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Meet Our Scholarship Winners for 2012



**Lindsey Meyer,
KG6ELV**



**Erin King,
AK4JG**

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Scholarship Information De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

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Bess Hance KC4DSG

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Ronald Ault KC5PIE

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Both Bess and Inez were members and officers of TYLRUN; Ronnie is the husband of another of our active members, Elaine (KC5WQE).

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

To make a donation

Make your check payable to: YLRL Scholarship Fund

Send your donation to:

Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

Marte, K0EPE, has already started working on the 2014 Scholarship Fund Drive.

The 2012 Scholarship winners are:

Lindsey Meyer, KG6ELV

Lindsey, KG6ELV, is a 19-year-old junior at Pomona College majoring in Neuroscience with a minor in Linguistics.

For the fall 2012 semester, Lindsey is studying abroad at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Lindsey has held a General class license since her 8th birthday. She is looking forward to getting back on the air when she returns to California in late December.

Erin King, AK4JG

Erin, AK4JG, is from Columbus, Georgia and is currently a freshman at MIT.

She is 18 years old and intends to major in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering.

She has been licensed for 4 years and has her Extra Class License.

She was president of her high school radio club, and is currently a member of the MIT Radio Society, Columbus Amateur Radio Club, and Russell County Radio Club.

Her ham radio interests include high-altitude ballooning, hamfests, kit-building, and casual contesting.

She operates on phone, PSK-31 and APRS.

She is currently learning CW and is interested in learning about software defined radios.

—Look for the pictures of the winners on the front cover of this edition of YL-Harmonics!-Ed.



President's Message de Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS



We are entering a busy time of year, but I have an urgent need to pass on to you, Connie Beckworth, who served as our disbursing treasurer for several years, has needed to resign. Many thanks to Connie for her work, and for leaving the records in good shape. However, this leaves us with an important unfilled position.

Perhaps I should explain a little about how the governance of the YLRL works. There are ten districts, defined by the FCC districts (0 becomes district 10). Each district has a chairwoman, who is part of the YLRL board. This is the person we ask you to contact with information about what you are up to, what is going in in your district. There are two very hard working receiving treasurers who keep track of memberships: Rose-Marie Battig, KB4RM, is the DX treasurer, and Carol Lafferty,

K4SAF, is the receiving treasurer for the United States. When you send your dues to them, they carefully record them, and then send batches of checks and money orders to the disbursing secretary to deposit in the club account. She keeps a record of the monies deposited from this and other sources (like when you buy YLRL stationary or jewelry), and writes checks to make payments for club expenses, keeping records of how our money is spent. The biggest expense is printing and mailing the *Harmonics*. (Incidentally, We also print an informational trifold, and if you are going to a Hamfest or other appropriate place, our *Harmonics* editor, Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV, can send you extra copies of the *Harmonics* and/or of the trifold to distribute.) The board also includes the vice president, Linda Metz, KC8PKY, and the secretary, Anne Manna,

WB1ARU, and others.

The board "meets" twice a year: once partly in person at Dayton (with those not present able to participate via e-mail) and once over e-mail.

I have also learned that Emily Bishop, WE4MB, who has been our Youth News contact, has also needed to resign, due to the demands of the senior year of high school. Thank you for your service, Emily! But that does leave another job to fill.

This organization works because the women in it, like women always do, step up do what is needed. So, if you have the required skills and availability, or know someone who does, I invite you to contact any of the officers. You can do it through the website, or by e-mailing, calling, or mailing any of us at the information in this *Harmonics*. Thank you!

33,
Doshia, KBONAS

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**Vice President's Info
De Linda Metz, KC8PKY**



**YL Contests,
Nets and Hamfest
Booths**

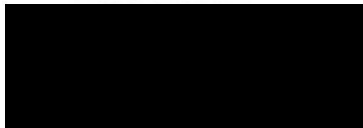
The NA/DX YL contest is in the books. I received one log. Speaking of contests, my OM and I participated in Phone sweeps this year and for the first time ever heard and worked the Northwest Territories. What a thrill.

There are times being a YL is an advantage, there was a big pile up and the operator said "is there a female voice out there?" I jumped in and worked him. So get out there and contest you will be heard.

Our next contest will be in February. I want to wish everyone a happy and blessed holiday season.

***Remember to renew your membership.
Though January 1st is the deadline, you
are not delinquent until March!***

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



New Members for November/December 2012

Welcome to this new member! We look forward to meeting you on the air soon!

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W9FML, Carrie L. Krueger



Carrie has held five calls since her first license at age 15. She is active on all HF bands and likes to contest and work DX. She has OMISS and 10-X memberships. Her dad is K9FZ Alexander. You can learn more by reading her QRZ.com listing.

Welcome to this new member! We look forward to meeting you on the air soon!



Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB



YLs 17 and under, we need to hear from you!

Emily needs to retire, so please let us know if you are a Youth YL who is interested in writing the Youth News for *YL-Harmonics*. If you have questions on the position, don't hesitate to ask the President, Editor or your local District Chairwoman. All information can be found at the front of this edition.

Anna Veal, age 12, spoke before a large group of hams at the 285 TechFest, an annual day conference put on by amateurs whose group is centered along highway 285 south and west of Denver.

The title of her presentation was "Doing a Lot with a Little: Contesting."

Anna reports she has a "simple" station, without high antennas or fancy radios. Still, she has had a lot of success in contesting.

Especially in voice, she has found that her young female voice can cut through a pile-up. That doesn't limit her contesting to voice, however.

Among her suggestions:

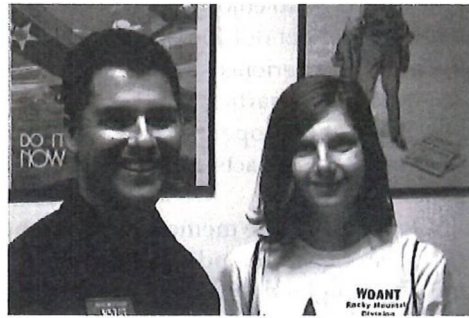
Comfortable headphones. You may be wearing them for hours. She showed a picture on one set of headphones modified for her smaller head with bubble wrap and duct tape.

Find an Elmer, and connect with contesting groups. She is a member of the Green Mesa Contesting Club. There are also Yahoo groups.

If you find an Elmer, you can become an Elmer.

Know and follow the contest rules.

Most of all enjoy yourself. Win by setting and meeting your own goals!



Brian, N5ZGT and Anna, WOANT

Don't forget to renew! Please fill out the application in the center section. We want to make sure we have your correct information!

District One News de Roberta Donohue, W1JX



Hello again everyone. It has been awhile since we last reported to you on District One activities. The last time, we were speaking about the arrival of summer and now here we are in the winter months. I hope that all of you had a great summer and fall and that you were able to enjoy the nice weather and get outdoors and have great experiences. Some of you, I know, participated in Field Day and I hope that you made a lot of contacts and had a lot of fun.

One of my more memorable experiences was attending the New England Division Amateur Radio Convention in Boxboro, MA in August.

It was great seeing so many friends there and, of course, getting to see all the newest

amateur radio gear.

YLRL and WRONE had a joint table in the exhibit hall and we were able to meet many new YLs and sign some of them up as new members of both organizations. There was also a YL Forum which was well attended at which Anne Manna, WB1ARU, presented a slide show about YLRL, WRONE and her recent trip to the International YL Convention in Australia.

One other great benefit of our trip to Boxboro was that my husband and I acquired a new I<3 transceiver, which we have been learning how to operate. We really like our new addition to the ham shack and look forward to many years of great radio activities.

It was great to learn that two of our members—Anne, WB1ARU, and Barb, WB1EHS, both recently received their certificates for 35 years of continuous membership in YLRL. Congratulations to both of them on reaching such a significant milestone.

In the meantime, I am looking forward to the next WRONE meeting in Worcester, MA at O'Connors Pub on Nov. 3.

It is always fun to get together with the other YLs from the New England area. I hope that whatever radio activities you all are looking forward to will be enjoyable and productive as well.

Until the next time,
33,
from Bobbie, W1JX

VE News Continued from Page 19

The next thing I must tell you all is that hopefully by the time you read this, the website will be functioning much better. We had to move our website to a different server. *YES!-Ed.*

The one here in Canada from what I understand will no longer be functioning, and by December 19th, the site may actually go down. So we have moved over to South Africa where Yvonne ZR6TBL lives.

It is being looked after by the fella who has all of her clients'

websites. So in the event of Yvonne not being there, Dirk can help me fix any problem that arises.

This was an unfortunate incident, but once the YLRL site developed a problem, and neither Yvonne or I could fix it, we could not reach the contact here so that the problem could be fixed, so the decision was made to move. I am sorry if this has caused anyone in getting information from the site----- We have gone back to www.ylrl.org.

At this time, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christ-

mas, full of blessings and a very Happy and Joyous New Year. This also comes from your other 2 webmasters Yvonne ZR6TBL and Marianne ZR6JMT who are at the moment enjoying very warm weather. Seems so strange, that we are in the snow/wet/cold seasons and they are in the High 30s C or 90+F. What a wonderful world we live in.

God Bless everyone, have a wonderful Christmas and all the very best in 2013.

(wow, already!)
33 Val-VE5AQ



District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF



Greetings, Ladies!

As I write this, there are many in the New York/New Jersey area, still feeling the after affects of Hurricane Sandy or Superstorm Sandy. My family was one of those who were luckier than most. I only lost power for 5 days and of course all of my food in the freezers. But, we still have our home and our lives. Many in my area and further east and south of me are still without homes or in some cases, power. Please remember them during this holiday season.

This month I am resigning as District 2 Chairwoman. It's been a great few years here at YLRL, reporting on happenings of the local YLs and sharing some wonderful experiences, but I know there are others out there who can share more exciting news with you. I hope someone will step forward to fill this position.

Thank you all for being a part of YLRL and I hope that you have a wonderful Holiday Season and a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2013.

33,

Joyce KA2ANF

District 5 News Continued From Page 12

All 4 of our great grandchildren will be boys. At this rate maybe we can field a foot ball team, at the least a basketball team. These two are due in February. We are greatly blessed.

I do really plan to get back on the radio one day, maybe right after Christmas.

My best 33 to all the ladies bless their hearts. I have missed them. 33, Zenda

De Soto, TX, W5MWK, Joyce,

All the family's fine. I've been listening to Ham Radio but just have not got on for some reason.

Maybe winter will make me get with it. Did talk with some Sparkyl. Wish I could get OM & sons on the air. Guess they are waiting on me.

Best 33 Joyce

Seminole, OI<, KC5RWW, Beth,

The OM is talcing a break from working on the house during the summer heat. On July 1,

I talked to Carlo in Barbados on 15M. The next weekend I made 20 6M contacts.

The last Sunday in July I talked to Lyn on Sweers Island in the Gulf of Carpentaria off of Australia. She emailed me the same day. She's on the air many days on 14.183 about 1525 UTC. I guess that's the middle of the night for me.

We visited our daughter, brother and my dad in Amarillo, TX. All is as well as can be expected. Dad, in a veteran's home, is 89 and refuses to get out of bed. About once a day the aids sweet talk him in to getting up for a meal.

Our son in Ada, OK is now head of the pick crew at Walmart. It seems to have something to do with stocking shelves.

No more snake incidents to add to the 3 others at our house this summer. But there were two reports of pygmy rattle-snake bites in our area. Both

victims survived.

I discovered ham QTH.com. You might register there so your info can be what you want. I was given management of my OM's and children's calls since they are inactive.

Not much radio news here. I've missed 2 nets two weeks in a row. I'll blame it on the weather.

I'm a member (fan?) of three YL pages on Facebook. If you enjoy Facebook there's a lot to choose from for YLs.

73 Beth, KC5RWW

Thanks for all the news and Ann hope your back is better real soon, congrats to Zenda on the twin Grandsons wow is right, Joyce don't just listen get on and talk to us on the nets. Glad to hear Beth has been on the air and staying in and away from the snakes....

Hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving with friends and family.

33, Betty Jo, KB5CSQ



District Three News de Cecilia Bastone, KB3VEN



Greetings to all the YLRL members in District 3.

I am filling in for this month as we have lost touch with our elected District 3 Chairperson. Hope all is well with her but I know we all get busy this time of year with the holiday preparations.

I have been busy with making Christmas gifts for the family and really have made use of my embroidery machine to make wall hangings. Must admit that radio time has been very limited lately.

I heard from a friend of Ruthanna, WB3CQN that she is now living in an assisted living facility. Ruthanna was a long-time and very supportive member of YLRL.

I haven't seen Barb Bender, KA3VXR in a while but I understand that she is doing very well after a long battle with cancer. She is such an inspiration with her faith and attitude.

To all, we wish a very happy and healthy holiday.

Lois Gutshall WB3EFQ

District 6 News Continued from Page 17

"Our Siskiyou County 2-meter Radio Group was asked to help the Oregon group with the race. It was a new experience for me and fun to check in the runners at points such as Stein Butte Lookout, Dutchman Peak, and Squaw Lake!

"I learned some new lingo, such as: DNS (did not start), and Goo Brew (something like Mountain Dew, I think). I only had one slightly injured runner who fell and twisted his ankle. He had to come to a first-aid station and return to our control area. The first of the runners that were due to arrive at our area were expected to start arriving about 2:00 a.m.

"Needless to say, I did not stay to see them check in—some other brave soul took over my job and I went back to Fort Jones and went to bed. It was fun to get acquainted with some of the Oregon hams and learn about their activities. Try it!"

We had several of our YLs attend the Pacificon/ARRL Conference 2012 October 12-14.
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From all reports, it was a very productive and informative conference!

Donna, AG6V attended for the first time and was delighted to eyeball "Earthquake Lady" Kate Hutton, K6HTN:



*Kay, W3KN and Carol, KP4MD
&
Carol with River City ARCS
members*



"I spent most of my time at the MARS table, recruiting and talking war stories, literally.

Did purchase a few PL-259 connectors for my antenna projects. Happy to have a new/old Cushcraft R7 vertical up as

well as a dipole cuts for a MARS frequency. Amazing the difference a resonant dipole makes over a short vertical!

"One funny thing there—my other hobby was having a convention across the street: Pacific International Quilt Festival. A few more antennas and I will think Santa came early.

"Hope to meet more of you."

YLRL member Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD and her OM Roger, KI6FYF also attended Pacificon. Dr. Carol and Roger gave well-received presentations on the West Coast 2-meter WSPR study and their documentary video on the Arecibo Observatory.

And as an early Christmas treat, Carol was also pleasantly surprised to score 11,305 points and 35 multipliers on SSB and CW in her first try at the October 6-7 California QSO party. What a coup!

Here's my wish for a grand New Year full of more Ham fun, clear communications, and good health.

33 & 73,

Jennifer Oliver O'Connell,

KI6OIL

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District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ

Greetings YLs:

I want to encourage you to send in any/all news for our YL Harmonics along with pictures. We look forward to reading all about your adventures.

Mary Moore, WX4MM writes:

"We picked up 3 new members in Huntsville: Denis Ganuchead, KJ5DG, Kelly Johns, K4VPZ, and Bonnie DeLeon, call pending.

Bonnie won the subscription at the YLRL forum and will send us her callsign when she gets it.

We had a good turnout at the forum; our speakers were Kaitlyn Cole-I<S3P, with her presentation on the Youth DX Adventure 2012 and Erin I<ing-AK4JG's, MIT Project with balloon tracking via APRS.

A number of YLs came by the YLRL booth (which was

co-located with the ARRL booths).

I enjoyed visiting with BJ, KB5CSQ-YLRL District Chair for the 5th call area and other YLs in attendance.

"Haylarc had the traditional YL Breakfast on Sunday morning and I had the opportunity to meet many YLs who work at registration and other duties for the Hamfest. Looking forward to next year."

Thanks much Mary for all your hard work in representing YLRL at the Huntsville Hamfest and for all you do for us.

Alice King, AI4K, has moved to: 3895 Village View Dr. Apt 1405, Gainesville, GA 30506-4337.

She is now only one hour from her daughter in Canton, GA.

Alice is enjoying her new residence in the ACTS com-

munity where she can look out and see wonderful hill and valley views.

Enjoy your new digs in good health Alice!

Myra Kitchen, K3PGH, writes that she attended the Melbourne, FL Hamfest Oct. 13 & 14.

The Orlando Hamcation was represented there also and Myra managed to procure a table in Commercial Building 3 at the Orlando Hamfest Feb. 8, 9, & 10, 2013.

She encourages all to stop by the YLRL table.

Kudos to you Myra, and thanks for all your efforts for the YLRL also- they are much appreciated.

Well ladies, that is all the news I received this time. Please do not be shy and send in any news you'd like to share with our readers in the Harmonics.

73, Joan Jones, W4JMJ

Check out the scholarship winners on

Page 4 with pictures on the cover!

**We are back to www.ylrl.org for
our website!**



District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello YL,

Hope you all have seen a little fall in your area is has really been nice here in Mississippi.

Ed and I have finished our last scheduled Hamfest for the year 2012 with Pineville LA.

The fest this year has been really nice we have made a lot of new friends and our schedule for 2013 is filling up fast. Hope to see some of you next year.

We have lots of plans for the remainder of the year with family camping trips and 8 day vacation to Panama City in the condo.

We opened our home to Mr. Joe, I<5JB and wife, Colleen to stay during the Swains Island DXpedition, they live in a retirement home and no place to have an HF radio. Swains Island was the last entity that Mr. Joe needed. We are proud to say Mr. Joe was able to work Swains several times on several bands both CW and SSB, which gave him a DXCC count of 376.



*Mr. Joe working #376
Swain's Island*

I have been active on the radio even managed to check in on the YLRL net and on HF worked several band entities and enjoying my new ICOM 7800.

I still have the ICOM 7600 but Brandon, KF5NYQ has been

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keeping it busy with working DX.

I was presented an award by our DX club Magnolia DX Assn, a plaque for finally getting 300 entities confirmed and Bill Breeden NA5DX also received a plaque for his 300 entities confirmed.

Our grandson Brandon, I<F-5NYQ has been taking the Extra class training sponsored by the local DX club along with his sister, Hailey who is taking her Technician class.

Papa and I may have to be purchasing new radio for Christmas Gifts for Hailey and Brandon.

The Southern Mississippi YL group has their Annual Christmas Dinner planned for December 13th and their elections of officers are to be announced at the dinner.

Our two DX clubs in the area Great Southern and Magnolia have their combined Christmas dinner planned for December 8th with 2 major surprises that George, K5JZ and Ed, KA5VFU are not sharing we all have bets on how long they can keep this secret!

Brownwood, TX, WA5GLM, Ann,

The annual TYLRUN party was great fun, as usual. Held in the scenic northeast area of Oklahoma, we had a grand time—after we finally got there. Long construction delays compounded some confusion by the navigator (me) so that we wound up at one point in Cla-

remore instead of Pryor, but all was well that ended well.

We had a chance to spend a little time with son Allen, KB-5BA, on the way up there, and time with grandson Brandon, KD5UDD, on the way back.

Meanwhile back at the ranch, the OM committed to having me at least a dipole up within three weeks of the TYLRUN party, but realistically I don't think that's possible. (Two weeks have already passed and he has work stacked up to his nose whiskers.)

Hunting season is upon us, and after the wonderful rains we may have to rent a baler for the yard. And I am prohibited from doing much but eat and nap until my ailing back improves...and what's not to like about that? 33 all! Ann,

Winnsboro, TX, KD5MD, Zenda,

Lately I've been too busy going with my hubby, Jim, to cancer doctors to do much radioing. He is on radiation now on his throat & is becoming too hoarse at times to continue his NCO on the Africaner Net, so I am also on standby for that.

Between the doctors, the dogs & the house, radio is way back in my schedule. If he needs me to take the net for him. I'll do that, too.

One bit of great news came our way; our oldest grandson & his wife are expecting twin boys. I had to take a big gulp after writing that. Wow! 2 more boys.

**District 5 News Continued
on Page 9**

YLRL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill out all sections marked in red whether a renewal or a new membership.

Name _____ Callsign-----

Address-----

City _____ State Zipcode _____

Telephone Number (____) _____ Unlisted Y/N _____

Class of license held: Extra General Tech Other-if other, please list
Year first licensed e-mail address/web page

Endorsed by _____

(Who signed you up/where did you first hear about YLRL): _____

Please complete the following optional information:

Please list any radio clubs of which you are a member -----

Occupation Birth day (Month and Day) _____

Other hams in family (Name, Call and Relationship) _____

Any additional information about yourself, station and hobbies-espedally radio related are welcome. _____

Please list former calls if any

Member of ARRL? Yes No

Are you active in Ham Radio? On what bands?

Do you contest? Which ones?

Do you DX or go on DXpeditions?

DXpedition Calls held? _____

Has any information changed since you joined YLRL/last renewed?

Date of YLRL Application

New Member? Renewal? Former Member-last year paid?

MEMBERSHIP DUES

New?----- Renewal? Rejoin(More than 2 years back)?

Membership dues are payable January 1, delinquent February 1st and are pro-rated only for NEW members joining after August 31.

Current dues are as follows:

\$15.00 regular member, bulk mail (USA only)

\$15.00 plus \$4.00 Canada & Mexico-\$19.00

_____ \$ 3.00 YL family member residing at same address (No additional YL Harmonics)

\$15.00 subscriber (No callsign yet or OM with no licensed YL)

\$15.00 DX subscriber plus \$10.00 Airmail (required for DX-YL)-\$25.00

Rates subject to change as needed.

SNOWBIRDS (TWO ADDRESSES) PLEASE CONTACT YOUR TREASURER FOR OPTIONS.

Please mail completed form and your check made payable to "YLRL" to the receiving treasurer.

IF YOU ARE SPONSORING A DX YL PLEASE SEND YOUR ADOPTEES DUES TO THE DX TREASURER! Please do NOT send US and DX dues together.

(See back of membership form for names and addresses)

If you have questions please contact the YLRL website at www.yh-l.org for more information

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Please help us out by taking the time to fill out all the areas in **Bold/Red** in full each time you renew. It is so easy to let a change slip by during the year. This will help us keep our records up-to-date and keep you from missing an issue of YL Harmonics. Remember to pay your dues by January 1, to keep current for the year-delinquency is February 1st.

Purpose

1. To encourage and assist Young Ladies (YLS) throughout the world to enter the Amateur Radio Service.
2. Sponsor and otherwise carry out programs to promote YL interest, appreciation and understanding of radio communications and electronics and to encourage them to advance and improve their skills as Amateur Radio Operators.
3. To carry out a program of specialized service to blind and otherwise handicapped Young Ladies.
4. To provide Scholarship funds or other grants to worthy Young Ladies to continue their education, with preference given to those in the academic study of communications and electronics or related arts and sciences.
5. To host foreign YLS during their visits to the United States and to sponsor their participation in YLRL activities.
6. To encourage Amateur Radio competition between YLS by offering certificates, trophies, etc. for demonstrating excellence in such operating competitions.



Current President, Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS, (R) with current Vice President, Linda Metz, KC8PKY at the Dayton Hamvention Si YLRL Booth.

Participate!



Operate!



Appreciate!



Cooperate!

YLRL



Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc.

Founded in 1939

Women Helping Women in Amateur Radio

Our Motto: QRV-I am ready!

What is YLRL?

...And What can it do for me?

Organized in 1939, YLRL is a non-profit organization of women amateur radio licensees. With an international membership of approximately one third of its members being DX YLs.

The YLRL (Young Ladies' Radio League) exists to encourage and assist YLs (Young Ladies) throughout the world to enter into the Amateur Radio Service. There are a variety of interests to offer licensed YLs: Traffic Handling, Public Service, Emergency Management, Contests, Awards, DX and more on AM, CW, SSB, FM, RTTY, AMTOR, Packet and Satellite. Of course, there are the infinite benefits derived from just plain gal-to-gal ragchewing and the resulting friendships. You are always welcome at any YLRL activity. Come on in; the YLs are anxious to meet you.

Harmonics

YL *Harmonics* is the bi-monthly publication of the YLRL. Every issue lists all officers and committee chairmen. It includes articles, scholarship information. District information (including DX information), convention information and much, much more! The YLRL offers a program of specialized service to blind YLs through the Tape Topics program. YL *Harmonics* will be sent to the visually impaired members upon request

Nets

One of the easiest ways for you to meet other YLs is on the local, national and international nets. Don't give up if you aren't heard on your first call! Among the larger nation-wide nets are the YL Open House, Wed. 1900 UTC (1800 UTC Spring and Summer) on 14.288 MHz; YL Tangle net, Thurs. 1800 UTC on 14.298 MHz; and the unofficial YLRL Thursday night net at 200 UTC-varies, so check the website for more information. Remember all frequencies are approximate, so tune around and listen for the YLs chatting away.

Dayton

Every year at the Dayton Hamvention, the YLRL shares a booth with the Buckeye Belles. Here YLs from all over the world meet face-to-face and catch up on the latest. The YLRL also has a forum at Dayton every year. Check the Hamvention guide for speakers, time and location of the YLRL forum.



The YL Forum is held every year and is very popular.

Convention

Every three years, the YLRL holds their international convention. Meet other members from around the world. Enjoy speakers on a multitude of ham radio topics. Speak up at the YLRL forum. Learn what other YLs are doing in amateur radio.



2011 YLRL Convention was held near Boston, MA with members from all over the world attending.



The Young Ladies Radio League has members from all over the world. Many of them belong to their own local organization as well such as these members of ALARA. Sponsor a DX-YL in YLRL and she just may return the favor with her country's organization.

Contests

If you love to contest or just want to learn more about contesting, check out these YLRL contests.

- YL/OM Contest in February SSB/CW/Digital
- DX YL to NA YL Anniversary Contest in October SSB/CW/Digital

In Amateur Radio Every Woman is a Young Lady No Matter What Her Age!

Awards

If you like collecting awards and certificates, we have some chasing for you.

YLs and OMs can earn certificates for:

- Worked All States YL (WAS-YL)
- Worked All Continents YL (WAC-YL)
- YL-DXCC
- YL Century Club (YLCC)
- DXYL

YL only certificates

- Continuous Membership
- Each year will hold a new special award for YLs to earn. For the current Friendship Award, please check out the new and improved website: www.ylrl.org

For More information on joining the YLRL.....

Contact Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV (Publicity Officer) at (303) 904-2243 or at n0wbv@earthlink.net. You can also contact your local District chairman all information is in the front of YL *Harmonics* and on the website. For more information visit YLRL on the web at www.ylrl.org



District Six News de Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

Belated Happy Holidays, DE6 Ladies! Whether you had a full calendar of Holiday cheer, or are just kept it low key, I hope your months were joyful, healthy and relatively stress-free.

The OM Lynn, KG6DNY and I had fun with my Chicago sister—here to escape the weather, of course—doing Holiday festivities like the Montrose Christmas Parade!

We got rained on most of the time, but it was fun, and Lynn got to jaw with some fellow Hams who were doing communications for the event.

Please keep good thoughts and prayers for Irma, K6KCI, one of the faithful members of the Tuesday morning Ironing Board Net.

Ruth Hinkle, W6LXL informed me that she fell in her driveway recently, cutting a big gash in her arm.

She was admitted to the hospital as a possible stroke incident, but is out of the hospital and was last in a special care facility for a few days for evaluation. Please drop Irma a card or a note, and let her know you are thinking of her.

Donna Hinshaw, AG6V had an opportunity to visit the U.S. Open back in June and relates her tale:

"There I was, surrounded by some of the best male golfers on the planet, in a beautiful setting at the Olympic Club,

overlooking the Pacific Ocean in San Francisco; marveling at the postage-stamp size of the greens; touching the fairways which are smoother than the greens at my home club; watching the lithe young men effortlessly sweep that frustratingly small round object hundreds of yards off the tee; looking up at the temporary structures which house the TV cameras which get those great shots.

"But wait, that structure has guy wires. Off I go for a good five minutes: inspecting the thick steel wires anchored to ground stakes and tied off with some brand-new, heavy duty hardware. My mind moved from wishing I had the effortless sweep off the tee I had just witnessed to wishing I had a tower that tall and with those sturdy guy wires.

"Back to following a group of pros. Down the fairway we go, outside the ropes with the rest of the gallery.

Oops, got to walk around a camouflaged crane. Looking up - Wow! There are antennas at the top of that extending crane arm. Now that would be nice to have to get our antennas up over the trees at our Field Day site..... a tug on my sleeve gets me back moving down the fairway.

"The pros all landed their golf balls rather close to the hole, and with such smooth greens, even the undulations prove pretty easy, well, for them at least.

"The crowd is directed around a big enclosure. Being the US Open, the course vistas are protected from such ugliness as groupings of portable toilets and the like.

But what's that sound? I just glance over, still walking towards the next tee box.

Suddenly I stop - this enclosure has a big trailer in it, and there are some really quiet generators. What kind of generators are they? I need to get one for my emergency power setup. Peering through the mesh camouflage, I can see it is a Honda generator, but not which model. Disappointed, I move along to the next tee.

"On the shuttle bus ride back to our car, I have plenty of time to reflect on my day at the US Open, since the bus driver misses the exit off the freeway to take us back to Candlestick Park where we've all parked.

But oh, I sure wish I'd seen what model of generator that was."

Ruth Hinkle, W6LXL had a busy Fall, starting with volunteering for a local foot race in Oregon:

"On September 15th, I volunteered to be Net Control for the 100-mile Palm 2 Pine Race at Lithia Park in Ashland, Oregon, starting at noon until about 4:00 p.m.

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District Seven News de Marilyn Melhorn, KE7WEN



Welcome to fall 2012!
What a beautiful time of year!
This is my favorite season. I
got through summer just fine
though. Even with no rain.
Now for Washington State
that's quite a statement! We
had the driest 3 months in
recorded history!

Get this, we only had U
inch of rain. That's really
saying something too. Well it
finally ended this last week.
We've started making up for
it with a few rainstorms and
some showers. I love it.

My husband and I are
getting ready to go on
vacation in another week to
San Francisco. As I'm sure
most of you know there was
an earthquake there in 1906
that basically leveled the
place. Well the main library
has the original report of
the earthquake. So we'll be
spending some time there
reading parts of it. We were
there last year and spent a lot
of time in the library reading
that report. It was the
earliest research ever done on
earthquakes.

Our summer is over and
things are settling some now.
We had our club picnic and
everyone had a good time.
We have such a good group
of people in CCARC here in
Vancouver, WA. It was very

hot that day but so many
showed up and a fun time
was had.

We also had our Ham
Fest that again was a huge
success. We had a YLRL
table and some new YLs that
just passed their Tech test. I
made sure to give them YLRL
information. I also bought a
couple tickets to the raffle and
ended up coming home with
a new car antenna! How cool
is that??

I like to bake, its
therapeutic for me. One
of the regular fund raising
events in our club is giving
coffee and cookies to travelers
along Interstate 5 at one of
the rest stops for donations.
They always need coffee and
cookies so I get to bake a lot.
I really enjoy trying different
recipes and seeing how they
do.

This weekend is one of the
events so I'll be baking for the
next few days. I don't know
what kind of cookies I'll make
yet. I guess I better figure
it out shouldn't I? It's Tues
and they need them by Sat
morning. If any of you have
some special cookie recipes
I'd sure like some— [ke7wen@
gmail.com](mailto:ke7wen@gmail.com). I can use them at
another rest stop event. We
have them every few months.

We also have a YL Tech

class going on in our club.
This is the 2nd class this
year. And it's been highly
successful. So thank you
to Barbara- AC7UH, Lisa-
KE7HPW, Margaret- AE7MB,
and Janna- WA7JDN

My OM and I have a tower
sitting beside our home just
waiting to get put up. Well
a dear friend, Margaret,
AE7MB, and her OM are in
the process of putting one
up. So we've been going to
their place to see what they're
doing. It's getting pretty
exciting too.

We've actually had our
tower for over a year now
but due to medical problems
my OM has (he was hit by a
drunk driver 2 1/2 yrs ago and
deals with chronic pain now)
we've had to put getting it
up on hold for a while. Well
I'm biting the bullet wanting
to get that antenna up,
especially since Margaret is in
that process. But I may need
to be patient a while longer.
Oh dear!

I certainly hope you all
are enjoying your fall, and
spending time on the radio.
And I also hope you all have
a very good entrance to the
holiday season.
33- Marilyn, KE7WEN



District Eight News de Annette Wood, KC8SQM



Nancy ICC4IYD, Byrness W8LE, myself Annette KC8SQM and a couple of other friends, Bruni and Eva got together for a "coupon cutting" party. Another club we are part of has a program called the Overseas Coupon Program. People send us coupons in the mail, we cut the uncut ones and sort them by food, non-food and pet coupons and organize them by price. The coupons are then sent to a military base overseas for the troops and their families to use in the commissary as a way of saving costs on food bills. These coupons are good up to 2 months past their expiration date.

As a way of keeping track of how much "money" in coupons we raise, we total the "value" on the coupon and each group in the program uses this to show how much of an impact we are making.

If anyone is interested in helping this group, here is a link for the program: <http://www.ocpnet.org/>

Even though the Buckeye Belles is no longer active, Susie Scott, N8CGM is keeping still editing the Burr and keeping news circulating that would not be known otherwise.

Annette, KC8SQM

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Vai, VE5AQ, writes: Hello Everyone. Hope all had a wonderful summer, know some of you had too much rain, not enough rain, tornadoes and what ever else was thrown at you, but as long as you are all on this side of the grass, that is good, real good.

Our Saskatchewan Ham-fest went very well. Had lots of great treasures for folks, unfortunately, I didn't even get a chance to go around the tables and see if there was of anything of interest to me—maybe that is a good thing.



The two YL tables were a great attraction for the ladies who showed up. As you can see in one picture, there were actually 7 YLs that attended. Well actually there were 8, but one had to leave early.

There was a ladies program, given by our own Peggy Gwilim, VE5ACT, who is a nurse practitioner. Everyone came away with a lot of good information.

Once again, I missed it; I organized it, but could not attend as I was on registration duty. Oh well, I know everything about first aid anyways - just ask me HI HI.

We did our camping in June, and it was wonderful just to get away, no phones, no TV, nothing to disturb the peace and tranquility of nature, except for the nasty cold winds.

The VE Gals

We did have a good time, and then it was time to come back home and the many projects that had to be done.

Now that Fall has arrived, the OM says he still has 21 jobs to do and the days are getting shorter.

Actually we have gotten a lot done, the biggest is the new 20M Double Loop Antenna, which is facing South, so some of you may have to turn your beams North to hear me. I can actually hear most of the gals on the Tangle Net quite well, on days that propagation is good. I have tried to check in a couple of times and think Marty KOEPE has heard me, and then unfortunately she disappears.

Oh well, winter is coming and band conditions ARE GOING TO IMPROVE. I hope.

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District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS



As I write this, the Fort Wayne Hamfest is over. Thanksgiving is past and Christmas is right around the corner. I am gradually decorating the house this year little by little, not all in one weekend like I usually do. It is not overwhelming me this way. I figure by the time I get the last decoration up it will be time to start taking it all down!

Speaking of the Hamfest, I had a table there, as usual, for the YLRL. It was so nice to see everyone again.



Carole, WB9RUS at the YLRL Table

The forum I held had a good turnout, the subject of which was "What was the most interesting contact you ever had, be it 2 meters or low band". We had some very interesting stories from all the YLs. I always make sure everyone talks, even OMs, if they are brave enough to penetrate our bastion and we had four this year, counting my very own OM, AI - WB9SSE.



The YL Forum

Attendees were: WE-3HAI, Ann; WB9H, Rhonda; WP40CZ, Adriana; W9MSN, Marge; KC9YT, Sarah; AE5QM, Doreen; and W8FOT, Lois.

Our Wednesday night net on 146.76 is still going strong. I think we are in our 3rd year. We still have our same little group, Linda, W9LAN; Anne, KA9YYI; Kim, KB9DOS; Pat, KC9PXC; Christy, AE9YL and sometimes Susie, KB9WVO. We do have a lot of fun on Wednesday evenings. Our tops run the gamut and we laugh a lot. OMs listen in, but rarely join us. Our OMs are usually kibbutz in the background.

The Fort Wayne Radio Club's annual Christmas party is December 11 and we always look forward to that. It is so good to see members and their spouses and sometimes children. That dinner is always so special.

In closing, I wish everyone a very Happy Holiday, no matter which one you celebrate at this time of year. Everyone please be safe, warm and active on the radio. See you all next year.

33 and 88, Carole,
WB9RUS



YLs at the Hamfest



District Ten News de Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV

Hello District 10!

Well, I managed to catch that nasty flu going around, so sorry that the issue was delayed.

The good news is that I DID get news! HI HI

"Have you ever heard the saying "the best laid plans of man and beast"...I think that is right-but want to tell you of the SPARK (Southern Plains Amateur Radio Klub) Fall picnic that was to be at my house.

I worked hard getting yard mowed and I had the man who has been mowing the four acres come and mow so everything would look nice. Cleaned picnic table and my friend Ruby made covers for the picnic benches. Cleaned inside garage to set up food tables.

Friday (picnic was on

Saturday) three of the men came to set up the long tables on garage entrance...everything was going great!

I decided that I would wait to carry the chairs, etc. outside on Saturday...Well, my dear, Saturday came and also the coldest wind and dark clouds! NO way could we eat outside.

I dragged the four long tables back into the garage...put chairs around...didn't have room for picnic table so couldnt show off the bench covers and waited for the 24 guests to arrive and squeeze into my garage.

Some sat in the house but most were out in garage. Lots of good food, laughter and talking (after all Hams are noted for that) the garage soon warmed up and no one froze to death.

Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. I know I did!"

33, Marte KOEPE

It sounds like a blast, Marte! As a drag racer as well as a Ham, I love garage parties!

Hopefully you got a lot of great Ham gear for the holidays. I can't wait to hear what you are doing with it.

We are working on getting things back together after taking it down for the Summer and lightning season this Fall. I am eager to get back on and hope to work many of you for the 2013 YL Friendship Award. Look in the next issue for all the details!

I hope you have not gotten the "crud" going around and don't forget to send me news! Otherwise, I will have to write about the new kittens.

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with pain and could hardly walk. I got her to Emergency at the local hospital and she was diagnosed with a Gall Stone.

The decision was made to operate and when I went to see her the morning of the 28th they had operated - 10pm the night she was admitted and by 3:30pm I was able to go and pick her up and bring her home. Totally amazing!

We spent the rest of her visit doing gentle things and she slept a lot. One of the things we love to do when she is here is take our lunch or tea and go and sit on the banks of the Fraser River and watch the river traffic

go by-

The day we did that was late Sunday when all the pleasure craft were coming back into port after a lovely weekend out in the Gulf or among the many Gulf Island. Tuesday Oct 2nd I dropped Hallie at the airport where West Jet did a great job of looking after her. Think she was glad to get back to her own home and bed!

Unfortunately I'm loosing my 20m opening around 0500z to the South Pacific and VK/ZL. It is always fun being able to check into the 222 net and the Anza net.

Guess it will now be late next spring before that path opens again.

One new IOTA last week - a Saudi island - not an easy path from the West Coast. It is always a thrill to make it.

Time to say Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2013 to all.

Can we hope for better propagation????? 33 Elizabeth VE7YL

Jeanne, VA3WX, writes:

My rig is not working so off the air for a bit, but hope it won't be long before she gets it fixed.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. 33s, Jeanne

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KL7 District News de Marilyn Melhorn, KE7WEN



Hello again to all the I<L7 YLs in Alaska. Fall is in the air, and I am sure Alaska is moving in that direction faster than most of us.

I happened to go on weather.com (where I get most of my weather related information) and decided to put Anchorage in the search engine and see what the weather is like this time of year.

According to weather.com you're in the low to mid 30°F. So it's already at freezing. Prudoe Bay is in the low 20°F.

Now I'm sure that seems normal to all those in AK but for me that seems pretty cold for this time of year! (This article is being typed mid Oct!) I'm assuming this is the time of year to start getting ready to 'honker down' for the cold spell. It sure looks like it according to weather.com anyway!

I made quite a mistake this year. I had all my medical/dental/ eye appointments/tests done this month. Not a really good idea. Normally I do try and do everything at the same time to get it over with but Oct is just not a good month.

With plans for vacation.

we leave in a week for San Francisco for 8 days, and with getting my mind set around holidays and birthdays (we start with a birthday in Oct, then Thanksgiving and Christmas, then New Years and 2 birthdays), I got a little overwhelmed having a couple of appointments a week for a month.

I think I need to move all this to spring and take a little longer to do it all. So that's what I'm going to start doing. It should take me a couple of years to get everything moved but at least a few of them can be moved by next spring.

As I'm sure some of you know YLRL has nets where YLs across the US are able to make contacts. One of my friends (Margaret, AE7MB) is on it regularly and let me know about a new contact that was made.

Last Thursday's net had a new lady on, and guess where she's from! Homer, Alaska!!

She is Shenley Kerls, KL5AJK. She had a very good signal and quite a few YLs were able to make contact with her.

That was exciting for Anne Manna, WB1ARU, who

heads up the net. (She is also secretary and parliamentarian of YLRL.) So welcome Shen, and we hope you're able to get back on the net soon!!

I was online looking at MARA in Wasilla and saw that you are planning a Ham Fest for spring. I'm sure you're right in the middle of getting everything organized now. Most of us know what an undertaking that is. Good luck to you all and we hope it's a huge success!!

MARA also just acquired a new amateur communications center to use at different events they have in the club. They were able to show it for the first time at the Mat-Su Emergency Fair in Sept. What a great addition to your club!! I'm sure it's going to get a lot of use!



New Communications Center

Well I hope you all in KL71 and have a good fall season. Enjoy the holidays and your winter snows!

33- Marilyn, KE7WEN



VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM



Summer took a very long time to arrive on the west coast of Canada.

Philippe, ON4VP, spent 2 weeks with me in August and I managed to show him a great deal of southern Vancouver Island. We did all the usual tourist things and I had 2 dinner parties to introduce him to local Amateurs and their wives.

They, in turn, invited Philippe to visit their stations and workshops and to have some fun on their radios. And that is what it is all about, isn't it.... He seemed to enjoy his first trip to Canada and since his return to Belgium has been in touch with me and with his new Amateur friends in the Comox Valley.

Now, we are looking forward to another season of live theatre not to mention, of course, super propagation for a winter of great communication. A happy and healthy New Year. 33 de Suzanne - VE7IM

Heather, VE3HQB writes:

Well, that was one hot and dry summer here in Ontario. It was a beautiful summer if you could stay inside with air conditioning.

We had some nice camping/square dance weekends this year, but they are now over.

Our winter dance season has begun. On the way to our August 3rd camping weekend dance in Blyth, the back window in the truck shattered and dropped out, that sure was a

surprise. We never did find out what caused it. Anyway, we got plastic and taped it to what was left of the window, had the weekend dance and when drove home (2 1/2 hours). Got it fixed the next day.

Merry Christmas and Happy Year. 33, Heather VE3HQB Truus, VE3MRS, writes:

Conditions are not very good for my QTH in Toronto. The 100 W output doesn't help either. I miss the nice YL contacts on 20 m and 15 m is hardly open. So..... soon going to Aruba.

P49TR is a better location although the antennae are the same. Hope to make many QSO's and wish you from there HAPPY HOLIDAYS! 33 de Truus VE3MRS



Hani Shack in Aruba

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: That she and Bare, VE3HAH, have been traveling recently.

They attended the Radio Association of Canada's annual

meeting in Montreal.

The annual meeting was part of a great day of radio topics called Radio Talk 2012.

They also drove to Huntsville and Algonquin Park for the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend. The weather was perfect and the food at the Inn outstanding. It doesn't get much better than that.

Ham events are winding down for this year, but there are still two popular ones they attend - The York Region Flea-market at which CLARA will have a booth and the Ft. Wayne Hamfest that Ann and Bare attend with their daughter Janet, N9ZKU.

Until next time, Ann wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: The West coast is putting on one of the most spectacular late summers on record. None of us have seen the like of it since Expo year.

Hallie, VE6YW, came down from Northern Alberta to pay a visit. We have been friends since we met on air when I was in Jakarta and we had a group called the Natter Net. The Bands were spectacular in those days!

She arrived on Wednesday, Sept. 26th and we had a great evening catching up. The next morning she was doubled over

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

Dear YL friends.

Fall is here with all the beautiful fall colors and the crisp air. We had our first frost here out in the country this week, but still have plus 20c during the day. I am sure many of you wonder what kind of winter will you have, lots of snow or no snow, cold or mild winter. I hope we all get just what we want.

Radio conditions sure goes up and down but I have been lucky all summer with my Swedish net and have been able to have contact all through the summer. I did work Kosovar, Z60K, a new country even if it is not yet accepted for DXCC.

I am always looking for news and I had absolute nothing when I got this in the mail from Nicky here we learn what it is to go on an expedition, and find out it doesn't go as plan.

Dear Rose-Marie
Here is a report of our trip to Fair Isle for the lighthouse weekend last August 18th 19th to one of the islands south of Shetland.

I have had 21 visitors this summer so I hope to be with you again soon on the net on Mondays.

Best 33/73 Nicky MM5YLO
FAIR ISLE DX

The team members included Unni, LA6RHA; Nicky, M5YLO; Ruth, IT9EVS; Chantal, PA5YL; Elaine, 2E1BVS; Denise,

M6ZDW; also non hams Vreni & Unni (two)

All the ladies arrived on Tuesday afternoon at which time we had a meeting as the boat from Fair Isle did not come in that day due to strong wind from the southeast. Thus we decided to catch the plane from Tingwall airstrip. We set up the radio station and tried out all the equipment.

On Wednesday we made our booking the plane for 9 of us to fly, so our equipment had to weigh less than 15kg per person.

Thursday we went up to Tingwall airport on the way we heard that the road was closed due to an accident, so we had to go a long route round only to find it was too foggy and plane was not going, so we went into Lerwick for some lunch then we had to ring airport to see if planes were still grounded.

As all flights were then differed till Friday, we decided to go over to Bressay and visit the Grantham radio club who had set up at the lighthouse on Bressay. We had a nice welcome plus a cup of tea. It was nice to meet every one.

Could the next few days get any worse?

Friday Tony, G3WFK & John, G3WFK took the two UnnPs, Chantal, Ruth & Vreni up to catch the plane. Elaine, Denise & Nicky stayed back as we were to fly later that

day. Then Nicky had a call from Tony to say get ready to travel up straight away due to a limited weather window. We then called Denise telling her to be at the airstrip by 10.30 am. John was now on his way back down the island to pick us up to make this last flight.

Unni, Ruth & Vreni had been lucky enough to depart on time for the Fair Isle. Finally on arrival at Tingwall we were told poor WX had stopped all remaining flights AGAIN!

A chance phone call revealed that the Fair Isle ferry had docked at Sumburgh. Neil the skipper of the ferry said he would wait for us, so we started to take our seasick pills and rushed back down the island (again). We all caught the ferry except for Denise who still had some outstanding jobs to do.

The ferry ride was very rough 2-3 meter swell and some of us were quite ill. Josie (our hostess) met us at the ferry terminal to transport the group and our luggage to our lighthouse and it was raining hard.

Our first task was to put up the antenna (Carolina Windom) we were able to have one end of antenna from the tower as Dave had permission from the lighthouse board to go up there at a certain times. As the lighthouse was two a story building we

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had one of the unused rooms on the ground floor as a radio shack, which was good as we did not disturb any one else.

We all had a lovely evening meal cooked by Dave. After this we drew up an operating roster.

As lighthouse only had accommodation for 4, the other half of the party stayed in the 'Puffin house' just up the road, (we also manage to have another station set up there)

Saturday Denise (who was still hoping to come across and join in) was unable to travel due to the fog at Tingwall airstrip but we had lovely WX. Radio operating was limited to between 7:30am and 11pm when the generator was running.

Some of us went for walks, watched Seals, Gannets & Fulmars. Others went up to the shop or just enjoyed sitting in the lighthouse. We all enjoyed plenty of good food.

For our return trip on Monday we sorted out who was going to take tilings back, and who was going back first.

Nicky was on the first of three flights, Elaine & John on the second flight and Chantal, Unni, Unni (Two) Ruth & Vreni on the final flight.

Monday we packed up station, had a tour of the tower. The WX was nice and sunny but misty on hilltops (and at the airstrip). The first two planned fights we had cancelled, so had a nice final lunch with Dave & Josie then we went to the museum & bird observatory.

After all this we were informed one flight could be

made. Nicky, Ruth, Vreni, Unni (Two) & Chantal were able to take this flight.

Unni (one) John & Elaine had to take the boat (the good Shepherd) back and luckily for them it was a good crossing.

We all met up later in the day to talk about our stay on Fair Isle. So if any one is interested in going to do dx or lighthouses in fair isle make sure you give your self plenty of time get there before the event, & have time to stay there afterwards.

The station was Yaesu FT 450, at 100 watts, antenna Carolina Windom.

Computer log (mac logger) plus paper log. Second station was Icom 706 antenna was a dipole. Total QSO contacts made were 800

Christa, DJ1TE wrote about their 80-meter YL-meeting in Kassel on Oct 26- 28 with 36 YLs and 16 OMs attending.



October Meeting 80-meter-yl-group in Kassel. Here in front DARC Headquarters in Baumatal.

A group of 6 YLs took the train from southern Germany to Kassel and had so much fun before they got to the meeting.

In Kassel they all boarded a bus and went to a very old town with blockhouses situated between river Weser and Fulda. It was a cold rainy day so they ended it with hot tea and rum. In the evening we had our YL-meeting talking about YL schedules and nets.



Some of the YLRL members in Kassel,



Next day sunny we visited DARC "Deutschland Amateur Radio Club" headquarters in Baumatal and saw the club station and the QSL-office.

The evening ended with a gala dinner together with the OMs.

DARC now have three YLs working there, representing the YLs are DL6SAK, DL4CR, DB6MBS, and it would be nice to have one join YLRL to exchange news with us.

Reminder: membership dues to be paid Jan 1st \$25.00 for DX-YL. Please let me know if you can sponsor a DX-YL, I have three needing a sponsor as they lose their sponsor for next year. We don't want to lose members and it is rewarding to have a friend in another country. You don't have to have radio contact, e-mail and letters is fine. It will be a two-way friendship that will last a long time.

I wish you all Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Good DXing,
33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

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 tire 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*

We always seem to receive a number of corrections after the directory goes out and this year was no exception. Thanks to all our sharp-eyed observers and don't forget to fill out your renewal forms COMPLETELY (preferably printed or typewritten), so we can make any changes to the database before the next issue is completed.

And if you notice typos or other errors, please send them to the Editor. Don't forget to list the full name and callsign of the person with the error if it is personal information.

The front of the Directory still listed the old Continuous Membership Chairwoman, it should be: **Continuous Membership** Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ,

[Redacted]

Two of our new members listed in July /August mistakenly had their information switched. The correct information should read:

I<B3VJZ, Jafa [Redacted]
KC9VIM, Helena [Redacted]

Other email typos were:

Kelley Johns, I<4VPZ's [Redacted]
Christa Elksnat, DJ1TE was missing a letter and should be [Redacted]

In the July/August issue of Harmonics, there was a callsign mistake. Under 30 years it should read: **Sally Taylor-Garner, N8EEG**

After having received return issues, we got the corrected address for:

Angeles Mate Taboada, EA1HLW

[Redacted]

However, we are still receiving returned mail for **Chae, HL1KDW**. What we have for information is:

Chae Do Sook
[Redacted]

Any corrected information would be much appreciated!

Another member who had moved to a new address is:

Karen Cefalo, W2ABK
[Redacted]

We had one member who was placed in the wrong District and should be listed in District 4: **Myra Kitchen K3PGH**, 141 Cypress Trace, Royal Palm Beach FL 33411

Continuous Membership de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ



Continuous Membership Certificate

The certificate for continuous membership is awarded only to YLRL members who have maintained continuous membership in the organization for five (5) years. Diamond-shaped stickers are then awarded for each additional five (5) years of **continuous** membership. Certificates are issued for 50 years and more.



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

**The 2013 YL Friendship Award is up next.
Check out the January/February edition of
YL-Harmonics for all the details.**

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