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Marte Wessel, KOEPE



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In memory of:

Arline Berry, W1LIO

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WRONE

Marte KOEPE

In Our Thoughts

I<0GO, Nell Devitt- Freiberger

I just received a reminder that Nell's dues were not paid for the year. Were she alive, this is the last thing in the world that she would allow to happen. HI!

Unfortunately, she passed away on December 3, 2009. Her great heart just gave out! We had 9 great years together.

73,
Hank Freiberger W5VD

Arline Berry, W1LIO, passed away peacefully last night about midnight.

There will be no services per her wishes.

From Pat Harris, W1HIV. Pat was a close friend of Arline's.
W1LIO, Arline Berry

Jeri Haines, KB6USX, was a long-time member of YLRL, LARA (Ladies' Amateur Radio Association of Orange County), and ARRL. She was a past President of LARA and spearheaded LARA's programs at the ARRL Southwest conventions. These programs helped LARA earn money which was donated to charitable organizations.

Jeri also kept busy with the many other groups she belonged to, including church, theater, barbershop singing, nursing, and, especially, helping out her friends and family.

Jeri's services were held on April 26-2010, in La Mirada, CA. She will be sorely missed by her many friends and family.

Submitted by Betty Barch, N6VZF

Also Mary Lou Brown NM7N (SK) was a past President of YLRL and the benefactor of one of our scholarships. Many of us also knew her OM Bob, NM7M. He passed away earlier this week. See the article in the ARRL bulletin, <http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter?issue=2010-05-27#toc11>



President's Message de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ

Hello All

Recently we have been saddened to learn of the passing of several of our long time members of YLRL. It seems that during April there were far too many e-mails with news of the deaths of members such as Jerrie Haines, KB6USX; Arline Berry, W1ILO; Nell Devitt-Frieberger, I<0GO; and Madonna Guyer, W5ONP.

On a happy note I also received information about the accomplishments of some of our members to share with you

Theresa M. Korn IC7JGU sent along a news clipping with her dues from 1947 with the headline "She'll be a First" when she was the first woman to graduate from Carnegie Tech's College of Electrical Engineering. The article goes on to say how "ham radio" changed her life at age 12 and at age 14, in 1941, she was the youngest licensed ham in the country.

She went on to have a very successful career and with her husband co-authored many books in their field. She is very much a pioneer for women of today.

Helen Schlarman, W0AKI, was featured in an article in VOA Newscom on April 20, 2010. This remarkable lady tells how amateur radio is a part of her daily life. To read the whole article go to <http://www.voanews.com/English/American-life/Old-Two-Way-Radio-Thrives-in-the-Internet-Age-91595099.html>

When you read this I will have attended and returned from the International YL gathering and will have lots to report the next column. YLRL had good representation in Germany with KB4RM, Rosemarie and her OM Charles; WB1ARU, Anne and he OM Tony; WB8DQG, Carol; WA6UVF, Jeanne and me and my OM, Tom.

It was good to catch up with my friends again, especially those gals I sponsor such as VK3DYL, Gwen and VU2SWS, Sarla and to meet JR6XIX who I now sponsor. I can't say enough times what fun it is to be a sponsor especially when you actually get the opportunity to meet the girl you sponsor. I have been fortunate enough to spend time with each of my "adoptees" which is even more special.

I hope that many of you might be attending local Hamfests this summer and have the opportunity to talk to YLs about YLRL. We would love to see our membership grow and for others to have the advantages we already enjoy. Have a great summer.

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YL Contests, Nets and Recognition

Vice President
Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV

No
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at this
time.

Here are the Ladies who ended up with a few goodies at the YL Forum!

Kim Paquette, N8YWX got a membership to YLRL.

Linda Metz, KC8PKY got a YLRL Shirt.

Code Oscillator Kits went to: Valerie, NV9L; Carolyn, AA3ZH; Pamela, K6NDV; and Barbara, KC9CXU.

Congratulations to all 32 Non-members and 27 members who attended the YL forum along with a few OMs!



N8YWX, Kim Paquette
received a free membership!

This June, YLRL's own Blanche Randles was honored by the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA)!

John DiBlasi Award - This award may be awarded to any QCWA member who has over a long period of time made an outstanding contribution to the honor and preservation of our Association. The John DiBlasi Award was established in honor of our first president, W2FX on April 15, 1984

Recipients

1984- Harold Sears, W5NC
Owen Garriott, W5LFL
1988- Clarence Seid, W2I<W
1989- Frank Lester, W4AMJ
Ralph Hasslinger, W2CVF
Irving Groves, K4HT
Nat Burnett, K4OL
Moe Joff, W6PHE
Robert Baird, W9NN
1993- Arthur Miligan, W8KW
1994- Helen Schmock, W8GJX
2005- Croft Taylor, VE3CT
2006- Alan Pickering, KJ9N
2009- Blanche Randles, W4GXZ

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]

10 Year Certificates

DL5UF, Hildegard Moehringes and DH2GS, Simone Komm



Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB

Last time we talked about the 6 meters, the Magic Band and how much fun it can be. This time I want to talk about 2 meters. I have a 10-element 2-meter beam installed horizontally on my tower. Installing a 2-meter beam horizontally works better for single sideband operation. For FM operation you would install the beam vertically because of the pattern needed for FM repeater use. On another tower we have what is called a Cubit Quad 2m/440 beam. It is an 8-element beam (4 elements are 2 meters and 4 elements are 440). This beam can be used for either FM or SSB operation, but if you turn it 90 degrees it can be used for both FM and SSB. By installing the beam in this fashion it will become less efficient (meaning it will not work as good if installed horizontal or vertically but will work well enough to use for FM and SSB operation). Most 2 meter radios are FM only but there are several all mode radios made today that can operate 2 meter SSB. All mode means the radio can operate AM/FM/SSB.

The calling frequency for 2 meter SSB is 144.200 USB. It is not uncommon to make contacts 100 miles away even if there isn't a band opening. When the band is open you may be able to make contact 1000 miles away. Most hams in local areas

use 2-meter repeaters to talk to each other. It is not uncommon to be able to talk 75 or even 100 miles away if you are using a repeater that is installed on a mountaintop with plenty of elevation. Some hams talk to each other by using FM simplex. FM Simplex is simply talking in FM mode on a single frequency radio to radio. When talking radio to radio by FM simplex the rules of VHF come into play and that is the VHF signals are "Line of Sight" meaning that VHF signals will not go over mountains or ridges. The landscape has to be flat or each operator needs an antenna that is high enough to send signals over the higher spots of the landscape. Most times you cannot talk very far by using FM simplex. If you are in a good location talking you may be able to talk 10 or 20 miles on a good day. If you are mobile or on a handi talkie the range is much less. By using 2 meter SSB you talk much further because of the way the signal travels. You are not limited by "Line of Sight" any longer because of the path of a horizontally installed antenna.

If you do not have a radio capable of operating 2 meter SSB see if you can find a ham in your local area or radio club who has one. I'm sure they will be happy to show you the fun in 2 meter SSB operation.

As most of you know I started High School last fall. I am a freshman at Walker Valley High School in Bradley County, Tennessee. I found out very fast that High School is nothing like middle school and the work is very different and in most cases much harder. I was and still am having a little trouble with math but with the help and dedication from my teachers and parents I am doing better. I understand nothing is more important at this stage of my life (other than my Lord Jesus Christ) than my education. In this day and time and our Nation's economic condition we, as young people need a college education more than ever. I encourage each of you to rededicate yourself to getting a good education and to concentrate more than ever on your grades. I am told High School is the most fun time in one's life but don't get lost in the fun and lose sight of your education. I want to go into the medical field and the only way I can do this is by having good grades.

Feel free to contact me with anything you wish for me to include in upcoming articles.

As always please remember the ones protecting our freedom. Also remember the less fortunate and help in any way you can.

73 & 88,
Emily WE4MB

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at this
time.

District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT



WRONE met for their Spring Luncheon at the Roadhouse in Wilmington, VT.

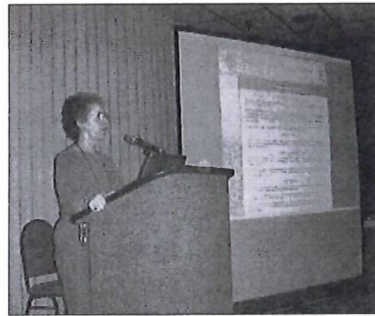
News from the first call area is available at last, thanks to the Wrone meeting on May 1, 2010 at the Roadhouse Restaurant in Wilmington, Vermont. Fourteen people attended, eight of who were members. A delicious meal was served, and we brought out the chef so we could thank him for a wonderful job. Walter Horvay, KU1Q announced before the meal that Hennie, KA1JVN was to be honored at the annual Memorial Day ceremonies in Goshen, CT, with the annual Citizenship Award. This award is given for volunteerism, which is more of a vocation in Hennie's case! The American Legion Post #46 gives the award. Congratulations, Hennie...well deserved!

We had a great meeting, and it was brief, as we had to be out of the restaurant by 3 PM. It was agreed that we would make a donation to the YLRL Scholarship Fund in memory of long-time Wrone and YLRL member Arline Berry, who became a silent key in April

2010. She will certainly be missed by all who knew her. Anne Manna, WB1ARU and Tony WA1ENO will be going to Dayton this year, and her report follows.

WB1ARU, Anne and OM, WA1ENO, Tony attended Hamvention® in Dayton again this year. Anne spent most of the time at the YLRL booth meeting and greeting over 225 YLs who were willing to sign the guest book.

She was also a presenter at the YL Forum on Friday afternoon with N0WBV, Cheryl.



Anne, WB1ARU showing off Web Site changes at the YL Forum.

While there she met several YLs from 1-land including KC2WQO, Rosellen; KB1QNR,

Cookie; and KB1IXR, Wendy from CT; K6NDV, Pamela and KB1SRO, Judy from MA; and K1MQP, Roberta from ME.

There was a great deal of interest in the 2011 YLRL Convention in the Boston area. Anne is looking for more YLs to help with the planning.

WB1ARU, Anne and Tony are attending the International YLMeet in Munich, Germany. They are looking forward to their first trip to Europe and the chance to see friends from Germany, Italy, India, Australia, Japan as well as the US and Canada.

Yankee Lassies Net continues on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 ET on 3.120. Regular check ins include WIJX, Bobbie; WB1EHS, Barb; KA1JVN, Hennie; KAI VAX, Betsey; WB1ARU, Anne; and N1PVT, Jane. They would welcome any YL who would like to join the conversation.

Keep the news coming in, and hope everyone has a good summer.

33 de Jane, N1PVT

District 4 News continued from page 11

We have put up a loop antenna in our woods and are checking out what it will do. "

... Well Kay, it sounds like you had an exciting trip and have much more fun to look forward to in Huntsville. TNX for sharing!

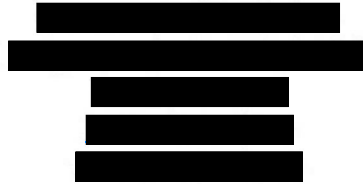
Well ladies, that about wraps up the news this time. I trust you will all enjoy a wonderful and safe summer wherever you are. If you are looking for a good read this summer, you may pick up a copy of Nancy Williams NR4RR " The Agenda 21 Conspiracy ", a ham radio thriller novel, which promises to be a good, read. You can get more info on Nancy's website www.nlwilliamswriter.com

Until the next time ... good DX and 33

Joan, W4JMJ



District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF



Hello everyone. What a change in the weather this week. The Northeast has been inundated with rain and wind in the month of March. The winds were the most devastating in Northern New Jersey, especially in our town of Ridgewood, where we lost hundreds of trees and many homes were without power for about a week. I lost three freezers of food, but lucidly did not have any damage to my home. My beam is still up on the roof tower, thank goodness! I would have a measurement of the wind, but our wind instrumentation did not survive the 70 MPH winds.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday - Easter and/or Passover. We delighted in having family, including my Grandson, Damien over for the weekend. It was a fun, fast-paced weekend full of fun and good food.

I've been traveling throughout the Division, doing club visiting and speaking. It's always nice to find out what the clubs in the Division are doing, and how their planning for Field Day is coming along.

In February and March, our local VE team helped with two VE sessions in local hospital Groups licensing over 30 new Techs and a few new Generals. In May we helped with a VE Session at a Technical School in North Bergen, NJ. It was nice to see the students pass their Technician.

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Some of the BARA Babes who attended the Dayton Hamvention®. Look for a picture of more of the Babes in the Center Section!

The BARA Babes went bowling one Saturday and had a wonderful time. They all concluded their day back at Kathy's (W2YSF) QTH for dessert and coffee. The BARA Babes net continues to draw a nice crowd of check-ins from all over the Metro NY/NJ area every Monday evening at 8:00pm. If you are in the area, check in on the 146.19/79 repeater.

The BARA Babes along with many other YLs were a big hit at Dayton Hamvention. If you haven't checked out the U-Tube Video, here's the link to "YL's just want to have fun" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loDznrxiGzA> [Ed note. I see a lot of YLRL members in the video-way to go!]

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

33 - Joyce, ICA2ANF



Joyce's Peonies, though they look better in color!



District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL



Hello 3-landers—

Seems as though we have gone from winter to summer, with only a slight hesitation for Spring. Just as we think that it's time to get into the garden there is an impish wind that blows and it's cold again. Hopefully this didn't damage the fruit trees here. We covered the lettuce and it seems to be okay as well.

Hamfest season is in full swing. Of course Dayton, the granddaddy of them all, is just a week away. The excitement is at a level attained only by grade-schoolers just before Christmas. Lists. Lists are everywhere and everyone has at least one. A close friend has a countdown counter on his iPod and will happily let you know to the second when he will be on his way. My calendar is full of scribbled notations of things to do and arrangements to make—like the dog sitters and neighborhood watchers to line up. Friends are sending orders of things to get them and bring back for those who are unfortunate enough not to be going. Lists.

Once again we have a new member for the YLRL. I am happy to announce that **Judith Krehely Moore, KB3DPY**, joined at the Two Rivers Hamfest held on April 25th. Welcome Judy.



Judy, KB3DPY and Brian, WB3G

Lois, WB3EFQ, writes "Not much from here, just looking forward to Germany in June." And from Laura, NT3Y, she updates her trip to China: "I set off for China in March 2010 in hopes of DXing from different-regions. Fate had a different plan. For numerous reasons the economic and political climates kept me from DXing in Hong Kong (my first stop) so I flew over to Thailand. Guess what?? The Red Shirts were flooding the streets. Oh, well. I flew home with plans of returning in better times. This summer or autumn looks good so far. Wish me luck! Presently I am getting ready to hold the DDXA Field Day activities and Reading Radio Club will be the bonus station for the Pennsylvania QSO Party this year. Which means the bonus station will be at my house. Lots to do and all for fun." Terrific news, Laura.

When I asked **Cathy, KB3OYS**, (who joined YLRL at the WASH Hamfest at the end of February) for info for the Harmonics—I was amazed. She writes: "I currently work full time as the Hepatology Coordinator for UPMC. I am activities chairman for the NHARC (North Hills Amateur Radio Club). I serve as treasurer for the Breezeshooters where I have been actively planning for the Tristates largest Hamfest and Computer Show. I am also looking forward to Dayton. It seems we HAMS never go to see what's new at a Hamfest, we go to see our friends and enjoy some camaraderie. We don't care that other people live in million

dollar houses...we all are equal cause we all live in shacks! We brag about our radios, antennas and who we have talked to.

We know each other by our voice not by what we look like. I enjoy volunteering my time thru amateur radio. I have worked the Great Race, Pittsburgh Marathon and the Race for the Cure. After having volunteered in Girl Scouts, PTA, homeroom mothers, and lastly Boy Scouts for 26 years my favorite event is JOTA. I really like to see the scouts when they come to JOTA. It is great watching their faces as they talk to people in Georgia, Texas and this past year England. I am proud that my club NHARC is able to offer a youth the ability to earn a new free hand-held. This hand-held is on a loaner program for one year. In this year they must make a commitment to do community service via amateur radio, earn merit badges or Girl Scout equivalents and remain active on the weekly net. "We" reward a youth for their commitment and hard work. Lastly I enjoy the people I meet from all walks of life. You never know who is on the other end of the mike when you check in. They are all friendly and willing to go the extra mile for you. My true friends are HAMS! And that ain't bad!

So I hope to see everyone at Dayton, and this time should be able to attend the Forum. Take care and be sure to share your information for the next edition of the Harmonics.

73,33 - Jacque, N3ZEL



District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ

Greetings fellow YLs in 4 Land:

Well, here it is...another YL Harmonics deadline is upon us at an alarming rate. It seems the older I get, the faster time flies! I trust everyone is by now enjoying wonderful and long awaited Spring and Summer weather. In Florida we went right from cold winter into hot summer with very little Spring-like temperatures. But, you won't hear me complaining.

This weekend (April 24/25) was the Florida QSO party and I hope many of you had the opportunity to participate in that event. I managed to make a few contacts (but nothing to set the world on fire). I am really looking forward to ARRL Field Day 2010 on June 26 and 27 this year. We will be up at our Georgia QTH then and I hope to participate with the North Georgia Tri-State Amateur Radio Club. I always look forward to field day and all the exciting activities ... radio contacts, BBQ, friends and camaraderie. Don't forget: GOTA Get On The Air!

I have managed to check into a couple of our YLRL Thursday night nets. Hopefully propagation will improve and increase our numbers. I've also recently volunteered to be an assistant system control on the YLISSB Moonbeam portion on the 4th Wednesday each month. I know some of

our YLs are also members of the YLISSB and hope that they will get a chance to stop by and wave a hand on 20 meters. The YLISSB convention is in June in Columbia SC; maybe we'll see you there!

And now... more news from 4 Land:

Mary Moore, WX4MM writes:

" I volunteered to be the certificate chairperson and have just finished and mailed the certificates from the 2009 Alabama QSO Party. We have a nice plaque for a non-Alabama YL but you have to make at least 100 contacts to get a plaque, at least 25 to get a certificate. Didn't recognize any YL calls sending in logs.

AQP will be June 5-6 this year. Hope some of the YLs will participate. Last contest worked was CLARA. Don't have the results yet. Haven't been on the Thursday night YL net lately, been too busy with work. We are in storm season here now and weather is heating up. The National Hurricane Center is predicting an active year for hurricanes so we are preparing for that too. I am still mentoring ARRL Emcomm Level I and have a student from Hong Kong in my current class. It is very interesting to work with hams in different places and learn about their plans for emergency communications. I recommend that everyone take the Emcomm courses. I am taking the new

advanced course the ARRL just released.

W4EVE, Evelyn and her OM, Don are going to Pigeon Forge TN to meet with a group of hams they talk to on 80 meters every day. Will be gone about a week. It's an annual event for them.

KR4SJ, Barbara has moved into her new house in Clearwater, FL. Doesn't have a ham station set up yet but will be working at it.

KJ4UNA, Connie has a new job at the Vet School on Auburn University. She plans to work the AQP again this year. That's all I can think of. "

... Thanks much Mary, you are a very busy lady and we appreciate your input.

Kay Craigie, N3I<N writes:

" In August I will attend the ARRL Southeastern Division Convention at the Huntsville, Alabama Hamfest. I hope all the YLs who attend that convention will stop by the ARRL booth and say hello.

My OM and I enjoyed a cruise in April. We went all the way through the Panama Canal. We also visited the Veragua Rain Forest biological research park in Costa Rica even though it poured down rain --1 guess you'll have that in a rain forest, huh?

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District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello to all,
Ed & I have been inactive on the radio lately do to family illness but we were able to attend the Mobile Alabama Hamfest on April 10 it was a one day Fest but very nice. Not much to report this time I guess everyone is out working in their flower or vegetable gardens. I hope things will get better here so I can get back on the YL net I have been enjoying the e-mails from Anna on who all has been checking in. On the YLRL birthday award I have made 3 contacts back in January and hope I can get back to that contest as well. Ed & I will not be attending Dayton this year but are planning on attending Huntsville in August.
News from DC 5

Beth, KC5RWW of Seminole, OK- reports my dad is still living with us. I turned the radio on Sunday afternoon April Hand listened for the Georgia QSO party while my OM kept dad entertained. Didn't hear anything I could join in short time. Beth also shares with us that she has moved her dad into

a retirement center on April 16. He has a bizarre sense of humor so if he behaves they will let him stay. Beth KC5RWW

Grace, K5YTT of Driftwood, TX tells us she has not been on the air this winter. Community orchestra's rehearsals moved to Thursday last fall knocking me off the YLRL net. Becoming the music leader and starting a choir for a neighboring mission congregation has filled the rest of my time and energy the past ten months. We're making plans to head to Dayton next month where the OM, K5KDN will be at the Flex Radio Booth again. I plan to check in with the gals at Buckeye Belles / YLRL booth for some eyeball QSOs. 33, Grace K5YTT

Joyce, W5MWK of Desoto, TX shares their son Mike & his family moved to Rockville, MD.

The Government transferred Christine. She needs 4 % years to retire Mike is retired.

Josie the 5 year old said she likes MD and will ride a Big bus to school. I had three of my six brothers come visit me

on Tuesday the 6th of April. Art from Glendale, AZ, Aubry from Seguin, TX and Vernon from Bebe, TX we had a wonderful time going out to eat and showing then how Desoto grew from 2008 people in 1967 to near 60 thousand now.

The granddaughter Michelle brought her boyfriend and they spend a couple of days with us. Granddaughter Sara Joy and family came and spent the day with us on Sunday April 11th. Son Jimmie, Aaron, wife Benita comes regular to visit and he keeps our computer running great.

Grandson Jason came and visited with Michelle and us. Have not been on the radio, as I just never feel up to it. Still waiting for a kidney. I for one am glad spring has arrived we had too much snow this year the most ever for Dallas County. 33 Joyce, W5MWK

Everyone take care and get radio active so we have more news for DC 5 next time.

33 Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

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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

CLARA MEMBER AIDS HAITI

de Fred VE1FA and Helen VA1YL

Margaret, VE2ZOO, has had her ham license since she was 12 and she has been a CLARA member most of that time. The peak of her ham activity was when she was 14 and we all went to St Paul Is., 15 miles off the coast of Nova Scotia as CY9CWI. Margaret became very good at working 20 meter pile-ups!



Margaret, VE2ZOO

In 2007 Margaret invested her life savings in a 1970s 50-foot steel schooner, *SV Drummer*. She laboured for three winters in a central Florida boatyard, overhauling it from stem to stern. *Drummer* was finally launched into the muddy Caloosahatchee River in early December 2009. As HF radio is a valuable long-distance aid to blue-water cruisers, we gave her our trusty Icom IC-735 transceiver, the same radio she used on St. Paul Is. in 1994.1 (Fred) installed it and a 34' vertical antenna in December, and as a reward went on *Drummer's* first fully rigged sail since she went into storage in Glades Boatyard 20 years before!

Margaret, with her crew Chrissie and Nathan, cast off in January, sailed down the Caloosahatchie River out to Sanibel Island, off Ft. Myers. By February 12, 2010, after Haiti's earthquake. *Drummer* was moored off Key West with other blue water cruisers and friends of Chrissie's. They learned of a Key West group, the "Conch Republic Navy", which was organizing sailboats to deliver aid to a little port in Haiti. Many Haitian ports are too shallow for large boats, and many have received little or no assistance. Margaret volunteered, loaded two tonnes of relief supplies in Key West, then sailed on to Nassau, then George Town, Exeuma (Bahamas) to await the rest of the flotilla.

Word Went out in the "Conch Republic Navy" that Margaret was an experienced ham operator, licensed since she was 12. She hadn't operated since she was 14, but apparently, Margaret had more ham know-how than anyone else in the flotilla! After various delays waiting for all boats to load and arrive, the flotilla left George Town for Haiti on about March 4. It included the schooners *Liberty*, **Wo Z**/(Capt. Finbar), and *Drummer* (Cap't. Margaret), and other sailboats *Hiatus*, *En Cavale*, *Conch Republic*, and *Tranquility*, all members in good standing of the "Conch Republic Navy". OceanWatch boats *Wild Woman* (Capt., Judy), and *De Capo*, were also part of the group.

The flotilla's departure date, course, and arrival port were kept as secret as possible for fear of hungry and piratical people with boats. Margaret radioed in most days on the Waterway Net (7268 kHz) or the Maritime Service Net (14300 kHz), or both. These nets were also very good about relaying when needed. It was a very nice feeling to talk to her from our station at 25 Canard St. here in Nova Scotia!

March 9 and Margaret was in the small Haitian port. The first boat to arrive, the *Wolf* on the 8th, had found chaos, with hungry people packing the beach, and *Wolf's* cargo did not go to the right people: they Watched helplessly as the landed cargo was snatched by marauders. When *Drummer* arrived a local Episcopal priest, Pere Soner, and the police chief were there, and Margaret's cargo, about 2 tonnes, was unloaded from *Drummer* into dugout canoes, and was directed to the proper people.

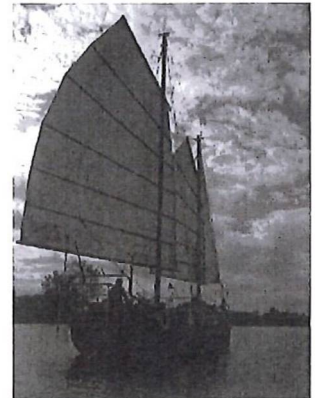
There were tense hours on March 9th when we tried without success to reach her by HF radio to relay a message about off-loading, and there were satellite phone reports that no one had heard from *SV Drummer*. This was during the CLARA contest, so there was a while during prime contest time that I was not able to give out the mystery op points!

Margaret asked me (Helen) on the radio to phone the mother of one of her crew (Nathan) to tell her that he was safe but I got the phone number wrong in the static & crackles. Darn! I'd love to have passed that message!

Margaret was in Haiti at the same time as Governor General Michaelle Jean, but Mme. Jean was on a much bigger boat and drew much more media attention. The Florida media were quite interested in the flotilla, but they were not encouraged to publicize the event because of the danger of piracy.

The organizers said good things about Margaret, because of all the captains, she was the one who could use amateur radio to keep those back in North America apprised of their progress.

For more about Margaret's boat, Google *SV Drummer* - Junie.



The *SV Drummer*,
Margaret's vessel.

102-year-old woman tunes back in to ham

Posted By PETER DOWNS/QMI Agency (reprinted)

ST. CATHARINES — The crackle emanating from the little black box transported Ethel Williamson back in time a few decades and whisked her halfway around the world at the same time.

The former lighthouse keeper, who turned 103 in March, clapped her hands in delight as the voice of a stranger in Melbourne, Australia, broke the static on the little ham radio that sits by the window in her room at a St. Catharines long-term-care home.

"Can you imagine what it is?" she said Monday afternoon, shortly after chatting to the man through the radio's hand-held microphone. "To be able to talk to Australia — it's a miracle, it really is."

It had been at least 20 years since Williamson had spoken to anyone via radio, but the Welland branch of the Handy Ham Amateur Radio Club of Canada set up a radio for her at Niagara Ina Grafton Gage Village so she could get back on the airwaves.

"I can't believe that. It's wonderful, it's just wonderful," she said after testing it out the first time.

Williamson learned how to operate ham radios after the Second World War when she and her late husband, Cyril, raised their sons, Doug and Bruce, while running the Port Weller lighthouse.

The couple lived at the landmark overlooking the lake for 25 years.

Williamson learned Morse code and earned her radio operator's licence nearly 60 years ago, taking the call letters she still has today — VE3DTW.

Decades before the advent of personal computers, e-mail and Facebook, ham radios made the world a smaller place.

"I love meeting new people more than anything else," Williamson said. "It was lonely out there (at the lighthouse) sometimes and the radio allowed me to meet people from all over the world."

But radio wasn't Williamson's only way to speak out. She wrote about her family's life in the lighthouse in a 1972 book, *A Light on the Seaway*, and penned numerous articles for newspapers and magazines.

"It was the most wonderful life you can ever imagine," she said.

Williamson's husband died in 1988 after the couple had been married for 61 years and son Bruce, a printer at *The Standard* for 43 years, died three weeks ago.

An energetic and healthy centenarian, Williamson keeps her hands busy most days knitting wool hats to keep the needy warm in winter. She has made more than 1,500 of them over the years and donated them to various charities around Niagara.

"I love to make them. I give them to anyone who needs one."

Williamson expects her newly installed ham radio may prompt her to put down her knitting needles and once again strike up conversations with other radio enthusiasts around the globe.

"Once I get over the excitement, I think I'll use it," she said.

For radio buffs, Williamson's repeater can be found at frequency 147300, tone of 107.2 and an IRLP of 2248.



*Photo by JULIE JOCSAK QMI Agency
Ethel Williamson, 102, speaks on air for
the first time in 20 years.*

Hamvention® Highlights!



The YL Forum group photo!



Waiting patiently for the group photo



The YLRL/Buckeye Belle Booth #234



The BARA Babes stopped by the booth



Filling out the Friendship Award sheet



Sharon, KJ8Y Shows off her award!

A resting spot at the YL booth

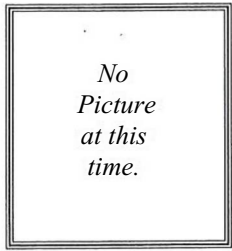


New Member N8YWX, Kim



*The 4 in the center are all family and licensed or almost there!
With Kaitlyn, KS3P at right.*

**New YLRL Members
de Cheryl Ann Cook, KC8TDU-Secretary**



New Members for March/April 2010

Welcome to our new members!

District 1

N1BLR, Judith Harris



KB1RPP, Donna Magee



IC6NDV, Pamela Angenent



KC2WQO, Rosellen Daddario



District 2

W2YSF, Katherine Adely



WB2EKV, Josephine Kondas



District 3

KB3OYS, Cathleen Heiles



KB3DPY, Judith Moore



N3LY, Linda Yankovich



KD4GMK, Norman Shiver



ICJ4GYH, Marcia Brown



KJ4EDE, Beverly Hasson



WX2L, Susie B. Wolfe



KI4RHM, Amy Laakkoner



KI4UDD, Shaera Hicks



ICD4TXY, Linda W. Hutchison



KL0SS, Toby Papas



District 5

KF5CNV, Ann Brown



WB5LBR, Mary McDonald



KE5HSY, Linda McMurray



N1TRV, Linda Des Rosiers



District 6

AF6TL, Becky Bradley



W6NWF, Vivian Wentworth-Ki tson



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District Six News de Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

March and April were busy months for us DE 6 YLs! On March 21, me, my OM Lynn (KG6DNY), and another Ham (KI6OQ) did radio communications for the 25th annual Los Angeles Marathon. The 26-mile course spanned from Dodger's Stadium near Downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica Pier in the city of Santa Monica. It was a first-of-its-kind Event in Los Angeles, because the course required coordination between law enforcement and emergency personnel from several different agencies and municipalities—this was no small feat!



Jennifer, KI6OIL on the Radio

We were assigned to the Unified Command Center at the Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center on the property of Dodger's Stadium where everyone from Los Angeles Fire and Police, to LA County Sheriffs to the Santa Monica Police and Fire were housed. It was a golden opportunity to participate in a real live Incident Command, and it really got exciting when the Medical Director could not raise her medical mile personnel on their independent radio communications equipment.

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So she requested that the Race FIAMs act as communication liaison between the 12 Medical Mile stations and Incident Command. I spent the entirety of the Race communicating between Net Control, Hams at the Medical Mile stations, and the Medical Director and Liaison, all on a handy Yaesu VX-6!

The weekend of April 16-17 was the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Race. This race starts 25 miles north of Baker, California and ends at the doors of one of the prominent hotels in Las Vegas, Nevada. About 260 teams participated, along with hundreds of volunteers to support the runners with radio communications, runner spotting and tracking, logistical equipment, shuttle, mobile and medical service.

My OM, KG6DNY, and I helped to man Stage #12, just off of Hwy 160 outside of Pahrump, Nevada, with a bunch of other Hams from our San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club.

Mercedes Prado, K6MMP and Rosalind Clifton, KG6TRT helped (wo)man Stage #8 of the race off Highway 178, 12 miles northeast of Shoshone, California.

Mercedes referred to the entire team of eight to 10 Hams as the "Happy Caravan"! Several of them traveled together, stopping for lunch in Zzyzx, California (yes, it is a town) and touring the California State University Desert Studies Center before heading to their assignment.



Mercedes, K6MMLP and some of the Stage 8 Hams at Zzyzx for lunch.

Mercedes says that over dinner the team "engaged in deep, philosophical discussions regarding the antelope horns hanging on the restaurant's wall, the rusty pistol in the outhouse, and the mental state of those volunteers who keep coming back year after year." I second that emotion—staying up all evening into the early morning is a job for young musicians, not middle-life YLs, but, we keep doing it, and successfully—take that, Beyonce!

This was Rosalind's first year, and she had the time of her life as you can tell from this photo of her manning the radio.



Rosalind, KG6TRT, in the shade.

I can't wait to hear more of your news and share tales of the Military Radio Collector's Group. Laura Brennan, KA6VKF has some stories to share from that Event!

33, Jennifer Oliver O'Connell



District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS



Hello to all!

Spring has arrived in the Pacific Northwest! It's great to see spring flowers, sunshine and warmer temperatures. The Evergreen Intertie YL Net had their usual table at the annual Mike and Key ARC Electronic Show and Flea Market at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup on March 6th... Judy, N7NII setup the coffee and cookies, which were really enjoyed by the OMs manning tables on the second floor - their donations, were enough to insure that we will have a table next year.



Mike and Key

Sara, AB7PS kept an eye on the logbook - there were 16 YLs who signed in this year- very few of the old timers (there were 21 last year) but many of the OMs picked up YLRL brochures and samples of Harmonics...

The Two Rivers YL Post-



Two Rivers Luncheon

Holiday Luncheon happened on lucky Saturday March 13 at the Newport Bay Restaurant in Jantzen Beach. Eight of us thoroughly enjoyed the company and the food. In attendance were Claire Fillinger, K6ZCR; Jill Khovy, ICE7WEC; Lisa Bloomquist, KE7HPW; Margaret Hardwick, WA6NXV; Marianna Kearney, W7WFO; Marilyn Melhorn, KE7WEN; Vanessa McCoy, KE7UBB; and Barbara Yasson, AC7UH.

Barbara says, "We were glad to have the opportunity to get better acquainted, and have time to chat over lunch.

"MINOW Net - A lot has been going on.

The Good News - We have a new member - Darlene Felder, KE7TQS. — Claudia, KL0HI sent out the spring newsletter (great job, as usual) with news of members and information on the annual meeting to be held in Thorne Bay, Alaska May 15th and 16th with Betty, KL7FJW as hostess. Not long after this I received an email from Claudia saying that Betty had been hospitalized in California where she was visiting her granddaughter and would not be able to host the meeting.

In April I had an email from Betty saying she was getting



better and was looking forward to returning home. Take care, Betty .The officers consulted one another - the Annual Meeting has been moved to Portland, same date Watch for more about it in next Harmonics.

Early in Feb. we received word from Jack, the OM of Ruth K1IIF one of our most faithful Minows had had very major emergency surgery for an I abdominal aorta aneurysm. As a result of this "near death experience they moved out of Panorama Retirement Community where they had lived for many year to be with a daughter in Federal Way near Seattle.

I am so pleased that in April Jack reported that Ruth "Is doing very well, has lost weight and acquiring new clothes, etc and is adjusting to the urban life nicely. They of necessity disposed of most ham equipment except 2 meters and for fun go out for meals regularly." I do miss her on our weekly MINOW Net.

The next event is the YL Luncheon at SeaPac June 5. Tara K. Harper, N7ATK, a local ham and science fiction author will talk about her ham radio adventures at her mountain cabin. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with the other Pacific Northwest YLs. I think this covers the news for this time.

Do get out and participate in Field Day and send me a report on your radio activities.

33. Sara AB7PS



District Eight News de Annette Wood, KC8SQM



Hi All, the Buckeye Belles had their annual meeting on Plain City, OH at the Amish restaurant. There were 14 in attendance. In 2011 the Buckeye Belles will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary. We will be looking at a State Park to have a family outing. We are trying to contact anyone who has been a Belle to invite them to the celebration. Anyone who was a Belle or has any memorabilia, pictures or literature from past years of the Belles please contact myself, Nancy Hall or Susie Scott. We will be creating a Buckeye Belles scrapbook. Please help us celebrate these last great 50 years of amateur radio with the Belles. There will be more information in the next newsletter.

33 Annette KC8SQM

Sometimes it really does help when deadlines are a little flexible! Dayton Hamvention has been, just; it was lovely to have the YLRL Forum on Friday this year (instead of Sunday like last year). There still was a chance for an "eyelash QSO" session in the cafeteria on Saturday afternoon, which some folks whose flights didn't arrive in time for them to make the forum were able to attend; such as Connie, DF8MN who'll chair the Munich YL gathering later this year. 226 YLs (licensed & un-) signed the YLRL guest book, proving that women DO come to the Dayton Ham vention!

Anne, WB1ARU was in charge of the YLRL/Buckeye Belles booth this year and kindly accepted the 2 vats with the

booth contents on Thursday afternoon. (WD9HDZ & I had an urgent meeting to attend back in Cincinnati in early evening.) Her motel was easier to get to than Cheryl, NOWBV's.

Cheryl sent ahead 2 boxes of YL Harmonics along with fliers and application forms; we ran out of fliers, so Brad, WD9HDZ's color printer was put to use overnight to fill the shortage. We almost ran out of YL Harmonics as well, after Cheryl had told me I could recycle the old issues left from last year. *(Ed. Note We only had a few and one was back to 2003!)*

I'm also grateful to Anne for giving me a Hara Staff & Committee pass so we could bring our car onto the Hara grounds on Sunday to haul the booth vats away.

33 Susie N8CGM

Hi everyone, I did not make it to Dayton this year. I think this is only the 2nd time in about 20 years I've missed Dayton but we had some family commitment come up that we couldn't get out of. I have already marked the calendar for next year so hope to be there.

On April 24, I was at the Belles Annual Meeting in Plain City, OH. We had a nice crowd with 14 people in attendance. In 2011 the Buckeye Belles will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary so most of the meeting was centered on how to highlight this milestone. Initial plans are to have the 50th Anniversary Meeting at a local state park so families can attend, probably in early August so as not to conflict with the YLRL

Convention in July 2011.

At home, my daughter is keeping me busy as I take her to soccer practice, girl scouts and piano.

In July, hei" troop and I along with about 30 other girls scouts will be going to Savannah, GA to see the birthplace of Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts USA. If anyone is in Savannah, let me know and maybe we can meet.

Nancy, kc4iyd/ 8

It was sure good to see all the YL's at the Dayton Hamvention® and YL Forum this year. I've already sent pictures that may be in the Harmonics.

I volunteered with the VE testing and this year they had 394 applicants tested compared to about 245 in 2009, which was a 60% increase.

The part I played was 3rd checker on the answer sheets in the morning on Saturday. I don't know who it was but one applicant came without any license to start and went away with an Extra. On the 3 tests he/she only missed a total of 3 questions. In the afternoon, I did the data entry. I'll be back next year.

The Friday testees had their calls on Saturday morning. The Laurel VEC has been used for the Ham vention® testing for about the last three years.

Look for me on Thursday's 1900 UTC on 14.295 for Tangle

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next page**



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Spring is finally here, at least part of the time. Dayton Hamvention is over for another year. What fun that always is. I was so happy to meet up with my friends and met some new ones. Linda, W9LAN and Susie, KB9WWO were there from Fort I also have a new friend from Madison, WI- Paulette, WB9VHF. It was good meeting her and I hope to hear a lot from her (hint, hint). I always enjoy seeing Anne, WB1ARU; Nancy, N1NCY; and Joanne, KC2QGH. Joan is net control of the YL net in her area so we compared notes on how we do this. She gave me some good ideas. It was also nice visiting with Connie, DL8MN from

Munich. She is a very lovely YL who always speaks German to my grandson, Sean.

I only made two purchases, one was an ICOM HT for Sean who took his test on Friday and got his call on Saturday. He now proudly say he is KD8OAV, and that he has a radio and isn't afraid to use it! He makes the third generation of our family who is licensed. The other purchase wasn't so exciting. In the flea market, I accidentally knocked over a set of small screw drivers and the whole set went tumbling and scattering onto the ground. My OM said since I made such a mess I should at least purchase them. So, now I have a new set of

screw drivers all of my own.

We had the Fox Hunt the night before we went to Dayton. We were the foxes and as easy as we thought our hiding place was, it took all the hunters two hours to find us. It was fun.

I hope that if anyone else went to Dayton, they have some good stories for me. And, Field Day is coming up, so I'm sure you all participate in SOME way. Let me know what you do so we can all celebrate our participation.

Memorial Day is fast approaching, the "official" start of summer and the Indy 500.

Everyone please be safe.

33, Carole WB9RUS

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Net. There is also a YL net that evening but at 0100 UTC on 14.288 or 40 meters depending on propagation.

33 and Teddy Bear Hugs,
Connie, N8IO

I finally have news to report! Many no doubt wonder what happened to me after serving as a receiving treasurer for YLRL, attending conventions and manning the YLRL/ Buckeye Belle table at the Dayton Hamvention.

As some of you know, I have directed a senior services office for our community since 2002. I love my work and have gotten heavily involved in Medicare counseling through the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program, which is part of the Ohio Department of Insurance.

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I am now county coordinator for the program and am currently serving my second term on the state volunteer advisory board.

As a result of my work with older adults, I have discovered I have a passion for preserving the dignity and independence of our senior population. I was called into older adult ministry in The United Methodist Church in the summer of 2006. In April, 2007, I began taking the necessary seminary classes to receive professional certification as a lay person to minister to older adults in the church. I finished the required certification classes, background checks and had a psychological assessment last summer and began the application for certification part of the process. This past February, I completed the final requirement, which was an interview with the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. I

will receive my certification on June 15th at our Conference's annual conference.

Now, that this will soon be behind me, I need to catch up at home and hopefully, there will be time left to get back into radio. I miss everyone, but try to keep up with what is happening to those of you who take time to submit your news to Harmonics.

Carol KI8IM

Well, my granddaughter will be graduating from Rochester Technical Institute this weekend and Grandma intends to be there. She will be receiving her Masters Degree - she says it has been a whole lot of work and almost not enough time to get it all done. TSK

Byrness, W8LE



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KBONAS



Rebecca Rich, KB0VVT (A former YLRL Scholarship recipient as well as a member) graduated from MIT and you can see more just after 19:48 on the video at:
<http://amps-webflash.amps.ms.mit.edu/public/comm2010/webcast/ARCHIVE/mit-comm2010-degrees-450k.asx>

Congratulations Rebecca! Way to go.

Anna Veal, W0ANT passed her general class exam just before heading to Dayton for Hamvention® this year where she attended the YL forum among others!

Next she went to Wyoming for the ARRL regional convention where Kay Craigie, W3KN was the keynote speaker. Anna can't wait for Field Day either.



Anna, W0ANT helps out Cheryl, N0WBV with the Friendship award for 2010 and making her first contact as a General at the same time!



(l to r) Cheryl, N0WBV; Anna, W0ANT; and Mary, K0MEZ just after Anna passed the test.

This year she will be with the newly established youth club CherryField Day.

Kay Eyman, WA0WOF, was was planning on attending the YLmeet in Germany this year, but unfortunately had to cancel.

For more on her family (Molly is her Granddaughter) check out this great article from the Ottawa Herald.
<http://www.ottawaherald.com/story/051510ottawa>
Good luck, Kay!

Cheryl, N0WBV had a blast at Dayton Hamvention® again this year. She has only missed one in the past 18 years! "I was amazed at the number of YLs there this year!" She says. She worked the YL booth and found it amazing that there were 226 individual YLs who signed in (though not all license-yet) avoiding duplicate signatures and the many OMs who tried

to sign in the book.

She also reports that this year Field Day will again be participated in, but out of state. This makes the second time she has operated with the South Orange Radio Amateurs in California. Since she has been doing Field Day as a logger even before she was licensed, she can't miss it!

So far that has meant operating in California and Arizona as well as Colorado and in multiple cities. "I just wish I could have made it to the YLmeet in Germany as well," she adds.

Jackie Van De Kamp, W6YKU writes in that she has moved what she playfully calls an "Old Folks Home". She says that since she doesn't move quite as fast as she used to and is 91 years of age, it is good to be where she can get help if she needs it.
[Ed. Note Hey Jackie, the song says kids from 1-92, so you don't even hit your teen years until you are 93! HI HI]

Good luck at the new address and we are glad you are still staying active in things.

Send in your Field Day and club news!



Alaska District News de Heather Hasper, KL7SP

HAPPY SPRING! By the time most of you read this it will be summer in your area but here in most areas of Alaska it has been a late winter break up and we are just getting buds on trees and enjoying spring with longer days of sunshine and lots of ham radio projects!

A lot has happened here over the last few months. Our tri-annual State of AK, DHS & Emergency Management Exercise, Alaska Shield is over. It was a great success with ham radio being demonstrated on all levels from the local EOC operations to the widespread HF operations needed to support communication with remote Alaska. Due to Alaska's 3 primary east west mountain ranges and the 3 primary north south mountain ranges you can only imagine that HF operations is the only way we can communicate throughout the State of AK. While IRLP and Echolink are used on the road system, and Linked repeaters are options in the interior on the road system, those systems do not support the need to relay communications to interior Alaska, Southeast Alaska or the North Slope areas. So HF operations during emergency or normal operations are a critical component of communication with remote Alaska.

Some of you may be aware that I volunteered to assist with the new YLRL web site upgrades. In an effort to preserve our organization history and also to

lead our organization into the 21st century.

Some of the new items that you will notice include: a Silent Key Page, a Photo Gallery area. Links to each officer, a membership application page, a scholarship page where we hope to place current information and past winners information and more information about the history of YLRL and YLRL products that are available.

This has been an enjoyable project for me and as someone who cannot attend the conferences; it is my way of contributing to the organization from a distance. While I have contributed greatly to the overhaul of the web site, Nancy KC4IYD will remain the primary Webmaster.

The other major upgrades are a members only section which will have the current issues of YL HARMONICS available to members and we hope to archive issues of YL *Harmonics* as they are scanned and preserved.

This will take some time, but the primary web site is ready to support the archiving of these documents. *[Ed note. More details will follow in the main section as ideas are implemented.]*

Finally, I need to let you all know that I have taken employment outside of Alaska on a TDY assignment. I will be assigned overseas until DEC 2011. I am in the process of setting up an HF station for operations here however due to the limited mail service and

location it is taking some time to complete. Once my station is set up I will let you all know and hope to make contact with many of you on HF. While I am still considered a resident of Alaska and my belongings and home remain in Alaska I am traveling and working under Expatriate status working abroad as defined by the US GOVT. This leads to a choice by you the membership of YLRL. I am more than willing to continue to be the Alaska Representative from a distance as I still communicate with our membership extensively. Or if you would prefer, and if I volunteer can be found, I will gladly hand the reigns of Alaska representation over to the next willing volunteer. I can and still will be able to receive emails at [REDACTED] and I have already spoken with Bill Cross with the FCC regarding the legality of HF operations in this area and have received approval to pursue a MARS station and HF operation.

So let me know what your preference is for Alaska representation. If no volunteer steps forward, I will be happy to continue my efforts on behalf of YLRL-AIC contributing as I can, however if any other would like to provide their Alaska insight we are open to all options.

I hope to hear from you all soon and will hopefully have the details of my station by the next issue of YL Harmonics. Hope you have a great summer! De Heather Hasper, KL7SP



VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

It is my great pleasure to sponsor Ethel Williamson, VE3DTW, into YLRL. Ethel is a most interesting YL and has been a licensed Amateur since about 1946. Many of you might remember her, as she was very active on the air, at one time, and a member of YLRL many years ago. She lives in an extended care facility in St. Catherines, Ontario.

I had a delightful chat with her on the telephone the other day. She is now active on the radio again, with the help of a local Amateur group and Vince, VE3DV. She celebrated her 103 birthday on March 19th. With luck I hope all of you will be able to make contact with Ethel. She monitors her radio in her room between the hours of 3pm and 4pm (Eastern Time).

I understand, with Vince's help, she has checked-in to the Ontario YL 40M Net on Tuesday mornings and the 80M YL Net on Monday evenings. She checked-in to the Tangle Net on April 15th - much to the delight of all. I hope it is the first of many contacts. Will give you more news of Ethel in forthcoming issues of Harmonics.

I am slowly wrapping up winter projects and turning my mind to the garden, summer planting and my trip to Munich and the International YL Conference in June. Have been working away on the 2010 Birthday Award Log and still looking for September and October. Is there anyone out YL Harmonics May/June 2010

there with a birthday in those months?? (Ed. *Note Yes there are and one is our 9th District Chair and another our Tape Topics Librarian!*) Stay safe. Keep well. 33 Suzanne VE7IM

VE7YL, Elizabeth writes: The Olympics and Paralympics are behind us and many of us are sorry to see it all finished. It was a fabulous time and many of those who were dead set against our hosting the events lived to say they were wrong. I had a house full at times with from one to four here on any given day. And they are going in different directions to different events.

Granny even got to eat her first hot dog in twenty years! Oddly enough the taste brought back of lot of memories especially of the PNE!

The temperature through the games was above average as you all know - now a month later we are getting dumps of snow on both Cypress Bowl and Whistler. How the Olympic committee would have loved that.

The bands are improving slowly which is welcome news. I still chase IOTA and have worked 5 brand new islands in the last week but haven't put a new YL country in my log for about 2 years - maybe more. Golf starts next week but unless it warms up again you won't find me out playing but back in the gym! Happy Easter to all 33 Elizabeth VE7YL

VE3HQB, Heather writes: I don't have much news for YLRL this time, just greetings to

everyone and now that Spring has arrived, hopefully, it can only get better.

Doug and I were in Niagara Falls, NY (March 27th) for a Square Dance Callers convention, the weather was cool but we had a good time and learned a lot. We'll be going to Ottawa April 9th to celebrate Doug's parent's 72nd Wedding Anniversary. His Dad (Bob) will be 100yrs in August and his Mom (Helen) 90yrs in July. They're both in fairly good health and live at home with only home care every Friday morning so that Helen can get her hair done and do the shopping. She still drives. They sure have had a wonderful life and hopefully many more-as long as their health holds out. I was on the air for the CLARA Contest but didn't make any great score but it was nice talking to the gals. I have all but "May" in the birthday contest. Hope I can get it before the year-end. 33 Heather VE3HQB

VA3WX, Jeanne writes: Spring has arrived quite a bit earlier than usual and the daffodils, tulips are popping up at a fast pace from the ground. We had a beautiful Easter Sunday and a temp of 75-degrees F. Lots of BBQing going on.

I participated in the CLARA contest and had more contacts than the past two years. I sold daffodils with a neighbour on March 26th for the Cancer Society

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

Greetings All,
Spring is here and summer will be here in Virginia soon. Some of you will have fall and soon winter to look forward to.

Dayton Ham convention is over and I got news from there.

Conny, DF8MN, who is organizing the meeting in Munich, was in Dayton, missed the YL-Forum because the airplane wasn't on time. Conny did meet many, and will see some of them in Munich and Fredrickshafen again. I am looking forward to go and hope many of you will be there.

Victoria, SV2KBS was in Dayton and said it was long swim from Greece, but so happy to meet all YLs. She is obsessed with CW and does contesting. She also looking for more YLs to whistle CW, much easier and more fun than you think. Victoria was first inspired by Mariana, CX1JJ to do CW.



Victoria, SV2KBS came in from Greece

We welcome new members: Naoko Suwabe, JF1VGD also N3UJA. Her OM JH1URT also N3UJ paid for his wife. I hope to hear Naoko on the air, or perhaps meet in Munich.

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Bianca Lohmann, DF7BS, is from Germany, made her license year 1976 in El Paso, TX and was WD5DQI. This was her 2nd visit to Dayton. She said she is not that active on the air, but hope to have contact with us. I hope to meet you Bianca in Germany.



(I to r) Anne, WB1ARU; Bianca, DF7BS and her sponsor in YLRL Grace, K5YTT

I have been busy sending out membership cards to you, and heard from a few.

Evelyn, F5RPB wrote she had a new hip put in last year, and couldn't participate in Hamfest. She is now well and will attend Fredrickshafen Convention and working in the Clipperton DX club booth, where we can meet Evelyn.

Evelyn is also going on a DX expedition to Greenland in September 16 to 20th, with call OX6YL. There are 6 YLs going, Unni, LA6RHA; Ingrid, LA8FOA; Ruth, IT9ESZ; Inger, OZ7AGR; and Walli, DJ6US.

The QTH will be Kangerlussuaq on the west side of Greenland. The website is in construction. [Webmaster is Unni. *Ed note check page 25 for more details from Unni.*]

We all should try and work them. We hope conditions will be good.

Nobuko, JR6XIX wrote she is so happy she got new sponsor Lois, WB3EFQ, and wrote her right away. Nobuko has been member for 25 years and we want her to stay a member. Nobuko will be in Munich, with husband Dorn, JR6XIW.

Rui, CT1CFN wrote and paid for her Mothers membership Lucia CT1YH who is still active on radio at 89 years of age. CW is her preference, and being a member is very important for her.

Ursula, DL3LS wrote, so happy to be a member. Thanks her sponsor and said she is now only on 80 meter in Germany. She has many good memories DXing. Ursula has been a member for 50 years next year.

We made a mistake mailing Harmonics to fourteen of you with wrong last name. We hope you got the March/April issue for the address was right. We have corrected it and should have your last name right on next issue.

I am on DX-YL net every Monday, 15:00 UTC, on 14,288 and wish you would call in for a contact. I hope you are working on the Birthday award certificate, 12 YLs with a birthday in each of the 12 months. I have gotten 10 of 12 from the net, so call you can easy get yours.

I wish conditions would be better, have some difficulty hearing all, and always hope next Monday will be better.

Reminder to sponsor to send in dues for your adoptees, we don't want to lose them. Let me know if you like to sponsor a DX-YL and make a friend. Due to SI< of sponsor, I ana looking for new sponsor, so we don't have to lose our friends.

Good DXing
33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

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KB7RVH, Barbara L. Mathews

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KF7HBS, Barbara Pace

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KE7WWZ, Kimberlee Miller

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KD7IZC, Arlene Johnson

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District 8

N8YWX, Kim Paquette

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KC8CXV, Barbara W. Foster

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WZ8C, Nancy Kott

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District 9

KB9NPO, Diana Stuckey

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W9DJS, Donna J. Streeter

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N9LVP, Janet Swanson

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NV9L, Valerie Hotzfeld

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ICC9KIR, Natalie Harding

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WB9VHF, Paulette Quick

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W9LAN, Linda A. Nardin

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ICDOEPN, Lori Yount

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WOPRS, Pamela Scott

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KBOGOA, Theresa Olds

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KCOIJB, Linda Jacobson

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Welcome back to our rejoining members!

District 3

WA3HUP, Mary Ann Crider

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District 7

NV7YL, Caroll A. Massie

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YLs Going to Greenland!

From the 16 th to the 20 th September 2010 there will be 6 YLs from different countries leaving for Greenland to activate amateur radio from Kangerlussuaq.

We will be on the radio with call OX6YL around the clock these days to try to give as many as possible the chance of working YLs from OX -land on SSB and CW.

For more details please visit [http://home-online.no / % 7Ela6rha / greenland.htm](http://home-online.no/%7Ela6rha/greenland.htm)

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!

Certificate Custodian

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

The YLRL Certificates program is off to a good start for 2010. Remember we have a new certificate for 2010 only. It's called the YLRL Birthday Certificate and is a little easier than the 2009 Certificate. This year you only have to work 12 YLs (well, you might need to work more than 12 to get the right combination). What you need is one YL who has a birthday for each month of the year. We already have one YL who has completed this award. Send only your log ... no need to wait for QSL cards for this one. But you have to make all contacts within the year of 2010.

2010 YLRL Birthday Certificate

Certificate number 1 goes to Linda Harvey VE1QT from N.S. CANADA. Linda was the first to complete last year's certificate too. It will be interesting to see if she can keep this up every year. <Grin>

WAS-YL (Worked All States)

This certificate is perhaps the most difficult to achieve. This is the first one I've given out since I became YLRL Certificates Manager about 2 years ago. It is also the only one I did not receive anything about when I took over as Certificates manager. Not knowing how many certificates had been given out in the past, I decided to start with a number too high to be duplicated (I hope <grin>). So with that said, I started with certificate number 1000. Here is the recipient of WAS-YL certificate 1000 ...

Certificate number 1000 was awarded to W2DEC - Urban A. Lejeune of the USA on 04/15/10

YLCC (Worked 100 YLs)

This is also a difficult award but not impossible if you are patient. It's just a matter of contacting 100 different YLs and getting those QSL cards. We have had one YLCC achiever so far this year.

Certificate number 1119 went to Cheryl Muhr N0WBV on 04/01/10

An upgrade sticker for this award went out to Kurt Bindschedler FIB9MX.

Congratulations to everyone who has earned a YLRL certificate. I hope everyone is working on one or many of the YLRL certificates. They can be fun.

I want to encourage everyone to get on the air and make contacts, but don't stop there. After the contact be the first to send out those QSL cards, either by mail, or electronically. I've had several people commenting to me that they had to make many more contacts then required just to get the required number of QSL cards. One recently said he had to make 75 contacts just to get 50 confirmed with QSL cards. Let's not make people wait, send out the QSL cards right away. They don't have to be professionally printed either. You can print them right on your computer and they work just as well.

Carolyn N8ST

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and we brought in \$145.00 for three hours. It was our 14th year selling.

The band conditions had improved greatly but with the time change we seem to have more noise on our evening CLARA net and you really need to concentrate when you are net control! Wishing everyone a Happy Spring. 33s Jeanne

VE5AQ, Vai writes:

Hello everyone from balmy Saskatchewan. We did have lovely weather for March and April, until April 9th. Then we got 100kmh winds, or in imperial measurement, wow, only 60 mph... but was enough to break our 17-meter loop antenna, and bent the top pole of the other all band antenna. Guess we have some work to do within the next couple of weeks.

I have been up to my eyeballs in work for the upcoming Saskatchewan Hamfest, July 24, 2010 in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. This will be at the Salvation Army Hall, 780-1st St. NW.

I have been busy making a new Saskatchewan Callbook, and what a job, but it is done, and now I must print it out. I was doing that today, April 10th, and then the printer decided it didn't like me anymore, and then the computer went nuts, and I was only printing out 20 copies, but called it quits after page 14. We also had a flea market here in Moose Jaw, April 17th, and I did manage to sell a few of the callbooks.

I will be looking after 3 tables at the Hamfest, CLARA, and YLRL and of course the SARL table-and yes, girls I will be sending pictures of my displays. Now somewhere in-between April 10th, and July 24th, I have curtains for the kitchen to make, a garden to put in, a deck to redo, a fence to paint

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and also go Saskatoon berry picking. Love those Saskatoon pies in winter when it's -20F or colder.

That's all for now, and if any of you are traveling to Canada, and Saskatchewan in particular, make sure you let me know, would love to get a chance to see you.

33 & 88 to all. de Vai, VE5AQ.

VE7VPE, Paulette writes: Well, I think spring has finally arrived at least that is what I'm hoping! Tulips are up and should be in bloom by the end of the week if we get some warm weather. Winter went by extremely quickly. We did the "snowbird" thing again this year and spent 5 months in Palm Springs, California. Did manage to get to a couple of the local amateur radio club meetings. I was thoroughly impressed with the number of YLs who participated in the meetings and other events.

Last weekend, April 3-4, 2010, my OM and I drove to Seattle, Washington for the Seattle Emergency Communications Academy. Attended a number of sessions over the two days. Again was impressed with the number of YLs who were there, and quite a few of them walked away with great door prizes including the main prize of an ICOM radio. We hope to attend the Seaside, Oregon Hamfest in June.

In March I competed in the CLARA Contest. At times it was extremely frustrating hearing anyone but did manage to get through the 24 hours and made quite a few contacts to boot. A lady joined me for a couple of hours during the contest and she was absolutely blown away with the places and countries we were able to contact. She thought amateur radio was like having an

FRS! She is now looking forward to the next amateur radio course so that she can get her license as quickly as possible. It was a great way to introduce someone to the world of amateur radio!

Hope everyone has a great spring and summer! 33's Paulette
VE7VPE

VE7ONY, Leona writes: May 2010 Hello to all! Life is always busy around here. Visits from grandchildren, nephews, and my sister, have kept us hopping. My sister sent me an Olympic Doll, a cross-country skier whose goal was to keep up my courage in the light of these myelofibrosis-medical issues. I admit, the doll does make me smile whenever I look at her. I am still walking around and enjoying every moment of life possible.

I have been messing around in my studio with new ideas to put on boards. Having given up pottery, I find I am using molding paste and pulp, now to adhere to boards for my paintings. (Guess I just never got out of the mud, H I) Fortunately for me, along with another artist, friend, teacher, we have been allotted space to show paintings in our Library. Wow, I have works up in our West Kelowna Library for six weeks.

I can't ignore the hard work done by the radio amateurs in our community. They opened a large exhibit on the History of Amateur Radio in our area. One of our original local radio station owners was a Ham! We have always had a small exhibit in the museum. This one however, called CQ: Is Anybody out There? is fantastic. There is often someone transmitting/receiving during the day using VE7CQM call sign! Amazing what we can do isn't it! I wish you all a wonderful spring into summer! 33 Leona

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