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CHAIRWOMAN AS SOON AS YOU CAN! WE NEED
INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS TO KEEP THE
COLUMNS FULL!**

Here are some of the Dayton 2009 pictures.



YL Forum



*Two of our youngest
members plan on
attending again this
year!*

*With the forum moved to
Sunday, last year, not everyone
could make it, so there was an
informal forum as well.*

*4 past Presidents at
the Booth.*



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President's Message de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ

Greetings All,

At last it would appear that spring has come to Pennsylvania. We thought winter would never end... that darn rodent, Punxsytawney Phil, just had to see his shadow. I am happy to say that the daffodils and tulips have managed to break through the snow and show us some green.

I hope that a lot of you are working on the Birthday Award. I have heard the exchanges of birth month on some nets and also during contests. It is easy to do..all it takes is some time on the radio.

Your Board of directors had their winter-spring board meeting recently and I would like to share some exciting information with all of you.

- By unanimous decision the YLRL procedure policy Section 7 has been revised to reflect that expenditures of publishing and mailing YL Harmonics not exceed 80%. This is a change from 75% and was necessary due to increased costs of mailing, printing, etc.

Please note that our income comes primarily from dues with some generated from the sale of YLRL items and supplies and donations not specified for scholarship funds. We try to hold expenses so as not to have a dues increase.

- We had a good discussion of adding a dissolution clause should YLRL cease to exist and the general consensus was that the decision would be left to the board at the time of the action but that Foundation for Amateur Radio or some similar group would be the most likely.

We don't even want to think about that so keep recruiting new members and become an active member of the organization

- The YL website is being redesigned by Heather KL7SP and many of the board members gave input as to what they would like to see. This information has been forwarded to Heather so look for our new look in the future. Once it is on line you can also offer suggestions for input. The website discussion also included the use of electronic payments for dues. I will appoint a committee to work on this and bring it to the board.
- The board also agreed to have back issues of the YL Harmonics available on the website while the directory issue would be a members only access.
- Finally, work is progressing on the retyping and formatting of CQ-YL. A number of girls are working on this project. One thing that may be needed are photos that can be scanned and added. Especially some of the older ones. We will keep you informed as work progresses.

Again, my sincere appreciation to everyone for their help and support. Don't forget YLRL will be at Dayton and will have the Friday forum. Stop by and say hi to those there

Till next time 33's

Lois

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YL-OM Contest Results!

Vice President
Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV



No
Picture
at this
time.

Here are the results for the 2010 YL-OM Contest.

CW Category

Name	Callsign	QSOs	Mult	Power	Total Pts
Victoria Panagiotou	SV2KBS	262	35	1	9,240
Elizabeth Anderson	VE7YL	26	20	1.5	780

No US logs received for CW

SSB Category-YL

Name	Callsign	QSOs	Mult	Power	Total Pts
Mary Moore	WX4MM	199	57	1	11,343
Lois Gutshall	WB3EFQ	91	38	1.5	5,187
Nancy Bob	KS2YL	75	39	1.5	4,387.5
Pam Scott	W0PRS	23	16	1.5	552
Melba Hoss	KA0BAT	14	10	1.5	210

SSB Category-OM

Terry Hoss	KA0BHO	8	8	1.5	96
Clarence Annett	WA5WN	2	2	1.5	6

No DX logs received for SSB

The Soapbox:

Nancy, KS2YL writes "It's been years since I participated in any of the contests, so I decided to take a stab at it. I'd forgotten how fun it is!"

Clarence, WA5WN writes "Bad weekend. Everone ws complaining about Bad or No propagation from everywhere, on all bands into the Midwest. Maybe some sunspots will help next year-----"



Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB



A few months ago I wrote about operating on 6 meters and how much fun it is. I would like to encourage you to try 6 meters if you hadn't already. Six meters is called the "Magic Band" because the band can open and close back up before you know it. Six meters is a lot of fun and can have you sitting in front of your radio waiting for a band opening.

Six meters is of the VHF spectrum but the way propagation acts it can display HF band characteristics. Peak season is from May to August but the band can open just about anytime.

Six meters in the United States and Canada is 50MHz to 54MHz with 50.125 USB being the calling frequency. You can operate FM, AM, CW, Digital modes and SSB. There are many 6-meter repeaters in use across the country. You can find these repeaters listed in the ARRL

Repeater Directory as well in other publications and some listed on the Internet.

There are several propagation sites you can go to on the web so you can check to see if there are any band openings. My favorite site is DX-Sherlock <http://Zwww.vhfdx.info/> on this site you can also check 10 meters, 2m, 440 activity. Another good site is <http://www.6metersonline.com/>

I have noticed lately that 10 meters is beginning to open up with added sun spot activity. 10 meters used to be very active several years ago and was a lot of fun for hams. Lets keep our fingers crossed for 10 meters to open up again very soon.

With a Technician Class License you can operate the entire Amateur portion of the 6-meter, 2-meter, 222MHz, 440MHz, 900MHz, 1.2GHz bands. In these bands you can operate simplex, use repeaters.

SSB or use digital modes in the allocated portion of the band for each mode of operation.

You can also operate on the 10-meter band, 28.000MHz to 28.300MHz CW, RTTY and Data as well a SSB phone (voice) from 28.300MHz to 28.500MHz with a Technician License. The calling frequency on the 10 meters is 28.400 USB. The 10-meter band also has several repeaters in operation. You can find these listed in Repeater Directories.

If you have any news or stories you would like for me to include in future articles please email them to me [REDACTED]

As always please remember the less fortunate and the children of the world who need help and continue to pray for the Service Men and Women protecting our freedom.

73 & 88,
Emily WE4MB

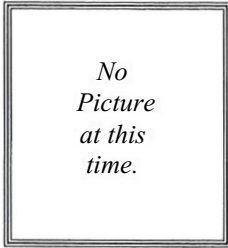
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The exact number of contacts is still being tallied up as some logs were kept on the operator's own computer and sometimes we worked with our own calls, but the concensus is that it was a few thousand and we wish we could have worked more.

It seemed as if we had hardly got there when we had to get up to make the 02:30 bus heading back to the airport.



No Polar Bears, but one Arctic Fox.



District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT



WB1ARU, Anne and OM, WA1ENO Tony spent a month in Colorado skiing again this winter. Unfortunately, Anne took a tumble as she was getting on a lift and did a forward roll on her shoulder. The result was a broken collarbone and cracked anklebone. Fortunately they had already enjoyed 3 weeks of excellent skiing and stayed with their friends K3NI, Clark and newly licensed KB3UDU, Pam for another week. In addition to skiing, they enjoyed visiting with the hams in the area including K0ALT, Christine and N0DBY, Susan and other members of the Ski Country Amateur Radio Club.

The trip back to Denver from Carbondale was another adventure as 1-70 was closed due to a massive rockslide. They had to drive 200 extra miles to get there. They had dinner with N0WBV, Cheryl and I<T0F, John on their way back to the airport. Anne's recovery is going very well and she and Tony have several more trips planned for 2010. In April they will be in FL for a wedding and visits with relatives and friends. In May they will be at Dayton and in June they will head to Germany for the YL Meet.

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We were lucky to have two great co-chairs of the event-Ingrid Kleveland, LA8FOA and Unni Gran, LA6RHA who were in contact with the local operators at Longyearbyen, Svalbard. They got us the use of the local Ham Shack JW5E with the help of Mathias Bjerrang, JW5NM (now SI<) and his YL Inger, LA8KT who helped us figure things out.



At the JW Shack

Some of the group had been here before, but everyone wanted a chance to operate with the JW callsign. Still, there were enough of us to allow for chances to do some sightseeing as well.

A loose schedule was made up so that operators who wished to try for a certain part of the world could get on to do so. Some of the group simply tried to make as many contacts as possible. Remember there is only one callsign that was activated for the event JW1SYL, though some used JW / their own callsign. There were rumors of another JW call on during the same period.

If you weren't operating, you had the chance to explore the town of Longyearbyen. With more tourist shops than you would expect, this small town has no retirees. If you are not working, you simply don't live there. There is also a museum, two separate University study areas and a church to explore. There are also a number of war monuments and an amazing Airship Museum. It was totally unexpected in such a small place.



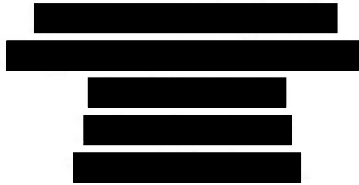
Do the drills remind you of Field Day?

Two other side trips were also made. For those who had already been to Barentsburg, there was a trip to an abandoned Russian coal settlement called Pyramiden. The other trip was to Barentsburg an operational Russian coal settlement. The boat to Brarentsburg was the Polargirl, which was headed to one of the many glaciers when we got an unexpected surprise. The Govenor's helicopter was coming to practice rescue drills on the boat. The helicopter pacing the boat was amazing as were the "rescuers" who slid down ropes to the boat and were hauled back up again. Does anyone else get reminded of Field Day and practice drills?

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District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF



Greetings everyone,
I hope everyone is surviving this winter weather! I have heard that it has snowed in 49 of our 50 states so far this winter. I believe that is a record! I will be glad when SPRING arrives.

With the arrival of Spring, I'm sure we will be experiencing our share of weather here in the northeast. And with Spring, comes SKYWARN training. I hope to have some information on where SKYWARN training will be offered in the Northern New Jersey and New York area. If you have a chance to attend a

SKYWARN Class, please do so. These classes are taught by the National Weather Service and are a lot of fun! And you don't have to be an Amateur Radio Operator to be a SKYWARN Spotter!

Hamfest Season is almost upon us, as well. There are a few hamfest and auctions scheduled for February and March.

YLs are getting on the air, especially on Thursday evenings. Some of our local YLs have been found on 7.240 MHz, 7.245 MHz around 9:00pm. Join

in the fun and get on the air!

Ladies! Don't forget to spread the word that YLRL is offering a new award for YLs called the 2010 YLRL Birthday Award! Here's our chance to work 12 YLs who have a birthday in each of the 12 months of the year. Complete details are on page 27 of the YLH January/February 2010 issue and there's a photo of the Award Certificate on the front cover, as well.

I hope to hear from you ladies in District two!

33-Joyce, KA2ANF

International YL-Meeting 2010

Dear YLs and OM,

The next International YL-Meeting will take place from 18th to 28th of June 2010 in Munich/Germany.

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

The following week we'll offer you an interesting inquiry tour through Bavaria and a trip to Salzburg/Austria.

We'll finish the meeting with a whole day at the Hamradio in Friedrichshafen.

Join the International YL-Meeting 2010!

For details have a look to our homepage:

www.ylmeetmunich.com



District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL



Hello -

Well, we are finally seeing some sunshine here in 3-Land. It has certainly been Winter! At least more so than we usually have around here. However it isn't all bad—being stuck inside had given me time to do more reading, knitting, spinning and cooking. I'm not alone. Lois, WB3EFQ, wrote to say: "Gee it has been quiet around here. Just waiting to see grass instead of snow again. I have been able to get lots of quilting done though and finished some of my UFO's. This year I am trying to get more active on the air." I agree, and am sure that once I get that dipole tightened up I'll have more success.

Here is an interesting item in from Laura, NT3Y. "Greetings from Hong Kong. I will be DXing 7:30 Eastern time from this city in hopes of reaching the states. I do not know what Frequency I will be allowed to transmit from until tomorrow. Visit my blog....nt3yradioventures.blogspot.com Please sign up as a follower. I am trying to set up a face book to. The more I try to circulate news about this trip the more I may be able to draw attention

to HAM radio. I have a classroom of kids in Texas whom I hope to attract as readers, they tried to contact me before I left on 20 M but they had tech problems. I am sending them my blog tonight. So far I have only 5 followers but hope to turn this around very soon. I heard operators talking about it on the radio but they did not sign up as followers. Any way...I will jot you a line tomorrow about my DXing, which is limited to about an hour. Wish me luck!!! Cheers! TU 73 NT3Y Laura." I have not heard anything more from her lately but she does post to the blog spot so with luck we will continue to follow her journey.



Cathy, KB3OYS and her OM Jim, KB3IYS. Cathy joined the YLRL at the recent WASHFest. Welcome Cathy!



The crowd at the WASHFest

Hamfest season has started here with two of those already under our belts and another next weekend. Last Sunday we had a good turnout for the WASHFest despite the dicey weather. Perhaps it was the chance to escape cabin fever, but the food was good, the coffee plentiful and we were able to visit with friends in person again. Vendors came despite the distances. The hall was full and everyone had a good time.

I hope that you are all well and looking forward to the spring and a new year of being on the air. Be sure to keep us up on all your news. We would be glad to hear what you are doing and how you are. We are looking forward to the Dayton Hamvention and making plans to get together there.

73,33

Jacque, N3ZEL



District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ

Greetings fellow YLs in 4land! I hope this column finds you all in good health and somewhat thawed out! LOL This has certainly been a cold winter, everywhere it seems. In Florida we have had many nights with hard freezes reeking havoc with the strawberry and citrus crops. Not to mention those snow bird trips to the beach! Hopefully we will have warmer balmy weather ahead in the not too distant future.

I have received some news to share with you from a few of the gals so here goes:

Kay Craigie, N3KN deserves our CONGRATULATIONS on her recent election as President of ARRL! She now has a busy calendar filling up with trips to ARRLO Conventions (among other things). She will attend the Rocky Mountain Division

Convention in Casper, WY in May. Kudos Kay and good luck in the new position!

Ruby Byrd, KF4NI/7 has a new quad antenna up and she is "having a ball" working lots of DX. Good for you Ruby! She wanted to share some of her warm, sunny WX from Arizona with the other frozen YLs. hihi

Dorothy Beam, K4PPS has some sad news. Her OM Hugh passed away in September. Our condolences to you and yours Dot. I just discovered that Dot and I are almost neighbors when I'm up in the North Georgia mountain QTH. So we have decided to meet halfway and have coffee in May when go up north. I am looking forward to meeting Dot.

Mary Moore, WX4MM worked the YL-OM contest and made 199 contacts!!!! Good work Mary! She also has had snow in her neck of the southern

woods, which has caused a lot of driving problems on the roads. Mary has had email from Candy SP5XAB, whom Mary sponsors. Both gals work and find it difficult to meet on the YL nets. They have talked on 20m and hope to do so again.

Rosemarie Shiver, KI4TIE was named Ham Of The Year 2009 of the Highlands County (FL) Amateur Radio Club. CONGRATULATIONS Rosie! She is net control for the weekly HCARC club net.

Well YLs, I did not have an opportunity to get to the Orlando hamfest this year. :(Maybe next year. I am planning to attend the YLISSB convention in Columbia SC in June. I know some of our YLs also belong to the YLISSB. Maybe we'll meet there. I wish you all continued good health and good DX. Have fun on the radio waves!

33,
Joan, W4JMJ

**Your District Chairwoman needs
news from you! Please send radio
related pictures and news-especially
Hamvention® and Field Day!**



District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello All,
Greeting from the HamCation, Orlando, Florida very cold and possible snow yep that is right snow in Florida. We are blaming this all on the Saints winning the Super Bowl a lot of folks in the coastal area would tell you a few years back if the Saints ever went to the Super Bowl and not to mention WIN!!! That Hell would freeze over. Oh Well we had snow in Gulfport, Mississippi Friday after we left and they say more snow on Monday.

Well the HamCation was great many vendors new and old ham gear to choose from many friends meeting new/old friends. Speaking of friends my OM Ed KA5VFU and I traveled with Vic N5YY & Sue W5MSW, Eagan KF5CSI & Colleen KF5EYM leaving Gulfport, MS by car at 5:00am Thursday morning for a 11 hour drive we all talked on 2 meter simplex all the way sure made the drive go by fast.

Hamfest seems to be in the air Ed & I attended Capital City Hamfest in Jackson Mississippi rainy and cold with snow flurries. We had a great time with our travel buddies George K5JZ, Chris K5MOZ, Charlie WD5BJT, Vic N5YY, Sue W5MSW, Chuck WS1L, Eagan KF5CXI and Colleen KF5EYM. The YLRL booth had a few new visitors and it was so nice to meet 2 YLRL members Katherine KE5TZC

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and Katy WBOJBZ from Canton, Mississippi and we had a visit from a new YLRL member Ann KF5CNV from New Roads, Louisiana.

We just finished a MDXA Testing session with 33 attending and 30 passed/ upgraded to Technician, General or Extra. The students were from training classes that were held at the Garden Park Hospital in Gulfport. Out of the 33 we had 9 YL passed or upgraded so look for these YL on the air real soon- 5 YL passed their Tech- Colleen KF5EYM, Kathy KF5EYJ, Jackie KF5EYI, Ana KF5EYK, Jacquelynn KF5EYN, 2 YL upgraded to General-Cecile KE5WBD and Sara KF5CXJ, 2 YL upgraded to Extra Elaine AE5PV and Megin KF5CSI.

Congratulations' to all that passed or upgraded!!!! Big Thank you to the 11 VEs that helped with the test session, the 5 instructors who taught the classes and to Garden Park Hospital for the use of their Facility for the 6 weeks of classes and the Saturday test session.

Burnette K5JGC Houston, TX, "Burnette, K5JGC, just joined the 5th District YL fractured-hip-groupie, namely, Doris K5BNQ and Carol KK5L. Burnette fell in her neighbor's yard November 16 and sustained a 4-fracture hip and after a 2+ wk stay in Methodist Hospital Rehab, she is now sporting a titanium rod in both the right leg and the

right hip! The accident occurred the day after she celebrated her 85th birthday, BUT nobody told her she was old and had to slow down!!! She is just thankful God permitted the surgeon to put Humpty Dumpty back together again. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow! Happy 2010 to all Harmonic YLs." Burnette K5JGC

Sure hope you are recovering we wish you a speedy recovery.

Doris K5BNQ Broken Arrow OK,

It has been a hectic time two big snowstorms, the worst ones in years. We were snowed in for 5 days. It disrupted Christmas services and family plans. But the kids all like it, sliding down our steep yard.

I was in the hospital 5 days, had a bad case of Acid Reflux, but my poor dear OM Andy W5IWL is a strong support and is holding things together. Andy is working a Crystal Radio Contest. Would you believe he has heard about 130 stations on a crystal set? Besides taking care of me and trying to control my erratic blood pressure. And now that squirrel has eaten up our bird feeder. He had better watch out, Andy says we will have fried "Chicken" for breakfast.

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District 5 News Continued From Previous Page

We went to Arkansas to celebrate our 68th wedding anniversary January 23 and had a great time, high up on top of Mt Magazine, at a State Park Lodge. Hey my birthday in October 25, too. We'll have to get together on that certificate thing. And we are looking forward to Claremore, OK Hamfest, March 12-13. Probably is the best ham fest around here.

Did you see in "QST Silent Keys" that Fred Look K5MJA, OM of Alverta Look passed away from Houston? She is a member of YLRL and TYLRUN.

Take Care,

Doris, K5BNQ

Doris thank you for sharing with us about K5MJAI missed that an am very sorry our prayer are with Alverta. Yep my birthday is Oct. also yes we do need to work each other look forward to it.

Ann WA5GLM Brownwood, TX,

I'm still off the air so that narrows what I could write that would be of any interest to fellow hams, but I'll try. There is very little going on here in Central Texas other than strange weather and stranger politics. Locally, I keep waiting Moe or Curly to announce—they'd fit right in.

On a personal level, we are greatly concerned about the possibility that a proposed 345Kv electric transmission line may pass almost within spiffin' distance of our front yard—and more to the point,

our 75 foot tower and 3 beams (not to mention the dipoles). We are trying to become instantly proficient at political-speak and how to craft legal documents for the political "Great Wizard" at our state capitol.

Grandson Brandon has been granted an externship this summer with a federal judge in Reno, and we are obnoxiously proud. You may ask what is the difference between an "externship" and an "internship": simple—interns get paid and externs don't. Ouch!

I see snow falling as I look out the window. The cats are snug under the wood rack, there's a fire in the fireplace, and it's a perfect day to stay inside and ham.

Barb Miller KE5QHZ Saucier, MS,

Shares with us she has been accepted into the Magnolia DX Assn by completing their membership requirement of working 100 DX countries thanks to C5YI< Gambia.

Joyce W5MWI< DeSoto, TX

My news is short with cold rainy weather we have not gone anywhere. We do plan to go to Bebe, our second home this next if WX will allow. I just had a complete check up; head to toe kind and all Dr's said I am in perfect health (except for my bad kidney). They think I will get a transplant within 14 months. All my family are fine. I would like to think I could get on the air again but Dr appointments for Jim & I keep our days busy. Looking forward

to Spring. I pray all you folks back east get some WX relief.

33 Joyce W5MWK

Beth ICC5RWW Seminole, OK

My 86-year-old dad moved in with us January 25 and my radio time disappeared. I'm guessing he'll be here less than six months.

We did go to the weekly lunch meeting of local hams on Friday. I discussed Orbitron with WJ5F. If anyone else has Orbitron installed on their computer I'd like to hear from them.

Beth, kc5rww

Grace K5YTT Driftwood, TX

Last summer as a visiting consultant I fell into the job of music director for a neighboring mission congregation. The work is challenging and going well at last, but it takes a lot of my time and energy. Even the YLRL Thursday net has been low on my list. We do expect to be in Dayton in the spring, and I hope to remember Thursdays more often. I did cruise on 40 this week (Feb 4th), thought I heard a YL around the frequency Anne reported being on, but couldn't pull anything clear out of the noise. The men were strong around 7.188.

Great news from DC 5 Thank you all hope to hear from you next quarter. Don't forget to get started on your YLRL Birthday Award hope I get the chance to work some of you also.

33 Betty Jo Byrd KB5CSQ

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]
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5 Year Certificate

W6LXL - Ruth Hinkle (2007), DF8MN - Cornelia Wellner, VE7VPE - Paulette Schouten,
KC0QYS - Kathy Crouch, N0GVC - Antoinette Saum, W8HBI - Christina Check,
N8KAY - Kayla Check

10 Year

KA7TON - Anne Grimm (2009), AE9YL - Vicky Luetzelschwab, K3BEV - Beverly Beichner,
WB3ANE - Hope Smith

15 Year

N7UG - Joyce Medlen, DL3LG - Sigrid Wittmann, AB7KE - Joan Tremper,
WIMP - Linda Robinson, AB7PS - Sara Lyon

20 Year

W1UBM - Norma Kornacki, KF7BY - Josephine Traver, IC4OVR - Rose Porter,
KA7BBE - Lois Rogers, K8ILN - Myriam Gregg, DL6KCR - Roswithe Otto,
DL2FCA - Rosel Dach, DJ0MCL - Olga Schumacher

25 Year

OM5MF - Margita Lukackova, OH7XX - Tuulikki Hartikainen, 4X6KT - Miryam Stessel,
KF6ZX - Lois Wollin, GM4YMM - Christine Dons

30 Year

DK6FM - Elfriede Meissner, KA8IWD - Liselotte Hermann, KJ3T - Maria Taylor,
N9ALC - Dorothy Truhlar, SM0HNV - Raija Ulin

35 Year

WA6WZN - Sandra Heyn, VE3HQH - Heather Holmes, VA3WX - Jeanne Gordon
DK1HH - Anita Roeben

45 Year

K7GAT - LeolaMae Beatty

55 Year Certificate

K6KCI - Irma Weber

Please see page 25 for more details on this certificate



District Six News de Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

Here in District 6, we are gearing up for Event season. The first big March event for Flams is the Los Angeles Marathon, which has sold out for the first time in its 25-year history! The route change from Dodger's Stadium in Echo Park to the Santa Monica Pier at the Pacific Ocean (the "Stadium to Sea" Route) had much to do with it. This year, my OM (KG6DNY) and me will be off the actual course, working a shadow station at one of the locations where the race officials will be. A different assignment, but should still be challenging and fun. Doing this type of controlled and low-key event helps me to keep my skills honed. The next big Event for District 6 Hams is the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay in April. I plan to write more

about both of these happenings the next issue.

Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL says CW is not dead. In February she worked a station in Wisconsin on 40 meters CW. So what is so special about having a CW QSO with a Wisconsin station? It was the one state she needed to complete "Worked All States" on 40 meters CW. She made that contact using the same J-38 straight key that she used when she made her very first CW contact at her Elmer's shack, using his call sign. Congratulations, Ginger!

There is an unofficial meeting of Hams every Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. at a Denny's in Chatsworth. Roz Clifton, KG6TRT, Gwendolyn Hayden, IC6GRH, Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL and Clara Woll, KJ6CNO, a newly licensed Ham who we are working on

to get into the YLRL, were all in attendance. If you're in DE6, please come and join us some Friday, if you have the time. The Denny's is situated at Nordhoff and Tampa Streets in the San Fernando Valley. People come and go starting around 7:00 a.m. and go until around 8:00 a.m.



Ginger, AB6YL, working Field Day.

Hope to hear more of your happenings that I can report for the next letter!

33,
Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

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 send to 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. 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



Happy Springtime to all.
I hope 2010 got off to a good start for you. Unfortunately I tripped on a large fallen branch on Christmas day shattering my left elbow. It has been in a sling since then. But today I saw the orthopedic surgeon - he was pleased with the healing so I've been liberated from the sling! and will be beginning therapy later this week.

February - While many of you were buried under a layer of snow here in the Pacific Northwest the crocus were blooming, tulip and daffodil bulbs were up and leaf buds swelling. It's time to make plans to attend Hamvention.

The MINOW Net continues. Darlene, KE7TQS has become a regular check in on Friday morning and Lory, N7ICTY has recovered from her broken arms and is back to the gym on Friday morning but occasionally joins us. Darlene reported that she and other HAMS used their radios to help the "Grassroots Garbage Gang" with a gigantic

Beach Cleanup on the Long Beach Peninsula. The big news is that MINOW Net has a new YLRL DX adoptee - Sitsa Tigaraki SV3AGQ of Greece. We're hoping she will tell us something about herself and about Amateur Radio in her country. We are always pleased to receive an Email from Marietjie Coetzee, ZS6CEZ of South Africa, our other adoptee. The Evergreen Intertie YL Net also continues although check-ins have been slow. I'm hoping we will have our usual YL table at the annual Mike and Key ARC Electronic Show & Flea market Saturday 6 at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup although I haven't received any details yet.

Two Rivers YL Net is planning their usual Post-Holiday luncheon for Saturday, March 13. I'm sure they'll be making plans for the annual YLRL luncheon at SeaPac on Saturday, June 5th. Mark your calendars.

QSTQSTQST It's not too early to make plans to attend the YLRL luncheon at SeaPac, the ARRL Northwest Division convention, which is held in Seaside, OR, the first weekend of June - 4, 5 & 6. The YL luncheon will be from 11:30 ~ 1:30 on Saturday, June 5th and will include a presentation by Tara K. Harper, N7ATK, a ham who is a science fiction author. Her topic is "High Mountain Ham: Tall Tales from the Tall Peaks." She will talk about going to her cabin in the woods to write, and how ham radio communications has helped her out of some difficult situations. Sounds interesting! Register early for SeaPac and sign up to attend the YL luncheon. When you arrive at the convention, check in at the YLRL club table.

O I < -this is it for tliis time. PLEASE send me news - meetings (I love pictures), upgrades, elections or what ever. Hoping to hear from you soon!
33 SaraAB7PS

YLRL relies on help to update the info in the NAYL and DXYL nets. Otherwise, we don't know if something is wrong or inactive.

Please try to check into the various nets on help us update the listings. If you heard it or was able to check, whereby Nancy, KC4IYD our webmaster can write "active", if there is a new NCS or the net has moved, she can update the info and finally if they heard no one and it can be confirmed the net is gone, it can be listed as "inactive." Here are what we have currently and need to up date. See also the VP column *for* the Tangle Net Update.

Nancy is one of the contacts on the www.ylrl.org page, so please send corrections to her.

DXYL nets: <http://www.geocities.com/kc4iyd/dxylnet.html>

NAYL nets: <http://www.geocities.com/kc4iyd/naylnet.html>



District Eight News de Annette Wood, KC8SQM

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Here's the news from around District 8.

Greetings from SE OH.

It's been 2+ years and my OM is headed for Infusion for the next six weeks to treat the new infection on his foot. At least he still has the foot! In between treatments I'm trying to keep up with my activities.

I made it to 3 Hamfests so far this year but doubt if I will be able to make the Buckeye Belles meeting again this year as the Infusion for my husband will still have 2 weeks left of treatments on the 24th of April. This is starting today, March 24. I still don't have anyone to share a room with for Dayton so I'll probably drive over for the one day that I am volunteering as a VE for the testing. Hardly seems worth it.

Upcoming Hamfests in Ohio are Jackson, OH on April 10 at a new location. April 18 is the Cuyahoga Falls Hamfest, April 25 Athens, Dayton Hamvention® is on May 14 -18 and a first time Hamfest in Gallipolis for a Drive-In Hamfest on June 5 as well as a Tailgate/Hamfest in Fulton County on June 5.

33 de Connie, N8IO

First off, please change my e-mail address [REDACTED]. The att.net e-mail will cease to exist after March 31st.

As for news, well, I haven't done anything exciting for a few months now. Finished working on a genealogy project that took months and when

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printed out was close to 2000 pages. It wasn't my genealogy either. <sigh>. I finished that just in time to get an e-mail from WorldNet saying they were closing all their customers' websites which was where our businesses (Dornier's Country Crafts and Donner's Digital Interfaces) were located. I spent the next month looking for a website host, learning the new e-commerce software, and getting the new website set up. We have both businesses located on the same site now ... www.donnerstore.net or www.donnerstore.com. That's pretty much been it for me for the past three or four months. Of course once it got warmer, my OM Gary and I have been riding our motor scooters everywhere ... as long as the temperature is above 65 degrees outside and the sun is shining. <Grin> Well, that's it. I told you it wasn't exciting.

Carolyn N8ST

Hi Annette: I do not have any radio news since I have taken down my dipole and given my rig to the local radio club. However, I still am interested in hearing about the lives and radio contacts from my long time friends. Recently I was elected to the Board of the Delaware, Ohio Council of Older Adults. This organization provides needed services for older adults in our area. In addition to providing advice and leadership where I can, I also volunteer my services. Currently I am

delivering Meals on Wheels one day a week.

Jean Blakeslee WB8FIC

The Buckeye Belles has a new website location and want to share it with all the YLs. You can find them at: www.kc4iyd.com/buckeyebelles/

I've been kept busy with work and leading my daughter's Girl Scout troop. Finally, I am planning to be there at Dayton on Friday and Saturday but won't be there on Sunday. Hope to see some of you there.

Nancy, kc4iyd/8

Nothing much has been going on in my area. I am part of the St. John Medical Center's Emergency Preparedness Committee. I help out with the emergency radios and anything else they need done. We will be having a countywide drill on May 21st. The drill scenario is "Disgruntled employees from various companies due to the economy. There will be multiple explosions and we will be working with a surge of patients and evacuation". I'll let you know what happens and how prepared the area is for an emergency. My OM Jim had laser surgery in his left eye and will have his right eye done in April, just minor, to relieve pressure in his eyes. He's doing fine. I'm sure we are all ready for spring and summer. Hope everyone has a Happy Easter.

Annette, KC8SQM.



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS



Happy Spring ladies and I am happy I can finally say that, it's been a long winter here in the Midwest as well as other parts of the country. We just returned home from a wonderful vacation. We spent one week in Tehachapi, CA with Irene, I<S6I and her OM, Elliot, I<6EO.

Irene and I met on 10 meters about 30 years ago and we had a weekly schedule for years and the rest is history. The week just wasn't long enough to do everything we wanted to do. Leaving the Midwest (with snow on the ground) we headed for SOUTHERN California hoping for

spring weather and what did we wake up to the first morning?? Three inches of SNOW!! They said they wanted to make us feel at home, believe me, that wasn't necessary. It was so lovely looking out their kitchen window and seeing 7 deer in the backyard. Irene took me to two quilt shops in town and of course I bought some things. I think all we did was eat. It was all wonderful and their hospitality most generous and we did feel at home and very comfortable, but they really could have left out the snow.

From there we headed for an overnight in Palm Springs,

it was really nice what I saw of it. Will have to stay longer than one night there next time. Next morning headed to Tempe to visit other friends and see some spring training and see some of our player from the TinCaps.

Weather in Tempe was great, no snow, but found out I'm allergic to orange blossoms, sneezed, blew and coughed the whole time there. We had another week of wonderful hospitality and great food.

We participated in the Fort Wayne Radio Club Fox Hunt the day before we left, we were the foxes. If you ladies haven't tried a fox hunt (hidden transmitter hunt), you really should. They are so much fun and challenging. The winner of this month's hunt is next month's fox. Wish us luck on winning again.

The next big radio event is Dayton Hamvention. I am so looking forward to going and seeing all my friends, new and not so new. I'm hoping to see a lot of 0-land YLs there.

Look for the daffodils.
33, Carole WB9RUS

**Your District Chairwoman
needs news from you!
Please send radio related
pictures and news.**



District Ten News de Doshia Kretlce, KB0NAS



Greetings from District 10!

Spring has come to the Rockies, and with it heavy, wet snow—which is gone within a few days. It has caused a little antenna ground plane droop (see photo). The ground plane is to our R7 vertical antenna, about 10 feet off the ground. The HF conditions really must be getting better, because during the Thursday night YL net at 50 watts on 20 meters I have been able to talk to Nova Scotia (Helen Archibald, VA1YL) and British Columbia (Suzanne Snape, VE7IM) as well as catching Anne Manna, WB1ARU, in Massachusetts. I have also heard Joan Jones, W4JMJ in Florida, but not yet talked with her. I imagine it does help some that the 10 feet is atop nearly a mile of ground... Still, it shows that a huge antenna and high power are not always

necessary. I would love to hear some of you on the air, too.

Mary Cox, KC0MEZ writes: She had a very successful ARRL event recently, working 50 plus countries and making over 200 contacts. She also has started on her friendship award and one of her first contacts for it was Helen Archibald, VA1YL. Mary was surprised at hearing another YL and hadn't heard about the CLARA contest before the contact. Unfortunately, Helen was the only member contact she made for it. Mary is now looking for other YL contests to participate in this year as well as working on her county hunting.

CLARA (the Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Association) has been around for about 50 years, and runs an annual contest. This

year's contest allowed 24 operating hours over 2 days, and gave extra points for YL contacts. They have a very nice web site www.clara.comm.sfu.ca, which is well worth browsing.

Anna, W0ANT, operated in the Rookie Class on 10 meters and had 62 QSOs... how bad was 10 meters in the USA???? Well, she had just as many QSOs with Chile (CE) as she did stateside, 5 each. And of the 5 stateside, only 3 were local; two were backscatter with Texas and Florida. On the DX side, she worked 22 LUs, 17 PYs and a very fun time working VI< and E5 (South Cook)... a lot of South America including French Guyana and Suriname- so she racked up a bunch of new ones south of the border and is heading for her first DXCC this year

Doshia, KB0NAS



From the 10th district, Anna Veal, W0ANT(ieft), is planning to be at Dayton this year-are you? Stop by the YLRL/Buckeye Belle booth and say hi! Look in your Hamvention® directory to confirm booth #234 to meet the YLs. Don't forget the Friday YL forum either!



Alaska District News de Heather Hasler, KL7SP



Hello YLs,

Hope you have had a good winter so far. As I sit down to write this edition of Harmonics, we in Alaska are preparing for several Sled Dog races including the 75th Anniversary of Fur Rendezvous and the Iditarod.



Iditarod checker

January and February are off to a great start with several projects being completed including the installation of an HF Remote Monitoring Station in Anchorage.

On 23 JAN several dedicated volunteers showed up at the Alaska Native Medical Center, a Federal Indian Health Service facility in Anchorage to install an HF radio and a folded dipole antenna.



ANMC Dipole



Setting up in AK

This station allows us to host an HF RMS for digital operations. This station will be used for WINLINK operations. Attached is a photo of our station on the roof of ANMC. For more photos of the installation go to www.k17aa.net/photos.htm and see the team in action at 6 degrees.

I would love to hear from our Alaska operators and from those of you around the country about whether or not you are using WINLINK for emergency communications. That way we can add you to our list of operators so that we can be sure to have your contact information if this mode was ever needed for emergency communications.

The Winlink mode is easy to operate, quiet and can easily be added to your HF and VHF station. If you have any questions or don't know where to start to incorporate this mode feel free to send me an email and we will be happy to help you get set up which we can do just working with you on the phone or on Skype or instant Messenger. Let me know what other digital modes you might be operating.

Spring is right around the

corner and the days are getting longer each day. While the temperatures still linger in the single digits, we have several great antenna projects schedule for this upcoming summer that we are getting ready for.

I am happy to be offering my support to the national YLRL organization. Over the next month or so I and a few others will be working on upgrading the YLRL national website. We will be sure to keep you posted with the updates. The national organization is also in the process of scanning all the old copies of HARMONICS to PDF files for archive purposes. If you have old copies of HARMONICS that are taking up space in your garage that you no longer have room to store or before you dispose of these magazines, please consider sending them to either myself or our editor Cheryl Muhr so that we can ensure that we have all copies and not missing any of our organization historical records.

As we head into spring we also want to extend our outreach to any of you who might be planning your trip to Alaska this coming summer. Feel free to contact us so we can hopefully meet up with some of you in person. Email me anytime [redacted] or feel free to call me at (907) 275-7474.

33,
KL7SP, Heather Flasper



VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

I am looking forward to attending my very first International YL Conference in Munich this coming June. Early daze, still, but plans are beginning to take shape and excitement is building. Winter has remained very mild on the west coast of Canada. Warmest temperatures in all recorded time, so I am told. Best wishes and Happy Easter to all. 33 Suzanne VE7IM

VE3HAI, Ann writes: Toronto has had a very open winter; cold but no snow to shovel yet. That's a good thing! Hi. The CLARA Ontario gang are going to be Net Controllers for the full Valentine's ONTARS Net on February 14th. Beginning at 7 a.m. and continuing with a different controller every hour until the Net closes in the late afternoon, we'll be in the hot seat. Several of our members are regular controllers on this popular Net, but it's only occasionally that the full day has YLs operating. Keep your fingers crossed that conditions are good for us. And, just to let you know that ham radio is unique in many respects—as if you didn't know. Recently, we've had a check in to our CLARA Monday evening Net by Ethel, VE3DTW, who will be celebrating her 103rd birthday in March. She is as bright as can be and so interesting to chat with. Now there's something to strive

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for. Maybe ham radio keeps us young. That's something to think about. Until next time stay well. 33 de Ann, VE3HAI

VE7YL, Elizabeth writes: I'm waiting for my Calgary family to arrive for the Olympics - my son arrives on the 15th by car and the rest will follow by air. It will be a fun couple of weeks. They have tickets enough to cover a lot of the events and those they don't get to will be watched on TV. I'm looking forward to the city showing itself off, unfortunately some aren't and others have left town! The weather, in this el Nino winter, is very mild - in fact we broke all records in the month of January - the mean high was 7.3c roughly 45f (I think) consequently the gardens are way ahead and the bulbs flowering in many sheltered spots. Warm temperatures aren't helpful for the snowboard events on the local mountains and there's been a lot of stockpiling of snow at higher levels and it will be brought down where needed. Whistler where most of the skiing events are being held is the reverse - they have masses of snow. A few more signals on the bands these days but not really enough to shout about - I hope to take part in the YL/OM CW contest so lets hope for a few miracles and a few hours of good signals. 33 Elizabeth VE7YL

VE5AQ, Vai writes: March here in Saskatchewan brings our Tel-e-Miracle 34. This is a 20-hour telethon put on our local TV station and the main sponsor and only sponsor is the Saskatchewan Kinsmen. It will be on March 6 & 7. They have local performers from all around Saskatchewan, and some of the kids, adults, dance groups etc are absolutely fantastic. They have their special adults. Bob McGrath (of Sesame Street fame), Beverly Mahood, and several other artists who come and are part of this for free. All proceeds stay in Saskatchewan and are used for Saskatchewan residents who are in need of special equipment, surgeries away from Saskatchewan, so that parents can go with their children etc. Every year they try to raise money, and over the years they have raised millions. Last year (2009) they raised over \$3.4M. Every year, we say, nope, not going to watch it, but we do, and we really do enjoy it. April, well, here in Saskatchewan, we are really hoping that our snow decides to depart so that we can have an early spring. We usually have a good snowstorm though. Other than that, nothing much going on here, I am eagerly awaiting the visit of my girlfriend,

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DX News & DX Treasurer de Rose-Marie Battig, KB4RM

Hello Ladies,

We have full winter with lots of snow here in Virginia. Winter has been long, cold, and snowy in Europe and Scandinavia as well. We all look forward to spring and Easter with blooming daffodils, forsythia, and Easter eggs and bunnies.

I am enjoying good conditions on the radio. The DX-YL net Mondays 15:00 UTC, on 14,288 is getting more check-ins. Sixteen of us were on Feb.8th, including a few new to the net.

Joining from Sweden was SM6YLQ, Ann-Marie, who got her license in Nov. 2009, after her OM became a SIC. She didn't want to lose all the friends he had made via radio, so she joined us, and is on different nets in Sweden as well.

Sandra, EI3GLB, from Ireland was also new, and comes originally from South Africa. She has been living in Ireland for 5 years. In 2000, she and her husband obtained their licenses hoping to get radio friends, to travel, and to meet many of the Hams.

Galina, UA3QOS in Russia also checked in, and we all got to work her for the first time.

We welcome Candy, SP5XAB; Sitsa, SU3AGQ; Olga, RA3GKB; and Li,

BD5CGH, and thank their sponsors for adopting them.

Congratulations to Aola Johnston, ZL1ALE, voted in to the New Zealand "DX-Hall of Fame." Aola was recognized for her extraordinary and unselfish contributions to Amateur Radio DXing in New Zealand. Aola's DXpeditions around the Pacific with her husband, Dave, over many decades have enabled a generation of amateur radio operators worldwide to obtain that elusive new country with a YL operator. Aola has operated as A35YL, ZK2YL, and 5W1BY. She is the only YL in NZ who has ARRL DXCC Honor Roll status with 349 entities credited. We wish Aola well for the future and lots of good DXing.

I hope many of you will check in on the Monday DX-YL net. We are now in a contest to see who will earn the first YLRL 2010 Birthday Certificate. Our goal is to each work twelve YLs, representing birthdays for each of the twelve months.

A reminder to all sponsors: please send in the dues for your adoptees. I thank all who have already done so. Let me know if you would like to sponsor a DX-YL. I can supply you with the names of YLs looking for a sponsor. Becoming a

sponsor will allow you to better know another YL and form stronger friendships.

I welcome news from all adoptees. Please e-mail me with news from your country.

I hope to meet many of you in Munich and Fredrickshafen this June.

Good DXing
33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

For more DX News please see the article on The Scandinavian Young Ladies' Radio Association Meeting on Page ???

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!

**New YLRL Members
de Cheryl Ann Cook, I<C8TDU-Secretary**

No
Picture
at this
time.

New Members for March/April 2010

These members will be in the May/June issue. We apologize for the delay.

Certificate Custodian

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

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*.

Continuous Membership-Mary Moore, WX4MM-



We send a certificate like this one (only in color) after 5 years of continuous membership. Every 5 more years of continuous membership we send a sticker to put on the bottom until you have 45 years. At 50 years we have another certificate just for 50-year members, then another one for each 5 years after 50. You are allowed to pay for one year back **ONLY**, if you miss a year to keep the Continuous Membership. If you miss a year you and don't reinstate you start over. Stickers are **NOT** numbered.

A MEETING IN NORWAY LEADS TO TITE ARCTIC CIRCLE

by Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV

The Scandanavian Young Ladies' Radio Association or SYLRA and has 113 members from 23 different countries. The website for information is www.SYLRA.is as the Webmaster is from Iceland. When I found out there was a meeting in September, I couldn't wait to go because it was a new part of the world for me to visit. Of course the OM, John-KT0F joined me and as usual lais non-ham parents joined us to see a new part of the world as well. They had been to Norway, but not the Arctic Circle.

The trip consisted of 2 parts. The first part held the SYLRA official meeting Kolbotn, Norway and continued with many of the attendees heading up to Svalbard (officially an archipeligo that is the northernmost part of Norway) in the Arctic Circle on a mini DXpedition.

14 different countries were represented in Norway for the first part of the event. Thanks to the LA3F club, we were able to operate the special call LA6SYL (and in my case could also use LA/N0WBV). This was especially good new for those not joining the group in Svalbard after the meeting. QSLs can be sent via LA8FOA for both special callsigns.



Shack in Norway with thanks to the local club for providing access!

We were also offered a tour around the historic Drobak, Norway and Fort Oscarsborg. While the YLs were held the official business meeting, the OMs who joined us got to tour a Fire Station including sliding down the firemen's pole, shooting the fire hose and riding 26 meters up in the cherry picker-WOW. (I want to do that, too.)

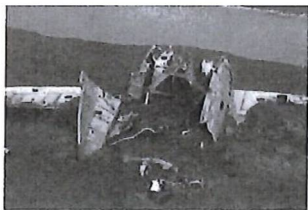
No day was so full that we couldn't do some exploring on our own. Local OMs deserve kudos for all the help and transportation they provided! It was much appreciated. They really helped out a lot and joined us for the celebratory dinner at the end.

The club has members from all over the world, but is based on the Nordic countries. The new officers were announced and each section gave a report including Finland, Norway, Iceland, Sweden and Denmark.

That evening we had a wonderful dinner celebration. The Vice Mayor (now the Mayor) of Oppegard met with us and made a nice welcome speech. After dinner we had a number of members provide the entertainment including a bellydancing lesson from Anna Henriksdottir, TF3VB, while Sarla Sharma, VU2SWS, performed an Indian dance. We threw streamers at each other representing paint colors from the dance and enjoyed a fine time.

As always the YLs got to talking about the different YL groups they belonged to, so there were pictures for BYLARA (Great Britain), JLRS (Japan), YLRL (USA), ALARA (Australia) and YL Club Radio Italiano (Italy). There were also associate members of WARO (New Zealand) and KLARA (Korea), which meant that most every YL group in the world had someone attending!

About 22 people made the trip to the far North including some of our OMs, and my parents-in-law. After flying from Oslo to Tromso, we make the final leg to Longyearbyen in Svalbard arriving at 12:30 in the morning.



Junker wreck

The history is very vivid for such an out of the way area and there were many territorial ownership changes and a few war episodes. One of the things you can see, if you go with a guide past the sign warning of the Polar Bears, is a plane wreck. Unni took John, his father-Ed and me to see the wrecked Junker plane that had landed in the fjord and been moved to the land beside where it was downed. A mostly auluminum plane, most pieces are still visible with very little rust.



Meeting attendees in Kolbotn

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Yvonne from South Africa (ZR6TBL) and her hubby Ton. They are supposed to be here in August, and I have been very busy crocheting lots of Christmas Ornaments, and other things, don't want to tell you, cause I don't know if she gets this newsletter or not, and don't want to spoil her surprise. Maybe after her visit, I will send you pictures of my handiwork. So that's all from Saskatchewan. I have been on the radio quite a bit, but conditions, are not that great. Still trying to check into the Minnow Net, and the CLARA net, without much success but band conditions have been down for so long, that one of these days, they just have to start going up - Don't they?? 33 Vai VE5ACJ/VE5AQ (I still use both calls)

VE1QT, Linda writes: We are in the middle of winter with a temperature today of -18.9C and windy. Is there any wonder I have the calendar out, planning my summer vacation. So far I have lost 46 pounds in my fight to get smaller and healthier. I have joined a new diet club and really enjoying the friendships and encouragement I get there. As far as radio is concerned, I am still working on my DX 100YL award, the Worked All States YL award and the new Friendship award. I

check in on several nets a week: Mondays - DXYL Net on 14.288.0 @ 15:00 UTC. Tuesdays - CLARA Nets on 7.055 @ 14:00 UTC and 14.120.0 @ 17:00 UTC. Most mornings I check in on the Professional Loafers Net on 3.735 @ 9am local time. Finally, I am Net Control for our local radio club on Sunday nights @ 9pm local time. Outside of the house, I love to play cribbage and Auction 45's at local Halls. That's all for this time. 73 & 33 from Frozen VE1QT, Linda

VA3WX, Jeanne writes: When going to the malls everyone you see is wearing the Olympic mitts including me. My sister-in-law was in B.C. at the end of Nov. and picked up the Olympic Winter pin for my collection. Had seen pins here in Nov. briefly and none since. The first snowfall this winter arrived on Feb. 3rd and it was only 2 1/2 inches. It's been a great winter for winter driving with bare pavement. Band conditions are improving and in our evening CLARA nets more YLs are able to hear each other. Looking forward to the CLARA contest and hope to make contact with some of the YLs in the U.S. This makes my 35th year as a member of YLRL. Happy Easter to one and all. 33s, Jeanne

VE7VPE, Paulette writes: Another wonderful winter here in Cathedral City, CA for us. Way too busy with activities, quilting, biking, walking and having fun. I haven't managed to get much airtime this season but my OM John, VE7TI, has. There was a Hamfest here in Palm Springs and he went to that for the day. I went later in the afternoon and unfortunately missed seeing a number of women who were there. But it was interesting to see what was going on and the booths that they had set up. I'll be attending the local club's monthly meeting next week so should catch up with the women then. CLARA's Contest is coming up on March 9th and 13th. I plan on entering this year using both HF and Echolink. Would be great to hear some of our American friends on the air for the contest. And if not then mark it on your calendars for next year. You can check CLARA's website at www.clara.comm.sfu.ca for all the information. Have a great spring. 33's Paulette VE7VPE

YLRL Convention Boston July 2011

Survey

The 2011 YLRL Convention is tentatively scheduled for July 21 -24.

Your answers to this survey will help the committee.

This survey is for YLs who will attend or hope to attend the Convention.

1. Are you planning to attend the YLRL 2011 Convention?

Yes, I plan to attend.

I hope to attend.

2. Are you planning to stay at the Convention hotel?

Yes, I will stay in the Convention hotel.

No, I will not stay at the Convention hotel.

No, I plan to use a camper or RV.

Tour Options

1. Please indicate your interest in tours to:

	1 would really like to do this.	1 might like to do this.	1 am not interested in this.
Cape Cod and Marconi Site			
ARRL Headquarters - W1AW			
Plimouth Plantation and Mayflower			
Old Sturbridge Village Museum www.osv.org			
Boston historical sites (Freedom Trail)			

2. Are there any other tours or activities that you are interested in?

3. Tours will be scheduled on Thursday and Saturday for everyone. Would you be interested in a tour on Sunday also?

Yes

No

It would depend on the tour offered.

4. Would you be interested in a guided tour of the New England states before or after the Convention?

Yes, before the Convention.

Yes, after the Convention.

No

Maybe

Please return to: Anne Manna WB1ARU, [REDACTED]

Here are the links to the survey online. If you do the survey online, please do not send in the physical survey as well as this will confuse things. We hope that you WILL either do the survey on line or send it by US Mail or Email and thank you for your help!

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