ARES/ RACES in Reading PA. With three

supervisors (who took care of the repairs once every tiring was apart) instructing from below on the ground, I took it down for repairs, which were speedily done with a little solder and connectors (the balun was not connected). We fired up the Kenwood and made sure all was in working order and the four of us parted the air of accomplishment and success."



*Laura, NT3Y on tower*

Our Washington Amateur Communications ARC held our Hamfest on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, in a larger building this year. It has been growing for the last 12 years from disastrously small to "the biggest year yet"! We sold 198 tables to vendors this year and doubled our attendance. Susan, KB3JHQ, a fellow YLRL member, and her OM Gene, KB3JHR, were busy at the ticket table and handled the door prizes. My job for several years has been running the VE session and again this year we had several successful candidates. It's always a terrific day when we can welcome new hams to our hobby, not to mention those

proud upgrades. In an amazing run of luck, my OM Ed, N3ZNI, won both the second main prize (a dual-band mobile radio) AND the third main prize (an antenna analyzer—which we really needed). That started a lot of muttering from the crowd. No, he didn't win the first prize, which went to a very happy young man who was dreaming of that HF radio!

The hamfest was a chance for



*Hamfest Crowd*

everyone to visit and chat one last time before the holidays. We had folks from Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, and New York attending, all searching for that treasure to add to the shack.

As this is being written I imagine we are all planning for Thanksgiving, a too-brief lull in the headlong rush of the Holiday festivities. It seems to go August/Halloween/Holidays and then a new year full of hope and promises. I hope you all will have a wonderful and safe Holiday Season, that you find your hearts and stockings full, and that we all have a Happy New Year.



## District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ

Greetings district 4 YLs,  
It sure seems difficult these days to keep up with the calendar! It seems to me I was just compiling the July/August district 4 column for the YL-Harmonics and now we're in the middle of October! I hope you all had a good summer wherever you were. This year we spent the whole summer up at our cabin in the north Georgia Mountains, aside from any traveling that is. In fact, I am writing this from the cabin, as we have not yet returned to Florida. Renovations, tree planting and home maintenance are keeping us here a little later than usual this year. I'm not complaining though because the leaves are changing to their spectacular fall colors and the show is awesome!

My OM and I traveled to Ontario Canada in August / September to visit with my brother John, VE3WWR and recreate that fishing trip I missed out on last year when I broke my ankle on day#2. This year was much better, no health mishaps but the fish weren't very cooperative! LOL We also had an opportunity to visit our son in British Columbia on Vancouver Island. I was hoping to visit with Suzanne, VE7IM while there but ran out of time. Next time Suzanne!

Recently my Elmer Leonard Shick, WB3AYW, his XYL Barbara, my OM Peter and I did spend a lovely day at Amicalola YL Harmonics November/December 2009

falls near Dawsonville GA admiring the scenery and stopping afterwards at the apple orchard and pumpkin farm for needed supplies!:) As far as amateur radio goes. I've not been on the air as much as I'd like. Although this summer I did manage to get almost all my WAS from my Georgia QTH (I think I only need 2 more RI & VT). Also, I've checked into our Thursday night YL net as often as I could and conditions permitted. It's always fun to meet the other YLs on 14.288 or 40 meters at 01:00 UTC. And now, lets hear from other YLs in district 4 who have sent some news to share:

Anna Hill KG8YL writes " In my snowbird trip to MI this year I visited W8ICN and his vintage shack. It is too cold here now so I will be back to Florida soon." I'll be right behind you Anna!

Mary Moore, WX4MM writes she " has been contesting. Worked the ALARA contest without much success. Did manage to work 3 VI< YLs and a couple of OM's. Band conditions were not good. Also worked the California, Ohio, Tennessee, Arizona and Pennsylvania QSO parties. Heard a few other YLs working the contests but not many. Check them out, some have a YL category but in most of them you need at least 100 contacts to get awarded a plaque. They do

have certificates though and are lots of fun. Got on 20m yesterday afternoon and got spotted by Europeans, worked quite a pileup for a while. YLs anywhere are rare DX; we need to get on the air more ladies.

Evelyn, W4EVE, just returned from a long weekend trip to Indiana. She and her OM Don, K4DHH went up to visit family and meet with a group of ham radio operators they talk to on 40m. Barbara, KR4SJ is moving to Clearwater, FL to be near to her son Dennis and grandson Brandon. Maybe she'll get some antennas up at the new QTH and get on the air." As usual Mary is quite a busy YL, but finds time to enjoy her ham radio hobby. Good for you, Mary and all the best!!

Rose-Marie Battig KB4RM writes" I worked Gloriosa Island; a much needed country for me. Always glad to get a new one, got them fairly easy, on 2 bands. I traveled to Newport, OR in September to visit my sister, lucky to have the best WX. Wonderful walks on the beach every day. Seeing my sister was the best. I am going to Munich Germany for the World YL meeting in June 18, 2010. Look at the website [www.ylmeetmunich.com](http://www.ylmeetmunich.com) where you will get all info and register for the meeting. I will not take part in the whole program, only part

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## District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hope you all are doing well!  
Lots of exciting news in DC 5  
enjoy.

### New Mexico

Judith Nurenberg, KC7KPG  
has been enjoying checking into  
the YLRL Thursday night net on  
14:288 at 01:00 and wish more  
would join us.

### Oklahoma

We have a report from Andy  
Anderson, W5IWL for Doris,  
K5BNQ he tells us that Doris is  
in rehabilitation center getting  
her broke hip working again  
from a fall she had 3 week ago  
in their kitchen. Andy says the  
doctors fixed her up real good  
and now she is learning to move  
again. Hope she will be home in  
a week or so. She has been really  
down she missed the annual  
TYLRUN party in Dallas where  
she goes every year, missed the  
State Fair in Tulsa so she was  
unable to attend the celebration  
for 50 years of marriage  
and if that was not enough  
disappointment her grand  
children a family of 4 who are in  
the Air Force left for Germany  
for a 4 year hitch. Andy says  
Doris is able to walk some and  
now her spirits are getting  
better. Before her fall they did  
attend the Ham Convention in  
Joplin, and the neatest Hamfest  
in Queen Wilhelmina State Park  
in Arkansas near Mena. Andy  
says it is high up a mountain, a  
nice lodge and a great place for a  
honeymoon and he recommends  
we try it some time.

Andy said if Doris was

writing this she would say that  
Andy missed the Crystal set  
meeting in Arkansas but who  
cares getting your neat cook and  
bedfellow back home is more  
important.

Beth Pearce, KC5RWW  
has been active on the HF  
with QSO's with Italy on  
20m, Rarotanga Island 15M,  
British Virgin Island 20m while  
operating her Kenwood 2000  
with 100W and a Hustler 6TBV  
ground-mounted vertical  
antenna. Beth says the local  
OM will tell her she needs more  
power and height, etc but she  
is having fun with just what  
she has. A group of them 5-18  
attend a luncheon every Friday  
at a different restaurant every  
week usually they talk radio and  
many other topics it is a nice  
drive about 25 mile for her. Beth  
likes contests just to see if she  
can break her own record which  
is currently 35 QSO's in one day.  
She has heard a few YL in the  
contest lately and mentioned she  
still needs South Dakota on any  
band! So if anyone can help Beth  
out with a South Dakota contact  
give her a call. If you are looking  
for a place to go fishing she says  
her pond is up and the fish are  
waiting.

Gloria Meng, WA5PQX  
shares that on her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday  
in July her long time DX friend  
Ake, SM5UH who is 91 yrs old  
called her on the LL and he  
played the Swedish birthday  
song on his Trumpet! What a  
great birthday gift.

### Texas

Great news to report Sallie  
Howard WD5EOK passed her  
Extra Class exam. She just got  
her new call. It is AE5OM. Just  
what the new female extra  
needs!. Congratulations' Sallie  
on your upgrade.

Ann Beadel, WA5GLM  
reports "My most recent  
activity was to entirely miss the  
TYLRUN Birthday Party. I had  
told Judi, W0JJ that I couldn't  
be there on Friday because  
grandson Brandon had bought  
concert tickets for us, him, and  
Iris Aggie girlfriend-soon-to-  
be-fiancee for that Friday night,  
after which we were all to go  
to the Aggie Midnight Yell. (I  
didn't have the heart to point  
out that we don't do "midnight"  
if it comes after 8:00...) Anyway,  
I had assured Judi that I would  
be there with bells on Saturday  
morning, and I carefully printed  
out directions (including Judi's  
cell phone number) and put  
them in the motor home a  
couple of weeks before.

Now, we got back from the  
"Midnight Yell" sometime in  
the wee hours, and knowing  
that I was probably an hour and  
a half at least from the site of  
the Birthday Party, I figured I'd  
better lay out those directions  
before going to bed. I hunted  
and hunted in every drawer and  
cabinet where I might have put  
them. Nope. Dang it all...  
I finally gave it up and went to  
bed—at 3 a.m.—knowing that

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## District 5 News

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I'd have to get up at 6 to get dressed, slather greasy kid stuff on my face and hit the road (if I knew where I was going).

I did eventually find the directions in a bedroom drawer, along with the girdle I wore to our son's wedding about six weeks earlier. I have no idea WHY I put it or the girdle either one there, but... Now I owe an abject apology to my TYLRUN friends for not showing up."

Hope maybe you can make the trip next year Ann.

Joyce Kepler, W5MWI< shares her youngest son passed his Tech test on Palm Beach, FL and hopes to have his call sign soon. He lives in Weston and was surprised to report there for his test. His 4 year old daughter Josie said he passed because he studied his homework. All the family is doing fine and Joyce is still waiting for a Kidney transplant. Joyce hopes we all have a very good Holiday Season!

Alverta Look, K5MIZ reports her neighborhood function is to let the kids collect coins (and paper money also) as a fund raiser for the neighborhood park it is need of an upgrade and hopes this will help the City get the ball rolling. She is ready for some cooler weather and aren't we all.

Keep us posted on the kids and how much they raised.

Dottie Thompson, W7PBR shares with us that she has been inactive her OM John, K5PBR became sick April 3, 2009 with Meniere's disease. Dottie say it has been really rough all the way around he is unable to work, his insurance is about to run out. He is on meds that

makes him so sleepy so he has not been able to be active in ARES or radio groups and had to miss Field Day. Dottie has been telling the ladies about the YLRL and looking forward to a few joining soon. She tells me she is the Chief Cook, Bottle Washer, etc so she is being pulled in all directions but when she gets a chance she tries to listen in on the nets. Please keep Dottie and John in your prayers.

Nell Devitt, I<OGO reports they have Seattle type rainy weather in Temple TX and she enjoyed seeing so many hams at Belton ham swap meet in October. She will be cruising for while Nell is leaving for the first of 3 cruises from Galveston TX on October 25. Hope you have a great cruise and enjoy the relaxation.

Maybe the YLRL need to plan a group cruise? Just a thought!

### Mississippi

Gene Byrd, AE5FB reports she and 4 of the Southern Mississippi YL- Marsha Brindley, AE5GN; Megin Murphy, KE5CST; Yvette Cuevas, AE5MI; and Marjorie Favre, KE5YPT are attending a CW class given by Randy Becnel, W5UE and a radio operation class given by Vic West, N5YY. Gene says she is really enjoying the CW.

Barb Miller, KE5QHZ has been very active working DX and now has 47 countries and also working on WAS. Barb is also Southern Mississippi YL Activity director and has planned interesting activities for the ladies they visited Gulf Coast Science Explorium Center in Mobile, AL, a musical play BAH Hum Bug for November

and December the group will collect gifts for a needy family- a single mom with 3 kids and will present the mom with a gift card at one of the local grocery stores.

The Southern Mississippi YL Group have received their club call KB5MZ this call is very special to me the call originally belonged to Bill Applebee of Long Beach, MS who has become a SK. Mr. Bill was my DX Elmer and one of the first MDXA members and he is truly missed by all along the coastal area.

We are also proud to announce that we now have our very own web page it is still in the works with new pages be added daily [smylar.org](http://smylar.org).

I enjoyed attending the New Orleans Hamfest in October this was a rebirth of the hamfest they used to hold there nice crowd and met a lot of new YL.



**Betty Jo, WB5CSQ & Sue West, W5MSW in New Orleans.**

I have also worked some DX the last few months A92 Bahrain, A71 Qatar, FT5 Glorioso, 3D2 Conway Reef, and TX 5 Austral Island hope you all had a chance to log a new one.

Thank you all for being supportive of YLRL and all the interesting news you have sent thru out the year. Wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

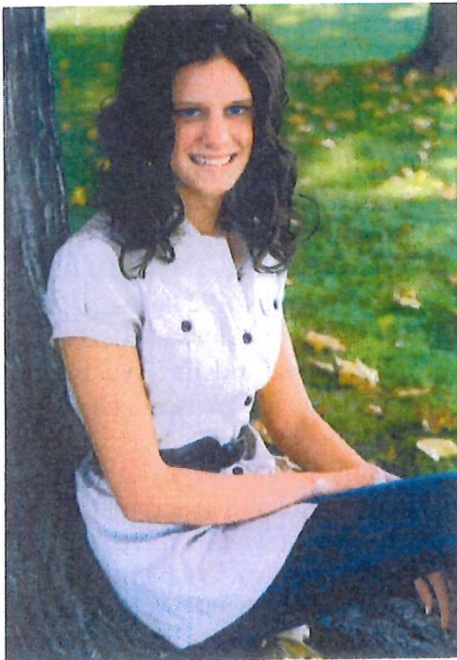
Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

# Scholarship Winners 2009



Sara Sneed KC0YHN

To The members of Poudre Area Radio League:  
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Sara sent in this nice note to thank YLRL.

# YLRL DX MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2010

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

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

Address-----

City State Zipcode

Telephone Number ( ) Unlisted Y/N

New Member? Former Member?

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

e-mail address/web page Endorsed by:

Member of ARRL? Yes No

Please complete the following optional information:

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

Occupation Birthday

Other hams in family (Name & Call)

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

Are you active in Ham Radio? On what bands?

Do you contest? Which ones?

Do you DX? -----

Has any information changed since you joined YLRL2-----

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

**New? Renewal?**-----

Membership dues are payable January 1, delinquent March 31 and are pro-rated for those joining after August 31.

Current dues are as follows:

- \$15.00 DX subscriber plus \$8.00 Airmail (required for DX-YL)-\$23.00
- \$ 2.00 family member residing at same address (No additional *YL Harmonics*' )
- \$15.00 subscriber

Rates subject to change as needed.

Please mail completed form and your check made payable to "YLRL" to the receiving treasurer.

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

**Please do NOT send US and DX dues together.**

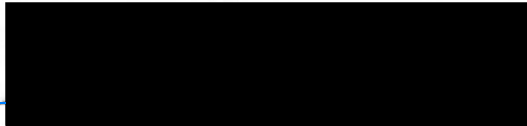
(See back of membership form for names and addresses & filling out sponsor information.) Rev. 12/09 CAM  
If you have questions please contact the YLRL website at [www.ylrl.org](http://www.ylrl.org) for more information

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

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**DX Treasurer**

Rose-Marie Battig, KB4RM



Please help us out by taking the time to fill out all the areas in **BOLD** in full each time you renew. It is so easy to let a change slip by during the year. This will help us keep our records up-to-date and keep you from missing an issue of YL Harmonics. Sponsorship dues are due January 1, 2010. Remember to pay your Sponsored dues by March 31, 2010 to keep current for the 2010 year.





## District Six News de Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL

Hi Ladies,  
I received a nice note and photo from Ruth Hinkle, W6LXL. The photo was taken at a summer meeting of her local 2-meter club, Siskiyou County Amateur Radio Association.



*The YLs in the photo are: Wanda Kiep (KE6UDB), Ruth Hinkle (W6LXL), Jade Dillard (their unlicensed "mascot"), Mariea Yoacham (K6ZYR), and Dianne Hasemeyer (KGGYL.)*

Club attendance dropped during the hot summer months. She expects attendance to increase as the weather

cools and people return from vacations.

Ruth writes that she is still active with the Golden Bear Traffic Net, which meets on 3.975 at 7pm local time in CA 365 days a year. Ruth, Irma (K6KCI) and Joan (WA6QKC) still check into the weekly Ironing Board Net Tuesday mornings on 7.233 10AM local time. Ruth asks, "Where are you gals who used to check in with us???"

I started fall off with a road trip to Lassen Volcanic National Park. I had hoped to operate HF mobile from the park, but band conditions prohibited that. We did have a good trip and radio would have been the icing on the cake but it wasn't to be.

I didn't do any better trying to make contacts from the Grand Canyon National Park this week. Band conditions were good, but I lost my voice

completely! Too bad I didn't have a code key with me. That trip was my annual Las Vegas trip that I make with my daughter. This time we were going to Laughlin, then to the Grand Canyon, and then to Las Vegas. We had to cut our travels short and head home when I became ill. We still fit a lot of fun into the days before I got sick.

Thanks to all of the YLs that I heard participating in the California QSO Party the first weekend of October. It was great to hear more YLs out there. The Cal QSO Party also added 2 awards this year for the top scoring YL inside California and the top scoring YL outside CA.

Thanks also to the 6 land YLs for allowing me to be your chairperson for the last 2 years. It has been an honor and a pleasure.

33 Ginger, AB6YL

### 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-Rose-Marie, KB4RM, 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. It can take up to 3 months for items to be returned. Our best hope is to list someone in "Missing in Action" and hope someone can help with updates. Please update your records and those of any YLs you sponsor each year to stay current.**

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



## District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS



Hello from District 7!

We've had a good summer - my tomatoes did especially well this year - and a lovely fall with crisp sunny days. But this week the rains have arrived!

I am happy to welcome several new members to YLRL -Elizabeth Bigley, KD7RIN of New Mexico who has been licensed since 2002 and enjoys contests, nets and public service and Darlene Felder, KE7TQS of Edmonds, WA. She is a retired teacher, belongs to the Pacific County ARES/RACES and the Pacific County ARC and has checked into several local nets.

I was also pleased to learn that the Mary Lou Brown YLRL Award had been awarded to Samantha Hendrickson, KE7ZZR of Colville, WA. She is a freshman at Spokane Community College and is pursuing a degree in Broadcast Engineering. She comments that she loves electronics and is always working on a new project. Congratulations, Samantha!

MINOW Net has continued with only 2 check-ins all summer - Ruth, K1IIF and myself have faithfully kept it going. Then in July Lory, N7KTY took a tumble, breaking both arms. One arm has healed itself - she had surgery on the other and last week the cast was removed so she is doing well.

She hasn't been able to go to the gym on Friday mornings so the good news for us is that she has been checking in every week. She has also been encouraging Karen Crisp, AC7UN to check in by calling her the night before

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and last Friday she made it! Darlene, KE7TQS also checked in - making 5 of us - more than we have had in over a year! I also received an email from Robin, KJ7BI with good news that her radios are finally connected although she will have to wait for some antenna work to be done on the HF. "Who knows how long the wait will be, but I really appreciate the ham who came over and helped me." Good luck, Robin. Elizabeth, KK7VO (new MINOW president) has finally got her antenna up although work hours keep her from checking into the net. Claudia, KL0HI sent me pictures from the annual meeting in May, too late for the deadline for July but I know those who attended have happy memories of the get-together in Brookings.

The Evergreen Intertie YL net is doing better. I've switched radios and Bob put up new coax so I'm coming through much better. It's great to have Darlene, KE7TQS checking in.

Barbara, AC7UH reports that the Portland 2009 Race for the Cure was another fun successful event with over 41,000 participants. Three YLRL members participated in the events. Robin, KJ7BI and Barbara helped with communications for the Sunday 9/20 event. Peggy, KB7SBK participated in a golf game that week that donated money to the Komen organization.

Do you know about BLOG TALK RADIO? Brooke, KF7CDB, a fairly new ham, has

started a talk show for YLs (and would be YLs) called "Hamming it up. Ladies! (and Gents)." It airs live on [www.blogtalkradio.com/KE7CDB](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/KE7CDB) on Wednesday mornings at 15:30 UTC and is a half hour show. You can hear earlier show on the ON DEMAND EPISODES - (15:30 isn't a very convenient time for me). I especially enjoyed the one 2 or 3 weeks ago when she interviewed Tori Vernau, KC0EEP - another recent new member to YLRL. Her program is especially aimed at those who want to know about ham radio. Brooke is working on her General - she's active in her local club and ARES/RACES and a strong promoter of Ham Radio.

Now - PLEASE send me news of what you have been doing! Enjoy the holidays  
33 Sara. AB7PS

Here is a photo from the Annual MINOW Net meeting last May in Brookings, OR. I received it too late for the July-Aug. issue but memories live on.



*Sunday morning - Polly N7SJH, Robin KJ7BI, Barbara AC7UH, Phyllis W2GLB, Rose KL7FQQ (guest) and Betty KL7FJW.*



**District Eight News** *Nancy, KC4IYD sent in the District 8 column for this issue-thanks, Nancy.*  
**de Jean Ruth, KB8YHN**

Carolyn, N8ST writes: It's been a busy fall for me with amateur radio club activities. First there was the USS JURASSIC's 15th Anniversary party and special event in September. Besides being a party it was a trial run for our next year's Field Day that we plan to hold on a few pontoon boats tied together at Lake Waynoka in Sardinia, Ohio. We started out from the home of Dot Silman, KB8TQU and her husband Jerry, KB8PVY using their pontoon boat. Jerry borrowed two other pontoon boats from friends at the lake and we tied them together, set up a radio, and tried to make contacts. We didn't do well with the contacts but we learned a lot of things ... like grounding the generator helps the radio reception and we need a better antenna system. Otherwise the day was fun, including a ride on the pontoon boat all over the lake. Annette, KC8SQM and Dawn, KC8SQN both took turns at the helm of the boat and both did a great job. Nancy, KC4IYD/8 was also there to enjoy the ride. We had about 12-15 people attending the party. On Nov. 7 I helped out with the Grant Amateur Radio Club's annual Hamfest in Georgetown, Ohio. It was also fun, but most of my day was spent manning a table for our businesses (Donner's Digital Interfaces and Donner's Country Crafts). I did get to chat with a lot of people I hadn't seen for awhile which was fun. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Connie, N8IO writes I had my YL Harmonics November/December 2009

right knee replaced on Nov 4 after working as a poll worker the day before for 14 hours. I'm a glutton for punishment! I've been taking my OM to Hyprobaric treatments in Parkersburg, WV since summer and now the hospital is talcing him back and forth since I can't drive for a while. Physical therapy has started and the movement is getting a little easier, but still a long way to go. This takes place in the mornings and when I get home I just happen to sit down and sleep. Makes it hard to get on the nets with my eyes closed. We are planning on going to Maryland for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. For Thanksgiving, our Son from Maine will meet us there and then come home for a week to Deer Hunt and maybe we can get him to do some of the chores that we are unable to do like clean the eaves troughs of the trees that are growing out of them and fix the roof on the motor home so it doesn't leak.

Nancy, KC4IYD writes: Be sure to note that Annette, KC8SQM will be talcing over as District 8 chairman so be sure to send news to her. The Buckeye Belles had their picnic meeting on Aug 8 at the QTH of Byrness, W8LE. Belles new president Annette, KC8SQM and new Treasurer Byrness, W8LE officially became the new officers. Dawn, KC8SQN and her OM Al; Annette's OM Jim; Nancy, KC4IYD and our friend Bruni and her parents attended the picnic meeting and enjoyed themselves. Each year the Belles sponsor a YL Plaque for the Ohio QSO Party.



*L to r: New President Annette KC8SQM, new Treasurer Byrness, W8LE for the Buckeye Belles*

For 2008, Sharon Martarello, KJ8F was awarded the First Place YL Plaque at the Findlay Hamfest.



*John Bostwick, AC8E presenting my OH QSO Party 2008 First Place YL plaque at Findlay earlier this fall. I wish to thank the Buckeye Belles for sponsoring it.*

The Buckeye Belles has a new webpage since our original page on geocities had to be moved after Yahoo shut down geocities! Our new website is: <http://www.kc4iyd.com/buckeyebelles>. Stop by and let me know what you think of the new site and if you have any comments. Finally, Sara L. Haynes, KC8ZMC of Dayton, OH was listed as a SK in the Nov 09 QST. Several of us met her at Dayton a few years ago and she joined the Belles and I believe she was a YLRL member for some time too. From everyone in District 8, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanulcah and Happy New Year and have a wonderful holiday. 33/76 de kc4iyd/8



## District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS



Dear Nine-land ladies, I can't believe it's almost Christmas already!! Where oh where did this year go? I could swear I was just getting ready for Hawaii in March a few weeks ago. Oh well, it couldn't be my age. Nah, couldn't be!!

Our radio club had a successful Field Day this year. We tried a different site, one we hoped would give us more public access, but that didn't happen to be the case, but we made more contacts than last year and had a good time. We also provided communication for several walk-a-thons in town. We've had two fun potlucks so far and our Christmas party is right around the corner. Besides the good food, we also have a voluntary gift exchange that is always a lot of fun. I love getting gifts.

Our club also participated in the Fort Wayne Hamfest sponsored by the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society (ACARTS) again this year. I had the fun of pulling hourly door prizes. I also held a forum on the YLRL. I had eight YLs attending; three were newly licensed that day. Like Dayton, it is nice to see familiar faces that you only see once a year and meet new friends.

Our Fox Hunting is over for this year. Our team didn't do so well, but just wait till next year. We ended the year with a bon fire party at Jim, K9OMA and Anne KA9YYI's home. Always a lot of good food and fellowship.

On a personal note, we made a trip to Pittsburgh, my first time there, to visit our grandson, Sean, who is a freshman at

Carnegie Mellon University. The campus is beautiful but hilly. I couldn't believe how hilly (make that mountainous) that Pittsburgh is. You must be aware that our part of the country is a flat as Kansas (sorry Kansas). We had a great time with Sean; I think we will go back in the spring to visit again.

Tomorrow I will try to finish decorating the house and then be able to finish shopping. It should be interesting how our new dogs will do around the tree. I think I will leave the wrapped gifts upstairs until Christmas day to keep temptation away.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Christmas, Hanukkah, or whatever you choose to celebrate at this time of year. Be safe, stay healthy and love one another.

33 & 88, Carole WB9RUS

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*Comparing sizes US and AK*

Imagine sending a message over three mountain ranges 1500 miles away. Imagine sending a message more than 800 miles over water to get a message from a primary city to a 'remote' community that is the only communications resource to islands 700 miles away? I realize many of you live in states that are smaller than the mileage I have described, but Alaska has a lot to offer and A LOT of

coverage area and we appreciate all the YLs of Alaska that support our stations all year long.

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](mailto:KL7SP@arrl.net) or feel free to call me at (907) 275-7474.

KL7SP  
Hope you have a happy holiday.



## District Ten News de Doshia Kretlce, KBONAS



Hello from 0-land!

It has been a very busy summer and fall here. The Courage Classic at the end of July engaged 18 hams, 4 of them women, along with hundreds of other volunteers in seeing to the safety of 2000 bicyclists as they rode over some half dozen 10,000 foot passes.

And, this fall, 3 YLs joined some 60 OMs in the second annual Tech Fest put on by the (highway) 285 tech club. We need to work on having more YLs attend events like this! Special thanks to Nancy Stitt, K0NNC, who was largely responsible. In addition to an interesting and informative day, my OM and I had a lovely drive through the autumn foothills. With Colorado's usual changeable weather, we had a foot of snow the week before, but sunshine and 70's that day.



***Doshia, KBONAS with Nancy Stitt, K0NNC and Joyce Witte, K0JJW.***

While last year's event focused on antennas, this year the presentations were broader, and at a variety of levels. An introduction to HF Digital Modes was followed by an explanation of Ohm's and Kirchhoff's Laws geared to those who wanted practical application. Did you ever try to figure out why your system isn't working right, but delving into the schematics is just too many little figures? Try the help of a block diagram, where each block represents one part of your system. Then, you can check the parts—and maybe tell the repair people where the problem is, or, just maybe, fix it yourself! Block diagrams require mostly common sense. For example, in a transceiver there is the part that puts the power in (whether battery or AC), the part that puts the signal in (the antenna system), the part that mixes the signal and power together (the main part of the radio), and the part that puts out the sound (the speaker system).

These are the main blocks; each one can be subdivided into smaller blocks, or one can look really close and see the schematics. The blocks are connected one to another,

like the hipbone to the thighbone. Frequently simple troubleshooting will help you identify which block has the problem.

Another session dealt with what simple test equipment one should buy (and not the fanciest or most expensive). Other sessions were aimed at getting the most out of your transmissions, given the current dearth of sunspots to help us.

So come, all YLs. We are great at putting this type of event together; let's go to them, too!

Anna Veal is now W0ANT, much easier on the fist! She has not upgraded to General yet but took her first test a couple weeks ago that really motivated her to study for another test soon. Anna also recently received a nice note from K1STO, at the ARRL regarding the International Space Station. She was encouraged to speak with her teacher and principal in putting together a lesson plan and filling out an application for a future ARISS QSO. Good luck with the application.

. 33,

Doshia, KBONAS



## Alaska District News de Heather Hasper, KL7SP



Hello from the Last Frontier, As the sunlight goes away we turn to our indoor activities and try and stay warm. But prior to the start of snowfall we were able to get one last tower project in for one of our YL operators.



*Out with the old*

Thanks to the 10 ham operators who came out and helped change out the Rotor and top section at KL7LA's home. While the first repair team encountered some challenges and high SWR, thanks to the persistence of a few operators, KL7LL, KL7JV and KL2EC for going up there and completing the follow up visit.



*The tower crew*

KL7LA, Rosemary has been a ham operator for more than 30 years and for years was the IDITAROD net control station as

well as supporting many other community and emergency operations. Rosemary is an honorary life member of the Anchorage Amateur Radio Club, KL7AA. Listen for KL7LA on 20M and 40M. Rosemary is one of the many Alaska YL operators that is listening weekly during the YLRL Net on Thursday evenings. So if you need a contact in Alaska, feel free to turn your beam around and up the power a bit to listen in for the YLRL of Alaska.

So with the start of winter, we have recently had a cold snap with temperatures in the single digits to -10 below. A little earlier than normal but less than one month to go before the Winter solstice on December 21<sup>st</sup> when all Alaskans enjoy the start of LONGER days and we beginning gaining daylight again.

With the longer evening hours, it is a great time to try and reach Alaska stations. Especially during the evening hours as you 'ride the grayline'.

I am getting ready to head off to Cordova Alaska in Prince William Sound to teach a ham radio class in Remote Alaska. Remote Alaska is defined as the only way in or out is by boat or airplane. Cordova is one such location. There currently are only 3 ham operators and we hope to have 30 after this class. All of this is being done in preparation for our big STATEWIDE Emergency

Exercise, Alaska Shield 2010.

Alaska Shield is a joint operations exercise with the State of Alaska Emergency Services, the National Guard, the US ARMY and US Air Force and FEMA. It will take place for two weeks starting 4/19 and run through 5/2. The first week will primarily be military operations; then the second week, HAM RADIO will be extremely active in several remote locations of Alaska and in Anchorage, Juneau and Fairbanks as we outreach to our State Emergency Coordination Center and simulate what might happen when public communications fail in a state that is one fourth the size of the entire United States.

As the Emergency Coordinator for ARES in Anchorage, I have been asked by our state emergency managers to be on the Alaska Shield Planning team. This is a great outreach for ARES in Alaska and we are enjoying educating our communities and leaders about the resources ham radio can bring to their organizations.

On page 20 is a photo of Alaska on a one to one scale over the United States. With this perspective hopefully it will provide many YLs a better idea of how large and how vast Alaska is and how limited our communications infrastructure is.

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# VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM



My thanks to all 'VE' members of YLRL for their wonderful response and contributions for this issue of YL-Harmonics. A Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year to one and all. 33 Suzanne, VE7IM

**VE1QT, Linda writes: Hello** from Nova Scotia. In June we had a lightning strike that took out all my Ham Radio Equipment. I was off the air for nearly two months until I acquired a new-to-me Kenwood 450 and a power supply plus I was loaned a G5RV. Fortunately, I already had a Kenwood 271A 2-meter radio and with the help of three local Hams and my hubby they finally got me back on the air. The house is OK but I lost a lot of tilings inside it. July 1<sup>st</sup> found me in the hospital with an Atrial Fibrillation attack (my 3<sup>rd</sup> in 4 years) Through all the tests and talking with the Doctor he has determined that I also have Angina. I now have my Friendship Award with #1 on it. I also have my WAC-YL award. I am working on the DXYL 100 award and the WAS award. I'm considering the WAS-YL award; just not sure I am up to that challenge. I could go on but I realize there is limited space and others have news, as well. 73 & 88 & 33's Linda VE1QT

**VE7ONY, Leona writes:** Summer was eventful! Although we were expecting a quiet summer, it soon became almost too hot to handle! By mid July everything was burned. My attempts watering, during our

severe watering restrictions, did little to turn my grass green. I guess we knew the fire season would affect us. We were evacuated on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm with only an hour to pack. We could see the fire on the hill from our window as we packed. We went to my niece's for dinner and an overnight stay, which was interrupted by fire engines putting us on alert at 2am. Another fire had started at Rose Valley Lake just above us. By morning, the smoke was so thick that we knew that it was time to go to Vancouver to visit our grandchildren. With the fires contained we returned home a few days later. The smoke, however, bothered John too much to go outside and we decided to head to Ottawa to see our new grandson. Carter John, who was born on July 2. We have spent the month of September entertaining visitors. At least one of them went cycling with me on the Trans Canada Trail, the restored Kettle Valley Railway Trestles. 2m Radio communications actually worked well from there! Thanksgiving will be in Vancouver and I am going to Vegas in November.... what a golden celebration that will be!!! So life is ever busy and it goes by far too quickly. I wish all YLRLs a happy Thanksgiving and I look forward to hearing you on the air! 33 Leona

**VE3HQH, Heather writes:** Hello to everyone. Our summer has been very busy with dancing, gardening and renovating both our home (new windows and

doors) and trying to get our son's home ready for his wedding. Our son Darin (VE3GWO) got married Sept 19<sup>th</sup> to a lovely girl, Stacey, whom he's been going with for 5 years. They had a beautiful wedding and perfect weather. The theme of the wedding was outdoors and fishing. I was able to work a few YLs the first Thursday YLRL net but the conditions weren't too good. I'm out every Thursday evening now until May so I won't be able to try again. I hope conditions improve for the rest of the year. Hope everyone has a happy and healthy fall and Christmas season. 33, Heather VE3HQH

**VE7YL, Elizabeth writes:** It has been a great summer for golf - in fact a couple of days that were even too hot! The garden did well but I didn't enjoy growing my veggies in pots - planting in the garden just means the rabbits have an even better variety of food than they have when they just eat my lawn!! The bands have been much better these last three days - got into the ANZA net over the weekend and worked my #1000 island •for IOTA. I thought I had done that months ago and did a lot of patting myself on the back only to find I wasn't in the log! What a blow! The DXpedition to Yemen in 2000, 7O1YGF, has finally been recognized by ARRL and having made that contact and got my card I now can happily say

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## DX News & DX Treasurer de Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF



Since this is my last column as DX Chair, I wish to congratulate and welcome your newly elected YLRL DX Chair, **Rose-Marie, KB4RM** who will take office beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Please help her maintain current information in her DX YLRL database by notifying her of any changes in your callsign, address and e-mail address, etc.

Writing the DX Column and interfacing with so many of my old-time DX YL friends has been a pleasure. During this time I have often smiled while reflecting on numerous QSOs with many of you through the last 30+ years. My decision to "retire" from this office comes from hopefully achieving a few goals within this office and with my desire of once again having time to operate "on the air." As YLs we have a very unique opportunity to utilize our well-earned licenses. The common thread that we all share cannot be compared, so let's celebrate. See you on the air and/or in Munich, 2010!!

(As a suggestion to sponsors renewing their DX Adoptees; Please help Rose-Marie, KB4RM by including adoptee **callsign** and **name** along with your renewal fees, applications and/or notes as this information will be very helpful for Rose-Marie to accurately record and mail current membership cards.)

Jeanie, WA6UVF

### Changes & Corrections



#### District 3

Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ email should be [wb3efq@verizon.net](mailto:wb3efq@verizon.net)

#### District 7

Cheryl Ann Cook, KC8TDU 

#### DX

Olga F. Borodina, RA3GKB  
  


*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!*

### In Our Thoughts

On a sad note I must report that Renata Krause- DJ9SB became a silent key in October 28, 2009. She had been a member of YLRL for many years and was sponsored by WRONE. Rena will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

We extend our sincere sympathy to her OM Gerd- DJ4SB

-Rosel Dach DL2FCA



## New YLRL Members de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ-Secretary



### New Members for November/December 2009

We are pleased to introduce these new members to YLRL.

#### District 1

##### Judith Harris N1BLR



Judy first joined YLRL in 2002 and is now rejoining. She is a member of WRONE and her OM is WIHIV. Welcome back

#### ICL7 District

##### Rosemary Hanrath KL7LA



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of it. I will go to Fredrickshafen on my own, Thursday June 24. I hope many will USA will come, always fun to meet YLs from all over the world. I am on DX-YL net on Monday 1500z on 14.280 to 290, meet me there love to talk to you all. " Rose-Marie it sounds like a great time planned for the world wide YL meeting!

Nancy Williams NR4RR writes ... " I am an author, and my third book, a novel, will be out within a month, give or take a few days. I thought you might be interested in information about this upcoming book, as well as my second book. Both involve amateur radio. My second book, published and officially on the market on September 27, 2008 was a hardbound book about Ten-Tec Corporation entitled "Ten-Tec, The First Forty Years". ARRL recently recognized it, by the way. It depicts the life of Ten-Tec's founder, Al Kahn, and moves through the 40 years of Ten-

Tec from 1968-2008. My latest book is a political thriller which follows the exploits of Destin Campbell, an amateur radio operator and CEO of a defense industry when he investigates the mysterious murder of a geologist near Andrews North Carolina." Nancy is also collaborating with Ted Randall of QSO radio on short stories to interest young people in amateur radio. Well Nancy, I for one am looking forward to reading The Agenda 21 Conspiracy, the sequel to your first novel. It sounds like a

thriller! Check out Nancy's website at: [www.nlwilliamswriter.com](http://www.nlwilliamswriter.com) for more.

On that note, I will say that I hope you all enjoy the autumn weather and scenery. I also want to welcome all newcomers to the YLRL and know that you will enjoy the camaraderie of many YLs who share your love of ham radio. Please feel free to send news and / or pics anytime. I enjoy getting correspondence from my fellow YLs.

33, Joan, W4JMJ



*Author Nancy, NR4RR*

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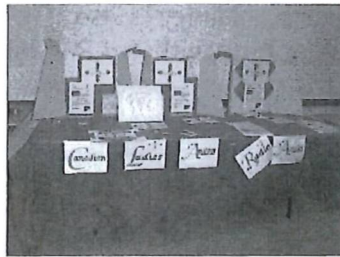
I have worked ALL the entities (countries). Today I worked two of the YLs who are in Svalbard at the moment. There is a large group of YLs there using the call JWISWL. Looking forward to the Olympics - will have a house full! 33 Elizabeth VE7YL

**VE3HAI, Ann writes:** She and Bare (VE3HAH) have been busy with social activities but did attend the TFM repeater picnic. It was a perfect, sunny, warm day with good food and nice people. It doesn't get much better than that. Bare and Ann also hosted the QCWA, Chapter 73 executive meeting in September. The speaker for the QCWA luncheon on October 31st will demonstrate CQ100. Ann hopes to get on-line with it to talk to many more YLs. Until next time, stay well and have fun. 33 de Ann, VE3HAI

**VE7VPE/W6, Paulette writes:** Summer came and went so fast this year-. Incredible weather we had this time. My garden was the best ever. Managed to get a lot of things done over the 6 months we were home. Now we are back in Cathedral City, CA for the winter. Hopefully will be able to get on the air this year. We have been designated the emergency communications for our RV resort so will be allowed to put an antennae and use our radio. Will also get EchoLink back up and running. So with any luck everyone will be hearing from me again on the air. Hope everyone has a great fall. Paulette VE7VPE/W6 from very hot Cathedral City, CA

**VE5ACJ, Vai writes:** The Saskatchewan Hamfest, held in Lanigan, Sask, was well attended with approximately 130 hams, XYLs and harmonics. The one table that I had up for display was the CLARA table, and there

was quite an interest in it, which I was very glad to see. A lot of my freebies were taken, so hopefully we will get more members into CLARA. The Saskatchewan Amateur Radio League, held their annual general meeting in the afternoon, with a record number of members in attendance, which was wonderful to see. Of course we won't mention that I threatened to lock the doors before they had a chance to leave, hi hi.... There was also a wonderful presentation by one of the local hams Murray, VE5MC on the ZL8R DX expedition to the Raoul Island in the Kermadec. Murray also did up the lovely picture that you see here. So that is my report from Moose Jaw, Sask. Seeing as this is the Nov/Dec issue, I would like to wish you all a Very Blessed Christmas. My prayers to those who are in need, and to those who would just like to have a prayer said for them. God Bless, Vai Lemko, VE5ACJ



*The CLARA table*

**VA3WX, Jeanne writes:** She was net control for the evening CLARA net that started on Sept. 14th and every second Monday of each month she does net control. Averaging 9 check-ins but not always the greatest band conditions. The Cancer Society had fundraisers for the Breast Cancer on Oct. 10 and 11th and Jeanne and a neighbour volunteered selling pink ribbons at a local drug store. Fall is finally here and the Blue Jays have arrived. Driving around the area seeing beautiful coloured leaves on the trees. Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday season.

33s, Jeanne VA3WX  
**VE1VCI, Merle writes:** This summer just flew by. Very busy with 31 of the family home for my 86<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Extremely poor strawberry crop due to 17days of rain at the time our early berries were ready. Raspberries also poor due to winterkill. On the positive side the low bush blueberries were wonderful. The balsam fir Christmas trees look great. Always something to be thankful for on a farm. Will try to get on the YLRL Net when I can. I enjoy the contacts. That is all my news except I did get over 1200 pints of pickles made for our shop connected with the farm. 33 & 88, Merle VE1VCI

*Quite a Hamfest!*



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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]

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**The first weekend we'll have the official part of the meeting with sightseeing in Munich.**

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**We'll finish the meeting with a whole day at the Ham Radio in Friedrichshafen.**

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