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Marte KOEPE



President's Message de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by so quickly and as you read this we are thinking about the holidays. It has been an exciting and busy year and the next one promises to be just as busy.

2009 we had the opportunity to join with YLs from around the world at the International event, many of our members promoted YLRL at various hamfests and recruited new members, a number participated in the Birthday certificate and other awards offered both by YLRL and other groups and hopefully, with the band conditions seemingly on the upswing, more of us took time to be "radio active". We also were saddened by the loss of a number of our members, in particular, Phyllis Shanks, W2GLB. Phyllis was one of our past presidents and was a faithful member of a number of nets until her death.

What will come for 2011... well I don't know about you but my calendar is starting to get filled up starting with Dayton in May. This is always a good time to find the other gals who set up a booth with the Buckeye Belles.

Then comes July and our convention in the Boston area.

The dates are set for July 22 -24 and I am sure the committee is working hard to plan a great time. If you have never been to the area now is a good time to check it out.

I want to take this time to thank all the officers and chairpersons who volunteer their time to this organization. A special thank you to Anne, WB1ARU who stepped in to fill the position as secretary, to Betty Jo, KB5CSQ, who has agreed to serve as the nominating committee chairperson for 2012-2013, to Marte, K0EPE, who works so hard for the scholarship program and to Cheryl, N0WBV for her tireless efforts getting the Harmonics out.

Yes, sometimes the magazine doesn't come out when we think it should but it is a big job and requires a lot of hours.

That being said, there are still opportunities for more of you to get involved. We need a chairperson for Alaska and Betty Jo and her committee need volunteers to fill the positions of leadership. You don't have to wait to be asked.. if you are interested in being President, Vice-President, Secretary or any

other office PLEASE contact BJ

I want to wish all of you a very happy holiday and hope we might meet in 2011.

Lois WB3EFQ

I am sad to inform you all that I have accepted the resignation of Heather Hasper KL7SP as District Chairperson for Alaska due to personal commitments. Heather has done a great job both with the Alaska column and with updating the YLRL web site and we thank her for that work and wish her well in future endeavors.

If anyone knows someone who might like to take on the website please have them contact me but in the interim Nancy KC4IYD has agreed to continue with it. I will also be looking for a new I<L chairperson.

I have also accepted the resignation of Cheryl Cook, KC8TDU As Secretary. Anne Manna, WB1ARU will filling the interim of this position.

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YL Contests, Nets and Hamfest Booths

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No
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at this
time.

DX-YL to North American YL Anniversary Party

There was only one log submitted for this contest. Thanks to Anne Manna, WB1ARU for her submission.

Please note changes to control operators for:

Tangle Net Thursday-

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KOEPE/N8IO

My Summer Travels

By Vicky Luetzelschwab AE9YL

For the past 12 years my husband Carl I<9LA and I have gone to the Pacific Northwest DX Convention. The Pacific Northwest DX Convention rotates between, Seattle, Portland (OR), Spokane and Vancouver, B.C. For every year that we have attended the Pacific NW DX convention, we have driven to Anacortes, Washington to see our good friends Bob Brown NM7M and Mary Lou Brown NM7N. Many times over the years we have stayed at Bob and Mary Lou's in Anacortes. After Mary Lou died. Bob went into an assisted living apartment in Anacortes. We still picked up Bob and went out to dinner when we got there. Carl and I have also gone on a whale watching tour in Anacortes.

This summer the Convention was in Vancouver, B.C. We made our travel arrangements in February planning to go see him. Well, in May we received a phone call from one of his daughters (Janet) saying that Bob had died.

We flew to Vancouver on Thursday, and we still drove down to Anacortes and stayed in our regular hotel. We went to our favorite restaurant, Randy's Pier 61, for dinner on Thursday night. We toasted Bob and Mary Lou and remembered when we first met Bob and Mary Lou how quickly time had passed.

On Friday we went on our whale watching tour. This was the first time we had encountered fog the entire time.

We left Friday after our whale trip to return to Vancouver, B.C. for the Convention. At the convention on Saturday, I talked to Elizabeth VE7YL. We reminisced about Bob and Mary Lou.

Bob Brown's memorial service was held on Guemes Island on Saturday, August 21. He is being buried next to Mary Lou.

We are making plans to go back again next year to the Pacific Northwest DX Convention, which will be held in Seattle. We will drive to Anacortes, then Guemes Island to visit their graves. I am sure we will go to our favorite restaurant and have a toast to two of our wonderful friends.

Mary Lou was also my mentor who encouraged me to keep working on my CW skills so I could get my Extra ticket. I received my Extra ticket the May after her death in November. I would like to think that she is looking down on me with a smile on her face that I finally did it!



Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB

Well hello again everyone! I hope you had a good summer vacation. I had lots of fun with my family and friends but as usual summer vacation was just too short. I was able to go to St. Augustine, FL this summer. If you like history you'll love St. Augustine. It is a very beautiful place. If you and your family have never been to St. Augustine I urge you to vacation there at least once. I promise you will enjoy it.

While in St. Augustine we stayed in our motorhome at the local KOA. We swam in the pool and cooked out each night. We also went to the beach. The beach was really nice and the people treated us well.

We have a 2m/440 as well as HF in our RV so we were able to get a little operating time in.

We mostly checked into a HF few nets and tried to work a little DX. Six meters was active in the mornings and evenings. As most of you know by now six meters is my favorite band. I really enjoy six-meter SSB as well as 2m SSB.

Let me tell you something else that happened to me recently. I learned on August 1st that I was to receive the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award presented by the ARRL each to a ham under the age of 21 for their work in Amateur Radio. I could not believe it. I thought it was a joke but I was assured by Mickey Cox K5MC *ARRL Delta*

Division Director that the award would be presented to me. I was overjoyed. It is an honor for me to receive the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award. I will continue my work in Amateur Radio by spreading the word to other young hams about the joys and opportunities there are in this hobby we love so well. Now that summer is over I, like the rest of you have started school. I dreaded starting back to school at first but I was soon enthused about it. I saw old friends I had not seen in a few months and it seemed like my school work became a whole lot easier and that made school a lot more fun! I was able to understand my new studies better than ever before and let me tell you how that was accomplished. Back in January of this year I started attending Sylvan Learning Center because I was having trouble in algebra.

At first I didn't think it was helping me at all. All they were doing was making me read and take notes then ask me to explain to them what I read about. I said to myself, I NEED HELP IN ALGEBRA NOT READING! Well, as the school year drew to a close I could see my algebra grades improve but really didn't understand why because all I was doing at Sylvan was reading and reading and more reading. I continued attending Sylvan during the summer. Now I understand

what the Learning Center did for me.

They didn't just make me to read, they taught me **how** to read and to **comprehend** what I was reading and in turn I am now able to fully understand what I'm reading in all my new classes. You see. I didn't understand what some of the terms meant, I didn't understand what some words meant. Now I know that reading, comprehension and understanding is the most important part of studying anything. "*Reading is fundamental*" I have heard that all my life and now I understand what that means. To learn and do well in school you must know how to read. If you are having problems in school as I was, I encourage you to seek help as I did. I am also lucky to have very supportive parents and I know your parents are just as supportive.

In closing, I wish every one of you a very successful school year.

Please remember the less fortunate and the brave servicemen and women protecting our freedom at home and overseas. We live in a great land with even great opportunities. Work hard in school and give thanks daily for what we have.

73 & 88,
Emily WE4MB

No
Picture
at this
time.

District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT



District 1 has not been quiet! The WRONE luncheon was recently held and Anne Manna, WB1ARU mentions that "we (WRONE) are thinking of W1UBM, Norma as she cares for her OM W1YOC, Walt who has multiple health issues." They also held their election of officers as well.

The district is also where much of the 2011 YLRL Convention planning has been going on. The committee includes WB1ARU, Anne; KB1FVN, Joanne; N1BLR, Judy; KA1TEB, Lisa; KA1TEO, Marianne; and W1JX, Bobbie. Other volunteers are welcome and can contact WB1ARU Anne.

Look for more Convention information in the Center Section of this issue!-Editor

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Marty Woll, N6VI and ARRL Southwest Division Vice-Director facilitated this group. There were several tables at the swap meet outside with a variety of items and an inflatable emergency shelter, emergency communication vehicles and a display of military communication equipment.

The day concluded with the drawing for the final raffle prize, an Elecraft I<3 and beginner and advanced T hunts. I got in a lot of walking participating in the beginner T-hunt, which was won by two operators with special antennas and monitoring devices. The others participants and I enjoyed the nice day as we tried to follow the signal.

Since I did not win anything, and a small Yaesu VX3R radio kept calling to me from its box at the Ham Radio Outlet table, I added it to my HT collection. Then I realized that it is really small, so I will probably spend a lot of time looking for it! Clara Woll, KJ6CNO (and Marty's YL) won many of the ladies prizes and graciously returned several for others to win."

Stay cool (or warm) depending on the varying weather throughout our great state. I look forward to hearing your fall news!

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Jennifer KI6OIL



District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF

Greetings!

This month starts my fourth year as YLRL Chairperson for the Second District. I am pleased to represent the YL's in District 2.

It's hard to believe that summer is behind us and we are heading into the fall/ winter season. It seems as though the summer flew by! I did get a chance to do some work around the house. I scraped, primed and painted my garage door and sealed my driveway. Both jobs were done while on 'vacation' from work and I feel relieved to have that behind me.

Our flowers this summer were lovely and I hate to see them wither away. The tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers didn't do as well as I would have like, but the raspberries bush produced a bumper crop and we were able to freeze many packs.

My travels this fall, have taken me to a few hamfests in the Hudson Division. I was able to visit Balston Spa, NY hamfest and saw many YL's working at their local club tables. It was a very nice day and afterward I took a trip to The Vermont Country Store in Weston, VT. It was quite a ride, but the scenery was fabulous!

The next hamfest found me down at the shore visiting with the OMARC Club. They have a great location down in Wall Twp, NJ. And yes, it was another sunny, warm fall day. I
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was able to drive over to Point Pleasant, NJ and enjoy some time walking along the beach and enjoying the sparkling waves.

I attended the BARA hamfest held at a school in the next town over from my home. The BARA Babes were hard at work at the food tent. It was setup so beautifully, with baskets of cakes and packages of home made cookies. These sweets were definitely appreciated by all, as well as the traditional Hot Dogs, coffee and soda. Some other YL's participated as VE's and also helped in many other areas like parking, ticket collection as well as door prizes.

The BARA Babes continue their weekly net each Monday evening on a local repeater. Their numbers have grown and some of them have been participating on the weekly HF net, as well.

I received a nice email from Anne - WI2G in the Buffalo area. It's so good to know that there are other YL's out there who read the YL-Harmonics. Anne sends the following:

"Hi, Joyce...I got the July/August *YL-Harmonics* in the mail the other day and, since you're asking for contributions to your columns, I figured I'd send something right away rather than postponing it-and then forgetting :-)-like I always do. Here in the Buffalo area it's been a hot muggy summer like everywhere else and I've noticed

the older you get, the faster time passes—which can be unsettling! I enjoy traffic handling (mostly CW) and manage the Empire Slow Speed Net (6 pm daily, 3576 kHz) and the NTS Cycle 4 (7:45 and 9:30 pm) sessions of 2RN. Don't want to jinx anyone—least of all me!—but it seems like HF summer static hasn't been quite as bad this year than others. Maybe, though, it just seems better compared with the real bad long skip that's plagued us the last few winters. Long skip can be great if you're a DXer, I guess (though I think low-cycle long skip is combined with signal absorption), but for us traffic-handlers it's murder. It's months in the future, though, and band conditions are improving. Enjoy the rest of summer and 33 de Anne, WI2G in Elma, NY"

Thanks, Anne so much for sending the email! It's nice to hear from you and what your interest is in Amateur Radio. So now that Anne has 'broken the ice', so-to-speak, I am expecting to hear more news from other YL's in the 2nd District. How about it, gals?

Each Monday, I serve as Net Control for the SKYWARN Drill and Training net on our local 2-meter repeater. My OM does a weekly PODCAST of the net and puts it on the BERGEN SKYWARN website. For those

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District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL



Hello to all the YLs in Three Land—

Once again the Holidays are upon us. I know, everyone says it, but really, where DID the year go? It has been a busy one. The last Hamfest of the year (in our area at least) has just finished. Now we will have to wait until next February for the next one. But that will be here before we know it.

In the meantime we are into the round of Holiday celebrations. Our local clubs all seem to get into the spirit and have parties or dinners. What with everyone's family and business celebrations, our calendars are quite full!

I am happy to say that there was a nice response to our YLRL table and information this year, more so than in the past.

I have gotten two new members to sign up so far, and I believe that we may get several more. Cecilia Bastone, KB3VEN, has joined us.

She is a newly licensed Technician, though she has long

associated with the Sky view Radio Club through her OM, Bob, WC3O.

Also we welcome Kathy King, KA3VXM, who holds a General Class license and has been very active in ham radio for some time. We welcome them both and hope they will be with us from here on.

This is in from a YL that joined us earlier this year: "My name is Helen Irene Count-Wayt, KB3UKF. I am a new member of YLRL, living with my husband, John Wayt, WA3YT, & 3 cats in Perryopolis, PA. We are members of W3PIE - Uniontown Amateur Radio Club. I just got my Technician license this year. I have only been on 2m a few times. Once to contact a club member who was following us back from a hamfest, & the other few times was just to check into the net (with my husband there). Have never used the radio on my own yet."

Welcome to Helen and we hope to be hearing you on the

radio soon. Thank you for introducing yourself and the best of luck.

The WACOM (Washington Amateur Communications) Club is hoping to sponsor an all-YL Licensing Class this coming year. Many of the OMs in the club bring their wives, sisters, daughters, and, yes, mothers to the club social events. Many of those ladies are a driving force for the good food at parties. Field Day, etc. Now we would like to get them licensed and active in the hobby. The "kick-off" for the class will start in December at the annual Christmas party since many of those YLs and XYLs will be in attendance. I will have brochures and copies of the *Harmonics* in hopes of sparking more interest. Wish me luck in this venture! I will post the progress in a future article.

With that let me wish one and all a wonderful, sane, safe and healthy Holiday Season and the very best New Year in 2012.

73,33
Jacque, N3ZEL

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of you interested in weather, you can check out our activities at: www.bergenskywarn.org.

We have quite a few photos of local storm damage on the page, as well as tons of meteorological information. We have also reached out to the non-amateur SKYWARN Spotters by adding a Facebook page. It has been a very big success allowing us to give more up to date information

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about current weather activity in our local area, especially during the storms we've had this summer.

I did get the opportunity to work a few contests over the past few months. I worked the UHF/VHF contests as well as the CQWW RTTY contest. The bands were pretty good and I really enjoyed myself.

I would like to hear more from other YL's throughout District 2. Hope you all are getting on

the air and supporting local clubs and activities wherever you may be. Anne, I will expect an update from Buffalo for the next YL Harmonic. So, please drop me a line, and let me know what you've been up to lately!

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

33 de Joyce KA2ANF

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District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ

Greetings all YLs in 4-land:

I trust all had a good (but probably HOT) summer. These mountains of North Georgia are usually cooler than Florida in the summer but it didn't seem to be true this past one. Anyhow we survived the heat. I did not have a lot of opportunity to get on the air this summer as we were training a new puppy. I had forgotten how time consuming that is. She is 7 months old now (and almost 99 % trained) so hopefully more radio time is in the works. I did manage to meet and have lunch with another 4-lander K4PPS, Dorothy Beam from Ellijay, GA.

We enjoyed each other's company and look forward to doing it the next time when I am back in GA. We leave for Florida after I write this column. So here is the news I have received from the gals in 4-land. (P.S. don't forget, you can send me news at my email address anytime. I'd love to hear from you)

Congrats & kudos to Emily Bishop WE4MB who was awarded the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award in recognition of her outstanding service to the

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hobby as a young Ham. We are proud of you Emily!

Ruby Byrd, KF4NI has returned to Phoenix from their 5-week summer vacation to NC to visit family and friends. She reports much rain and humidity in NC the whole time she was there. She didn't have much time in NC to get on the air but did visit 2 hamfests there (Salisbury and Asheville-Waynesville fests). There she met some new friends whilst catching up with the old ones. Ruby and OM Kent spent their 45th wedding anniversary at the Asheville fest also. (Belated best wishes on that 45th Ruby and Kent). She was sorry to have missed the Dallas-Shelby NC hamfest on Labor Day weekend. Last year was the first time Ruby has missed that fest since 1980! Sounds like you had a great summer Ruby.

Mary Moore, WX4MM made a trip to Alaska in August. She attended a reunion of those who worked the Iditarod race in the early years. Mary spent many hours doing communications for the race in 78-80. Congrats and kudos to WX4LEE (the all YL contest team - Connie,

KJ4UNA; Deedie, KI4ERR; and Mary, WX4MM) who took high score phone-only in the Alabama QSO Party with 1200 contacts in 10.5 hours. They had lots of fun and are aiming for 1500 contacts next year! We know you can do it!

Kay Craigie, N3KN spoke at the ARRL Virginia State Convention in Virginia Beach in September and will be the head of the ARRL's delegation to the International Amateur Radio Union's Region 2 Conference in El Salvador in October. She'll also be speaking at the ARRL Pacific Division Convention in California. On the lighter side, Kay reports she has qualified for her VHF-UHF Century Club award on 6 meters from Virginia. The E-skip conditions in June were fabulous and she worked dozens of new grids on 6 meters. Congrats to you Kay for a job well done.

Well folks, that's it for this time. I hope you all have a wonderful fall and cooler temps! Until next time ...

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Joan
W4JMJ



District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello,

Doing fine here been enjoying the cooler temperatures and watching the leaves fall. I love this time of year. Sure enjoyed our trip to Huntsville, Alabama- Hamfest this year if you have not attended you need to nice location all indoors and everyone is so friendly. Enjoyed the YLRL Forum Mary, WX4MM always does a great job and you get to meet new YL.

The big news for Ed & I we just poured a 5 ft by 5 ft and 7 ft deep hole full of concrete to install our second crank up tower of 72 feet which is about a 100 ft from our other tower which will host our 40 meter beam and not sure what else.

Hope you YL have been on the radio; bands have been real good lately even 12 meters. Ed, KA5VFU and I have been busy working DX the new PJ stations are up and running on all bands, RTTY and CW. Plenty to work some are simplex and others are split so take your choice. I have also worked a YL Barb, TO7ZG on 15 m, 20 m and 10 m. In the radio shack one day and heard two more YL OX6YL on 17 m and EA8MT, Dunia, on 17m from the Canary Islands.

Speaking of operating

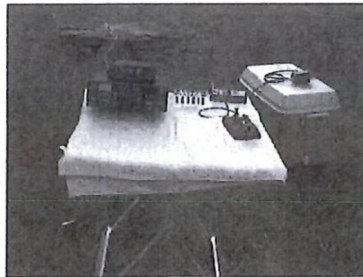
Ravenden, AR-Carol

KA5GIS send me her Field Day activity sound like she had a great time.

Operation was battery powered QRP (2 watts) and a homebrew 3 band dipole. Not up as high as I jyoul^have liked but the best age

I could manage I had a great time and set a personal best on my 4th solo effort as a battery powered "peanut whistle".

Operation was all CW using a straight key. It rained Saturday but 15 meters was open and got several there. Sunday morning 15 wasn't good, but 20 was jumping. Did pretty well, and then shut down for a while to go to church. Unfortunately the bands weren't so great Sunday afternoon but had fun anyway. My totals were 90 contacts in 32 states and 40 sections. I am hoping to get a permanent antenna up so I can operate whenever I want to operate again. The photo is of my station about 5 minutes before I started operating. Only thing missing in the picture is my pad, ink pen and me.



Station is a Ten-Tec Argonaut V, an LDG auto tuner and my trusty Nye Viking Master Key. And that's a balun on the cooler in case you wonder.

73/33, Carol KA5GIS

El Paso, TX - Mary IC5TRW

Our Field Day at W5ES was great with lots and lots of food. Thanks to Mark Yakubovsky KE5OHZ. Mark loves BBQ and never knows when to quit.

There were lots of Ham operators, visitors, and lots of good contacts. Representatives from EL Paso Police Department, the Salvation Army and the University of Texas at EL Paso were there. In fact one of our visitors Isreal Cervantas Jr, age 13 made a contact with W1AW. How about that for a first contact!

Tom Faulkenberry, KE5OIB made certificates to present to everyone who helped with Field Day and a special one for Isreal.

Clay, K5TRW, my OM worked the radios and I helped serve the food. Our Field Day Co-Chairman Tom and Mark did a find job.

Then on Sunday after all the operation we had a clean up crew they cleaned up the mess at the club and everyone seemed to have fun even with the clean up.

73 Mary KA5EWJ

Perkinston, MS -Judy

Bechtel KE5PLL Proud first time Granny! Our grandson arrived weighting in at 7 lbs. 7 oz. and 20 inches long. His name is Jamison Richard Bechtel. Nana and Papa Bechtel thinks he is so precious and such a cutie.

Mother, daddy and baby are doing great.

Judy KE5PLL

San Antonio, TX—Dorothy W7PBR

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Shares she has not been active lately due to hurting her back in Nov. and in Feb. She was told she has osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, chronic pain syndrome and fibromyalgia. This has really slowed down her life and it has been hard adjusting to how to handle even daily issues. John has found out he is diabetic and has to take pill now. Getting adjusting to different way of eating has been loads of fun for both of us.

Now for Field Day I attended my first Field Day in 2007 and noticed one thing- no women were participating. Since then John and I have joined another club in Atascosa County and are active in the club and their ARES also. This year we attended field and I was determined to get on the air. I bought a used Kenwood HF TS-130SE and a Little Tarheel screwdriver

antenna over a year ago and never used them or even tried to. I told John that was what I wanted to use on Field Day. I called my station "Ladies Only" and offered the ladies in the club a chance to get involved. They declined after hearing everyone on the air, most were new operators and "a little scared." Well, me and my big mouth jumped right in and started making contacts. I operated on 10 and 15 meters. I only got 5 contacts but boy what a feeling it was. I cannot wait until next year. I am also going to try for ladies informal net so the other ladies will get use to talking on the air. I hope everyone enjoyed Field Day as much as I did.
73 Dorthy,

Houston, TX - Burnette K5JGC sadly reports Mary Louis Pacheco, KC5SJS of Houston, TX passed away peacefully on Sunday June 13 after a lengthy and valiant battle

with leukemia. Mary Lou was a faithful member of the Gulf Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Club. She is survived by her brother Joe Cox, N5BCT and Sister in law Shirley Cox, KC5RVH and one daughter Ann.

33, 73, 88 Burnette K5JGC
Gulfport, MS -KB5MZ

Southern Mississippi YL
Will be operating the CQWW SSB contest the weekend of October 30-31 at the home of BJ, KB5CSQ & ED, KA5VFU will be plenty food, friendship and fellowship. The SMYL will be holding their annual Christmas Dinner in Wiggins, MS on Dec 9th at 6:30 pm.

Thank you for sending in the Field Day reports and your local news. Till next time get on the air and work another YL. Check out the YLRL net on Thursdays' night 0100 either on 40 or 20 meter.

33 Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Changes and corrections

Marie Dambrosky, WB0HUC- [REDACTED]

Carolyn Donner, N8ST- [REDACTED]

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

Our 2010 Scholarship Winners-2 Repeat Winners!

Dear Martha Wessel and YLRL members.

Thank you so much for the generous scholarship. It is great to have support from an organization such as yourselves.

I am sorry I did not write to you sooner, but I am studying abroad in Spain this semester and things have finally started to settle down.

I arrived in Sevilla at the beginning of September, and had a week of orientation. Then there was a two-week long intensive session of grammar. I finally started real classes at the University of Sevilla last week. It is definitely more difficult to take classes in a foreign language, especially 8AM classes, but so far it has been a very rewarding experience.

One great thing about Europe is that it is cheap and easy to travel around. This weekend I'm going to Morocco, and I'm very excited.

Without your continued generous support, my semester abroad wouldn't be possible.

THANK YOU!

Gracias! Sara Sneed KC0YHN



Sara Sneed, KC0YHN

Sara is 19 and a resident of Wayzata, Minnesota. She is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota, majoring in Computer Engineering. Her goal is to become a computer hardware designer. Sara holds a Technician Class license and is active on VHF and UHF FM. She is an active participant in the public service support to the Twin Cities Marathon and other public service events.

Rebecca Rich, KB0WT

Rebecca, 21, is a graduate student working on her master's degree in electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She holds an Amateur Extra license, is active in the MIT radio club and is an avid contester. Rebecca is recommended by Roger Snowdall W0KWJ, QCWA member #20977.



Young Ladies' Radio League Convention 2011

**Best Western Adams Inn, Quincy, Massachusetts
July 21 -24, 2011**

HOTEL RESERVATIONS must be made by contacting the Convention hotel.

Best Western Adams Inn, 29 Hancock Street, Quincy MA 02171

www.bwadamsinn.com




For reservations call 1-800-368-4012 or 617-328-3067.



- **You must ask for Group Code CGRALE when making your reservation.**
- The special rate of \$129/double or \$119/single will be available before and after the Convention as well, if you wish to extend your stay.
- A credit card is required to hold the room. Rooms may be cancelled up until 48 hours prior to check in.
- **Reservations must be made by June 21, 2011 to get the Convention rate.**
- If you are interested in RV-ing or camping, please contact Anne Manna WB1ARU for more information, enoaru@qis.net

A complete registration form for the Convention will be available in YL Harmonics in the January / February issue. This will include meals and tours.

Tentative Schedule

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|-----------------|---|---|
| Thursday | Meet and Greet evening at hotel | |
| Friday | All day tour of Boston including Freedom Trail.
Dinner TBA |  |
| Saturday | YLRL General Meeting
OM Tour
YL Luncheon
Tour of Adams Historical Sites in Quincy
YL - OM Banquet | 
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| Sunday | Tour to Cape Cod including Marconi Site at Cape Cod National Seashore. | |
| Monday | Optional Tour to ARRL Headquarters in Newington CT (minimum # required) | |

There will be a Hospitality Suite open throughout the Convention.

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I expect to stay at the Adams Inn for nights arriving on _____
I will be rooming with: Name and call (if licensed) _____

GENERAL REGISTRATION (register before January 31 to be included in an "early bird" prize drawing)

YLRL member (includes Thursday evening social) #	@\$45.00	\$
OM, Non YLRL member guest (includes Thu. social) #	@\$30.00	\$

MEALS

Saturday YL Luncheon #	@\$21.00	\$
Saturday YL-OM Dinner Banquet #	@\$37.50	\$
TOTAL		\$

TOUR SELECTIONS and prices will be available on a separate form in the next **YL Harmonics** and e mailed to you if you make an "early bird" registration. Tours will be on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a possible optional tour to ARRL Headquarters on Monday.

INFORMATION

Name Call sign _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State ZIP _____

Country Phone; _____

E mail (if possible for confirmation) _____

OM _____ Call sign _____

Guest Call sign _____

DEADLINE: June 30, 2011

Make checks payable to **YLRL Convention 2011**

Mail to Judy Harris N1BLR, _____



District Six News de Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

My summer has been occupied with packing and moving, and dealing with my OM's health issues. Thankfully he's doing better, we're settling into the new home, and August is shaping up to be uneventful—which is perfectly fine with me!

The weather in Southern California has been unseasonably mild, with no triple digit heat waves to speak of... yet. Apparently Ruth Hinkle, W6LXL up in Siskiyou County, has been getting it, poor thing!



The ACES and Ruth, W6LXL

Ruth attended a SCARA (Southern California and Arizona Repeater Association) breakfast, where the ACES (Auxiliary Communications Emergency Services) members received their new vests. She was kind enough to send along a picture. Ruth is the lovely girl to the far left.

And she claims she has no news to report—you be the judge:

"Hi Jennifer: Not much news from the mountains of northern California, except we're having really hot weather (triple digits!!)

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and those sun flares this time of year are wrecking havoc with our Tuesday morning Ironing Board Net. Irma Weber, K6KCI and Joan McDonnell, WA6QKC are still checking in from Thousand Oaks, and sometimes we only last for three or four minutes, but can recognize each other's voices. I worked at our Siskiyou County Fair today at my square dance club's Pepsi booth. Lots of thirsty people on these hot days.

Our Office of Emergency Services ham group got our new bright yellow vests. (You won't be able to miss us!!) We have emergency ham stations set up at our local hospital and all of the surrounding area medical clinics. We have three doctors in our group that are hams and since I volunteer at the hospital on Thursdays (check-in time), I get to help out in the control room. Hope everybody is staying well and happy. 33 Ruth"

Roslyn Clifton, K6TRT has been having some summer adventures of her own. I'll let her tell the story:

"After lengthy deliberation I recently purchased a 2007, 23-foot Tioga to travel and relax in.



The Tioga

Two radio events that I look forward to attending are the WARFA (Western Amateur Radio Friendship Association) retreat, September 23-26 in Valencia, California. WARFA is a group of hams that extend friendship to all who attend or participate in one of their nets.

Hams and RVers are among the friendliest people I have ever met, and this group made up of both is amazing to me!

And in January 2011, I will be attending the Quartzfest in Quartzite, California.

The Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club Hamfest was held on Saturday, August 14 at the Earl Warren Fairgrounds in Santa Barbara, and I attended.

The first presentation by Ken Owen, N6KTH was about the history of the radio repeaters and equipment on Santa Cruz Island. It was amazing to realize how much work and effort was put in by volunteers to build this station over the years. Boats and helicopters were used to transport equipment and some personnel, who then were challenged to get themselves and the heavy equipment to the top of the peak. Volunteers again assisted when it was time to remove some of the outdated items.

I also sat in on a discussion where matters related to emergency communication

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District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

Hello and Greetings.

It seems like a long time since I last wrote. The last month has been difficult as my OM fell about 3 weeks ago. When he couldn't get up I called 911 and he was taken to the ER. The doctor diagnosed that he had had a small stroke. He's been in the hospital and then rehab and has made very good progress. He came home Friday (Oct. 15). It's been really lonely around here.

MINOW Net has kept going with Sara, AB7PS; Lory, N7ICTY; and Darlene, KE7TQS but I am sad to report we have two Silent Keys - Verda Siebenthaler, K7UBC passed away suddenly Sunday Morning, Aug. 8 at the age of 92. A ham for nearly 50 years, she was a faithful member of MINOWs and usually checked into the Friday morning net. She belonged to RSVP (retired senior volunteer program) and would often comment on her busy schedule of playing her accordion and later keyboard at local senior citizen retirement homes in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She made contacts the world over and at our 2006 annual MINOW meeting she shared with us

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her doll collection from hams she had contacted around the world.

The other Silent Key is Phyllis Shanks, our MINOW Net Vice President who passed away October 10 "after a brief illness, at home, with her family at her side." Phyllis was an active ham for more than 50 years. She was involved with several ham organizations including the MINOW Net, YLRL and Cactus Keys and participated regularly in emergency networks. She was a worldwide traveler — I met her in person at our MINOW Net annual meeting in 2007 when she shared with us her experiences at a recent International YL Convention in Mumbai, India.

Another longtime MINOW, Ruth, K1IIF and her OM, Jack are now living with their daughter, Cindi and is doing well. Jack reports that they joined a family cruise to Alaska. "Ruth and I had a cabin on the 'Oosterdam' with hand holds and tripping resistant ramps, and were able to get off at two of three ports with our walkers."

The Evergreen Intertie YL Net continues every Monday evening. One Monday in September when the Intertie

was connected we had 6, including a brand new YL from Idaho but the Intertie isn't always connected so recently checkins have been down to 2 or 3.

Two Rivers YL Net. Barbara, AC7UH wrote that the 2010 Race for the Cure in Portland drew 40,000 participants this year. Barbara does a great job pulling the communication team together. Barbara and her OM Phil, AB7RW attended the MARAC (Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club) in Weslaco, TX this summer. Phil is a dedicated County Hunter so Barbara drives while he gives out counties as they go.

A belated welcome to Carol Pisano, KF7DPV who won the YLRL membership this year at the SeaPac 2010 YL Luncheon in June.

Guess this is all the news for this time. I'm always eager to hear what has been happening among YLs in the 7th District so please send me your news! Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday Season.
33 Sara, AB7PS



District Eight News de Annette Wood, KC8SQM



The Buckeye Belles will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary in 2011.

A program is being planned for the summer for past and present Buckeye Belles and their families. If you are a past member please contact Annette Wood ICC8SQM and let us know where you are and what you are doing now. There will be more information in upcoming newsletters.



VE7ONY, LEONA, WINS CLARA DORIS CODY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

In 1965 Doris Cody, VE3BBO, was a founding member of the Ontario Trilliums and in 1967 was involved in the formation of a national club for YLs - The Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Association - CLARA.

Doris did a great deal during her lifetime to encourage YLs to be active on the air and to enjoy their hobby. She became a silent key in January 1999.

At that time, CLARA established, in her name, an Achievement Award to be given each year to a YL who, like Doris, has made a significant contribution to Amateur Radio.

The award was established to run for 5 years but was extended for another 5 years. This year, 2010, in it's final year, the Doris Cody Achievement Award has been presented to VE7ONY, Leona Senez.

To quote Leona upon accepting the Award: "For years before I became a ham I was a tree climber to set up antennas, an assistant to my OM John, VE7ONX, as he soldered wires and, I must admit, complained about the noise coming through the radio and telephone. My eventual acceptance of Amateur Radio has certainly given me many rich experiences and the joy of so many CLARA friends"

- Licensed - 1994. Advanced License - 1995
- Member of Orchard City Amateur Radio Club 1994 - 2005. Secretary for 3 years.
- Member of EOC Radio Communications Group.
- Member of Emergency Social Services in 1995. Trained with ESS for 15 years. During 2003 forest fires in Kelowna she worked in EOC as Emergency Social Services assistant to the Director.
- Assists as communicator for many local activities such as the Penticton Ironman. Ski to Sea races and the Senior Games held in Kelowna.
- GOTA weekend camp program for Canadian Girl Guides
- Coordinator for School's Ski program. Taught ski instructors radio communications using GMRS radios. Carried a 2-meter radio in case of accidents with groups skiing in the program.
- CLARA Vice-President - 2007 to 2009. Encouraged all to participate in HF Contests and kept 20 Meter Net and logs.
- Member of BCYLARA -1996-2008. Assisted with the silent auctions for the conferences held at the coast and the conference held in Kelowna.
- Member of YLRL - 2009



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS



Fall is here, but some days it feels more like winter and I don't like that. I know there are a lot of winter people out there, but I'm not one of them!!!! But with this time of year is the Fort Wayne Hamfest.

As in past years, the Fort Wayne Radio Club graciously let me use part of their tables for the YLRL and this year was a great success for YLRL.

I also had a forum on Saturday about the YLRL and had more attendees than last year and went really well.



YL Forum at Fort Wayne

I would like to give a YLRL welcome the new members that signed up at the hamfest:
Di Johnson-Dobbs W9BRC
Rhonda Curtis, WS9H

Barbara Cave, KA9OJX
Lizz Craig, W9SPK
Adriana Sambolin, WP4OCZ
Terry Sears, KC9MNY
Martha Freed, W9KTY
Marge Schick, W8MSN
Arnie Pliett, WA9YYI

We are so happy to have you join us and look forward to many years of close friendships with all of you.

The Fort Wayne Radio Club's last Fox Hunt of the year was November 7 and although our team was not the winner for this month, we are the winner for the entire year and we get the travelling trophy.

The Fort Wayne Radio Club's YL Net on Wednesday evenings is doing very well the usual check-ins are, Linda, W9LAN; Susie, WD9WWO; Anne, WA9YYI; Barb, W9WOZ; Kim, WD9DOS; and Pat WD9PXC, oh, and me too!

We have named ourselves The Hamsters so we all have bought Zhu-Zhu Pets Hamsters as our little radio buddies. They are with us when we are on the

air, Fox Hunts and Radio Club meetings. You will see Linda and me holding our buddies in the photo, mine is Chip and hers is Roxie.

The holidays are fast approaching; I have started



Christmas shopping, but still have a long way to go. My second favorite holiday comes first. Thanksgiving. I am so thankful for everything and everyone I have in my life and to have been born in this great country, not to mention the turkey!!

Everyone have a wonderful holiday season, no matter which holiday you celebrate. I look forward to hearing from a lot of you in the New Year.

33, Carole, WB9RUS

Have you filled out your survey and started making plans for the next YLRL Convention? Mark your calendars for 2011 in Boston, Massachusetts!



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS



Greetings from District 10!
Congratulations to Helen, W0AKI, on receiving her General license.

She recently went to a hamfest with Cece, W0CMR, who writes, "I asked her how old she was on our trip back. Do you know she is going to be 90 in March!!! She was so flattered that I didn't remember her age because she certainly doesn't look and act like she'll be 90. Anyway, just wanted to tell you about her age because she might very well be one of our very eldest YLRL members.

She has become a sort of ham celebrity in our St. Louis community. She's been featured in CQ Magazine and on our local News (non-ham related story). Her voice is recognized on and off the air, and she had recently served as operator for our special event station W0A for the building of the St. Louis Arch. She is well loved in the ham community and just loves to go mosey around with her walker at hamfests.

Kay, WA0WOF, recently had what must rank as a trip of a lifetime. She lived in Okinawa from 1966 to 1972, and this October had the opportunity to return. Ton, JR6XIX and her OM Dom, JR6XIW greeted her at the Naha, Okinawa airport.

She writes, "We did so much sightseeing in just a few days and it was incredible to see all the changes that have occurred. There was a BBQ, with some YL Harmonics July/August 2010

ham friends; a wonderful Okinawa International Women's Club luncheon; tours of Shuri Castle, the Peace Park, and a huge cave; shopping; a check-in to a Japanese YL net, and we even went looking for my two previous homes on Okinawa, only to find that both are now gone.

I have to mention all the delicious food that Ton made. It was so good! And I even got to meet Dorn's mother, who was very beautiful at the age of 104.

"The days passed quickly and on Nov 4th, the three of us flew to Shanghai to attend SEANET 2010, which was another over-the-top experience. I think it was the best ham meeting I've ever attended, with so many nice people and very interesting tours.

Mio, JR3MVF, had invited me to attend the meeting and we shared a room during the meeting. Nori, 7K3EOP, and Chae, HL1KDW, were there and we had some great times together. Conditions weren't too good on the radio but I did make one U. S. contact on 20 meters.

"The meeting ended on Nov 9th and Dom, Ton and I stayed in China to do some more sightseeing. They had arranged for a guide and a driver to pick us up in Shanghai and we drove down to Suzhou, which is an ancient city with many interesting sites, both old and new.

We went through silk and embroidery factories; temples; estates and gardens, and even went on a night river cruise.

On Nov 11, we went back to Okinawa, and enjoyed a memorable walk along (and in) the Pacific Ocean, which was just below their home. Between their home and the beach was some of the most beautiful scenery in Okinawa!

I flew home the next day after enjoying an unbelievable two weeks, very thankful to be a ham!"

As am I.
Doshia, KB0NAS

New Website for YL International Meet 2012

Tina, VK5TMC writes in to update on the website. "I have had several complaints about the last web psge often not being up when people tried to access it. So I have taken out a new web page and hopefully this one will be better. It is an expanded version of the last one."

YLinternational2012.com

New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WBIARU-Secretary

No
Picture
at this
time.

New Members for November/December 2010

Welcome to our new members!

District 3

KB3UKF Helen I. Count-Wayt

Helen is a member of Uniontown ARC and is newly licensed. Her OM is WA3YT John and they have 3 cats.

District 4

AB4CT Patricia Turpin

Patricia is from a ham family including KC4EKO David, AB9TH Mark and KC9DEN Laura. She is a Higher Education administrator, holds an extra class license and is active on 10, 6, 2, and 440.

District 5

AE5PV Elaine Ladnier

Elaine is an Extra who is active on 20, 40, 75 and 80. She is working for awards on the 3905 Century Net and is passionate about her horses. Her OM is W.G., AE5PU

District 6

KJ6CNO Clara Woll

Clara is active on 6 meters. She is a member of Los Angeles ARES and San Fernando Valley ARC. Her OM is Martin, N6VI.

K6HTN Kate Hutton

Kate is a CW operator, active with traffic nets, Straight Key Century Club, Pasadena RC and Caltech ARC.

District 7

KF7DPV Carol Pisano

Carol won YLRL membership at the SEAPAC YL Luncheon. She is a member of Maple Valley Ham Club and works as a secretary.

KE7WEN Marilyn Melhorn

Marilyn is active on 2 meters and a member of Clark Co. ARC. Her OM is Dan, KF7BHM.

District 9

KC9PUP Linda DeWeese

Linda is retired military and a member of the Fort Wayne Radio Club.

KC9PUQ Carol Griffin

Carol is a member of the Fort Wayne Radio Club and active on the air.

We welcome you as members of YLRL and hope to hear each of you on the air or meet you at a convention or hamfest.



VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM



My congratulations to Leona, VE7ONY, on being awarded CLARA's Doris Cody Award for the contributions she has made over the years to Amateur Radio. This is the final year the Doris Cody Award will be given and a well-deserved honour for Leona. Leona has just completed her term as Vice-President of CLARA and for her endeavours in that position was given a lovely necklace made by Glenna, VE7DSC.



I am sorry to report that Ethel Williamson, VE3DTW, has suffered a stroke. Ethel is our 103-year-old YLRL member who lives in an Assisted Living Home in St Catherine's, Ontario. (See page 14 of the May/June issue of Harmonics) *She is now a Silent key and you can read more in the In Our Thoughts section-Editor*

It has been a grand summer. I am looking forward to 2011 and Boston next July!! I hope your Christmas is merry and your New Year happy and healthy. 33 Suzanne

VE1VCI, Merle writes:
Greetings to all the YLRL gals from beautiful Lochaber in Nova

Scotia. The summer was very hot with lots of moisture.

In August our local club enjoyed a lovely meal at a local spot. I was presented with the NSARA award for 1st place in the March contest. Also had an orchid corsage pinned on, the first I had ever seen. HiHi. The balance of the year will find me trying to take part in YL Nets.

I have success on Mondays with KB4RM, Rose-Marie, at the helm. I love that Net. I still call in my weather reports in the morning to a chap, who in turn, sends it to Environment Canada. Enjoy a wonderful holiday season. 33 Merle

VE7YL, Elizabeth writes:
Hope that everyone had a good summer. Once ours finally arrived on the West Coast it was good but Sept, has seen the rains return. I attended the Pacific North West DX Convention that was held this year at the Hilton in Burnaby. Some very good speakers -1 enjoyed.

I especially enjoyed staying at the Hotel and not cooking or making my bed for two days!

There is a group of YLs going to Greenland tomorrow and I look forward to working some of them. No new YL countries - it has been a long stretch but I'm looking forward to working Babs, DL7AFS, who is going to St Barthelemy in early October.

33 Elizabeth VE7YL

VE7ONY, Leona writes: I was

delighted to receive the Doris Cody Award plaque. On August 18, Betty-Ann Barton VA7BAB and her husband Norm VE7BZC visited so Betty-Ann could present me with the award plaque. I wish to Thank All of the Members for giving me this award. I am most honoured in accepting it.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. Our wedding trip to Calgary in June didn't seem to quench the thirst for traveling. John and I went to Vancouver for a five-day visit to celebrate our youngest son's fortieth birthday.

The following week, I returned to Vancouver to spend a couple of days with my mother and sister, after which I met my son, Peter and his wife, Ila and my two little grandchildren to go to Hawaii. After a week, I returned home. John was so happy to see me!! Perhaps there is something to the saying "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" HI.

In August my little grandson Noah who lives in Ottawa called and asked if I would come and visit him, so I immediately booked for John and I to go in the last week of August. John and I went to Montreal for three days too and visited with his HAM buddies and our daughter Jo-Anne, her sons and our three

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

Dear YL friends.

Fall is here in Virginia with all the beautiful colors on the trees, and sunshine every day. We finally got some rain after a very dry hot summer. Winter is coming, and soon we will have our first frost. They predict a cool winter so bundle up and get the firewood ready to keep warm.

I hope that you all have been busy on the radio, as we now have five new countries to work beginning this month of October. They are Curacao PJ2, Bonaire PJ4, Saba PJ6, St Eustatius PJ5, and Saint Maarten PJ7. These Islands became independent, so we get to work them again as new countries. The expeditions of amateurs that went there have left, but there are other amateurs who live on the islands. I read that Saba and St. Eustatius only have one active amateur, but two Americans are planning to go there June, July 2011.

Diane, G3ZUC wrote a wonderful letter describing how she met her husband, John, and after he spent 5 years in the War, they got married. They lived in Kenya for 20 years where John got his 5Z4MI call. Dianne got her license as VQ9DC, worked radio on the island Desroches for 2 weeks, and had great conditions working all States. Diane lost John three years ago after 60 years of marriage. She does like to stay in contact with us and reads Harmonics from front to back.

Christine, GM4YMM and OM, Ken went to RSGB HF convention in Milton Keynes in October. They drove for 6 1 / 2 hours to get there, past
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beautiful countryside with hatch roof houses. They took part in many interesting talks and expeditions, one about Alaska. On Saturday night they enjoyed dinner, together with 160 guests, hosted by the RSGB president Dave Wilson. Christine took a historical tour of Buckingham close to Bletchley Park, a secret place during WW2, where the Enigma machine was decoded. Shopping was also enjoyed.

Christa, DJ1TE reported that they had their yearly 80 meter meeting in Germany this time in Mosel/Saar valley in the corner where Germany, Luxemburg, and France border with each other. There were 43 YL and 20 OM who were met by Marlie, DF3VW who had organized the meeting.

She and her daughter had baked for 3 days, producing all the wonderful cakes and torten.

The countryside was very colorful and with good weather. They visited a very old Roman village and the beautiful castle "Chateau Malbrouck" with its four towers which they climbed for the beautiful view.

At their business meeting, they had to accept that they could not afford to print their *DL-YL Informationen* any longer, only two more issues will be printed.

Inger, OZ7AGR reported on the expedition to Greenland in which she took part. I hope many of you had contact with them.

I have enjoyed my year as DX news editor, and meeting many of you in Munich and Friedrichshafen. It has been so nice getting your news via mail.

Next year I hope to see many of you at the YLRL meeting in Boston/Quincy, Massachusetts. July 21-24, 2011.

I wish you all Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Good DX-ing
33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

Reminder, dues for membership-including sponsorship starts January 1st, and no later than March 31st.

Below: Pictures of Olga, RA3GKB, and her OM Oleg, RV3GM, visiting their friend Dean Manley, I<H6B in Hawaii this year.



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little great grandchildren and to hear that we have another great grandchild due in March!

John had some troubles returning home, seems to have slipped back into his polymyalgia. I am holding steady, sailing my ship on the waves (radio waves, of course). I am still walking around with enough energy to catch my grandchildren. Who could ask for anything more!! Have a wonderful fall and early winter and hope to meet many of you on the nets! 33 Leona

Ann, VE3HAI and Bare, VE3HAH, really enjoyed the "fleamarket" season this year. It's always nice to meet friends and catch up. The Milton fleamarket was a highlight, but all fleamarkets are fun. We've been hams for so long that it's rare we don't know someone in the crowd.

We also enjoyed our local TFM repeater BBQ in September. In November, we will be going to the Ft. Wayne area Hamfest with our daughter, Janet, W9ZKU. After that, it's just counting the days until Dayton. We hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. Stay well and enjoy life.

All the best. Ann, VE3HAI
VE3HQB, Heather writes:
Hello everyone, hope your summer as been memorable.

Things around here have been very hectic. After Dayton, which Doug, VE3CWO and Don, VE3NC (cousin) attended and had a great time; we decided to install a geothermal ground heat source unit in our home. We've been all electric and the costs have been astronomical, so this

was our best option. Now we have central air-conditioning that we've never had before, only a window one.

In July, we arrived in Winchester in time for the HOLMES picnic and Bob's (father-in-law) 100th birthday. Had a great time with 164 relatives on hand to join in the fun. Helen, Doug's mom, turned 90 in July and passed her driving test. Bob is now in a nursing home, as his legs gave out and is now in a wheelchair but otherwise fine.

While down east, we visited with Hugh Clark, VE9HC in Heartford, NB. Hugh was my radio examiner in 1974 and we've kept in touch. He has a few health problems but is doing fine.

Also, met Ken and Ella McCormick, VY2RU & VO1PEI in PEI. They live on a hill and have an antenna farm. Lovely people, like all HAMS are.

Had a chance to check into the YL net Aug 19th and have a chat with a few of the YL's. That was great. I won't be able to do that again until May 2011 as we are dancing every Thursday evening till then.

Take care everyone and take time to enjoy the upcoming festive season. Heather,
VE3HQB

VE5AQ, Vai writes: Hello Girls, well I told you about the Saskatchewan Hamfest so now will try to fill you in on everything else.

First off, we are finally having summer. We have had beautiful weather this last week of September so now we

are scrambling, as we are still having a few antenna problems, this one doesn't work, this one is okay but, and this one broke.

So poor Harv is up and down the tower trying desperately to get things working so that he can check in to the nets he likes to, and trying to make sure that I am able to check into the YL nets.

I did check into the Tangle Net once, before the antenna problems, and really hope that I will get back soon. Hopefully by the time you all get to read this, I am back on the air.

This fall we are pruning our 8 Maples and 1 Elm tree. We supply the oxygen for the neighbourhood. Some trees around here are 40 Feet plus, but we don't like them that high, not with the winds we get. I don't need them interfering with my Radio Waves, and the antennas, because there is such a thing as "Murphy's Law", which of course always happens at the most inopportune time, like when it's 40 below 0.. .no thanks we will trim them now while the weather is good, and then we don't have to worry about them.

I remember the first year we did this, I looked at them and said "Harv, what have you done?" "They won't have any leaves on them they are gone"... Nope they came back growing even more, so every year we take off about 5 feet, and they really do come back and look so nice in the spring.

The only other news I have is that we have gotten another

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Certificate Custodian

WAS-YL, YLCC, YL-DXCC, WAC-YL. DX-YL -Carolyn Donner, N8ST- [REDACTED]
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Continuous Membership-Mary Moore, WX4MM- [REDACTED]
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dog. His name is Cody, and he gets along wonderfully with Yaesu. Yes a dog named after a radio. Yaesu is Japanese as you know, and it means "Cool, Calm and Gentle" now how that applies to a radio I have no idea, but the 3 "C's" is not my Yaesu. He is anything but.

Okay girls, that's it from Saskatchewan. Both Harv and I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, and a Very Merry Christmas. We will catch you all again in 2011. 33 Vai

VA3WX, Jeanne writes: It was a real hot and humid summer, but the flower gardens looked lovely. In July Jeanne was taken to 3 luncheons and one especially special with her son. The lunch was at a big Italian restaurant in Mississauga and a nice treat. I took 6 girls to a brunch at a very old restaurant and when you walked up the stairs to the restaurant the stairs creaked. It was located on the waterfront in down town Burlington and we sat on bistro chairs at a table that overlooked the water. The food was excellent and plenty to choose from.

My birthday supper with my OM was combined with our anniversary supper (43) at our big Chinese restaurant-a nice way to start to my 70th year. Its good to have improved band conditions especially for our evening CLARA net as we can hear all the check-ins again.

"Very sorry to hear of W2GLB, Phyllis, becoming a silent key. Like many other yls I met Phyllis on the air when I was living in VE2-land. I had a great location for ham radio and used

to check into some of the U.S. nets from time to time. She will be missed". 33 Jeanne

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

IN OUR THOUGHTS

Ruthann Bott the sister-in-law of Annette KC8SQM had a massive heart attack on Thursday, December 12, 2010 and passed away. She was 63 years old the youngest of Annette's husband's family.

Marte, K0EPE mentioned on the net that Beth Selman, K7YGV passed away.

Suzanne Snape, VE7IM writes, "Just received this sad news from Geddie, VE3CJX, this morning. Geddie's mother and Ethel were good friends. Geddie has now lost both of them. Sad news but not unexpected.

You might like to view the video made by the Amateur Radio Club of Ethel at one of their meetings. Website is: www.ontars.net/ve3dtw She was a delightful and most interesting lady. It is the passing of an era. What memories, what experiences, what an attitude, what a life!!"

Geddie writes that "I passed along the greetings and shared some shorter stories. I'm blown away at how beautiful Ethel stayed all through her life and that is not to say she didn't have any hardships.

I recollect after the BBQ earlier this year she was singing ditties in brogue and dialect. She was an entertainer at heart hence the twinkle! Apparently Cyril was also one who loved to sing & play the piano for friends and family. She seemed to have enjoyed her life immensely if the pictures speak!

The casket was closed at the request of the family but I personally would have loved to see her just one more time."

Yokota Nobuko, JL1AVD, has had to withdraw from YLRL due to health conditions according to her OM. He says it is hard for her to HAM in her Condition.

Keep Barb Bender, KA3VXR, in your thoughts she had surgery in October and sends this news after coming home. "Well, I came home on Saturday night, the hospital couldn't find rehab that would take me with trach and feeding tube. So they got me home nursing and poor Richie has to feed me and give meds thru feeding tube."

Luckily she says she doesn't have a lot of pain and her main complaint is the feedings 4 x day. They cause heartburn and nausea and she would rather have the pain.

The great news is that they found no new cancer! Keep her in your prayers.

Connie, KJ4UNA sends in news about Mary Moore, WX4MM. Mary's OM, Tom, WX4TM came down with a cold and went to Dr around Oct 8. He went 3 times (8th, 13th, 21) before they decided to do a chest xray. The xray showed a 5 cm mass in right lung. Then they did CAT scan and found it was in his spine (10th vertebrae), his lungs, tissue surrounding his lungs, and adrenal glands. Went from a chest cold to advanced stage IV cancer in less than 3 weeks. The attempted radiation on spine to alleviate some of the pain but it had to be discontinued as he could not take the 15 min on the table with all the pain. He passed away the next month.

His son posted this on his Facebook page:

"Gotta send out a salute to dad. He's a 22 year vet from the Air Force. He served in Vietnam. He was stationed in Alaska- twice, Texas, Turkey, Mississippi and Vietnam that I am aware of. He was awarded many medals. Reached the rank of MasterSergeant. He will always be a hero in my eyes."

Another Silent Key sent in by Bobbie, W1JX. "Marion, ICA2ZKM became a silent key sometime around the beginning of the month [November], I heard the news on the Sea Gull Net last Friday night. I don't know any of the details, but I assume it was related to her Alzheimer's."

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 recently. *-More on Bob in the article My Summer Travels in this issue. Ed.*

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