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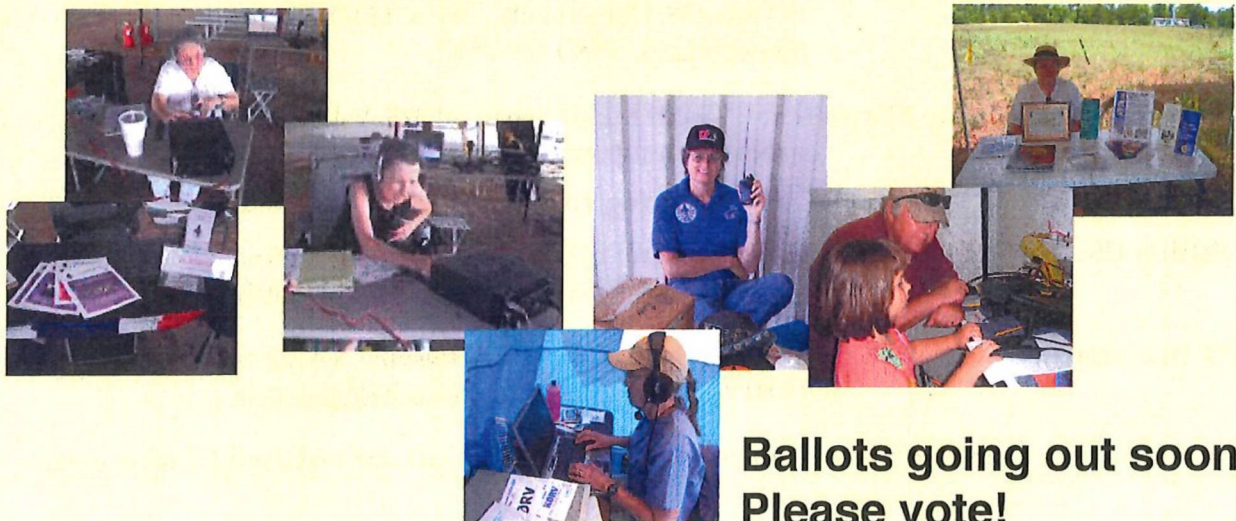
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At the 2011 Convention BV2RS, Wendy Chang, made a donation to YLRL. Thank you Wendy for your thoughtful gift.

2011 YLRL Scholarship Drive Winners

- 1st Prize-Sharon Toal, W9RNR \$300.00*
- 2nd Prize-Clay Emert, K5TRW 250.00
- 3rd Prize-George Babits, W7HTL 150.00*

* Sharon Toal, W9RNF returned \$150.00 to the YLRL Scholarship Fund. She and her OM, ED, W9MW are planning on donating the other \$150.00 to the MDXC Scholarship fund of Wisconsin.

* George Babits, W7HTL returned the \$150.00 that he won back to the YLRL Scholarship fund.

Thank you Sharon and George for your additional contribution to the YLRL Scholarship Fund.

Sincere thanks to all the YLs and OMs who purchased and who worked selling tickets making the 2011 Scholarship Drive a success!

There will be a complete financial report regarding the 1011 drive in the Nov-Dec. issue of the YL Harmonics.

Marte KOEPE



President's Message de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ

By the time this column is read by the members the 2011 YLRL convention in Quincy, Mass will be pleasant memories of another wonderful gathering. I only wish that more of you would take the opportunity to attend one of these conventions and get to know your fellow members. Not only do we have a chance to socialize and sightsee but we also discuss the future of our organization.

This year the committee did a wonderful job and the planning was spot on. The tours included the birthplace of freedom, Boston, and a trip to Cape Cod to the Marconi sites. The OM's attending were treated to a trip to MIT while the YLs had their business meeting. The only complaint was that Mother Nature decided to give us the hottest temperatures since the early 1900's. We survived!!!

At the business meeting the fiscal difficulties of the organization were discussed and several proposals made to try and shore up the expenses. One of these was to eliminate putting the Constitution and Bylaws in the directory issue, which will save about 2 ounces of postage. So save your old copy of a directory or look for the Constitution on the new web page. We also discussed the cost of sending Harmonics to our DX members and we proposed an increase in the DX sponsorship from \$23 to \$25. Also a slight increase in family membership will occur.

On a more positive note, we previewed the new web page, which should be on line very soon, and we talked about the YLRL scholarship fund, which continues to provide financial support to deserving young

ladies. Give yourself a pat on the back... YLRL has provided over \$45,000 in awards since 1978. A large note of appreciation goes to Marte KOEPE for her tireless efforts and her excellent bookkeeping. Donations as memorials and honors are always welcome to this fund.

Somewhere in this issue you will find the words to the command performance by the YL Rowdies. This group first performed at the Albany convention and by no popular demand did a repeat act. This ensemble impressed even John Adams. Since they only perform at YLRL conventions you want to make sure you get to the next one, where ever it may be.

Your ballot for 2012 -2013 officers should arrive soon. Don't forget to vote.. it is one way to have your choices made. 33,s Lois WB3EFQ

Check out this new video of an all-YL Field Day station:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/KN4AO2#p/u/II/iUmqOalzpBE>

From Tammie, M3ENF-There is a HamTwitNet on Echolink every Thursday morning at 0100 UTC / Wednesday night 2100 EST (on node 387265 (W5RAW-R)).

Everyone is welcome and there is a web-site with more info: www.hamtwitnet.net but basically it's a group of us who talk on Twitter and who are hams, hence tfhamtwits. :)

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In Our Thoughts

N8FE, Marsha Flemming's OM passed away. Please keep her in your thoughts.

Donna, KB1RPP writes: I will not be rejoining YLRL in the near future. I was diagnosed with cancer a few months ago. I am doing very well but my resources need to be elsewhere as I am sure you understand. *73 Please keep her in your thoughts.-Ed.*

Carol, K4SAF read a post by Theresa, AC0UO on Facebook. She joined YLRL this summer.

She [had] to have a brain tumor removed. She was in a car accident just a few days ago, which didn't hurt her much thankfully, but she said it tore her car up pretty bad. After that she started having a headache, went for an MRI. They found bleeding in her brain, but it was not from an injury from the accident. It was from a brain tumor.

Another example of how things work in mysterious ways perhaps. If not for the accident, would they have found the tumor now. Keep her in your prayers and I'm pasting her email here in case you want to send her email. If you're on FB, you can post on her page. [REDACTED]

The Directory issue is next! Please make sure your information is correct AND your adoptees are paid for so they can be included. If you are unsure if updates were made, please check with the Receiving Treasurers—US Carol Laferty, K4SAF and DX Rose-Marie Battig, KB4RM. Please remember sending changes to the editor delays the corrections. Thank you!

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



Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB

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Summer vacation is over and school has once again started. With the new school year we have grown a little older and wiser. We will meet and make new friends. School is a major building block for us; we learn social skills and which direction we want to go in life. My parents have always encouraged me and stressed how important it is for me to do my very best. I wish the very best for each of you in this new school year.

I have noticed 6 meters has been up and down this summer and I've been able to make several contacts. 2-meter sideband has been active in the morning hours.

D-Star is getting more popular each month. I read on the Internet that 2 new D-Star repeaters are put on the air each week in the USA. D-Star repeaters are VHF and UHF. D-Star repeaters are contacted to the Internet and are listed as "A" module, 1.2 GHz, "B" module, 440 and "C" module, 2m. The "B" module or what we normally call the 440 repeater

is the gateway repeater. The gateway repeater is the one that is used to get the system on the Internet. Once you learn how D-Star works it is easier to understand. I can be in my hometown of Cleveland, TN and be on my IC-2820H D-Star radio and talk to another ham anywhere in the world. What is so neat about this is it is done via the Internet using a 2m/440 radio in your home or car. There is a very good book available about D-Star and how it works. The name of the book is called "Nifty E-Z Guide to D-Star". I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in D-Star.

Let me tell you about a very special 11-year-old young lady. Kaitlyn Cole, KS3P has recently been named Amateur Radio Newline "Young Ham of the Year".

Kaitlyn is also Assistant Section Manager of Youth Activities in Alabama. She will be in the sixth grade this school year and maintains an "A" average. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Stanley, NX3P and Amy Cole.

Kaitlyn was 8 years old when she passed the Technician exam in September 2009, passed the General exam in October 2009 and became an Extra in January 2010.

On April 27 the southern part of the Country was devastated by several tornados. The area of Alabama in which Kaitlyn lives was also hit by the violent storms. Kaitlyn volunteered her services to her community by running errands and shortly thereafter took the role of Net Control Operator of the local area net dispatching Amateur Radio Operators to needed areas with chainsaws and other vital equipment.

She is truly an asset to her community and a credit to Amateur Radio. Kaitlyn, we are very proud of your accomplishments and you are very deserving of this award. Keep up the good work!

If you have anything you wish me to include in my next article feel free to contact me by email.

Until next time,
Emily, WE4MB

Changes & Corrections

Nancy Morris, I<4JD-Information update

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Sarla Sharma-US callsign update
WU2SWS



District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT



We have had an unusually hot July after a cool and wet June in most of 1-land. WRONE was the host group for the YLRL Convention, July 21 - 25, held at the Best Western Adams Inn in Quincy.

Despite the incredible heat, nearly 50 YLRL members and guests enjoyed a full schedule of tours and events. Things got underway with a social time on Thursday evening. Beautiful tote bags embroidered with the Convention logo and stuffed with all kinds of goodies were distributed to the YLs. All YLs and guests were given an emergency "go bag" stuffed with items to take on the tours.

On Friday, the group boarded a trolley and toured Boston (at 103 degrees), including a cruise around Boston's Inner Harbor. Saturday included the YLRL meeting and YL luncheon followed by a tour of the Adams houses in Quincy.

"President John Adams" was the guest speaker for the YL-OM Banquet Saturday evening. The Scholarship Fund Drive drawing took place at the banquet as well.

A bus tour to Cape Cod on Sunday included the Chatham Marconi Maritime Museum, the French Cable Station Museum and the Cape Cod National Seashore.

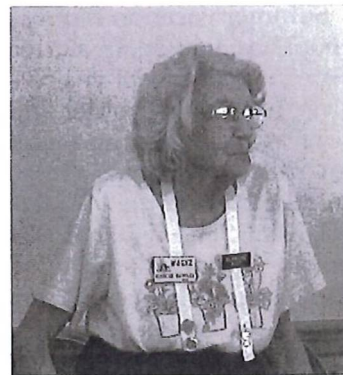
On Monday a small group traveled to ARRL Headquarters in CT. Those in attendance included YLs from Canada,

Sweden, India, and Taiwan as well as from 12 states.

Prizes and gifts were donated from many clubs, individuals and companies including ICOM, Heil, MFJ, HRO and Ham Test On-Line. Prizes were given out at the Social, Luncheon and Banquet.

The schedule was full and the weather was hot, but everyone said that they had a wonderful time.

The committee included WBIARU-Anne, Chairwoman; NIBLR-Judy, Registrar; KBIFVN-Joanne, bags and goodies; KAITEB-Lisa, tours; KAITEO-Marianne, speaker and tours; WIJX-Bobbie, hostess.



Blanche, W4GXZ (twice President) at the Convention.

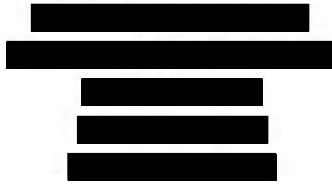
Prizes at YL-OM Banquet



*WRONE Revere Bowl winner
I to r: Judy NIBLR, Janice K4IJK, Joanne KBIFVN, Sr, Francesca WAIRZT, Anne WBIARU, Bobbie WIJX, Doshia KBONAS, Hennie KAIJVN*



District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF



Greetings, Ladies!

Summer is in full swing and I've really enjoyed making the rounds at Field Day, where I've seen many local YLs having a great time operating! It's good for us gals to get on the air. I think the OMs enjoy us on the air as well.

I didn't get to the YLRL Convention, as originally planned. It seemed that my boss had other ideas about me taking time off. I know you gals who went had a great time!

SKYWARN activity seems to have gone north of us for the most part this summer, although we have seen a few storms in this area. As summer winds down around here, clubs will be active once again with meetings, VE activities and of course hamfests.

I hope everyone is taking time to help out in a few of the Public Service events in their local areas. The MS Society is one of the most popular fall events, and there is an opportunity to support these events with Amateur Radio. If you can volunteer, please do so, as these are great training activities and you will learn so much!

Also, I want to remind all the YLs that the ARRL EC016 ECOMM Course is available. This is a great time to take the course. If you do complete the course, please supply feedback to me, if you can. I would love to hear from you.

BARA Babes have been busy on the air with their weekly nets on two meters. Hopefully, they will be planning a trip somewhere soon, this fall.

That's all for now. Please drop me an email and let me know what's going on out there with all of you ladies!

33 de Joyce, KA2ANF



*Karen Cefalo, W2ABK at the
2011 YLRL Convention*

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busy living happily ever after at law school in Oklahoma. His bride is an Aggie, but even though she's not a ham we still love her.

A recent windstorm left our beam hanging like a ruptured duck and one leg of the dipole wrapped around a guy wire. And the rotator did the deep six even before that. It will be a while before we can afford to get a bucket truck out here to repair the damage, but this, too, shall pass—someday. This is the third time that the bolts holding the beam to the mast have broken,

so we're a little put out.

Son Allen, KB5AB, had quintuple bypass surgery Memorial Day weekend, but he's doing extremely well now. Stay cool and happy hamming to all!

Ann, WA5GLM

Gulfport, MS- KB5CSQ BJ,

I attended Field Day also with the Magnolia DX and The Great Southern DX groups who combined to work Field Day this year.

We raise 2 towers with beams, had a trailer with a telescopic mast with another

beam and operated out of Air condition Communication trailers.

We set up in an open field had a visitor tent set up with fans and tables and chairs for all to visit and plenty of room for antennas and parking. We operated 3A, a GOTA Station, lots of food, operators and fun.

The weather was great no thunder storms just HOT. On Sunday after all the equipment had been taken down we celebrated with 2 large COLD water melons.

33, BJ Byrd, KB5CSQ



District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL-SK

Hello YLs. You may wonder if you don't already know, why I am writing this column at this time. It is zoith deep sorrow that I announce the passing of our 3rd District Chairwoman, Jacque Gosselin, N3ZEL. Jacque passed away on July 2, 2011 fro a pulmonary embolism.

I had spoken with her at the Dayton Hamvention® in May and she was not feeling well then, but was under a doctor's care at that time. Still, her death came as a complete surprise to everyone around her.

Jacque was a very interesting and energetic individual. She loved the hobby and got very involved. She was a volunteer examiner and coordinator for her local club, editor of the club newsletter, she taught classes for new hams and was very involved with local Hamfests.

She also had other interests and hobbies that she enjoyed. She loved gardening and canning, drove sulky horses, was a weaver and was a wonderful warm lady.

We extend our sympathies to Ed, her partner and to those whose lives she affected.

Lois, WB3EFQ-President, YLRL

Three YLs from 3rd District attended the convention and we had a great time. Barb, KA3VXR and her OM, Richie traveled on to Cape Cod to spend a couple of days with their daughter after the event. Lois, WB3EFQ and OM, Tom did some sightseeing in Vermont and New Hampshire on the way home. I finally got to visit Keepsake Quilting Shop but didn't buy anything. Not sure where post convention took Sue, KB3U1P and her OM but it sure was nice meeting them.

The new District Chairperson will be Cecilia Bastone, KB3VEN who graciously accepted the request after Jacque's death. Please give her your support and get information to her so we have lots to report in this column. Her e-mail is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] she lives in Tarentum, PA. Cecilia has already been busy attending several local Hamfests and talking to the YLs who stop by. She is hoping to encourage more membership in Pennsylvania. Joyce Mente, KB3OVO has been very busy lately. Cecilia spoke with her at the Breezeshooters picnic, and she let her know that she and her OM spent a weekend in Erie and another weekend in Pymatuming. Joyce also enjoys making cards. She has a definite talent for the art.

I also heard that Mary Anne WA3HUP has recently been having several health issues and was in the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery. Till next time.. .33s, Lois, WB3EFQ

Here is what Jacque had sent in right after the Dayton Hamvention®-ED.

Hello to all in District 3—

The calendar doesn't tell us it is officially summer yet, but we seem to have gone right from complaining about snow to complaining about heat. Here we have hot and wet and weed season upon us. I still prefer this and am soaking up all the warmth I can.

We have Dayton behind up—so looked forward to and over so quickly. I did get there but did not get to enjoy it as I usually do. Got slammed with some sort of bug and activities were curtailed. I have to thank all the YLs that were there and stopped by wherever I got to and would visit and say hello. That was a wonderful bright spot in the weekend. Thanks to you all.

I did get a new member to sign up there—Norma Plants, N3YJJ. Thank you Norma for joining our ranks. Glad to have you with us.

And at the beginning of June was our Breezeshooters Hamfest here in SW Pennsylvania. It is not quite as big as Dayton,

but the largest in our area. We did have interest in the YLRL table and should have some new members in the area. My thanks to Judy, KB3DPY and Cil, KB3VEN for being there and covering the table. It's a very busy Hamfest and we all wind up wearing several hats.

I did hear in from Lois, WB3EFQ, who sends in this news: Tom and I really enjoyed Dayton and enjoyed meeting so many YLs there. It was good to see a number of our DX friends also in attendance. We are looking forward to Quincey in July and seeing the members. My luck is turning. I went to a quilt show in May and was the lucky winner of a sewing chair, which is really nice. Still busy with a number of quilting projects and learning new techniques.

Congratulations to Lois! Our members have so many varied talents and interests. Please send along your news, we would love to hear from all of you in the District.

With the summer starting we have several more Hamfests, picnics, and events to look forward to and I hope to meet with you at many of them. Enjoy, be safe, and hope to see you at our Convention in July.

73,33

Jacque, N3ZEL



District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ

Greetings to all YLs. I hope this column finds everyone in good health and not too, too sweltering hot I Wow, this has been one HOT summer here in North Georgia (and from what I have heard a lot of othei' places around the country).

I haven't been to any hamfests at all this summer. And I was away for field day this year.

I did manage to make the SCARS picnic in Hiawassee at least. I have also managed to check into our YLRL Thursday night net with WB1ARU, Anne.

Thank goodness there are other YLs out there who can report on their ham related activities. So, here goes ...

Sue Simpson N8AJU reports: My OM Ken, W8EK and I have been on a month long trip, primarily for QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Association) activities.

They attended more than 10 events including; Dayton Hamvention, Breezeshooter's Hamfest in Butler, PA andC the Raleigh, NC Chapter 126 meeting to name just a few.

WOW Sue, you were a very busy YL this summer. It sounds like you and Ken had a great time. Thanks for sharing.

Lois Smith KA4LBD writes: JLRS Japan ladies ham club had their 8th annual Hina contest March 3. Our DX member, JA1EYL scored very well.

Hina is famous girl's festival in Japan when birth of girls is YL Harmonics July/August 2011

celebrated and wishes for future happiness is celebrated.

Small dolls in red dresses are displayed in houses. There were 130 OM and 58 YL participants.

The 54th annual JLRS meeting is to be July 23 in Nayoga at the Grand Hotel.

The 55th annual meeting may be in Hiroshima at the New Castle Hotel. At least that is what I think I saw on that page.

Thanks for the DX update Lois; it's always nice to hear what's happening on the other side of the pond !

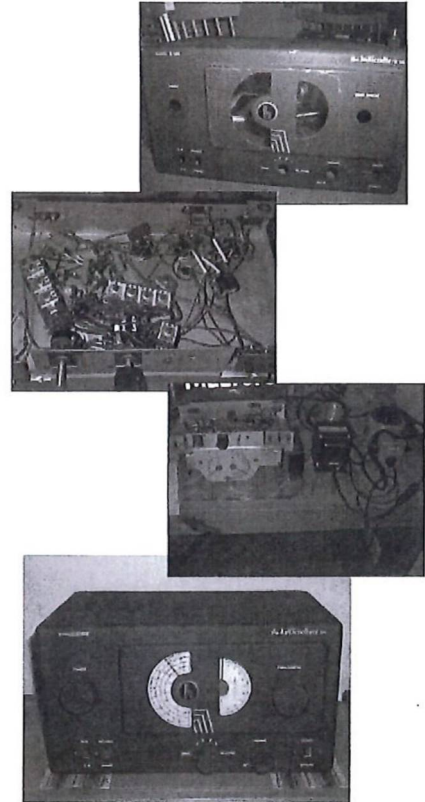
Lydia Morgan KF4TPW writes that she, her OM Buddy, WB4OMG; Paul, I<J4G; and Donna, WQ4M went to Carrabella FL (EL79) and set up their radios and antennas to participate in the VHF contest sponsored by the ARRL.

It was the first time Lydia was involved in contesting . She has been a Ham for 12 years and in the past mostly talked with her OM. Lydia also reported that they did the contest and she finally got up the nerve to call CQ contest.

On a 6 meter opening she was able to contact a station in Washington State who was so excited to get the rare grid square EL 79.

They were a multi op station and wound up with 450 contacts. Needless to say, it was exciting! Congrats Lydia, sounds like you enjoyed your first ARRL CQ Contest and are looking forward to more in the future!

Sue Sabin, KJ4DLP has been doing some restorative work on a Hallicrafter S 38 B receiver that she bought at a hamfest. She had fun working on it and it works now !



The restoration of Sue's Hallicrafter

Kudos to you Sue, you are a brave soul and I admire you.

Well YLs, that is all the news I received from our members. I hope you all enjoyed your summer and had a chance to GOTA.

Please remember to share any news, happenings and / or pictures with your chairperson. All are interested and appreciated.

73, Joan, W4JMJ



District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello to all from DC 5,

Thank you for all the news from DC 5 very active and nice reports on Field Day, pictures and family articles. Everyone get a tall glass of sweet tea and sit a while you will enjoy the reading.

**Driftwood, TX- K5YTT
Grace,**

I've been letting the OM, K5KDN, do all the hamming. He's gone VHF, enjoys working 6 meters, and rag chews with an early morning 80M net. I think he worked some Field Day from home, too. With our unending heat in the upper 90s and above and virtually no rain, outside activities, gardening and such, happen early or late. Seems like the radio is at the bottom of my list, a sometimes hobby that doesn't get enough attention to be fun. Maybe if/when I give up this church music job I'll have time to think about radio again. 33, Grace, K5YTT

**De Soto, TX- W5MWK
Joyce,**

My progress is great after the Kidney Transplant, 100% function. I've gone from an everyday Dr.'s visit to going every three weeks.

I did get on the radio once but lost my voice, for awhile.

I found my straight key and my bug for code and hope to do CW this next week. I really enjoy it more than talking. I also love building radio gear.

Grandson Chris came and said he wanted to build a radio, so we hunted up the soldering

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iron screwdriver etc. got him some parts at RADIO SHACK and Jim & I set down and he went to work.

When he put the battery in he stood up and said yes I knew I could, he had a Mavericks game on. He went to bed listening to Iris radio.

Hope he gets his license soon. His Dad & Mom both have theirs. Hope everyone had a wonderful 4th. 33's W5MWK Joyce

**Seminole, OI< - KC5RWW,
Beth**

Field day in Shawnee, Oklahoma started with a tailgate swap at 8:00 a.m. I had one radio to sell / swap and it sold before I got my table set up. The rest of my stuff was garage sale type stuff. I wasn't interested in making money, just getting rid of the stuff. Everything was a quarter or free. Very few people took anything for free. They insisted on paying at least a few coins. I sold a few albums, old watches and jewelry, videos, cds, etc.

An HF radio and antenna were set up outside for 20 and 40 meters running on commercial power. I think this was the first field day in this town in many years its 25 miles from my home. There was no food but plenty of ice water.

We were on a big concrete slab with a roof over us; open on 3 sides. The wind made it tolerable. Tailgate swap ended at noon and someone brought

me a sandwich from a fast food place. Testing for licenses would start at 1:00. Most of the group stayed inside with the air conditioner, but no radios.

I'd never operated on field day so I was hoping to watch someone else for a while. By 1:30 no one was near the radio. The president of the club invited me to use it. I jumped on it.

I don't remember how long it took me to make my first contact. About half way through the afternoon the assistant section manager and section manager dropped in and came over to see how I was doing.

No one else wanted to operate. I used the radio for 3 % hours and made ten contacts. Went inside just before 5:00 for the first time since I got there and they were finished testing and packing to leave. Back outside the antenna was being taken down. I enjoyed having the radio to myself but would have enjoyed working with someone too.

Back at my house I made 25 more contacts; 17 were on 10M. Sunday morning I made a few more.

Beth Pearce, KC5RWW

**San Antonio, TX -W7PBR,
Dottie,**

Our interim President called me and asked if I would head the club's ARRL Field Day for 2011. After talking with him for a short time about it, I agreed to be the Chairperson. "What did

I get myself into" as I hung up the phone. I had about 5 weeks to get everything going. At our next club meeting after giving my presentation for Field Day, the members voted for a 2-day event. In the past we had only done one day.

Finding a location was a little bit of a problem because of doing it for two days. We got approval from the Poteet Strawberry Festival board of directors to have it at their location. Getting the band captains was easy. The point here is with a group of team players and following the ARRL rules my job was easy. I wanted to set up a YL station so the ladies in our club could have a chance to make contacts and get the experience.

With the help of Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV who provided me with brochures, applications and a few extra YL-Harmonics, I was set.

With my health issues, I decided in all the planning to get me a Hove round and had a lift installed in the bed of my truck. It sure was nice having it at Field Day. I was able to move around easy and cover all the areas where our guys were sitting up. At about 8:30 am I set up our ARRL Information table for guests and members, and then headed over to my YL station.

I had a table at the YL station just for YLRL information. The OM-John, K5PBR set up my radio. At 1pm we started trying to make contacts. The YL station was equipped with a Kenwood TS-130 HF radio and used a Little Tarheel II antenna, which was mounted on my truck with a Tri Magnet mount.

Evelyn, K7EVE, was band captain on 15meters and she began trying to make contacts.

Ladies, for some strange reason someone felt the need to bring a "Voodoo" to our location. We could hear everyone but had trouble getting out. Three of the OM's working different bands had trouble with their rigs. Never fear when you cannot make contacts, food always comes up in the conversations.

We opt for a Sloppy Joe supper so we ate early and sit around talking mostly about amateur radio. Yep, it was hot here in south Texas but we were blessed to be under a pavilion and there was a nice breeze.

As night approached, contacts were made up until around midnight.

Saturday night. County Judge, Diana Bautisto, visited our location. She tried to make several contacts at our GOTA station.



Judge Bautisto tries out the GOTA Station

Unable to get through she started asking questions and was surprised at the number of women in our club who were licensed operators. I explained about the YLRL and gave her a brochure and application.

My OM, John, gave a brief presentation on CW, which she thought was interesting. Hopefully she will read the information we gave her and in the near future get her license and join ARRL and the YLRL.

Judge Diana Bautisto (r) and Dottie, W7PBR



As noon rolled around Sunday, someone mentioned the watermelon that we forgot about at supper on Sat. so everyone sat around eating it and then the task of taking down antennas and packing up began.

Most of our ladies in the club are new to talking on a radio and contacts on field day just scares them away. I will not give up trying to get them on the air. I am glad Field Day is over and I have told everyone next year we need to start 3-4 months out before Field Day.

All said and done. Field Day was great and can't wait until next year. If anyone has suggestions on how to get the ladies from the club out of their shells, please let me know.

73, Dottie, W7PBR.

Brownwood, TX - WA5GLM, Ann,

Well, phooey! I had this all written and just needed to finish up and send, and it's gone! Vanished into that great cyber-hole somewhere in a parallel universe!

The good news is that grandson Brandon, KD5UDD, had a storybook garden wedding (even though the preacher did call the bride by the wrong name once) and is

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2011 YLRL Convention

The 2011 Rowdy's Convention Song

Sung to the tune of "Yankee Doodle Dandy"

YLRL came to Boston,
Just to ride the trolley.
Put their backpacks on their back.
Everyone was jolly.

Chorus:

YLRL keep it up!
YLRL's dandy!
YLRL we have fun.
As long as we have candy.

We are happy to be here
Right through the construction.
Over the bridge and roundabout
Was almost our destruction!

Chorus

Took a walk through Adam's park.
Just to see the mansion.
Rambled on to Old Cape Cod
And saw Marconi's station.

Chorus

*As we went down to Old Cape Cod,
We found a stowaway.
Had a picnic in the park
And Ice Cream made the day.

Business meeting, OM tours
Lots to do and see.
YLRL is for us!
We hope you will agree!

Chorus

*Amended after original performance to
include one more event!



The "Rowdies" perform
I to r: Joanne, KAIJVN; Nancy, KC4IYD; Barb, KA3VXR;
Lois, WB3EFQ; and Cheryl, N0WBV

Past YLRL Presidents Top L to
R: Cheryl, N0WBV & Nancy,
KC4IYD

Bottom L to R: Blanche, W4GXZ
(twice President); Lois, WB3EFQ
(current); and Anne, WBIARU.



Clockwise:
Construction,
President John
Adams, Group
photo and
centerpiece with
convention logo.



Quilt Prize made by
Lois, WB3EFQ won
by Suzanne, VE7IM.

WRONE Revere Bowl winner

I to r: Judy N1BLR, Janice K4IJK, Joanne
KB1FVN, Sr, Francesca WA1RZT, Anne WBIARU,
Bobbie W1JX, Doshia KBONAS, Hennie KAIJVN



AUSTRALIAN LADIES AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION INC.

31STA.L.A.R.A. CONTEST

NOTE: Contest is always on the last FULL weekend of August

ELIGIBILITY: All licensed operators throughout the world are invited to participate. Also open to SWLs.

OBJECT: Participation: YL works everyone, OMs & Clubs work YLs only.
One contest (combined phone and CW) run over 20 hours.

TIMES: **Saturday 27th August 2011 0400 hours UTC to 1359 hours UTC**
Sunday 28th August 2011 0400 hours UTC to 1359 hours UTC

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES: Bands to be used are 3.5, 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz only. The following are suggested frequencies for easier location of contacts:

28.380 to 28.410
21.170 to 21.200 and 21.380 to 21.410
14.250 to 14.280
7.070 to 7.100
3.560 to 3.590

OPERATION; Single operator only (1 operator per call sign) N.B. If YL is operating as a 2nd operator her husband/partner CANNOT participate in the contest.

Every individual phone or CW contact may be counted

There must be an interval of greater than 1 hour between contacts with any one station on any one band and in the same mode.

No net or list operations.

No crossmode operations.

No crossband operations.

All contacts must be made in accordance with operator and station licence regulations..

PROCEDURE: Phone: Call "CQ ALARA CONTEST"

Cw: YLs call "CQ TEST ALARA"

OMs call "CQ YL"

EXCHANGES: ALARA member: RS or RST, serial no. starting at 001, ALARA member, name.

YL non-member, OM or Club: RS or RST, serial no. starting at 001, name, and whether Club station.

OMs, Clubs & SWLs work YLs only.

SCORING: Phone: 5 points for ALARA member contacted
4 points for YL non-member contacted
3 points for OM or Club station contacted

CW: All contacts made on CW count for double points

OM, SWL, & 5 points for ALARA member contacted

CLUB; 4 points for YL non-member contacted

LOGS: Single log entry. Logs must show date/time UTC, band, mode, callsign worked, report and serial no. sent, report and serial no. received, name of operator of station worked whether it is a Club station and points claimed.

Sample Log:

Date UTC	Time UTC	rBand MHz	Mode	Callsign	RS(T) & Serial No. Sent	RS(T)& Serial No. Rcd	Name	Points
29/10	W	28	SSB	WF	59001	58028	Rev	
	WO	21	CW		599002	599045	Mavis	v=
		14	SSB	FK8FA	59025	590TT	Aimee	5
	HOT	3.5	SSB	VK3BSP	59130	59006	Joe(ClubJ	3

LOGS MUST BE SIGNED. Logs also to show full name, callsign and address of operator, and show final score (points claimed). Logs must be legible. No carbon copies. No logs will be returned. Decision of the Contest Manager will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Logs must be received by the Contest Manager by: **30th September, 2011**

CONTEST MANAGER; Mrs Lesley Smit VK5LOL



CERTIFICATES will be awarded for the following:

- Top score YL overall
- Top score YL phone only
- Top score Australian YL CW
- Top score DX YL
- Top score ALARA member in each country and VK call area
- Top score OM in each continent
- Top score SWL in each continent
- Top score, VK YL Foundation Licence holder
- Top score overseas YL CW
- Top score VK Club station

A TROPHY will be awarded to the following:

- Top scoring Australian YL
- Top scoring Foundation Licence Alara member

The Top scoring VK non-Alara member will be awarded 1 year's membership to ALARA.

CLUB STATIONS: Operators of Club stations may use the Club call only for contacts, and **MUST** identify each contact as with a Club station. Use of personal callsigns while operating as a Club member is not permitted. A Club station will be recognized as such whether operators are YL or OM. If the Club call is used, the score will be as a Club station

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towards the Pennine Way and found the top of KINDER Scout and operated SOTA. The hill is 636 m high and gave us 4 points for activating it.

It rained and hailstones bombarded us in between some sunshine, but it was cold. We walked for 6 hours to get back to our motor home to get warm. Naoko, JA1VGD, writes,

I received my membership card and thank you for getting me a sponsor.

I took an American radio license N3UJA three years ago, but I am not much active on the air to be honest. On the other hand my husband is keen on the ham radio and visits Dayton every year.

I think this is a good opportunity to get started on the air.

From South Africa:

It is still winter here in South Africa and this year it is much colder than other years and as we getting older, we feel the cold much more. We all are well, we

had a rough time this side with our eldest daughter getting married in April the 23, all the planning that went into it, it is hard work and planning. This is our first child leaving the house she was 25 when she got married. She lived with us till her wedding day. So for us it was sad, but okay it is over and she is very happy, living far from us in Hoedspruit 6 hours drive from us. We miss he so much.

She is also a member of the YLRL and she is Lizette van Wyk, (now Pienaar) ZS6LZT.



The lady on the right is me and hubby Pieter ZS6PVW is next to me, the other lady is the grooms mom and then Suzette ZS6SZT I

Our other daughter Suzette,

ZS6SZT also a member of the YLRL is now in grade 12 and her last school year. She is doing so well at school and we hope we can a bursary for her to study further to help with costs.

Otherwise no complains from our side. On the radio front we do not have much time for that now. We attend ham fleamarkets and functions and enjoy that and when Pieter my husband is driving to work we talk on the radio to each other and when he come home in the afternoon as well. I also have a part time job, keeping me busy from time to time.

Regards to everyone
Magda van Wyk ZS6MVW

All DX-YLs please send e-mail if you have e-mail address change or home address change. We are printing the new Directory and like it to be current with right addresses. I also ask you to make contact with your Sponsor, so she knows you are there and give some news.

Do write me if there is anything you want me to include in Harmonics DX-YL column.

Good DXing

33, Rose-Marie, ICB4RM

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District Six News de Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

Happy end-of-Summer ladies! In Los Angeles, it's been a relatively mild one. Of course, I should shut my mouth, as we still have the rest of August and September to get through before it's officially over.

The OM and I had a wonderful time at the Military Radio Collector's Group West (MRCG) Retreat in early May. Camp San Luis Obispo, the Army National Guard base in San Luis Obispo, California is always a gracious host, and despite an accident that delayed our organizer Lynn Fielding, KE6JCD's arrival, we moved ahead and everyone had a great time.

Check out the YL column for World Radio Online September 2011 issue for more details on this and the YLs at Dayton.



*MRCG Collage of Photos:
Clockwise: Lynn Fielding, KE6JCD,
Cathy Castorin , KB6ORH, Laura
Mae Brennan, KA6VKF, and a
jewel of a teletype restored and
functioning!*

Unfortunately, I could not make it to Dayton or the YLRL Convention, but Clara Woll, KJ6CNO has some Dayton news, as well as lots of the fun stuff

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she's been doing all Summer. Take it away, Clara!



Clara Woll, KJ6CNO

"The last several months I have been listening to the NTS (National Traffic Services) Net on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m. Local (Pacific) time on the PAPA system.

I have finally gotten brave enough to begin taking and sending messages. It is particularly fun when you pass a welcoming message to a new Ham and get the opportunity to share with them information about clubs and events in our area.

Kate Hutton, K6HTN serves regularly as our liaison to RN6, and Jutti Marsh, KJ6HWL is a frequent participant. It is nice to hear YLs so involved in this aspect of Amateur Radio.

Last Monday I took my first turn as net control for the LAX-Northwest District ARES Net. It was a little scary, but everyone was patient and kind.

I am looking forward to getting the opportunity to try it again next quarter. The Los Angeles Section ARES encourages all it's members to take a turn as net control so

that they are prepared to step in if needed in an emergency. I think it is a great way to practice important radio skills.

My OM Marty, N6VI (Vice-Director of the ARRL SW Division) and I had the opportunity to attend Dayton this year. It was my first time and I particularly enjoyed attending the YL Forum. It was nice to see a room full of women amateurs.

Marty and I are already committed to work the Angeles Crest 100 on the weekend of the Boston Convention. In addition, the ARRL Board meeting is the weekend before, and I plan to join Marty for that. We will probably add a few days prior to the meeting to visit sights in that area. Last year I had the opportunity spend a little time trying to work six meters from W1AW while Marty was in the business meetings. The band was not really open but I did make one local contact. I think I will try 10 meters this year. It was quite a thrill to operate from there even when I only made one contact!

Speaking of Dayton, at the contest dinner I won a certificate for \$300 off a Flex 300 radio! If you know anyone who might be interested in buying one of those I would be happy to pass it on."

33, Clara KJ6CNO"

Enjoy the rest of your summer and early Fall-we'll touch base in October!

33 & 73,
Jennifer, KI6OIL



District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB'7PS



SUMMER has finally arrived in the Pacific Northwest and we are at last enjoying sunny days and warmer temperatures. There has been quite a bit of activity since my last column so will try to bring you up to date.

The MINOW Net has changed the time of the Friday morning Net to 9 AM and we now have 4 or 5 YLs checking in fairly regularly.

Darlene, KE7TQS has a new antenna, a NVIS that seems to work very well for 75 meters (3.912 for MINOW Net).

We have added at least 2 new members - Marilyn Melhorn, KE7WEN; and Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB, both of Battle Ground, WA.

Claudia, our Sec-Treas. has designed and sent out a new directory recently - the first in many years. Great job, Claudia.

MINOW Net was first organized in 1963. The MINOW Net had their annual meeting the weekend of May 14th and 15th in Vancouver hosted by Barbara, AC7UH.

Barbara writes: The meeting went well. We had about 11 for dinner, and the Mt. St. Helen's presentation (by Marianna Kearney, W7WFO - a Mt. St.

Helens survivor)... Jill, KE7WEC; Phil; and I had a great time at the Pearson Air Museum and the Marshall House before dinner.

SEA-PAC the ARRL NW Convention was June 3 - 5 in Seaside, OR.

Barbara AC7UH writes: "With OM Phil's help we had things up and ready to go when they opened the doors. We had about 54 YLs sign in at the table.

We had about 16 people attend the luncheon including Vicky Luetzelschwab, AE9YL, the speaker and her OM Carl.

She discussed many of the ham activities in which she participated and made suggestions about getting into the different amateur radio areas.



1 - vickie Luetzelschwab AE9YL giving presentation



Vickie and her OM Carl K9LA with Barbara, AC7UH,

A couple of them came in without tickets and we worked it out so they could participate. Vicky's presentation was excellent, and well received by the audience.

(L to R) Jill Khovy, KE7WEC; Marilyn Melhorn, KE7WEN; Barbara Yasson, AC7UH, the MINOW banner, Marianna Kearney, W7WFO; Sandi Newsome, KF7MKC; Elizabeth Simon, KK7VO.

Congratulations to Susie Hubbard, KF7JET who won the YLRL subscription.

Sandy Newsome, KF7MKC, set up a lunch for the Two Rivers YLs on June 11. It was held at the Old Country Buffet. Those who attended were Sandy, KF7MKC; Barbara, AC7UH; Marianna, W7WFO; Vanessa, KE7UBB; Linda, AA6MR; Margaret, AE7MB; Marilyn, KE7WEN.

We even had a couple of OMs: Bob, WA6NFJ; and Dan, KF7BHM. We all had a great time getting to know each other. Sandy will plan another one in a few months.

The months of June and July have kept Darlene, KE7TQS, very busy in the ham world.

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District Eight News de Annette Wood, KC8SQM



BUCKEYE BELLES 50th ANNIVERSARY Mohican State Ear[^] JLugust 12-14, 2011

This year is the Buckeye Belle's 50th Anniversary and we are planning a Great Anniversary party at Mohican State Park at the lodge, in Loudenville, Ohio (southern Ashland County) the weekend of August 12 to 14. Annette, KC8SQM

From Connie, N8IO:

Things are looking up here! My OM, after fighting various infections in his foot since 1999 is pretty well healed. Except a very small place on the side of the foot that I dress with ointment and bandage and that is about the size of a large pinhead.

I'm planning to go to the Columbus Hamfest this coming Saturday, August 6 and the Marietta ARC has a road rest the following week when I'll be working the overnight shift. On the 20th is the Portsmouth Hamfest and to finish out the month with the Cambridge Hamfest where I'll be assisting with the VE testing.

Next month will be the Great Lakes Conference in Findlay, OH in conjunction with the Findlay Hamfest. I really enjoy this one.

Sorry I can't do the Buckeye Belles final get together but my YL Harmonics July/August 2011

finances would not stand it.

My Grandson is in Afghanistan for his second deployment of 6 months. He is the father of a little beautiful baby girl that will be 3 months old on the 6th. Please keep this family in your prayers for a safe return of Daddy.

33, Connie, N8IO

Byrness writes in:

I had a call from Jeane Tolle's (AA8RZ) daughter telling me that Jean has passed away. Jean & I were great buddies until I moved to Florida-and until she became a grandmother and started taking care of her precious grandchildren. I really liked Jean and we got along great I turned 90 years old. On Saturday my daughter threw a party for the neighbors and me, also family and Buckeye Belles attended and we had a great time. My granddaughters were here for a few days and also my grandson and his wife and my little great grandson were here for four days. My son from Corpus Christi was here too. I guess we sort of celebrated for a week as so many people were congratulating me. Lots of fun but, oh, so tiring. It is kind of nice to have my house to myself again.

Byrness, W9LE

Doris, WD9IKC as this to share: Beulah-WA8EKQ is doing well after her surgery at Fairview Hospital in Cleveland on May 18th. She had a hysterectomy and they removed a non-cancerous cyst about the size of an orange. She was back on the BB net within a week after her surgery. The Cleveland doctor has now given her a clean bill of health. The local doctors will continue to follow up on the slow-growing cancer that was found in the bone, which was removed from her knee during knee-replacement surgery in February.

Ruth Rickett-W8LGY is doing well in Cardington, OH. Her daughter Sylvia-N8AI<I has moved from California to be with her and she is doing all the cooking, cleaning, shopping, etc. for her mother.

I'm sorry that I will be unable to attend the Buckeye Belles 50th Anniversary party in August. My back condition (severe scoliosis, osoteoarthritis, osteoporosis, bulging disc and lumbar stenosis), and neuropathy in my left leg and foot have gotten worse and it is too hard for me to get around, even with my roller-walker.

I'll let you know if I have any more news, but that's it for now.

33, Doris-WD8IKC



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS



Happy Summer Ladies!!!
Are we having fun yet???? As long as I stay in the A/C I'm very happy.

Did everyone enjoy Field Day?? I don't know, no one has told me one way or another. As for my family, and me we missed Field Day, we were in Florida for the second time this year. Our daughter, Kelly, her O.M., Mark, and their two daughters, Elizabeth, 15 and Erica, 10 went with us to Disney World.

The girls had never been there before and were totally impressed and in love with it. After 4 days there we headed to Tierra Verde on the west coast for a week.

We took a day at Weeki-Wachee and Tarpon Springs. It was so much fun. We all loved the mermaids and Tarpon Springs is always a favorite

with me.

Of course we ate at Hela's and got dessert to take back to the condo. The rest of the week we spent at the beach or in the pool. We all came home very brown.

The Fort Wayne Radio Club had a successful Field Day, I am told. I had arranged for a hog roast while we were on the road and I understand it even made a bit of money for the club. That is always a good thing.

The Wednesday Night YL Net is going well. One night we talked about mishaps around the house that resulted in a fire of some kind. Last week we discussed recipe miscues in our early married years, or maybe more recent ones.

We all had some good laughs at our escapades. We

think we could fill a book. Contributors were, Linda, W9LAN, Anne, KA9YYI, Susie, KA9WWO, Pat, KC0PXC, and Barb, W9WOZ.

I love our net, and I'm sure anyone listening shakes their head in disbelief.

Oh, big news, since we have been hosting Single A baseball players (6 years), we finally have one hit the big leagues!! He is with the San Diego Padres and is a catcher, his name is Luis Martinez. We are so proud of him and so happy we can say "we knew him when".

I am out of news and hope you ladies aren't bored because this is your column, not mine and we would love to hear what everyone is doing. Enquiring minds want to know.

33, Carole WB9RUS

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She writes: I attended SeaPac. Enjoyed the YL luncheon and several *workshops on Saturday*.

We spent Field Day with the Pacific County Ham Club setting up at the Port of Nahcotta. It was a great activity. I helped to set up antennas and the PR booth on Friday. Saturday and Sunday I spent time transmitting on HF. I learned to send email through Packet on an HF frequency. My sister-Susi, KD7RVT, and

I staffed the PR booth for the weekend.

On July 5th, there is a large volunteer group (about 600 volunteers) that gathers here on the Long Beach Peninsula to clean the beach after the 4th of July celebrations. We, as ham operators, are assigned to a beach approach and use our portable radios to assist with communication between the beach approaches using the local Beach Net Repeater system.

Among the ham participants were seven YLs from the Pacific County Ham Club. Many tons of trash are collected off the beach to help protect the animals and to make the beaches clean for all to enjoy.

All for this time. I'd love to hear what the YLs are doing in other area of the 7th District!
Sara, AB7PS



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, ICBONAS



I just got back from 10 day in the northeast wrapped around the YLRL convention. What a great way to see a new part of the country! Four states, US highways 1, 2, 3, 4,5, and 6 (which also runs through Denver on its way to California), beaches, and Mt. Washington, not to mention the sights of Boston, Quincy (pronounced "Quinzy", I learned) and Cape Cod.

At the USS Constitution Naval Shipyard museum and the Chatham National Maritime Museum, there were nice displays WAVE (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) involvement especially in communications.



The WAVES at the Marconi Station



Since my mother was a WAVE communications officer stationed in Boston, I found it especially interesting. (Speaking of which, she has decided she should now, at the age of 90, try to get her ham license!)

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I had a great time at the convention, and had the great luck to win the bowl donated by WRONE. I also had fun meeting face to face a number of YLs I had only heard on the air or on e-mail, especially Suzanne Snape, VE7IM, from British Columbia.

Also attending from District 10 were Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV and Shirley Clesson, KD0DFY.

Marte Wessel, K0EPE, was not able to attend the convention, but sent greetings to all. She has worked tirelessly on the scholarship funds. Thank you, Marte!



Shirley, KD0DFY; Cheryl, N0WBV and Doshia, KB0NAS

We received word that Anna Veal, W0ANT, who is a 10 years, received the Young Ham of the Year Award from the ARRL Rocky Mountain Division. She was cited for her many activities, including being a teacher in her grade school's Rabbit Ears Radio Clubs. Congratulations, Anna!

Field Day kept a number of people busy. Ellie, N0QCX, and the BARC Juniors and Elmers did their usual intensive field day operations, using a variety of modes and frequencies.

Cheryl, N0WBV and her OM, John, KT0F helped out with the Waterton Amateur Radio Society. These she was pleased to see other YLs including fellow YLRL member Ann, KA0ZFI who stopped by as an official to help the club.

She says she has been doing Field Day longer than she has been licensed as she started out logging for this "strange Hobby" she knew nothing about when her OM (then boyfriend) had her join his group back in 1991 to see what Ham Radio was all about.

My OM and I set up an HF station running on emergency power and using a vehicle mounted (but not truly mobile, if there are any trees/power lines/winds/etc. around) antenna in the school parking lot where we were doing communications support for one of the Multiple Sclerosis 150 mile bicycle events.

Because there was not cell phone service at our location, we were kept busy by the event but I actually had time to make one contact in between handling event needs.



*"Now which Mic should I use?"
Asks Doshia, KB0NAS*

73, Doshia, KB0NAS



VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM



Anne, WB1ARU, and her committee of super YLs are to be congratulated for organizing the YLRL Conference in Quincy, MA. It was a good program for all who attended and the location a good choice. We were not a large group but we were a diverse and happy one.

It was such a pleasure and a privilege to meet old friends, once again, and to meet and make new friends. Saturday was taken up with our general meeting, socializing, group photos, luncheon, a tour of the Adam's early homes and estate in Quincy and then our evening banquet.

Many gifts were donated and the highlight of the day, for me, was being lucky enough to have my number drawn and to win a most beautiful, quilted wall hanging made by Lois, WB3EFQ. Something I will treasure and admire for the rest of my life.

The guest speaker for our banquet was none other than President John Adams, himself!! A more amusing, informative speaker could not be wished for.

Two tours were on our agenda: One of historical Boston including the USS Constitution, a cruise on the harbor and a stop for shopping and lunch at the famous Quincy Market.

The second tour, complete with an unexpected addition and an unscheduled stop for ice cream, was to Cape Cod to visit

the Marconi Wireless Station in Wellfleet and the French Cable Station in Orleans. A delightful picnic lunch was provided and enjoyed by all.

On my last day there, Tony and Anne took me to visit the ARRL Headquarters in Connecticut. We were treated to a very interesting tour of the facility and I was happy to visit WIAW-a station I turned to for Code practice so many years ago. All things must come to an end and although we all live so far apart we do have the Nets and our stations to help us to stay in touch until our next gathering in 2014.

Our vote of thanks must go out to Vai, VE5AQ, for untiringly promoting YLRL and CLARA at the Saskatchewan Hamfest. A safe and happy summer to you all. 33 de Suzanne, VE7IM

Vai, VE5AQ, writes: Hi folks. Suzanne caught me just before we headed out for a couple of weeks of camping. We are all fine here in Saskatchewan, at least, in the Southern part of the province. My prayers go out to all the gals and their families who have been in the path of Mother Nature tills year. 33 Vai, VE5AQ

P.S. from Vai: Heard nothing but great stuff from Suzanne, VE7IM and Ann VE3HAI about the wonderful convention in Boston. They make me jealous, guess I should have been there, but not this year. One of these

years I will make it. So glad to hear that everyone had a great time despite the hot temps.

The Saskatchewan Hamfest went very well, considering I was navigating and got us lost, but we got there eventually and I got my tables all set up.

I had lots of activity around both the YLRL and the CLARA tables as this year the Hamfest committee had a Ladies Program, which I understand was a huge hit. So needless to say the gals flocked to my two displays and took lots of literature home when they left, now just keeping our fingers and toes crossed that it results in some new members.

So that's it for now...oh yes, just to keep you all updated. We went camping June 6th, we got settled in, the sun was shining, a lovely day, then it started to rain in the evening about 10 pm., and of course then it rained all day.

On the Wed, June 8th, the sun was out and oh thankfully a lovely day, I took 1 of the dogs out for his morning business, and the park ranger came by and said you will have to move soon as the creek is rising 2 feet in the past hour.

So I asked how much time we had and he said about an hour. No problem. So take the 1 dog back and get the other, and wasn't even 20 feet from

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the camper when the ranger comes back and says to the OM--sorry folks you've got about 10 minutes.... the creek is rising faster than I thought.

We get settled in our new digs, and Harv starts putting up the long wire antenna, and we almost had everything done, and he slipped off the ladder and sprains his ankle.. Now me being the ex-girl guide, grab some frozen food, and put it on his foot. I say should we head into Moose Jaw, no he insists.

The next morning we go to the hospital in town where he has x-rays and they tell him he broke his ankle, but we must wait around for the orthopedic surgeon.

We wait until 4:30 and he says, sorry but you broke your heel. It was cast and we were told to come back on Friday morning for a CT scan.

Life was busy for me as I now had to do everything but we managed and Harv had to have surgery to have a pin put in the heel.

Finally 7 weeks later the cast is off the pin is out and Harv is now learning to walk again. Ok, so you thought the story was over, no such luck. I was downtown on July 29th, trying to get stuff done and groceries bought when I get a phone call from Harv, saying please come home and go over to David's place (our eldest son who lives across the back alley from us)

He had just come home from hospital and it turns out he broke a chip off the ankle but he is now in a cast and is also now on crutches. Oh the joys of motherhood.... So I will be helping him out for the next few weeks as well.

Well folks that's all the news

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from Moose Jaw. I am fine, God is good. Love and Prayers to all.
33 Vai VE5AQ

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: She and her family had a great trip to Dayton. What a pleasure it was to meet everyone and to chat with Lois, WB3EFQ, Cheryl, N0WBV and Anne WB1ARU. The real treat though was meeting Kay WA0WOF. I never get tired of saying it, but Kay and I shared a cab from the airport going to a YLRL convention in Philadelphia back in the 70s.

We had hoped to have a long chat after this YLRL forum, but agreed to make it at Boston, as time ran out. I really look forward to that.

I was very pleased to meet Tina VK5TMC, Connie DF8MN and Sarla VU2SWS in person. Where else can you meet someone from Australia, Germany and India at the same event?

For me, that's the fun part of ham radio. I especially enjoy being able to picture hams, while I communicate with them. I got a few good photos and will post them on the CLARA website www.claranet.ca soon.

Our daughter Janet, N9ZKU and my OM Bare VE3HAH enjoyed the entire flea market too. In fact, I think it was our best Dayton trip ever.

Congratulations are in order to the organizers of the whole event, but especially to the gals who organized and ran the YLRL forum and the YLRL booth, as well. These events take time and effort. We're lucky that YLRL has members willing to carry the YL load for the rest of us.

Until next time, have a safe and happy summer. I do hope

to meet many of you in Boston.
33 deAnnVE3FIAI

P.S. from Ann: Ann and Bare had just returned from Boston, when she wrote this note. They want everyone to know what a fun event Boston 2011 was. Anne, WB1ARU and her committee thought of everything to make it a success.

The tours and commentary from the Boston gals and guys helped to clarify what we heard from the guides and made it all the more memorable.

Also, "John Adams" entertained us well; the food was excellent and the door prizes wonderful. The group was just the right size for us to get to know each other. We were all very compatible.

President, Lois, WB3EFQ certainly knows how to *encourage* the right people to do things for YLRL. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to this wonderful event. Our advice to all members is to start saving now, so you can attend the next convention, which will be in celebration of YLRL's 75th anniversary. We hope to see you there.

Elizabeth, VE7YL writes: There was a posting in one of the DX bulletins that Ed, W0SD, and Edith, W0PE, were heading for Bonaire - one of the new ARRL entities so I'm definitely tuning the bands waiting for Edith to come up as PJ4E and a new YL country for me.

Two of my family came down from Calgary last weekend to attend the 2nd game of the Stanley Cup finals. A whirlwind visit for sure but they went

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

Dear YLs Friends,

I attended YLRL Convention 2011 in Boston, and it was wonderful to see old friends and meet new ones. We were around thirty YLs and three DX-YLs, Sarla, VU2SWS/ WU2SWS who got her American extra licenses, and is staying in Texas with her sons over the summer.

Wendy, BV2RS from Taiwan, visiting daughter in Boston. Ann-Marie, SA6YLQ, my adoptee from Sweden. It was her first trip to the USA.



Wendy, BV2RS

Ann-Marie kept pinching herself; not believing it was true she was here. She said I now got to know the YLs I have spoken to and many others I hope to talk to on radio, and she felt so welcomed by everyone.

We had a good time sightseeing Boston, by bus even if it was plus 40c degree. Boston has many Historical places and we saw the Old North Church where Paul Revere called out the British is coming.

We had a Harbor cruise to get a little relieve from the heat, and see the city from the water.

Sunday, bus to Cape Cod and visit to Marconi and his South Wellfleet Wireless. January 18, 1903, the first public two-way wireless communication between Europe and America

occurred. With elation, communiquees from President Roosevelt and King Edward VII were translated into international Morse code at the South Wellfleet and English stations, respectively, and were broadcast.



DXYLs

*I to r back: Ann-Marie SA6YLQ, Rose-Marie KB4RM, Ann VE3HAI
front: Suzanne VE7IM, Sarla VU2SWS/KF5LGT*

In Quincy we visited our second President John Adams home. The speaker for Saturday dinner was John Adams, very well done.

Monday a few YLs visited the ARRL headquarters in Newington but I went back to Boston with Ann-Marie, to walk the streets in Boston in less heat, only plus 33c degree that day.

Ann-Marie and I took the train to my home in Charlottesville and a couple of days later went to Washington/ DC for a three days visit. We still had the hot temperature; even so we enjoyed it all and cooled off in the many museums we visited.

We were on my radio and Ann-Marie got to work five YLs to get the colors, toward the "Favorite Colors Awards." Listen for Ann-Marie she needs 4 more.

I worked South Sudan on two

bands and wish I could get the others I need just as easy.

News from: Sheila G3HCQ,

In Lincolnshire, which is a very large agricultural county, it hasn't rained since April and the crops are not doing well. Today it did rain but not enough to make us happy. I am still very active with ham radio, operating, construction, nets and the radio club in Bourne. I have been to quite a few of the YLRL meetings and perhaps the most enjoyable was the 50th in Hawaii. I hope Boston goes well. I wish it were my Boston, just 30 miles away. 33,

From: Christine, GM4YMM,

The JLRS are changing, 7K3EOP, Nori, will be the new Chairlady and Toshi, JF1WMY will be the new DX-YL Chairlady.

Ken and I were at GMDX meeting and listened to a very interesting presentation on ZL8X from DL1MBG, Chris and DL3DXX, Lothar. Then Ronald, PA3EWP spoke about his trip to Congo as 9Q5OON. Two Scouts who were supposed to have been on Spratley Isl. as DX1DX gave the impression of what went wrong.

After we had been child minding in Wales for 2 weeks, we stopped on the way home in the Peak District. It's on the East side below Manchester.

It was the first National Park in the U.K. and is now 60 years old. Our campsite was in a little village, Hayfield and from there we walked up on the Plateau

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**New YLRL Members
de Anne Manna, WBIARU-Secretary**



New Members for July/August 2011

It is a happy problem to have so many new members that there is not room for some of the interesting information that is usually included here. Complete addresses will be in the new Directory. We welcome you to YLRL and hope to make contact with each of you soon.

District 1

KB1IKH Elayne Tovet
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

KB1SRO Judith Attaya-Harris
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

K4IJK Janice Lentz
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

District 2

N2OMA Antje Dirksen-Post
[Redacted]

KE2YB Jerrilyn I. Baker
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

District 3

KB3ORO Joyce Mente
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

ICB3UGX Mandy James
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

KB3UIP Sue E. Marren
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

N3YJJ Norma J. Plants
[Redacted]

District 4

AK4GZ Linda Dawson
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

KI4RTT Shelly S. Worley
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

KG4WRX Shirley Carpenter
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

District 5

K5DU Susan King
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

District 6

KD6JAI Morgan L. Rogers
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

KJ6KMB Katye Ridgeway
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

K6YL Joanna Dilley
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

District 7

ICE7CKY Rebecca S, Harvey
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

KF7JET Susie Hubbard
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

AE7MB Margaret Hardwick
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

KF7OTR Patty Morgenthaler
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

KE7ZFM Vianne Patterson
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

District 8

K8CMG Cyndamarie Gunn
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

W4FNW Damaris Ashton
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

KD8ILG Cami Price
[Redacted]

KD8KQZ Melodey Lavinder
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

KD8NWO Virginia L. Beveridge
[Redacted]

WB8RRG Mary Cappuccilli
[Redacted]

District 9

KC9SME Sandra D. Hawkins-Miller
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

KC9ULA Debbie Nichols
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

District 10

KD0HHD Rosalie Kimbrell
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

KB0NVE Elizabeth Elliott
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Rejoining Former Members

N9KVE Donna Curtin
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

N0FBM Lucia A. Johnson
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Certificate Custodian

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

Basic Rules Applicable To All YLRL Certificates

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

ANNOUNCING ...

YLRL GRANDMOTHER AWARD CERTIFICATE

This is a certificate that did not originate with the YLRL. It was started by Mary Meyer (W9RUJ - now a SK) in 1958 as a way to get more YLs involved in having fun on the radio. By just chatting with other YLs you could enjoy the hobby more, and at the same time work toward a nice certificate to hang on the wall in your shack.

After Mary became a silent key, the award was run by Martha Shirley, W0ZWL until she became a silent key. After that Phyllis Douglas, K7SEC oversaw the award until recently.

I was not award of this award at all until a member of YLRL applied for a YLRL certificate and mentioned she would like to apply for the Grandmother Award but didn't know the procedure. I discussed it with the YLRL officers and they directed me to Phyllis who had not had any applicants for the award for some time. I don't remember if it was Phyllis or a YLRL officer who suggested to me that we take it on as a YLRL certificate, but I was in favor of it, so they put me in contact with Phyllis who was also in favor of it becoming a YLRL certificate. After that Phyllis sent me everything she had on the award along with a brief history of the award.

More details in the November/December & January/February issues.

Continuous Membership Certificate

This certificate is available **ONLY** to YLRL members. It is awarded automatically to any YL who has been a member, continuously for five years. Diamond-shaped stickers are awarded for each additional five years of continuous membership.

Continuous Membership-Mary Moore, WX4MM-[REDACTED]

5 Years

KD8DTT, Cynthia Folk
KB1FVN, Jaimie McLaughlin

10 Years

ICC8SQM, Annette S. Wood

45 Years

VK3KS, Mavis Stafford

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home happy as the Vancouver Canucks won. We are all hoping that they can go all the way. Vancouver and BC has gone hockey mad!

Field Day is coming up and our local ham club is setting up near the mouth of the Fraser River. I'm hoping that we don't get a repeat of last year when a squall came up the river and blew so hard that the tent I was working in went flying.

There was a mad scramble to get all the equipment out of the rain that followed the wind. Fortunately the squall only lasted a few minutes but it was not much fun while it lasted.

Hope everyone has a great summer. 33 Elizabeth VE7YL

Jeanne, VA3WX, writes:

Summer arrived the beginning of June and with it some dandy thunderstorms and lightning.

Don't do much hamming over the summer just enjoying BBQs and walking in some parks in our area. Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer.

33s Jeanne

Paulette, VE7VPE/VA7PMS writes: Well so far this summer has been nothing but a bust here in Vancouver. Lots of rain and more rain and more rain.

The most note worthy events for the summer for us is our daughter Adriana (VE7PUP) is

expecting our third grandchild around August 5th. This time it is a girl. And our son Martin is getting married August 7th. So August will be a busy month for us.

In between all that we are doing renovations on the outside of our house which once again has been hampered by the rain. Hopefully it will all be done in the next couple of weeks.

Field Day this year I was the Chief Cook and Bottle Washer. Thankfully the weather was decent with at least no rain.

Was an interesting weekend cooking for 30 people but I survived and so far the comments have been "Best meals we've ever had!" I aim to please and certainly managed that.

The location for the Club this year was the best yet. The set up on Friday went without any hitches and they had lots of operators for the duration of the time.

I'm not a contester myself so don't get on the radio at all for Field Day. Just not my thing. But they did tell me that conditions were terrible. Not sure how they did in the standings yet but they did do better than last year.

I did participate in an event with SEPAR (Surrey Emergency Program Amateur Radio Society) at a local library on

July 13th. It was a day camp for youngsters ranging from ages 6 to 14. They do various assorted things for a week and that particular day was on amateur radio. We set up our Grab'n Go Kit, IRLP and a number of other stations.

They rotated through each station learning about each and getting a chance to get on the radio. In total there were 70 kids for the morning and afternoon sessions. Was amazing to watch the kids as they got involved with each station.

A number of them started out thinking that it was going to be a boring day and they had that look on their faces. But by the end of the sessions they were beaming from ear to ear and non-stop talking about it. Our hopes for the day was that they learned something about amateur radio and how diverse it is and hopefully some of them will continue on to get their licenses.

It is so important for us to promote amateur radio by reaching out to the younger generation and involving them in amateur radio. I hate to say it but we aren't getting any younger and for amateur radio to continue on we need to encourage the younger crowd to keep it going.

That's it for me. Enjoy the rest of the summer!
Paulette VE7VPE/VA7PMS

"An Insider Tour of the Arecibo Observatory" at Pacificon 2011

YLRL member Dr. Carol Milazzo KP4MD, her husband Roger Cain KI6FYF and Nobel Prize Laureate Dr. Joe Taylor, K1JT, are scheduled to present "EME DXpedition to Arecibo" at Pacificon 2011 www.pacificon.org/schedule on Saturday October 15 at the Santa Clara Marriott.

This program will feature a new 40-minute video "An Insider Tour of the Arecibo Observatory" where retired engineer Bob Zimmerman, NP4B, will treat us to an exclusive inside look into the latest technology and workings of this famous world's largest radio telescope in Puerto Rico, the National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center.

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