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Helen Drake, K5ECP
Helen Drake, K5ECP

Thanks to the following YLs who made a donation to the scholarship fund with a notation "If ticket drawn-return money to the scholarship fund."-Ann Santos, WAIS; Susan Sabin, KJ4DLP; Mary Ketzler, WO9R; and Joy Lemmons, KB0YUP.

Thank you Hirmomi Hishinki, JJ1CAS for your "Friendship" donation to the scholarship fund. All YLRL members are praying the terrible ordeal that Japan is going through will soon be over an life will be normal again.

In 1978, Ethel-K4LMB with the help of Hugh Turnbull of the Foundation of Amateur Radio (FAR) established the YLRL scholarship program. The 1978 scholarship was \$300.00. We now give two scholarships of \$1500.00 each.

Since 1978, we have awarded through FAR (who selects the YLs) 45 scholarships for a total of \$52,900.00.

YLRL Scholarships are funded entirely by donations. No money is taken from YLRL Dues!

Ethel, K4LMB and Mary Lou, NM7N not only gave monitarily, but also gave generously of their time in service for the Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc.

It is now up to us, the members of YLRL, to make sure that both YLRL and the YLRL scholarship program continue on in their memory.

I send my **sincere thanks** to you for your help with the **2011** YLRL Cholarship drive. The next scholarship drive will be in conjunction with the **2014** YLRL convention which will be the **75th anniversary of YLRL!**

YLRL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE-2011

So far we have raised \$2355.00, which almost covers one year of both scholarships free and clear! Remember there are 3 years of scholarships to cover before the next convention and donate what you can.

Tickets are \$1.00 each and you **NEED NOT BE PRESENT** to win. Non-Hams may also purchase tickets, which will now only be sold at the convention. June 30th is the deadline for all tickets to be to the Scholarship chair for mailing to the convention in time. Your support is **GREATLY** appreciated!

**Drawing to be July 23, 2011
Best Western Adams Inn-Quincy, MA**

1st PRIZE \$300.00
2ND PRIZE 250.00
3RD PRIZE 150.00



President's Message de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ

We have some very exciting news for members of YLRL as well as some not so good news. The newly designed website should be ready shortly and we are anxious to see the results.

Vai and Yvonne have worked to incorporate many suggestions from the committee and we hope you will find it a useful and informative tool.

I was saddened to hear the news from the Buckeye Belles that they would probably be disbanding this year.

It seems it is the same old story from many other groups...no one wants to take the responsibility of taking a leadership role within the group.

We see that with other groups, including fraternal organizations, church

committees and our own YLRL.

As you read this please give serious consideration to what you can do to keep YLRL active and alive. I would hate to read that YLRL had to disband because no one was interested in keeping it going.

We are actively looking for new officers to fill positions. If you are interested please get in touch with Betty Jo, KB5CSQ and let her know. You only get out of YLRL what you put in.

On a brighter side, it seems like the bands are getting a bit better.

The Monday morning DX net gets a good response from YLs in Europe and the US and Canada. You should try to check in some Monday on 14.288 at 15:00 UTC. Rose Marie, KB4RM

is the net control.

On Thursday evening Anne, WB1ARU conducts a YL net on 14.288 beginning at 01:00GMT and bands are improving so you should make several contacts.

How is everyone doing with the "favorite color" search? A number of the gals on the nets are participating and I am happy to report I have mine ready to submit. We even had gals going "parking lot" mobile at Dayton to finish the award

I was happy to see many of you at Dayton this year. The forum on Friday was a success. Lastly, don't forget to get your reservations in for the YLRL convention in Quincy. I can't wait to see what the New England YLs have in store for us.

33's LoisWB3EFQ

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the other school clubs and hams around the world. We introduced students to amateur radio and let them talk to other hams. Several students expressed interest in getting their licenses, and everyone thought that ham radio was 'really cool.' Most had never heard of it, but everyone was fascinated to hear stations from all over the United States and other countries.

A few students were a bit nervous when talking on the radio for the first time, but afterward they agreed that it was fun. We logged over 100 contacts and talked to approximately 15 other school clubs ranging from elementary schools to universities.



These ladies were not correctly identified in the last issue! (L to R) Nancy, N1NCY; Sally, K4NOB; Marcy, KJ4GYH; and Carol, JF4TJJ.

I think we talked to a few YLs, and I hope we can talk to many more during the next School Club Roundup in October."

Wow Frances, you are a poster young-person for Amateur radio. I know I speak for all members of this wonderful YLRL when I congratulate you on your contribution to this interesting and fun hobby. We are proud of you! Keep up the good work.

On that positive note I want to say that I hope you all enjoy your summer and don't forget ... GOTA (Get On The Air).

73

Joan Jones, W4JMJ

YL Contests, Nets and Hamfest Booths

Vice President
Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV



Here are the results for the 2011 YL-OM Contest.

CW Category

Name	Callsign	QSOs	Mult	Power	Total Pts
Donna Hinshaw	AG6V	13	11	1.5	214.5

No DX logs received

SSB Category-YL

Name	Callsign	QSOs	Mult	Power	Total Pts
Pamela Angenent	K6NDV	402	87	1	34,974
Rita Wilson	K7INL	75	39	1.5	4,387.5
Melba Hoss	KA0BAT	10	7	1.5	105

Category-OM

No OM logs were received this contest.

The Soapbox:

This was my first YL contest and really enjoyed participating. -Pamela, K6NDV

From the Vice President-

Logs are really down for this contest even though both CW and SSB have been merged to the same weekend. I often hear OMs complaining that I never hear a YL on, but this contest should be the perfect time to hear them. Don't forget we have one more YL only contest in October and mark your calendars in 2012 for the next YL-OM contest. It is usually held around the Valentine's Day weekend!

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



Hello again! It feels like summer has gotten here in East Tennessee.

Have any of you noticed how 10 meters has opened up the past several weeks? I have made contacts to Aruba, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Hawaii, Colombia, Chile and Argentina to name a few. I have also talked to several states too, using a logging program that encompasses DX spotting. That's how I know what band is open and what DX stations are on the air. 6 meters and 2 meter SSB have not been open much at all lately around here. I do however hear a few station within 120 miles of my grid square EM75.

Mike Koss, W9SU owner and operator of *Industrial Communication Engineers (I.C.E.)* unexpectedly past away on Monday March 28th. I first met Mike, W9US about 4 years ago when he and the W9IMS group invite my dad and me to help operate the special event station W9IMS (Whiskey Nine Indianapolis Motor Speedway).

Mike, W9SU was a huge supporter of the youth. He gave countless demonstrations to youth on ham radio operations. His favorite mode was CW and love to pass this mode along to young people. Mike knew the future of ham radio was in young people coming in the hobby and he did a lot of work sparking the interest of many

young people and showing them how much fun ham radio can be. Mike was more than a friend to all who knew him, he made you feel like family. I will miss him very much.

On April 27th many people in the south were devastated by the tornadoes that came though Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and on up though the east coast.

Hams in every part of the country volunteer at their local Emergency Management Agency (EMA) as trained weather spotters, helping out with communications and any other duties that may be ask of them. Hams young and old volunteer.

Kaitlyn Cole, KS3P was one of those young hams that helped in her community in the aftermath of the April 27th tornadoes. Kaitlyn worked with the Huntsville, Amateur Radio Club in Huntsville, AL as net control operator deploying chainsaw and debris clearing crews out to different areas of the community.



Kaitlyn Cole, KS3P

Kaitlyn was performing these duties from 8am to 4pm for two

days before her school started up again.

Kaitlyn attended the Dayton Hamvention in May and worked with the youth in the ARRL Youth Lounge again this year.



Kaitlyn Cole, KS3P at the ARRL Youth Lounge.

Eleven year old Kaitlyn is a good role model for other young hams. She not only enjoys the hobby, but understands how important it is to give back to the hobby by way of stepping up to the plate in time of need like the April 27th tornadoes.

I have noticed that 6 meters and 10 meters has been open this spring. I have made several contacts the last few days of May and in the beginning of June. It has been really hot here. The normal temperature for east Tennessee this time of year is 83 degrees, It has been in the high 90's and that is probably why 6 meter and 10 meter activity has been so good here.

Feel free to contact me with info and pictures of Youth Events.

Until next time,
Emily WE4MB



District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT



Greetings from 1 land where we think it might be spring because of the calendar, but the weather has not agreed! It has been cool and damp or wet for 2 months with the exception of a few hot days. Oh well, eventually it will be summer and we will have nice weather for the Convention in July.

The Convention 2011 Boston committee has been busy putting together an enjoyable time for all who attend. Reservations are coming in from YLs around the world. If you have not made a hotel reservation yet, please do that soon. They can be canceled with no penalty right up to 48 hours before arrival. Also, please send in your registration as soon as possible so final plans can be made, especially for the meals.

If you can only make one day, come on Saturday! The YLRL meeting and the YL Luncheon will be in the morning. The YL-OM Banquet that evening will be a great time with guest speaker "John Adams", the second President of the USA.

Earlier in the afternoon there will be a chance to see the houses where he lived as we take a tour of the Adams National Historical Park. There will be prizes at the Banquet as well as at the YL Luncheon. Everyone who attends needs to register, so get those forms in to Judy, N1BLR right away!

WRONE held its Spring

Luncheon on May 7 at O'Connor's Restaurant in Worcester, MA. Sixteen members and guests enjoyed the good food and fellowship. Janice, K4IJIC made the arrangements.

Anne, WB1ARU and her OM, Tony, WA1ENO attended Dayton Hamvention again this year. They had a great time with the chance to see so many YLs from across the country as well as around the world. Anne won an hourly prize, which included a couple of books and a meter. If you want to see a picture taken at the drawing, check out the slide show from IC0NEB at www.vimeo.com/24390342. Anne was also able to make contact with some vendors for Convention prizes.

We welcome new member Elayne, KB1IKH from Holbrook MA who joined at Dayton.

Jane, K1PVT has been dealing with the aftermath of the winter storms which dumped so much snow in Massachusetts. Her farm was severely impacted; the roof of one of the storage buildings collapsed along with a couple of greenhouses. Despite the setbacks, she is busy getting this year's gardens planted and checking out the orchards.

Hennie, KA1JVN and OM, Walt, KU1Q were busy with the Royal Palm Chapter QCWA in Naples, FL this winter. Hennie is the Secretary -Treasurer and Walt is the President. Now that they are back in Goshen, CT,

Hennie is picking up where she left off in the fall with the Historical Society including teaching a unit on local history to all the fourth graders. They are also cleaning up from winter storm damage.

Bobbie, W1JX; Betsey, KA1VAX; Hennie, KA1JVN; and Anne, WB1ARU are net controls once a month for the Yankee Lassie Net, Wednesday mornings at 8:30 AM on 3.12. They welcome any YL who can hear them to join in the fun. The net usually lasts about 20 -30 minutes.

Anne, WB1ARU is still primary net control for the Thursday YL Net on 20 and/or 40 meters. Listen for CQ YL at 0100 UTC on 14.288 or 7.198 and join YLs across the US. It is very informal and QSOs between YLs are encouraged.

Vera, WA1JYO is in a rehab facility in New Haven, CT. She misses her radio.

Our sympathy is extended to Norma, W1UBM as her OM, Walt became a silent key after a long brave battle with Parkinson's.

Don't forget to send your Field Day news (or any other news) to N1PVT as soon as FD is over so it can make the next issue of YLH! Pictures are especially welcome!

33, Anne, WB1ARU for Jane, N1PVT



District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF



Hello everyone!

Today, as I write this, it's 65 degrees outside. A little overcast, but nice for early March.

It's ARRL DX SSB Contest weekend. I've been down on the radio a little today working stations from all over the world. Primarily Europe and Central/South America. It's nice time to test out the equipment and make sure everything is working correctly. I did suffer the loss of one of my elements of my TB6EM TRI-Band beam in December. It's not exactly easy to repair, as I am still looking for someone to come and help with this when the weather gets nicer. Today would have been a good day for that! Oh well, I can still tune the G5RV lite.

My daughter, Krista, KB2MER received a nice letter from Mary Moore, WX4MM regarding her Continuous Membership. It's really hard to believe that she is 20 years in YLRL with this sticker and 20 years in Amateur Radio. I certainly do feel old, especially since there is another daughter that follows her in Amateur Radio, by about 5 years. It's sad when your kids become 'old-timers'! I am grateful that they both got their Amateur Radio License.

The BARA Babes have been active lately, first by helping with the BARA Auction early in March. They are also going to challenge the OM's of the

club to a BARA Babes Bowling Tournament! Sounds like fun. Their Monday evening net continues to be a big hit and they are adding to their numbers each week. They also made a big hit at the YLRL booth in Dayton.



Some of the BARA Babes at Dayton

As most of you probably already know, I have become a Director for the Hudson Division in the ARRL. This happened at the January 2011 ARRL Board Meeting when Director, Frank Fallon, N2FF retired. Serving the members for the Hudson Division is definitely an honor.

I've received some very sad news this week. One of my dearest friends passed away from cancer. I don't know how many of you knew Ann Keegan, KP2YL (W2AZK) SIC - 4-11-2011. Annie lived with her husband and best friend, Brian, KP2HC, in the Virgin Islands.

Annie and I became friends about 20 years ago, as we were both members of a local club, the North Jersey DX Association.

We always had such a good

time together planning that YL DXpedition that we would one day take together. Sadly, we never got to do that. Rest in peace, Annie, you will have no more pain, but you are so loved and will be missed by many.



Ann, KP2YL



Brian, KP2HC and Ann, KP2YL

Today, I also received word of Lia, WA2NFY's passing. Many of you will remember Lia, as the YLRL 2nd District Chairperson. Lia was a wonderfully, warm and caring lady. When I took over as YLRL 2nd District Chairperson, she worked with me sharing all the news that she had in her area. We exchanged many letters and many phone conversations. May you rest in peace, Lia.. we all will miss you so much.

33 de Joyce, KA2ANF



District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL



Hello to all in District 3—
Finally, it looks like spring.
Feels so good to have a sunny day
or two.

We have been hearing from
some of our YLs, good to hear
what has been happening over
the winter. Lois, WB3EFQ, sends
"Not much to report radio wise
except that I have been busy
working with our webmasters to
redesign the YLRL website.

It has been exciting to see what
we can do and make the site a
place members will want to visit.

I did manage to work the
YL team that was in Curacao in
March so that is a new one for me.

I have started on a mission with
several of my sewing groups and
we are making weighted lap pads
for autistic children. So far we
have made about 15 of them and
the reports back are very positive.
They work by calming the child
and help them to focus on their
studies.

I am really looking forward to
see many of our members in July
at the convention in Quincy."

And aren't we all! Be sure
to check out the schedule for
the convention, it is really quite
interesting.

Again we had our YLRL table
set up at the Two Rivers Hamfest
at the beginning of April and a
number of YLs stopped by. We
were glad to see them there and
to have a chance to speak with
them. We also welcomed back
Carol Danko, KB3GMN this
spring. Carol is quite active in the
Wireless Association of South

Hills Amateur Radio Club and
rejoined at their Hamfest at the
end of February. She and her
OM Rich N3SBF had a "clean
sweep" of all 67 counties in the
Pennsylvania QSO Party—look
at the smile!



*N3SBF & K3GMN with 67
Plaque by WB3HDI*

Also at the Two Rivers
Hamfest we had Cathy,
KB3OYS, representing both
North Hills Amateur Radio Club
and the Breezeshooters.

She has been the organizer
of the Breezeshooters Hamfest
that takes place at the beginning
of June for some time now, a
Hamfest that keeps growing
each year.

Right after the Hamvention, it
is the biggest Hamfest that takes
place in our area. It is looked
forward to here by all those who
can't make it to Ohio.



Cathy, K3OYS

I have heard from Catherine
Snyder, WB3HYN. She has

moved to Denton, TX. She writes,
"My son lives in TX and wanted
me near him. I am living in
assistant Living. Had to give up
my Ham Radio but wanted to stay
in touch with you. A man here has
a ham radio but doesn't get on too
much. I really enjoyed Ham Radio
when I could be on it. Hello to all
my friends in Ham Radio.

Love and Prayers and all our
best to you Catherine, we hope
you can get that fellow on the air
often so we can hear from you.

We have licensing classes
under way, and about half of the
students are YLs. That is a good
increase for our Washington
Amateur Communications club.
We hope to keep them active in
both our club and in the YLRL.
Since they are members of a "ham
family" that is very promising,
and they will be in attendance at
Dayton—so I think the bug has
bitten them.

SkyWarn classes are well
under way this spring. With the
unsettled weather we had (winter)
there has been a good turnout
of trainees to participate. While
spotters don't have to be hams, we
have found that more of the class
attendees are expressing interest
in getting into the hobby.

With so much going on it looks
like it will be a great summer for
ham radio and the YLRL as well.
Keep us informed on what you
are doing, we would love to hear
of any and all activities. Enjoy the
hobby; we'll be listening for you.

73,33

Jacque, N3ZEL



District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ

Greetings YLs,
I am writing this column 2 days before I leave for the long car ride to our cabin in Blairsville, GA. It takes about 11 hours to get there if there's no traffic or accidents. Needless to say I'll be a tired YL after the drive. The up side is that my working conditions on the radio are far superior up there than down here in Florida where I am forced to use a compromise antenna. So, I hope to be able to check into our Thursday night nets with more regularity soon (I hope you'll join us!).

I still am not sure that I can make our convention this year up in Massachusetts but I hope that many of you can manage to get there and make each other's acquaintance. You can count on a good time shared with other YLs in amateur radio.

A few reminders before I get to the News: Remember that we have elections coming up soon. PLEASE consider nominating someone who you think would be a good candidate for one of our many offices. Also, you really should consider donating your own time and talents supporting our organization. If there is a position you'd be interested in trying out, step forward. Don't be shy.

Also, PLEASE let us know if/when any information (address, email address, phone number etc) changes. It is difficult when we do not have YL Harmonics May/June 2011

the correct info with which to contact you. And last but not least, please consider sending your district chairperson any news that you'd like to share with the gals. Pictures are also greatly appreciated.

We are proud to welcome new member Bev, K1BEV to YLRL. She writes on April 16, she spent the entire day at the South Florida Science Museum, located in West Palm Beach, FL where she participated with her club. The West Palm Beach Amateur Radio Club, at the museum's annual Drop It, Build It, Fly It, Launch It, Thrill It engineering competition. The competition enables middle and high school students to learn about the use of engineering principals through five different design concepts.

The West Palm Beach ARC (W4HAW) has a permanent exhibit and club station at the South Florida Science Museum (WS4FSM). Club members staff the exhibit on weekends and for school tours during the week. Bev volunteers there at least once a week. She really has a great time showing the hobby to the kids. And a lot of the kids are interested enough to come back multiple times and bring their parents (who can buy them equipment) back with them.

Earlier in April, Bev participated in the regional SET (simulated emergency test) wearing two hats; one as a shelter communicator for

ARES/RACES and the other as a CERT co-team leader for a local CERT team. It gave her a chance to use one of the several new radios she recently bought-an Icom Dstar mobile ID 880H. She has been a Skywarn participant for about 5 years, and will be taking the May 14th Skywarn class being offered locally, to update her credentials.

Bev plans on participating with her club during Field Day 2011 and is working with her club's president on a new contest specifically designed to get new hams on the air.

She came into the hobby as a result of her involvement in CERT (Community Emergency Response) and as a CERT instructor taught her students the value of becoming a licensed Ham radio operator as it related to disaster and emergency operations. Many of her students have since become licensed but are a little shy about getting on the air. The contest being planned is aimed at motivating them to do so.

Frances Doyle, AJ4JQ, writes: " I helped start an amateur radio club at the home study center I attend (I'm a senior in high school). I'm the trustee for the club callsign, KJ4LS.

In February we were on the air for the School Club Roundup contest, talking to

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District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello to all.

My OM & I have been busy attending area Hamfest have met a lot of new YL in Rayne, LA, Birmingham, AL, and this past weekend Mobile, AL. It is go good to see the growth of YL in the Amateur Radio Hobby.

Also while I am on that subject a test session was held here on the coast and the YL did very well. Jackie, KF5EYI upgraded to Extra and changed her call. Jennifer, AE5WV, upgraded to Extra-AE5XD. Sue, W5MSW upgraded to Extra see Sue's news below. Colleen, KF5EYM upgraded to General. Anna, KF5KDL pasted her Tech and now studying for her General. Beth, KF5KDJ; Brenda, KF5I<DI<; and Judy, KF5KDM passed Tech. Congratulations to all!

Hope everyone in DC 5 has been spared from all the tornados and flooding and as I write this they are having Tornados in Kansas City again. Our prayer goes out to all the friends and family that have been affected.

Brownwood, TX - Ann WA5GLM reports

We have been up to our nose whiskers and none of it radio related—we're still trying to get our heads above water to get back on the air. I'm chasing my tail and one of us is losing, hi hi.

Most immediate is an ongoing wildfire on an Army Training Area that adjoins our property. We live on a ranch in central Texas and we have 2 Yi miles of

common fence line with a big National Guard/Army Training Area.

We are getting in high gear for the upcoming wedding of our grandson, KD5UDD, who is well known to the TYLRUN gals. I see places advertising dresses for "Mother of the Bride", but I'm still looking for someplace that features dresses for "Grandmother of the Groom", hi hi.

I have been under the weather for three weeks, and even with a hospital stay and a number of tests. But for now, I have progressed from feeling really wretched to feeling "middlin' poorly". On the bright side, though, I lost eight pounds, so it can't be all bad, hi, hi!

Ann, WA5GLM

Ann we wish all the best and years of happiness to your grandson KD5UDD and his bride to be. Also glad to hear you have received some rain so the wildfires died down hope you get some time to relax soon.

De Soto, TX -Joyce W5MWK
Great news from Joyce most of you know she has been on the list for a kidney transplant for quite some time now.

The first possible donor kidney was not good, but she kept her spirits up. Prayers were answered on April 3 Joyce is the proud owner of a 36-year-old kidney and everything is going well. You can hear the excitement in her writing.

"I am feeling great. The Dr. said I am progressing at a faster than expected rate which is good. I had no rejection. I now have a 36-year-old female KIDNEY. I had gone up to 140 pounds and now I am at 126, and stable. I feel very good and can walk now and have a few visitors. I hope to get back to Ham radio after a long absence due to illness. I thank everyone for their PRAYERS. PRAYER does work. All my family is great.

On June 14, 2011 my OM and I will celebrate our 59th Wedding Anniversary. On May 28, 2011, I will attend my 60th Class Reunion Nixon High Class of '51. It will take place in Seguin, TX."

33 W5MWK Joyce,

Happy 59th Anniversary to you both!!!!

Seminole, OK - Beth KC5RWW

I attended my first storm spotters meeting on March 31. It was held at the local college. I estimate there were 40 people there. It was very informative and cleared up a lot of wrong ideas for me. More than half the people were ham operators. The youngest seemed to be about ten years old.

Also in March I talked to Fred in Hawaii on 15M, Akira in Japan on 15M, Andrew in Australia on 10M, Walter in Sardinia on 15M. April 2 my OM and I went to Amarillo, TX to visit family. Back home I couldn't find my 2M handheld

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radio. I got out the old Radio Shack 2M and used it for a few days.

The OM found the missing radio in the floor of the back seat of my car that made him feel good because I'm usually the best "finder."

April 9 was Montana and Georgia QSO parties. I made 8 contacts on 15, 20 and 40 meters. Tuesday evening I finally remembered the 6M net before it started. Two other hams checked in. It's on 50.180 at 02:00 on Tuesdays. Feel free to call CQ there if you don't hear any of us.

She had a long QSO with XE1RI< in Mexico one evening. I got involved in a local repeater net for YLs. It's called Yarns and Tales. Those YLs wanted more info about what is available for YLs. I'm taking several back issues of YL publications to the weekly ham radio lunch this Friday. There's also a coffee break net on that repeater every morning at 10:30 M-F. May 7th I talked to several Italian stations and one in Spain, and Croatia on 15M; Lithuania on 20M. Hope to travel to Wichita, Kansas this weekend and try the repeaters there while visiting friends.

Beth, KC5RWW

Milan, NM - Judy KC7KPG

We are home in NM from our winter travels. It is sooooo nice to be home.

33, Judy KC7KPG

Houston, TX, - Brunette K5JGC

"No real radio-related items, just IMPORTANT Grandmother-brag-time-news! Praises and plaudits for #1 grandson, Philip Ballard, son of our daughter and son-in-law-Carol, KA5SSD and Andrew, KA5SSE. Family gathered on campus of

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Texas A and M University, College Station, Texas, for two occasions to celebrate two special events: Senior Ring Day, September 17, 2010, when graduating seniors receive their senior ring! Then the ultimate celebration for the impressive Graduation Day, December 18, 2010. - Whoop and Gig 'Em!"

Number 2 grandson, Tyler Boyett, son of our son and daughter-in-law-Thomas Jr. and Barbara is a graduating senior at Cinco Ranch High School, Katy, Texas. He has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and was honored by his family at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor, March 27, 2011.

I am so privileged to have good GRANDS and can tell of their achievements! I am still healing from a broken coxsis and a broken pelvis?????

I recall the fun-times I enjoyed as 5th District Chair; you do a great job, Betty Jo!

33, Brunette K5JGC

Gulfport, MS, - Sue AA5YL

I have some news. I just completed an extra class taught by my husband Vic West, N5YY. I took the extra test and passed on the second try. Also, I changed my call sign and expect to get AA5YL next Tuesday.

33, Sue AA5YL

San Antonio, TX - Dorthy

W7PBR, shares she has been asked by her radio club president to serve as Field Day Chairman this year. I told him I would do it so we will see how it goes. I have worked all morning get information together, printing copies, etc. At our meeting this month we will talk about Field Day. Last year we had a great turnout for a club just getting on our feet.

I am and will always continue to push the ladies to get more active in the club and on the radio. I know the newbie's can work the radio (some after the OM gets it set up) but just getting over the fear of making a mistake. Well, we are all human and mistakes happen to all of us at one time or the other. I hope after Field Day to give you an update along with pics.

Welcome to our **New YLRL** members: Karen -KE5RPI of Carencro, LA, Megin -K5IJ of Long Beach, MS.

Gulfport, MS

Hope everyone that traveled to Dayton has arrived home safe and maybe you will share your trip with us for the next article.

Here in Gulfport we have a CW and Radio operations class going on for 2 nights a week being taught by Bill Breeden, NA5DX and Vic West, N5YY. Proud to say we have about 6 YLs attending.

Magnolia DX Association and The Great Southern DX Association will be holding a joint Field Day here in our Field their plans are for 3 communication trailers with operations for 10 meters thru 6 meters. Hope all have a safe and successful Field Day!!

Remember the YLRL Color Contest also don't forget the Thursday night YLRL net nice to hear so many checking in. YLRL Elections will be coming up soon so let me know if you are interested in running for office or if you would like to nominate someone. Be listening for you on the radio!

33,

BJ Byrd, KB5CSQ

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



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DISTRICT 2

N2YGG, Annmari Linardi

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Annmari holds an extra license and is active on all bands and likes DX. She is a photographer and videographer. Her clubs include RDXA, RARA, RVHFG and AWA.

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Cathy was first licensed as KD8NHV, but applied for her father's call sign which he had from 1958. She is active on all bands except 160 and enjoys the OH QSO Party, November SSB Sweepstakes and DXCC.

DISTRICT 6

W6TRB Teri Bloom

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Teri holds an Extra license and is active on 20,17,15 and 40 meters. She is an accountant and a member of Escondido ARS.

KC8VRT, Amelia (Amy) Smith

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Amy has been licensed for over 45 years. She is active with YLISSB and enjoys working special events. OM Jerry is KC8TDC and son Brian is KC8CGP.

DISTRICT 10

AC0UO, Theresa Ratekin

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Theresa holds an Extra license and is active on several bands. She enjoys MARS drills. Theresa started the "Women in Ham Radio" group on Facebook.

KD8OBY, Carol Blaine

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Carol's interest in emergency communications got her into ham radio. Her OM is WB2FVE Craig and KD8IOV Kyle is her son.

We welcome you as new members to YLRL and hope to make contact with you soon!

Email Changes:

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Address changes:

Barbara Anne Murnane, WB1EHS

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ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 The President shall preside at all official meetings and/or conventions of the League and shall act as Chairwoman of the Board of Directors. She shall be an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees. She shall call meetings of the Board by air, in writing, or by e mail at least twice a year. The President shall appoint one of the District Chairwomen to serve as Chairwoman of the Nominating Committee during her first year in office and no later than July of that year. She shall make all appointments whenever vacancies occur in offices. She shall retain the corporate seal and shall affix it to all Certificates and/or Awards she signs

Section 2

A. The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence or disability of the latter. She shall have charge of all League station activities, with the exception of the League Club call K4LMB, contests, rules of same, nets, etc. In this work she will be assisted by a committee of at least three members, preferably Past Vice Presidents, of her choice, each from a different district. She shall appoint a custodian for awards such as WAS/YL, YLCC, WAC/YL, DX/YL, and DX/YLCC and Continuous Membership Certificate. She may appoint committees or assistants to aid her in specific branches of activities under her jurisdiction. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 4

A. The Receiving Treasurers shall receive all money for dues and forward this money to the Disbursing Treasurer. They shall send dues receipt cards to each member. They shall forward all new applications for membership to the Secretary for her files and shall keep the Secretary, Database Manager and Editor advised of dues payment and of all changes in the membership records. They shall serve as members of the Board of Directors.

B. The Disbursing Treasurer shall receive and receipt all money sent to her by the Receiving Treasurers and all other money paid to the League, and shall make payment of all obligations known to her to be proper and authorized. She shall appoint two members who shall be approved by the Executive Board to serve as auditors. She shall submit an itemized financial statement semi-annually to them for auditing. She shall file all reports required by the Federal, State and local governments. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors and shall be an ex-officio member of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Section 5 Each District Chairwoman, the Youth Chairwoman and RT #4-DX shall be responsible for gathering news for **YL Harmonics** and forwarding same to the Editor at appropriate intervals. She shall assist the Vice-President in organizing contests, traffic schedules, nets, and all League activities. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.



District Six News de Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

Greetings District 6 YLs!

For the OM, and me this year has been unremarkable in terms of Ham-related activities, so I'm happy that our other District 6 ladies are keeping busy!

Besides monitoring and gauging all that seismic activity around the globe, Kate Hutton, K6HTN continues to sharpen her CW skills participating in various nets and recently helped man (or woman) Stage 8 at the 2011 Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay the weekend of April 16-17. She writes about that adventure on her blog—do check it out!

<http://k6htn.blogspot.com/2011/04/fun-radio-in-middle-of-nowhere.html?pref=fb>



Kate, K6HTN

And here is some news from our newest members: Donna Hinshaw, AG6V, and Teri Bloom, W6TRB

From Donna:

Now that I am a member of YLRL, I'm looking forward to participating in more club events: I did join in the fun with the YL-OM contest. Up till now, I have been most active with the Straight Key Century

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Club (SKCCgroup.com) and enjoy the monthly "sprints". These events are low key, and a great way to hone your CW skills. Such a welcoming bunch of (mostly) guys: they put up with my initial sending with nary a complaint, and thanks to hundreds of QSOs with them, my CW is now passable.

I highly encourage any of you YLs who have a desire to learn CW or who want a non-threatening place to practice to join in the fun. AND I would *really* like to work some of you.

Kate Hutton, K6HTN is also a member of both YLRL and SI<CC, although I haven't managed to catch her on the air yet.

On another note, I just finished getting my WAS - CW endorsement. That was fun. And I did just make a new sideswiper key, which is REALLY fun to use. Lots easier for me than a straight key (it still qualifies for SKCC group activities).



The Sideswiper

My most recent training was on the CommCat software for working DX. Amazing: spots, rig control, a log, and even an

iPhone app! If anyone would like to set up a sked with me, contact me at ag6v@arrl.net.

73 es 33, Donna AG6V

From Teri:

I am a relatively new Ham, first licensed 12/09, upgraded to General 3/27/10 and became an Amateur Extra on Halloween, 2010.

My QTH is Carlsbad, CA and my base is an Icom IC-7000 with a fan dipole antenna. I also have a log periodic for 2 M/440 bands, and an HT Yaesu FT-60, which I carry with me at all times since we had that earthquake at Easter 2010.

I am very excited with the world of hams. I belong to Escondido Amateur Radio Society (EARS) and this year I am Secretary and Treasurer for the club.

I am very excited about Dayton's Hamfest and have my flight, room and car already booked. I think there will be much to absorb and learn at the Hamfest and will be many fellow Hams to meet. I am looking forward to finding the YLRL's table!

Teri Bloom, W6TRB

Have fun at Dayton!

33&73

Jennifer O'Connell KI6OIL

PS Jennifer is carrying on the WorldRadio Online YL column tradition. She is the new YL columnist, so don't forget to send her news and pictures!-ED



District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

Spring has finally arrived in spite of a very rainy and chilly winter. At least the cherry trees are blossoming, the grass is growing and needs cutting and we've had a little sunshine in between showers the last few days.

The MINOW Net Spring Newsletter arrived with information on the Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for May 14-15 in Vancouver, WA - hosted by Barbara Yasson, AC7UH.

Barbara has put together a great program for the weekend - beginning Saturday afternoon with a tour of Fort Vancouver and other locations in the Historic Reserve.

Marianna Kearney, W7WFO - a Mt. St. Helens survivor, will present the evening program.

We are trying to revive the MINOW Net, which has been inactive over the winter. It will still meet on Friday morning on 3.912 but we are experimenting with changing the time from 8 o'clock to 9 o'clock, which is much better for Barbara and also me. We were pleased that a week ago there were 3 of us - Barbara, AC7UH; me, AB7PS; and Marilyn Melhorn, KE7WEN who checked in for the first time. Marilyn is now writing the YL News for the Clark County club newsletter. She earned her Technician license late in 2008 and her General license a few months later.

She is now an active participant in the Two River Net, attending several of the YL luncheons, checking in on Wednesday evenings to the YL Net and has agreed to be one of the Net controls.

SEA-PAC comes June 3-5 at Seaside, OR. SEA-PAC is the ARRL NW Convention. We will have a YLRL Club table on the Convention floor where you can sign in.

We're hoping for good attendance at the YLRL luncheon on Saturday June 4 at the Shilo Inn. Vicky Luetzelschwab AE9YL will be the guest speaker on the subject "Get Radio-Active". She herself is an active YL with DX experience.

The Evergreen Intertie YL Net had its usual table at the Mike and Key Flea market in March, thanks to Judy N7NII. I haven't checked into the net for quite a while but tried Monday evening. There were 3 of us, Darlene, KE7TQS; Kristie, I<E7MYZ-who had just got her ham shack set up; and me.

Reception was very good - I hope any YLs in Washington and Oregon in the area reached by the Evergreen Intertie will try it out. It meets at 8:00 PM Monday evening on a 2-meter frequency of the Evergreen Intertie. This is a friendship net so it's a good place to work on the YLRL Favorite Colors Awards.

A little news on 7th district YLRL members - KL0HI has spent the winter at Council, Alaska and comments that the coldest was -36 degrees but it only lasted a couple of days.

We are hoping the snow will be melting in May so she can attend the MINOW Net gathering.

Darlene, KE7TQS has just left for a cruise through the Panama Canal. Mary Lewis, W7QGP has had a rough time - with two breast cancer operations, a mastectomy and two strokes. Her OM, W7WJW writes that speech and writing have been affected but not her enthusiasm.

Jack, W1PRT the OM of Ruth, K1IIF, reports that "we are observing our recent 90th birthdays by hosting an 'after lunch' open house Saturday April 23 at Panorama where they lived for many years.

They took a 1 week AI< cruise last summer and are planning a week's car trip to Yellowstone at the end of June, walkers and all!

I hope some of you are planning to take part in Field Day - with a club, or with a friend - or by yourself. Please share your experiences with me.

All for this time.
33 Sara, AB7PS



District Eight News de Annette Wood, KC8SQM

I do not expect to be able to attend OH-KY-IN club Field Day, except to help tear down on Sun unless we get out there soon enough to work a few contacts. Brad WD9HDZ & I are heavily committed to work the 6th Annual Harmony Festival at N KY Univ., which begins tomorrow & concludes with big performance Sat eve featuring students (of course, the reasons for the Fest!) & sponsoring chorus (Cincinnati Sound Sweet Adeline's, Delta Kings & Southern Gateway of Barbershop Harmony Society, ex SPEBSQSA; Brad WD9HDZ holds some authority in Delta Kings & provides sound reinforcement for local shows & similar events).

Field Day this year isn't in our future as we're expected to work at the 6th Annual Harmony Fest at N I<Y Univ. We may get to help strike Field Day set-up on Sun, unless we can get there in time to work a few (very few). We're lending one of our Easy-Up tents to 2 new club members; I need to lay YLRL on her hot & heavy, or at least warm & soft.

A personal non-radio brag; at the installation dinner for the



Past President-Nancy, KC4IYD and Current President-Lois, WB3EFQ at the YLRL booth in Dayton.

new management team (aka board) of my Sweet Adeline's Inti chorus, Cincinnati Sound, I was privileged to be named Sweet Adeline of the Year for 2010 (actually). Engraving on the disk says 2011, but I know what they meant. This is my 3rd one of these.

33 Susie N8CGM

Not much from here. I just got a call from a ham friend that I told about my rig problems and it is now fixed. I can get back on the air after a week of pulling my hair out by the roots.

Field Day is coming up and I will send the Section Managers a report for two clubs one in OH and one in WV.

Prayer request for my Grandson, Major Joshua S. Ritenour, M.D. who was deployed on June 18 for Afghanistan for his second tour. His last one was less than a year ago as he returned July 4 last year. He is a new Father as of May 6 to a beautiful 10 lb 2 oz girl, Abigail Elizabeth Ritenour.

The last tour worried me but this one more so. Your prayers would be appreciated! His wife, Major Amber E Ritenour, M.D. is still in Kansas, stationed at Ft Riley.

33/76,

Connie Hamilton, N8IO
For the past several years it has been very hard to attract new members to the club and a lot of the older members have not been able to be as involved as before. It was decided to dissolve the club.

Since this year is our 50th Anniversary, the existing officers thought that we should go out with a bang. Our plan is to have a Great Anniversary party at Mohican State Park (www.mohicanstatepark.org) at the lodge, in Loudenville, Ohio (southern Ashland County) the weekend of August 12 to 14 and then "dissolve the club*." This is a difficult decision but one we feel is in the best interest of our membership.

We are planning a great weekend, which will include:

A possible YL speaker from ARRL

Down Memory Lane with the Buckeye Belles

Ham Radio activities

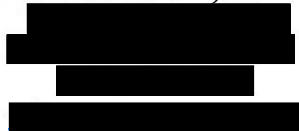
Hiking, Swimming, Games and much more

33/Annette KC8SQM

**Also see more
Hamvention®
Pictures in the
different districts
and next issue!!**



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS



It is spring!!! I know because it says so on the calendar. It looks like winter today, no snow, but overcast and very gloomy, rain, and windy. Oh well, it will get better. Not much news from here.

Linda, W9LAN, is still playing women's soccer. I really don't know how she does it. You go, Linda.

Barb, W9WOZ, is keeping busy and doesn't manage to get on our Hamster net these days. We miss her.

Anne, KA9YYI, is still quilting and now they are going to the lake and getting everything ready for the summer.

Me? Well, we went to Florida for 3 weeks in March. It was so beautiful and warm, I didn't want to come home and Al wouldn't let me stay. :-)

We had our Fox Hunt the first Sunday in April and since Jim and Anne were in Florida then (we crossed each other as we were coming

home) we followed another hunter and managed to come in second. I found the fox when my foot got tangled up in a thorn bush and fell. Al got 2 thorns out of my knee, but there is still one in there, so a trip to the doctor is on tire agenda.

Besides that, not much is going on. Enjoy the beautiful weather and let me know how you are enjoying it and what ham radio things you might be doing.

33, Carole WB9RUS

There's Still Time for the YL Football World Cup 2011 Award!


The Deutsche Amateur Radio Club e.V. (DARC) is sponsoring this award to celebrate the Women's Football (Soccer) World Cup 2011. Both licensed amateur radio operators and short wave listeners (SWL's) can apply for this award.

In the period beginning June 1st and ending July 31st, 2011, the special station DL0YLWM and YL district stations with the callsigns DL0YLx or DR11YLx and the special DOI< YLWMx will be on the air. The character x stands for the respective DARC district, e.g. DL0YLF will be active for DARC district Hessen and use the special DOI< YLWMF.

Participants may apply for four awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum level). To achieve one of these awards, you need to log the appropriate number of German YL stations in the given time frame. There are no band limitations. Any mode of operation except Packet Radio and Echo Link may be used. So-called "roundtable QSOs" do not count for the award.

Award application fee: - 8 Euros for DL and EU stations -10 Euros or 15 US Dollars for non-EU stations. Alternatively 2 Euros/3 US Dollars for a PDF version of the award
To apply for this award, please send a copy of your logbook along with the appropriate application fee to:

Christiane Ruething
DL4CR Gausstr. 35 63071
Offenbach am Main
GERMANY

You may also apply via E-Mail by sending your application to 

Bank transfer information will be returned in the confirmation E-Mail.

The award certificate is 210 x 297mm (about 814" x 111%) in size and is printed in multiple colours on 120 gram, wood-free paper.

The award was officially accepted by DARC in January 2011.



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KBONAS



Greetings from District 10!
A dozen YLs and assorted others descended on the home of Ellie, N0QCX, to listen to the debut practice of three Dayton youth presenters. Three BARC Juniors went this year, the youngest being ten year old Amanda, KD0JAY.



The YLs at the practice session.

I had a chance to visit with Amanda after her presentation. She said that becoming a ham was natural for her, since both her parents are hams. Her father was an Elmer for BARC Juniors, and when she went with him as a small child she was hooked. She got her license in October 2009, and upgraded to General last December.



*Ellie, N0QCX and
Amanda, KD0JAY*

She says she is a little shy with voice, but really enjoys the digital modes. Her father noted that even there, her YL name attracts attention, and she will get pile-ups waiting to communicate with her. She learned a lot about adaptive equipment from BARC member Gerry Leary, WB6TVF, who uses a wide variety of special commercial and homemade equipment to run his radio equipment without the use of sight and has presented to the Boulder Area Radio Club.

Amanda is also a Girl Scout and active with her Junior troop.

The Colorado ARES district 24 digital conference has now become the Emergency Communications Conference.

This year among the tilings to see was a communications trailer being put together by the Rocky Mountain Ham Radio group, with YLs among the tour guides.

When I saw it again at LARCFest (Longmont Area Radio Club, Colorado), I cornered a couple YLs there to tell me about it and about the group. Carol, K0CVH, and her daughter Lisa, K0LMFI reported that the Rocky Mountain Hams consist of about 25% YLs, among them Ann, KA0ZFI.

The trailer on display was actually the third trailer the group has made; the first was sold to emergency responders in Wyoming, the second to Utah.



*Carol, K0CVH and Lisa,
K0LMH*

The group has no dues; all that is required is that one participate in working on the trailer. Carol reported that not knowing how is not an excuse; someone is always there to teach. The duo have done everything from laying carpet to wiring lights and antennas, all with the goal of being there in time of emergency.

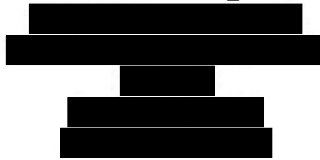
Cheryl, N0WBV reports that she had a blast at the Dayton Hamvention®. "I always hang around at the YLRL/ Buckeye Belle booth so I don't miss anyone. The YL forum was excellent and included a hint of what is to come at the Convention in Boston. I can't wait to go there either!"

Personally, I have my tickets for Massachusetts, and hope to see as many as possible of you there!

33, 73 Doshia, KBONAS



VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM



I want to welcome the newest VE member to YLRL. Linda Friars, VE9GLF, lives in the Province of New Brunswick. Linda is Vice President of CLARA and an avid contester. She has also served, in the past, as secretary for Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) and secretary/treasurer for the Loyalist Radio Amateur Club. Welcome, Linda, I know you will enjoy your membership in YLRL.

We all had a good time working the **CLARA Family Contest** on March 15th and 19th. It is a very friendly contest that focuses on getting YLs on the air and talking to each other. I worked both HF and Echolink and was surprised to find that almost 45% of my contacts were on EchoLink.

Many YLs have moved and are now living in towns and housing complex' where it is impossible to raise a HF antenna. EchoLink is helping them to join in the fun and to keep in touch with their Amateur friends. Many, many DX YLs were on EchoLink. It was good to hear all the cheery voices and all of us were exchanging our Favorite Colors for the 2011 Challenge Award, as well. Please send your CLARA contest logs to Linda-VE9GLF. Her addresses (e-mail and snail mail) are listed on our super new CLARA website www.claranet.ca under the heading "CLARAFamily Contest".

WX is warming on the west coast as I write this and many wild flowers are blooming in the woods.

I hope to meet many of you in Boston in July or, failing that, on a YL Net. Have a wonderful, safe summer. 33 de Suzanne -VE7IM

Ann, VE3HAI, writes that she enjoyed the March CLARA contest, especially her EchoLink contacts. She worked Shirley, VK5YL; Maureen, G0VRT; Anna, VE1VR; Anne, WB1ARU; Elizabeth, VE7YL; and Suzanne, VE7IM on one afternoon.

Ann thinks EchoLink may be the way of the future for YLs who move into condo/apartments that don't allow antennae. Living on a small lot in Toronto near the airport, Ann does not have a 20-meter antenna, so it was a real thrill for her to work DX YLs during this contest. Ann and her OM Bare, VE3HAH expect to attend Dayton on the Friday with their daughter Janet, N9ZKU again this year. Ann will try to attend the YLRL forum if it is on Friday.

She and Bare also hope to attend the YLRL convention in Boston. In addition to those plans, Ann is doing well with the YLRL favourite colours certificate so far. What a great idea that is. Congratulations to the YL who thought of it. Until next time, Ann hopes all YLRL members have a great summer.

33 de Ann, VE3HAI

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes that it's great to hear the bands opening to Europe once again. It has been a long time and even if it's not yet perfect it sure is an improvement. The new Orca DX and Contest Club that started last fall (locally), is proving to be well worth joining.

The Club covers BC and the BC Washington Border region. They have a great web site with lots and lots of information especially if you are looking for DX and contests, propagation and lots of information on who is active etc. Gives you beam headings you can understand and you see the little red line showing it to you! Google the name and have a look - you won't be sorry.

Talking about web pages I think the new CLARA web site is great. If you haven't had the time to look at it you really are missing out.

Enjoyed working the YL group who went to Curacao - they gave me a much-needed YL country.

Hope everyone enjoys the spring. 33 Elizabeth VE7YL.

Vai, VE5AQ, writes: Well we still have winter. Yep, we are in for a spring blizzard tonight, with up to 4 inches of snow, (April 2nd). So much for spring. Now as for me working on the

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Favourite Colours Award -1 am doing not much. I have a grand total of 3. Band conditions here in Moose Jaw are not conducive to good HF contacts so unless the bands improve drastically, I won't be getting anywhere fast.

The CLARA Family Contest was another bomb. I could hear Helen on Tuesday on HF and on Saturday not even a peep. So thought, well ok, they say we can use Echo Link, so turned it on, and heard so many gals and I thought, wow, maybe this year I can have lots of contacts. Well that didn't pan out either. I heard Lois, WB3EFQ; Minnie, VE3DBQ; Suzanne, VE7IM; Anne, WB1ARU; Aim, VE3HAI; and gals from Australia.

You were all coming in loud and clear but nobody could hear me. Don't know what the problem was but I made no contacts at all so shut down EchoLink and carried on with the work that I was doing on the computer.

Now to tell you what I've been doing on the computer. Yvonne and I are the new webmasters for the YLRL website. It is coming along very nicely with quite a bit of content on.

I have put a few pictures that were sent to me on and, when it goes live, you will see names and then question marks and more names. If you know the names of the gals just send me an email and say Vai, in Queen Mary, picture #3... etc, and tell me who that person is and their call signs.

If you have pictures that you would like to see on your website, send them on to me, in YL Harmonics May/June 2011

.jpg format and in the email say Left to Right..... Lois, WB3EFQ, etc..... and we will get them on.

Also on the Silent Key page, please keep your Exec up to date on the gals that have gone, so that we can keep the list as up to date as possible. You are more than welcome to send the information to me if you wish.

██████████. All I need is the name, callsign, and date of passing. If you happen to know when she was born, even that would be good.

There is the Saskatchewan Hamfest will be July 9th. We had a change of venue, and it will now be held in the Pike Lake Community Center, Hwy 60 South of Saskatoon.

I would love to go to the Boston Convention, but that is not in the plans for this year. After all our running around, we do have a deck that is in desperate need of replacing and the garden will have to be tended to so that the weeds don't get higher than the veggies.

So, that is it from Saskatchewan. Hope all have a wonderful summer and prayers to those who need them, and to those who would just like a prayer. Do take care everyone and one of these days I really do hope we can connect on the radio. It would be great to chat with you.

33, Vai VE5AQ

Jeanne, VA3WX, writes: I entered the CLARA contest and had contacts on both the Tues, and Sat. but didn't hear many of my DX friends this year. The Cancer Society daffodil sale was held on March 31st and April 1st. My neighbour and I

sold daffodils at one of our big supermarkets on April 1st.

I was among 80 volunteers who attended a roast beef supper sponsored by the Red Cross. I deliver Meals on Wheels and am in my 17th year. I have enough contacts to send my log in for the Favourite Colour Award so all I need to do is get a U.S. stamp. I would like to thank Kay, WA0WOF, for sponsoring me in YLRL and I have been a member for 36 years. Wishing everyone a Happy Spring. 33s Jeanne

Heather, VE3HQB, writes: I don't have much news for this issue. Just want to say. Happy Spring, Happy Easter and Mother's Day to everyone.

Doug and I are going to Las Vegas for a square dance callers' convention, April 15th. The last time it was held in Las Vegas was 10 years ago so we're looking forward to this one. I'm not going to Dayton this year but Doug is. Took part in the Clara Contest in March and had fun.

Also, got my 15 colours for the YLRL Favorite Color Certificate, just waiting for the certificate.

Get out and enjoy the warm weather and sunshine. 33, Heather, VE3HQB

Merele, VE1VCI, writes: We had a long, snowy winter but I did not mind it as I did have my ham radio and enjoy taking part in the Monday sked with KB4RM, Rose-Marie, at the helm. She does a super job. Of course, there are the CLARA

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

Dear YLs Friends,

It is spring here in Virginia and summer is coming fast. There have been some severe thunderstorms with lots of rain, but we were lucky to miss the tornados.

After an absence of two years, I again attended the International DX Convention in Visalia, California, April 15-17th. My first attendance was in 1992. It is such a wonderful group, almost like seeing family again. Many come from far away every year, but we all speak the same radio language.

This year about 600 attended, and came from Canada, Sweden, Germany, England, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Mexico, Bonaire and Brazil.

The program included a presentation by DX expeditions to PJ7E Saint Martin; Sable Island CY0, Niue, ZK2A"; The Rock of Polynesia"; and 4A4A, Revillagigedo.

At the Saturday Banquet dinner, we heard about the expedition to South Orkney Islands, VP8ORK, and learned how expensive such an expedition is.

The Cameroon, TJ9PF expedition was the featured presentation for the Sunday morning breakfast. This was followed by the excitement of the traditional Sunday morning prize drawings.

I hope you were lucky and worked some of these expeditions.

There was a QSL card checking session; now I have worked and confirmed 323 entities. Since returning home, I worked T31A and T30AQ.
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The exhibits included the latest in transceivers and amplifiers, and it was hard for us to resist. Alpha offered a very good trade-in for our old Alpha 89, and now we are proud owners of an Alpha 8410.

I did not get to attend the Dayton Hamvention®, but look forward to hear from you DX-YLs who went. We had a number of you sign in at the YLRL/Buckeye Belle Booth including: Brigitte, DD2DD & Conny, DF8MN from Germany; Tina, VK5TMC from Australia; Yvonne, HB9ELF from Switzerland; Sarla, VU2SWS from India; Joanna, G0OWH from Great Britain; and Ann, VE3HAI & Linda VE9GLF, both from Canada. Please send me your pictures and reports. Hiromi, JJ1CAS writes:

First of all, we would extend our sincere gratitude not only for the encouragement but also fund-raising from all over the world, in order to support and help to the people who have experienced a catastrophic earthquake and Tsunami in Tohoku and the JA beside the Pacific Ocean. Although their circumstances are still severe, we can overcome the disaster.

Every year, it is a season for all Japanese people to appreciate the cherry blossom viewing greatly in town, bank and mountain from the end of March to April. This year, the cherry blossom will give us the power, too.

Thank you very much and best wishes to you.
Hiromi, JJ1CAS

Marte, K0EPE, and I thank you Hiromi for your donation to the YLRL Scholarship fund and for all beautiful letters with stamps and cards. I look forward to hear from you soon again. Jasmine, G4KFP wrote:

Spring is in the air and following some days of sunshine the plants are beginning to come into life. Following another unbelievable winter for us it looks as though it is going to follow the pattern of the previous year where the flowering trees and shrubs are spectacular and we lost many due to the harsh winter.

We can replace them and my favorites are Oriental Lilies with the most wonderful heady perfume, then Roses, Lilies and Sweet Peas.

I hope to hear you on the air.

33, Jasmine G4KFP

Ruth, IT9ESZ wrote:

I received the YL-Harmonics and there is always much to read. I send the news from our club, it's my last mail as DX- Correspondent but not as a friend.

Board of officer of YLRCI:
President-IK2THN, Eleonora {Nora}; Secretary-II<8HCI<, Dora; Award Manager-IK3CXG, Gabriella; Contest Manager-12-05615, M. Paola; DX- Correspondent-IT9APL, Letizia
The provisional home page:
www.ylrci.com

We had a lovely spring WX

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during February but since a week it's cold 8 to 12 c, snow on the hilltops around Palermo and rain, lots of rain, good for the garden and the blooming almond/peach trees. The garden is full of spring flowers, the sun comes and goes, lucky we don't have continuous rain.

33, Ruth, IT9ESZ

On Monday DX-YL net 14.288 at 1500utc Christine, GM4YMM surprised us with call sign GR4YMM "golf royal" special call sign for the Royal wedding. Christine had made 450 contacts over the weekend and hoped for 1000 at end of the week. She had the call sign for 10 days. OM, Ken was designing the QSL card and we all on the net worked GR4YMM so we can get the QSL card.

Do check in on the DX-YL net, you never know whom you might meet; that makes it so wonderful. Conditions have been poor, but don't let that discourage you.

I hope to see some of you at the YLRL meeting in Quincy/Boston, in July, and look forward to see SA6YLQ, Ann-Marie, coming to the USA for the first time.

Please continue sending me your DX news.

Good DX-ing,

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM



Anne, WB1ARU (above) and Lois, WB3EFQ (Below) talk about the convention and new happenings with YLRL at the YL Forum on Friday.



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Nets. The Monday 80M Net, I have no luck with but the Tuesday 40M Net is wonderful.

I still give my weather reports to Environment Canada every morning. Did take part in the NSARA Voice Contest in March but had to go to my sister-in-law's funeral so missed out on the afternoon part. Then my 440 Kenwood was down for 2 weeks and that's when the NSARA CW Contest was on so I missed out on that totally.

I am still at my Tied Comforters and due to the newspaper and TV coverage I was given enough lovely material for 40 comforters. Our Senior Group was given a nice bit of cash to help pay for the bats I use. Right now I am making one for a breast cancer lady so it is easy to find homes

for them. Needless to say, I will need a Singer Treadle Machine in my next life to continue the project and use up all this material.

My great grandson, Neil, born in January is now over 17 pounds and just so active. He is a brother to 9-year-old James and 2-year-old Ryan. They live a stone's throw from your truly.

We were happy for all of the snow as it usually means a good berry crop, as you all know it is great coverage for perennials in your flower gardens, as well. Please drop in for some strawberry shortcake when in Nova Scotia. I am enjoying the Favorite Color Contest. Hope all the bands will continue to improve. Enjoy summer.

73&33 Merle VE1VCI



Brigitte, DD2DD & Conny, DF8MN from Germany with Tina, VK5TMC of Australia; and Ann, VE3HAI of Canada after the



Cheryl, N0WBV and Norma, N3YJJ courtesy of Elmar, N3TIR.

Certificate Custodian

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

I'm happy to report that the new 2011 YLRL Favorite Colors Certificate is off to a good start. It's only April and we already have completed applications from over half as many YLs as we had in all of last year for the 2010 Certificate. Below is a list of those who have finished the 2011 YLRL Favorite Colors Certificate so far ...

Cert #	F. Name	L. Name	Callsign	Date	QTI-I
1	Heather	Flolmes	VE3HQH	3/23/2011	CANADA
2	Christine	Dons	GM4YMM	3/29/2011	SCOTLAND
3	Linda	Harvey	VE1QT	3/30/2011	CANADA
4	Rose-Marie	Battig	KB4RM	3/31/2011	VA
5	Christa	Elksnat	DJ1TE	4/1/2011	GERMANY
6	Martha	Wessel	K0EPE	4/1/2011	I<S
7	Suzanne	Snap	VE171M	4/1/2011	CANADA

I hope everyone else is working on this Certificate and will send in their log to receive the colorful certificate. Remember you only have to make contact with 15 YLs and ask them their favorite color. You have to have 15 different colors in your log to receive the award, and you can send your log to me via e-mail [REDACTED]

Other YLRL Certificates received during the first part of 2011 include ...

WAS-YL (Works All States)

Cert. #1001 W4AVY Gary Crane USA-AL 02/25/11

YL-DXCC

Cert. #21 GM4YMM Christine Dons 02/01/11 (225 contact upgrade)

I hope more are working on the non-annual certificates also.

I'm also happy to announce that we will be adding a new non-annual certificate very soon. It's called the "GRANDMOTHER CERTIFICATE". It isn't really a "new" certificate ... just new to YLRL. Mary Meyer, W9RUJ in 1958, originally started the award certificate as a friendship contact and exchange. When Mary became a silent key, Martha Shirley, WOZWL, became the custodian until she became a silent key. Phyllis Douglas, K7SEC then took it over and has kept it going until recently. Phyllis wants to see the certificate continue, and I have had a couple of YLs ask me about a Grandmother Certificate. After some discussion among the YLRL leadership, I was put in contact with Phyllis who offered the certificate to YLRL and me. Phyllis has sent me everything she had on it and I am currently going through it and will be adding it to the list of Certificates YLRL offers. We hope to make the final announcement that it is up and running soon. It will also be posted on the YLRL website, so watch for it, and of course we'll put it in the YL Harmonics, too.

In the meantime, keep working on those YLRL Certificates. I enjoy hearing from everyone.

Carolyn

Basic Rules Applicable To All YLRL Certificates

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

Continuous Membership 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

Cheryl Ellis, KA5VOP; Jean Ruth, KB8YHN; Jane Avnet, K8JAA; Pamela Andrews, K9JMA

10 Years

Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL; Tina Coetzee, ZS6CEZ; Jean Parker, KC0HKB

30 Years

Jasmine Marshall, G4KFP

45 Years

Betty Marsh, KL7FJW

IN OUR THOUGHTS

Lia Zwack, WA2NFY, became a Silent Key on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 after a long sickness. I received many reports of this event. She was known and loved by many as a wonderful YL radio operator.

Joyce Birmingham writes in: My friend Ann, ICP2YL from the Virgin Islands passed away this week. You can read more about Ann in the District 2 column.

Ralph Cole, W5THU wrote in with the sad news that Inez Cole, W5WXT passed away in February. Inez had been a YLRL member for 56 years!

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