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**Scholarship Information
De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ**

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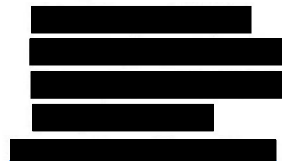


Ed. Note: FARS was late in sending Linda the scholarship details, so here are the details for which of our winners won which scholarship in 2012

Ethel Smith-I<4LMB



Mary Lou Brown-NM7N





President's Message de Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS



Does anybody else feel like it's shaping up to be a very busy year?

Spring has just started, and I am already behind.

I was invited to give a presentation at the Longmont (Colorado) Amateur Radio Club in February on the YLRL specifically and women in amateur radio in general.

I've been a member of LARC since I was licensed, one of very few YLs (anybody know the feeling?), so I know the active members pretty well.

The night was snowy, and we were sure not many people would turn up, but they did—including half a dozen not yet licensed women, four of whom were unrelated to any OMs.

We had a nice discussion about what ham radio is and is not, and came to a conclusion: we, the women, really would like is an informal mentoring group.

The biggest problem, of course is when. We all are very familiar with that time crunch issue.

I also renewed the YLRL affiliation with the ARRL, which caused me to look at the things in which we have said our organization is active. One notable thing not checked was mentoring.

Which brings up the question: how can we best foster the involvement of women in amateur radio?

In the United States, we, YLs, are a very rare breed. In the United States, 14 of 1% of the population are licensed amateur radio operators.

That is 25 people in ten thousand. Of those, 15 % are women. That is fewer than four in ten thousand.

Would it be helpful to develop some sort of mentoring template? Would you be willing to mentor other women if you knew what to do?

Just something to think about.

33 to all,
Doshia, KB0NAS

YLs in Full Force at Visalia DX Convention

The YLs were certainly participating this year in Visalia, CA.

This was my first trip to the event and I figured I was going to be one of the small fish in a VERY big pond having only gone on a few DXpeditions as well as being a YL.

Not the case! Not only was everyone very welcoming, but they encouraged the YLs and didn't ask if we actually had a license.

Some XYLs were there to help with the event, but most women were YLs there to participate..

Gale, K6GO held a YL DXpedition meeting on Saturday and it was well attended especially being it was an informal gathering.

Check out the District 10 news for more on the event!

33, Cheryl, N0WBV

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Vice President's Info
De Linda Metz, KC8PKY



YL Contests,
Nets and Hamfest
Booths

YL DXpedition to Greenland!

From the 16th to the 20th August, 2013 there will be 5 YLs from different countries activating amateur radio from Kangerlussuaq.

The last YL expedition in 2010 was very successful so we 5 YLs hope this also will be that.

So in August this year five international YLs will try again to give more radio amateurs around the world a chance of getting either a new country or a YL country in their log.

Have a look at our web site <http://home.online.no/~la6rha/greenland2013.htm> It will be updated as we go along till August.

We will be on the radio with call OX5YL around the clock these days to try to give as many as possible the chance of working YLs from OX.

All of the YLs have good training in working pile ups. Let's only hope for good propagation whilst on Greenland.

33, 73 es 88 de Greenland YLs 2013.

Have you heard that YLs love to go on expeditions?
You bet they do!

In fact, there is even a website at www.yldxpeditions.com that you can check out. Many of our members have been on DXpeditions all over the world including: Clipperton Island, Christmas Island (VK9) and Christmas Island (T32), Montserrat, Curacao and these are just a few.

There have also been a number of YL only DXpeditions just like the one to Greenland above and to the Falkland Islands.

Are YOU interested in going on an all YL DXpedition? Do you want to know more about DXpeditions in general? Are you or a family member working on your YL-DXCC and want to know where the YLs are going to be?

Stay tuned for more details!



Youth News de Caroline Stanley, KE5WEK

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

We have a new Youth columnist, Caroline Stanley, KE5WEK! She is the younger sister of scholarship winner, Sarah Stanley, ICE5WEJ and we are thrilled to have her involved.

Please send her YOUR Youth News and photos!

Greetings ladies, it is my pleasure to introduce myself as the new editor for the youth section of YLRL's Harmonics magazine.

First, the love of learning leads me to the musical arts, where creativity and reasoning remain paramount. In its applications, one encounters the why, the how, the interactive, the moving.

Creatively and personally, my primary instrument, the violin, portrays the stories of life without speaking a word. Specifically, playing the violin challenges my technical knowledge and leads me to mastery for not only personal benefit but also for the benefit of others.

Through its execution and technique, knowledge and strategy are interwoven into the framework of a piece, adding sparkle and strength. By discipline and growth, the violin becomes one of the family—another friend to visit each and every day.

As well as teaching lessons and performing in the Houston Youth Symphony, I enjoy playing for local hospitals, for nursing homes, and specifically YL Harmonics March/ April 2013

for Alzheimer's homes.

Finally, as founder of a local ensemble, Strings in the Wind, my friends and I enjoy playing for weddings and other community events.

To add to that, working with others through clubs and events rounds out the year. For the past three years, leading in the National Honor Society as Historian, Social Events Coordinator, and Secretary has taught me not only diplomacy but also team leadership skills.

Through organizing events and speaking at group functions, I learn to be patient yet visionary in moving the group to vote and to act.

As well, participation in the Texas Regional Science Fair each year of high school has been a highlight, teaching interview skills, scientific research, and applying science to current medical issues.

In the musical effort, the Houston Youth Symphony has stretched me to increase in both technical expertise and audition skills in collaboration with others my own age.

Interestingly, my family is a "ham fam", helping others in emergencies, competing

in contests, and enjoying the social contacts with the Spring Amateur Radio Club.

This exciting pastime sprang to life in our family when my father received his license fourteen years ago.

From two-years old, I observed him stringing antennas across our roof and listened to the sliding squeal of the changing radio frequencies.

When I turned twelve, I decided that it was time to join the fun and studied for the technician exam along with my mother and older sister.

Finally, in August of 2008, I received my license and joined the Spring Amateur Radio Club, competing in the annual Field Day and RTTY Round Up. Last year, as a ham radio and a resident of Harris County, I volunteered to train as an emergency operator at the church should a natural disaster such as Hurricane Ike occur again. Thus, it is my honor to join the Young Ladies Radio League as its youth editor.

If you have any questions or Youth news to include in my column, please e-mail me at: carolinemailbox12@yahoo.com.



District One News de Roberta Donohue, W1JX

Hello to all. In my last column, I mentioned how mild the winter had been so far in New England. That sure changed in a hurry.

After the New Year, we had bitterly cold weather and some heavy snowstorms. But things are looking up now and spring is upon us.

My OM, Tom, and I made our trip to Hawaii in January. We had a wonderful time at Waikiki on the island of Oahu. We rented a condo for the month and had a great location, which was close to shopping and to restaurants and other facilities.

Our unit overlooked the marina and we could watch the boats come and go from our veranda.

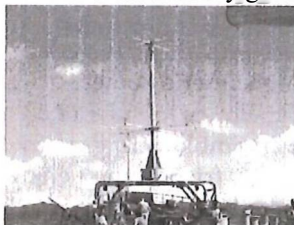
One of the biggest thrills of our stay was becoming better acquainted with the USS Missouri Amateur Radio Club, which operates the amateur radio station, which is located on the battleship USS Missouri in Pearl Harbor.



Some of you may have read about them in the December 2012 issue of "CQ Magazine."

We were both fortunate to

be able to operate the station, KH6BB, on several occasions and, even though the band conditions weren't great, we were able to make many good



contacts.

We are looking forward to going back there sometime in the future.

Congratulations to Marcia Forde, KW1U, who is the recipient of the 2012 George Hart Distinguished Service award from the ARRL for her many years of service in the National Traffic System.

She certainly deserves the recognition. Well done, Marcia!

Anne, WB1ARU, organized communications for the 42nd Annual Good Friday Walk which takes place in Hingham, MA.

The 20 mile walk raises money for Sharing, Inc. which helps to support people and programs in the rural south that are focused on alleviating the effects of racism. Anne acted as net control for the stations located at each rest stop and along the route.

Anne also worked on the Boston Marathon ham radio communications at the Mile 16 water stop.

She met up with Niece, KA1ULN, at the early morning briefing session. Niece has worked on the Marathon for many years. Her assignment wasn't definite until that meeting and at one point she thought she was going to be right by Fenway Park. Then, near the finish line. Luckily, it turns out, she was reassigned to Mile 22. Our thoughts are with all those who were in the chaos at the end of the race.

Anne

Anne and her OM Tony, WA1ENO, are heading back to Dayton this year and looking forward to getting together with several YLs and their OMs from across the country.

Anne will present a little bit about her trip to Australia and the 2012 YL International Meet as part of the YL Forum titled "Around the World and Back: What YLs Are Doing in Ham Radio".

Anne & Tony are thinking seriously about traveling to Iceland for the next YL International in 2014 and of course planning on the YLRL 75th Anniversary Convention in Washington, also in 2014.

If anyone is interested in knowing more about YL International, please contact Anne.

We are looking forward to the next luncheon meeting of Women Radio Operators of New England, which will take place in May. Hope to see you there.

33 from Bobbie, W1JX
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No Picture
at this time

District 2 News de Candy Duell, N2OKA



Hello to all!

I am very honored to be asked to be the District 2 chairperson. I would like to introduce myself to you all. My name is Candy and my Call-sign is N2OKA.

I got my license in the early 90's and then a few years later I got my General license. I was also very active in packet radio in (as my son loves to say) "in the day" with my friend Darlene, N2XQG.

We had more fun with exciting adventures traveling the world on the computer in our shacks.

I really enjoy the digital modes. I have been working on

my WAS on digital. It is slow going but now that I have been working JT65-hf, I am hoping Hawaii and Alaska are within reach.

My husband who is not a ham but is very supportive, has a friend who climbed trees for a living. My husband calls his friend who helps whenever we want to put up an antenna up. He has given me orders that he does not climb towers-HiHi!

Saratoga County Races had their annual Swapfest and it was great. A big turnout, and they have a raffle and a 50/50.

It looked like everyone was glad to get out and visit with

old friends!

If anyone has an area 2 news that you would like to put in the column or pictures please let me know.

We need District 2 news from those of you who go to Dayton for the Hamvention® and Field day is coming up in a few months.

I am eager for anything you would like to submit, so again, please let me know.

I guess that is enough for now or should I say "to be continued..."???

I am looking forward to getting to know you all!
33 de Candy, N2OKA

Did you know that if you or a YL you know are sight impaired, that there is an audio version of YL-Harmonics? For more information on this mode of delivery, contact the Tape Topics Chairwoman, Susan E. G. Scott, N8CGM





District Three News de Cecilia Bastone, KB3VEN



Dear District 3 members. We have lost contact with our District 3 Chairwoman and her phone number is no longer correct. If there is anyone interested in taking on this position or more about what it entails, please contact one of the YLRL officers. Names and information are located at the beginning of each issue. Thank you! —The Editor

And don't forget that this is a ballot year. We need volunteers for positions such as District Chairwomen, Vice President and more. Please consider volunteering your time to YLRL for the 2014-2015 term.

New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WBIARU-Secretary



New Members for January/February 2013

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

DISTRICT 1 REJOIN
N1JAZ Lynne Suurunen



Lynne holds a General license and is a registered nurse. She and OM KB1KR Dave are members of the Cape Ann ARA. She is active on 2m.

DISTRICT 2
KC2ZRY Nancy Nivison



Nancy is retired and spends her winters in Peoria AZ with OM

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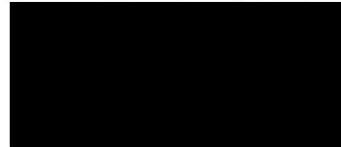
David KC2TFX. She holds a General license and is active on 2,10, 20 and 40 meters. She is a member of the Seven Valley and West Valley ARCs. Her other hobbies include quilting, hiking, biking and cake decorating.

DISTRICT 4
AK4JG Erin King



Erin is a student at MIT and the recipient of the Mary Lou Brown YLRL Scholarship. She enjoys contesting and high altitude balloons. She founded the Columbus HSRC and holds an Extra license. K4ETY Paul is her dad.

KK4APV Rosemary Ringer



Rose holds her Extra license and is working toward becoming a VE. She is the author of several books about Sears Homes, see her books at www.searshomes.org. She is a member of CERT, RASON, VBARC and PARC. Her OM is KK4MYU Mel.

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District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ



Greetings YLs:

First off let me say I hope that spring has finally arrived at your QTH, as I've heard many a story about long, cold, snowy winters. And I hope that this column finds you all in good health and active on the bands.

Sadly, I have only had one response to my call for news and or pictures for this issue of the YLRL Harmonics. I must send out kudos and congratulations to Nina Stone, WB-4CHH.

She received her certificate for the TN QSO party and came in 2nd in state for low power voice! Good for you Nina, keep up the good work.

Since that was the only news I received I will tell you what is happening in my life.

I have not been able to check into our Thursday night nets since I am at my FL QTH and have compromised working conditions here.

Before we left the cabin in GA last fall, I fell off a stool while hanging drapes and broke a bone in my right foot in 2 places.

We stayed up in GA longer because the Ortho specialist was concerned that the foot may need surgery. Thankfully it did not and aside from being immobile for about 3 months, it did finally heal.

The biggest disappointment was not being able to walk our dogs; they do so much look forward to our long morning walks (especially the Border Collie, Sophia). The other piece of news is that we have adopted another dog - our "grand-dog" Daisy.

She is an 11-year-old Beagle. She is really our daughter's family dog but since our daughter had to go back to work full-time, we decided to give Daisy something to keep her busy, active and interested



(in her old-age).

We plan to leave for the cabin in GA sometime in April and that makes me happy because I have a "real" antenna there. So, more radio time for me!

We also have a 2-week trip to Canada planned in June. Our granddaughter and a niece will be June brides. We will visit with friends and family and I will get to be with my favorite ham radio operator, VE3WWR (my brother).

Well, Ladies it is about that time again—Time for elections for the District Chairwomen and Officers. Ladies, I have been giving some serious thought to this.

I would like to know if there is anyone ELSE in district 4 who would like to assume responsibility for this column. I have been doing this column for a few years now and sometimes a change is good.

It is not a difficult position to take over and a new person's slant on the news can be refreshing. So, if you are interested, don't be shy and let me or another officer know.

Editor's note: This applies to all positions. We always need volunteers for Officer positions and it is wonderful to have "new blood" and a new take on the organization. It keeps us from going stale and there are so many members with unique and necessary talents to help us grow. The nominating committee forms soon, so think about a position YOU might like to run for this year! Terms are two years for voted positions and there are many positions appointed by the President that are always looking for volunteers.

I hope you all enjoy your spring and I hope to check into our Thursday night nets while up in Georgia.

73,

Joan Jones, W4JMJ



District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello all.

Things here have been very busy with OM Ed's work, hamfest, the SMYL bottle slumping project, grandkids, and camping trips.

Did find time to work some DX and also worked the YL-ISSB system net on January 10th working the required contacts holding the Double King Neptune membership *It's* now that was fun. Just have to find time to send in the log. We will be attending the Orlando FL Hamcathon in a few weeks.

On a sad note as you will see below we have to report a SI<, K5MIZ Alverta Look. I had the pleasure of meeting Alverta a few years ago in Houston, Texas when Ed and I attended a lunch with the GAYLARKS YL and their OM, she was a very sweet person and will be missed our thought and prayer go to the Look Family.

Houston, TX, K5JGC, Burnette,

Alverta, K5MIZ and I had a friendship of longstanding and had been the two remaining "older" members of the GULF AREA YOUNG LADIES AMATEUR RADIO LEAGUE (GAYLARKS), which was instituted in 1957. It has since been dissolved, like so many others: AGE!

Many of our YLs have gone to their heavenly reward, others have moved to retirement facilities. Our Houston hams will miss Alverta terribly.

Hope all have prosperous

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2013 New Year!

33, Burnette

Driftwood, TX, K5YTT,

Grace,

Alverta Look, K5MIZ, became a Silent Key on January 11, 2013, in Houston, joining her late OM, Fred, K5MJA. Alverta was a charter member of GAYLARK when it was founded in 1957. We're down to three of that group now, I think.

Grace

San Antonio, TX, W7PBR,

Dottie,

I have not been on the radio since Field Day in 2011 (I think). My hands and arms shake and hurt so bad. I still have hope that I will get back on the air. I want John and I to stay members of the YLRL. Have they got it set up to pay dues on the website yet? *Not yet, Dottie, but we are working on it!* —Ed.

73's Dottie

Milan, NM, KC7KPG, Judy,

We are at Gila Bend Aux AF Base campground in AZ for a week or so. We spent a few weeks over the holidays in Deming, NM visiting with many ham radio friends.

We will attend the 10-day campout of Quartzfest 2013 in Quartzsite AZ the middle of January. We are looking forward to seeing many ham friends from all of the U.S. and Canada.

We'll also attend the Yuma Hamfest the middle of February in Yuma AZ. These our usual stops for the winter.

We plan to be back home the first part of March. We hope the weather will be warmer and

maybe some of the snow melted at home by that time.

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year. This will be a great year for us all.

33, Judy

Seminole, OK, KC5RWW,
Beth,

The OM went back to work on Thursdays so I was able to check into the Tangle net. He's off Sundays now so we'll be able to go to church together again.

I'm still busy transferring home movie videocassettes to DVD. The 8mm film that is not on cassette gets sent somewhere to be put on DVD. I'm waiting for the home movies of my first-born. He's 29 now. I wonder if he'll be embarrassed by his baby pictures.

January 19 I made eight contacts in the North American QSO party all on 20M. The best one was a PJ2/.

February 2nd was various state QSO parties. I made eleven contacts on 20 and 15M and gained a new state Ohio on 15M and Belize on 15M.

The last ham operators' lunch I went to wasn't very well attended.

I think it was because the main dishes were soups, nothing to fill up on except dessert and I didn't want to stuff myself on that.

A new person was there. He's a senior district executive with the boy scouts and is very interested in radio. He plans

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2013 YL Contest Calendar

Organizer	Contest Name	Date	Mode	Link	Remarks
P14YLC	Midwinter Contest	Suspended	SSB CW	http://midwintercontestveron.nl/contest_my_eng.htm	Currently suspended. Check link for details.
LZOCC	LZ Open Contest	19 Jan 0z-4z	CW	http://www.lzopen.com/lz-open-contest/rules/rulesF.htm	Open to everybody, YLs are classified and awarded separately. Only 80m and 40m to be used.
YLRL	YL-OM Contest	8-9 Feb 14z-02z	SSB CW DIGI	http://www.ylrl.org/ylcontests.html#YLOM	Open to everybody. YLs are classified and awarded separately.
YL-ISSB	Annual YL-ISSB QSO Party 2013	9-10 Feb 0z-24z	CW	http://www.ylssystem.org/	Open to everybody
PODXS 070 Club	Valentine Sprint	Feb 14 20-02 local time	PSK31	http://www.podxs070.com/valentine-sprint	Open to everybody, YLs are classified and awarded separately.
YL-ISSB	Annual YL-ISSB QSO Party 2013	19-20 Jan 0z-24z	SSB CW DIGI	http://www.ylssystem.org/	Open to everybody
JLRS	The 10 th HINA 3.3 Contest	Mar 2-3 15z-15z	SSB CW DIGI	http://www.jarl.com/jlrs/contest/33con.html	Open to everybody. YLs are classified and awarded separately.
AGCW	YL-CW Party	5 Mar 19z-21z	CW	http://www.agcw.org/en/?Contests_and_CW-activities:YL-CW-Party	Open to everybody. YLs are classified separately. Only 80m to be used.
ZGPZK and SPYT.Oub	SP YL Contest	TBA	SSB CW	http://www.sp9pkzjepublika.pl/	Open to YLs only. Only 80m band to be used.
MRASZYL	HA YL-OM VERS ENY KHRASA	TBA	FM SSB	http://ha5fq.ha5khc.hu/yl/versenv.htm	Only Hungarian-speaking YLs can participate Only 2m & 80m band to be used
AGB	AGB-YL-Party Contest	8 Mar 0z-24z	SSB CW DIGI	http://ev5agb.com/contest/contests.htm	Open to everybody, YLs are classified and awarded separately.
CQ Radio	Russian YL/OM Contest	9 Mar 7z-9z	SSB CW	http://wivw.qrz.ru/contest/detail/313	Open to everybody, YLs are classified and awarded separately. Only 20m and 40m to be used.
DL-YL	YL-Aktivitäts-Party 2013	14&15 Mar 19z-21z	SSB Ff	http://www.darc.de/?id=812	1 st day: only 80m, 2 nd day: only 2m. Open to everybody
CLARA	2013 CLARA and Family HF Contest	19 & 23 Mar 177-177	SSB CW	http://www.clarayl.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=62&Itemid=71	Open to everybody, YLs are classified and awarded separately.
CWJF	CQMMDX Contest	20-21 Apr 127-007	CW	http://www.cqmmdx.com/rules/	Open to everybody. Top scoring YL is awarded with a special plaque.
New Zealand WARO	2013 Thelma Souper Memorial Contest	27-28 April	SSB CW	Date published at WARO Spring/Summer 2012 Bulletin ZL6YL. More info to be published, http://www.qsl.net/zl6yl/awards.html	Open to everybody but only WARO members can be awarded. Only 80m band to be used.
Florida Contest Group	Florida QSO Party	27&28Apr 16z-2z & 12z-22z	SSB CW	http://www.floridaqsoparty.org/rules.html	Non-Florida amateurs to work only Florida stations. Top-scoring non-Florida YL awarded separately.
F5ISY.HK3JJB DF5ZV.K14PJC	The Day of YLs	18-19 May 0z-24z	SSB CW DIGI	http://thedayofyls.mon.site-orange.fr/	Open to everybody.

Lithuanian Radio Sports Federation	Baltic Contest	TBA (18-19 May)?	SSB CW	http://www.lrsf.lt/bcontest/english/rules.html.htm	Open to everybody. Top-scoring YL is awarded separately. Only 80m to be used.
Lithuanian ARS	WAL Contest	TBA	SSB CW	http://www.qrz.lt/walcontest/rulesen.htm	Open to everybody. Top-scoring YL is awarded separately. Only 80m to be used.
Alabama Contest Group	Alabama QSO Party	TBA	SSB CW	http://www.alabamagsoparty.org	Non-Alabama amateurs to work only Alabama stations. Top-scoring Alabama/US YLs awarded separately.
SARL	SARL YL Sprint	9 Aug 9z-10z	SSB	http://www.sarl.org.za/Documents/SARL_Contest_Manual_2013_Issue_II.pdf	Open to everybody, but only SARL members can be awarded.
Anne Arundel Radio Club	Maryland-DC QSO Party	10&11 Aug 12z-16z	SSB CW	http://mdcqsoparty.w3vpr.org/	Non-MDC amateurs to work only MDC stations. Top-scoring MDC YLs awarded separately.
CRAEC	CVADX Contest	17-18 Aug 21Z-21Z	CW	http://www.cvadx.org/	Open to everybody. Top-scoring PY YL and top-scoring YL awarded separately.
ALARA	33 ^{1G} ALARA Contest	24&25 Aug 4z-14z	SSB CW	http://www.alara.org.au/contests/	Open to everybody. YLs are classified and awarded separately.
Romanian ARF	YO DX HF Contest	24-25 Aug 12z-12z	SSB CW	http://www.yodx.ro/en/hf-contest/rules	Open to everybody. Top-scoring YL is awarded separately.
Mad River Radio Club	Ohio QSO Party	24-25 Aug 16z-4z	SSB CW	http://www.ohqp.org/adminRules.htm	Open to everybody. Non-Ohio amateurs to work only Ohio stns. Top-scoring Ohio-YL is awarded separately.
CRAEC	CVA DX Contest	24-25 Aug 21z-21z	SSB	http://www.cvadx.org/	Open to everybody. Top-scoring PY YL and top-scoring YL awarded separately.
TTRS	The 42 nd JLRS Party Contest	TBA	SSB	http://www.jarl.com/jlrs/	Open to everybody, YLs are classified and awarded separately.
YLRL	DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest	TBA	SSB CW DTGT	http://www.ylrl.org/index.php/contests-a-dx-awardS	Open to YLs only
NCCC	California QSO Party	5-6 Oct 16z-22z	SSB CW FM	http://www.cqp.org/Rules.html	Open to everybody. Top-scoring YL is awarded separately
JLRS	The 42 nd JLRS Party Contest	TBA	CW	http://www.jarl.com/jlrs/	Open to everybody, YLs are classified and awarded separately.
SYLRA	SYLRA Contest 2013	TBA	SSB CW DTGT	http://www.sylra.is/	Open to everybody, YLs are classified and awarded separately.
NYQPTeam	New York QSO Party	20-21 Oct 14z-2z	SSB CW DTGT	http://www.nyqp.org/rules.php	Non-New York State amateurs to work only New York State stations. Top-scoring YL is awarded separately.
PRO-CW-CLUB Romania	Top of operators activity Contest (TAC)	7-8 Dec 16z-16z	CW	http://www.vo2fr.ro/TAC%20Rules.html	Open to everybody. All YLs are awarded (min. 10 QSOs)
UFT	UFT-YL-CW Contest	TBA	CW	http://www.uft.net/articles.php?lng=fr&pg=341	1 st day: only 80m, 2 nd day: only 40m. Open to everybody, YLs are classified and awarded separately.
Boring Amateur Radio Club	Stew Perry Top Distance Challenge	28-29 Dec 15z-15z	CW	http://www.kkn.net/stew/	Open to everybody. Only 160m band to be used. Usually the top scoring YL is awarded with a special plaque

Last updated on 2nd March 2013. TBA = to be announced, dates are not out as of the day of this documents update.

I appreciate your help with corrections, comments, suggestions, questions, compliments, complaints, any kind of feedback, which is always very welcome at sv2kbs AC gmail K AAA com - 33 & GL!



Save the Date!

We Come to 7 Land and the 'Pacific Northwest and the 2014 Convention as the 'XJL'RL celebrates its "75" Anniversary

The Convention will be held in Vancouver, B.C., just across the Columbia River from Portland, OR. The closest airport is Portland International (PDX).

Convention dates are Thursday August 7 - Saturday August 9, 2014.

The convention hotel is the Heathman Lodge. Mention the XJL'RL Convention when you reserve a room for the Convention. Contact them via phone 1-888-475-3100 or on the web www.heathmanlodge.com. The hotel has an airport shuttle for \$15.00. If you are flying remember to reserve the shuttle when you make your room reservation.

Are there planning tours of the area as well as an Alaska Cruise that will be either before or after the convention. We will have more information in upcoming VLTR monies.

If you have questions contact "Barbara Jasson AC7" U Th at



We hope to see many of you in 2014 to help us celebrate 75 years of VLRL



Mt. Saint Helen's
Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia

In Our Thoughts

Mary Lewis, W7QGP, became a Silent Key on March 12th 2013.

A longtime member of YLRL, Mary was very active in Amateur Radio and was ARRL assistant Section Manager, and as a ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator for Western Washington. Past ARRL Director Northwestern Division, Section Communications Manager for Washington and Section Manager for Western Washington.

Mary was a member of the Western Washington DX Club, North Seattle Amateur Club, Mike & Key Amateur Radio Club and the Mount Baker Amateur Radio Club.

Mary is survived by her husband Harry, W7JWJ; her daughter Diana, K7ETY; and her son Gary, WA7BBJ. As well as, 4 Grandchildren, and 3 Great Grandchildren.

The family is requesting that you do not send flowers. Cards can be sent to: Flarry W. Lewis PO Box 5204 Lacy WA 98509-5204.

Any cash donations received will go toward the purchase of an ARRL Diamond Terrace Memorial Brick to remember Mary Lewis W7QGP as a Silent Key.

Marte, KOEPE sent in that:

Terry Hoss, KA0BHO called me last night to say that his XYL, KA0BAT, Melba Hoss is now a SK. He had called me a few weeks ago to say Melba was in Hospice care. She had cancer and it finally took her.

Melba was a check-in on Tangle Net and she will be missed by the YLs but so glad we had the time together. I met Melba and Terry at Dayton many years ago but the memory of the good time we shared is still with me.

Terry said Melba wanted to make a contribution to the YLRL scholarship so he will be sending it to Linda soon.

Marte, KOEPE

Wendy Chang, BV2RS is now a Silent Key. Please keep her family in your thoughts.

Carol Laferty, K4SAF wrote that she heard from Susie Frost, KD7RVT of WA. She called to tell me her sister, Darlene Felder, KE7TQF died in August. Darlene had been a YLRL member since 2008.

Please keep Susie and the rest of Darlene's family in your thoughts.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT

The website is doing great. We will be putting some of the articles onto the archive section soon, so that means that you lovely gals had better start sending in more stories.

WE have not heard from our gals in Europe, Asia etc in a very long time. So please don't be shy, send me your adventures and pictures, (don't resize pics) and let the rest of our gals know what adventures you did. We want to keep this website up-to-date and interesting, and we can't do it without your help.

Take care and if you haven't seen our website lately please go to www.ylrl.org.

Thanks and will be chatting with you again soon. 33 Vai, VE5AQ



District Six News de Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

Happy Spring, DE6!

The OM, KG6DNY and I are preparing for our annual trek to Pahrump, Nevada for the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay.

We will be joining Ginger Wonderful, AB6YL and other Hams to man Stage 13 of this annual relay competition. It's always fun, and we have a great time, while sharpening our radio communication skills.

Donna Hinshaw, AG6V updated me on her current happenings:

"My current activities are mostly around two things: MARS (Military Auxilliary

Radio Service) and getting my station to work remotely.

My house, purchased before I was a HAM, is in a deed-restricted area -- meaning no antennas. So I've moved my radio station to a location about 4 miles away where I can put up antennas as I wish (the landlord is very understanding, being me!).

But the trick is getting a connection to the radio. I've been tying for months, various options. My most recent scenario looked very promising, until the remote computer crashed.

Guess I'll have to throw more time and money at it. Worth it, of course: ham radio is so fun!

Oh, and my housing development of 300+ homes has started a Disaster Preparedness Committee. And of course I'm on it for the communications aspect. Maybe they'll let me erect that tower after all?"

Looking forward to hearing your news and seeing your pics! Dayton, Field Day, and other Hamfests are on the horizon, so plenty of room for our DE6 YLRLs to tell their tales.

33&73

Jennifer, KI6OIL

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to be at lunch this week and I'll give him my January QST magazine.

Texas Young Ladies Roundup, Thursday net 3.947,1400 UTC. That's 8:00 a.m. in Texas. Non-Texans encouraged to check in too.

Beth

Carencro, LA KE5RPI, Karen,

I really enjoyed my trip to Australia please see picture of me with 2 of my new friends at Uluru, the great rock in Australia in May, 2012. We had a wonderful adventure going across the continent. We are looking for someone to sponsor the next international convention. People would like to come to the U.S.

I am not up to doing that much and I don't have enough

ladies to help to do that. Maybe someone might volunteer.

We had 3 Americans go so you might get some help from a distance. Only 9 ladies worked on this year's convention but they did it for 4 years. And it was spectacular!



Karen, KE5RPI in Australia

The Lafayette Club, AARA, will have our Hamfest on March 8 and 9 hope to see some of your there.

Karen

Cypress, TX ICF5LMJ, Sheree,

I hope all are well.

I have been elected as treasurer for our radio club for a 2nd year: NARS (Northwest Amateur Radio Society).

I also worked the Houston Marathon 2013 on Sunday, Jan. 13 as radio support in the lead truck reporting the men's full race.

The hams reported at the convention center at 4-4:30 AM to begin morning of coverage on the 5k and full marathons that were run in 39-41 degree stormy, rainy weather.

Have a great January 2013. Sheree

That is all the news we have for now and thanks so much to all of you sending in your replies. Stay safe and well.

33, BJ

District Seven News de Marilyn Melhorn, KE7WEN



Spring is in the air and I'm rec'll ly enjoying the nice weather. We've actually had a couple of days where it's been really nice to get outside. But it may end soon, it's supposed to rain tomorrow. Oh dear!

Coming up is my OMs and my 38th anniversary on March 1st! We're taking off for a few days to San Francisco again.

Those of you that have read the District 7 article for a while know that we tend to go there quite regularly. Actually we were there last Oct for 8 days.

After that trip (which was our 3rd) we decided we would wait for a while before going back. But then my OM, Dan said a few days ago that he wanted to go again.

This trip will only be for 4 days but we already have plans for what we want to do.

Clark County Amateur Radio Club here in Vancouver, WA is starting the planning for the Ham Fair that we do yearly.

This will be our 3rd year and it's getting more and more successful. Also the planning for Field Day has started.

Both are a huge hit for me

because we have a YL table at both.

One interesting thing that happened at both events last year that I didn't expect was the number of OMs that came to the table and wanted information for their wives.

You can tell they wanted to get them involved. I gave them what I had and hopefully it worked to let the wives see there are good things in amateur radio for them too.

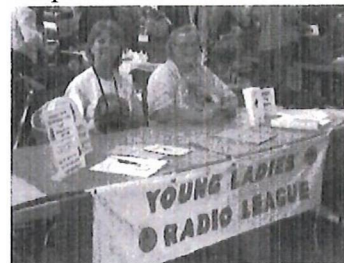
The past and present presidents of our club both want to promote YLs and they work hard to have us involved in whatever is going on.

Larry Bloomquist, W7HGC, past president and now heading up the committees for Field Day and Ham Fair, and Lisa Bloomquist, ICE7HPW, president, thank you for promoting YLRL, MINOW and the YLs in our club!!

Margaret, AE7MB, made a banner for us to put out in front of the table to let people know it's a YL table. It's so pretty too. She did a great job!! Thank you Margaret!

Margaret is a quilter and does gorgeous work when she isn't net control for a

couple of YL nets!



Marilyn, KE7WEN (l) and Pat, KF7MKG

Also we're starting to plan for the YLRL convention here in the northwest. Barbara, AC7UH, is heading up a committee that I'm on along with Margaret, AE7MB.

We're in the process of checking out hotels now. After we find the venue we can plan the date. It will be sometime in the summer of 2014. *Check out the center section for more info!—Ed.*

So start thinking in that direction and plan on coming. We're going to have some fun things to do. And won't it be nice to meet more YLs?

I hope you all are able to get on the air and maybe we'll run into each other some day. Have a great spring and enjoy the weather!!

33, Marilyn, KE7WEN



District Eight News de Annette Wood, KC8SQM



Nancy, KC4IYD; her daughter Carol; Dawn, I<C-8SQN and her husband; and 2 other friends got together to throw a surprise 70th birthday party for Annette, KC-8SQM.

Annette's brother helped out by telling Annette he was taking her out to dinner and we met them at the restaurant. Annette had a great time.

Also, I spent the President's Day weekend cleaning up the radio room and hope to get on the air and check into the YL net. Also right now making plans for Dayton.

—Nancy, KC4IYD

Hi from Marietta, OH!

I had surgery in January for Carpel Tunnel and was supposed to not be able to drive for 4 weeks.

I did miss the SCARF Hamfest but managed to get going again for the TUSCO Hamfest the next week.

Since I did not have any pain or soreness, I contacted the Surgeon and got permission to drive (limited) but made it to Mansfield Mid Winter Hamfest on the 17th of February and did the driving.

I'm planning on going to Hamvention® and will help with the VE Testing as well as being a Hostess at the ARRL

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area as the Ohio Section has the privilege of a special spot up there. I'll have the other side done if I can find time after the first one is healed.

Any of you that have the license to operate 20 meters. I'll put in a plug for Tangle Net on 14.275 at 1800 Z. All YLs are welcome. Martie, KOEPE in Kansas is Net Control with help from WD-8DQG/7, Carol in Montana and me, N8IO, Connie from the East.

This is a Friendship Net and like I said before. All YLs are welcome.

I'm active on the OSSBN net daily and you can rely on me to be sending and receiving Radiograms. I send messages for several Letter Managers.

33 and Teddy Bear Hugs, Connie, N8IO

Hi Annette,

Just assembled March-April/Buckeye Burr. Have been able to make the Australian YL: nets on EchoLink when there isn't a musical conflict.

Microphone still doesn't work on EL net, though does when tested off it. Also bought used Yaesu FT250R 2m rig from fellow member of local club Oh-I<y-In ARS here in Cincinnati; first time I've has a radio with the PL tones

needed to access repeaters since tones were added. Some Years Back. Have actually spoken on it!

Hate to say, but Wuoxun radio bought at Dayton in recent years has / never/ worked for me.

33 Susie, N8CGM

Hi from North Ridgeville, Ohio. As you see from Nancy, KC4IYD, I celebrated my 70th birthday on February 15th of this year. It came too fast I don't think I should be that age already.

I haven't been too involved with radio lately as I am taking care of my husband Jim who has Alzheimer's.

Several of us belong the USS Jurassic amateur radio group and one of our projects is cutting coupons and sending them to an army base in Italy.

We meet at my home once or twice a month to cut, sort and count.

We have a great time and it really helps the troops. We can send coupons up to 2 months old and the PX they shop at will accept coupons up to 6 months expired from the shoppers.

Hope everyone is having a great year and I hope to attend some events in the future and see everyone.

33 from Annette, KC8SQM



District Nine News de Carole Burke WB9RUS



Happy spring!!!! Do we all have spring weather? Are we enjoying it?

I wasn't sure over the weekend if we had spring or not, it was as cold and blustery as any winter day.

Three days later, it is much better; lots of rain, but warmer. Flowers are blooming, so I'm happy.

Evidently not much is happening in 9-land, I haven't heard a peep from anyone in months.

The Fort Wayne Radio Club YL net is still going strong.

Linda, W9LAN, has surgery

on her left foot last week that she had broken in January. She is a soccer player and hopes to be back in the game by the end of summer. We wish Linda a speedy recovery.

Our kitchen remodel is going slowly. We get the counter tops install next week, then the sink can be installed as well as the dishwasher, then the back splash can be put up.

We have been without a functioning kitchen for 2 months now. I'm ready for it to be done!!! Pictures will be posted when it is complete.

The 2013 Fox Hunt season

has begun. So far we haven't won yet, but we are getting closer.

Four of the YL who are on the net are also Fox Hunters. Besides me, there is Anne, KA9YYI; Linda, W9LAN; and Kim, KB9DOS.

Hopefully next issue I will know something from the other parts of the 9th District. Ladies, I know you are out there, I see you at Hamfests, but that is the only time I know you exist. Please let me hear from you.

33, Carole, WB9RUS

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Our winter has been mild with just a few winter blasts. At present, we have about 2 inches of snow and not much more in the forecast. Hope we get some in February and March, as the lakes, streams and wells could sure use more for next summer.

The only exciting radio contact that I made recently, was with the "Buddy Holly Memorial" station and talked to "Peggy Sue". Hope to get some time to take part in the OM-YL contest and the CLARA HF contest. I can't make the GOTA on February 16th but I hope others will try.

I have all three YLRL Favourite Certificates and have really enjoyed working on them, great way to get back on the air. Thanks.

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Just remember Spring is just around the corner, get out and enjoy it before the bugs arrive. 33, Heather, VE3HQH

VE5AQ, Vai writes: Well here we are already the middle of February. Just seems like yesterday I was complaining that Christmas was just around the corner and I was ready for it.

Oh well, spring is around the corner and no I am not ready for it. Here in Moose Jaw, we still have 2 feet of snow on the ground, and as I listen to the news at night, they keep repeating the same thing: "Chance of snow, blowing snow or freezing rain."

Oh well one of these days we will have the flowers coming up along with the green grass that needs mowing, and the weeds that need pulling.

I have been keeping busy with radio, websites, advertising

for Yvonne, trying to keep up with the SARL things, and shovelling snow.

I sometimes think it would be nice to live in a place that didn't get the amount of snow and cold that we do here, but then on the other hand I think I would miss it.

Our summer plans are coming together rather nicely, with a short trip to visit family sometime in May, camping hopefully in June, dates yet to be set.

Other than that folks.. there will probably be more new in the next issue, but right now I have nothing, no amazing stories, and no other adventures to talk about.

So until next time around, stay safe, and have fun. Life is too short not to laugh and have fun. 33VAIVE5AQ

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District Ten News de Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV



Hello Ladies I

Well, this year has already been busy with Radio. I have been to two Hamfests and was thrilled to meet YLs in Colorado.

I want to welcome Jean, AC0XA and Heidi, W0WRN to YLRL. Actually I met Jean's OM, Robert-I<B0UBV a couple of times, but missed Jean; however, the second time it was because she was being a VE for the Hamfest!

A good reason not to be walking around the tables for sure.

In between Hamfests, it was getting Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb Harmonics finalized and out the door.

I got sick in January with that nasty Flu that was going around and got a bit behind.

Hopefully by May/June we will be back on track with Harmonics because I won't be able to

do much in May and June!

The good news is that the reasons are mostly radio related!

First up don't forget to stop by the YLRL booth and the YL Forum at the Dayton Hamvention® in May.

June starts off with car events for me, but finishes up with both Field Day here in Colorado and a bucket list checkmark.

For once Field Day and the Friedrichshafen Hamfest do NOT overlap! So off to Germany to check out that Hamfest! Woo hoo!

Lastly I got a chance at another first this year—the Visalia DX Convention. What a wonderful time!

I thought I would be nearly invisible with all the big DXpeditioners and those who have worked over 300 countries. Plus, being a YL sometimes

means you are in the shadows at these events.

None of that happened. John, KT0F and I were warmly welcomed and I even got to go to a YL event.

Gayle, I<6GO, held an YLDX-pedition meeting after the BBQ on Saturday. There were nine YLs in attendance and many familiar YLRL faces.



The YL DXpedition Meeting at Visalia DX Convention

Look for more YL DXpedition news in the future as Gayle has a great website and group started with more to come in the future. Check out www.yldxpeditions.com and start thinking of places YOU would like to go!



Cheryl, N0WBV and Kay, WA0WOF

I also met Kay, WA0WOF there as well.

I can't wait to see her again at Dayton and later hear all about her trip to the SYLRA meeting.. but those are for another issue.

Take care and SEND NEWS!

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a MW radio kit, programme an Arduino and of course internet and chat rooms as part of Jamboree on the Internet.

So November and December seem fairly quite as far as radio is concerned, I think. I wonder what next year will bring?

Liz Jones M0ACL

I hope you get to go to Ham conventions and I hope to see

many of you at SYLRA meeting in Roskilde in August 22-25, 2013.

International YL-meeting will be in Iceland, Reykjavik, May, 9-12, 2014.

Remember to send any changes in e-mail address and post address and let me know if you haven't gotten your membership card.

Good DX-ing
33, Rose-Marie,
KB4RM

YLs at
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I<L7 District News de Marilyn Melhorn, ICE7WEN

Hello from the northwestern most of the lower 48!

Here it is February and it's a real surprise having such nice weather. It's been cold at night but in the 50's F during the day! It's been quite a surprise for winter; but a nice one. It's also been a real busy few weeks for me.

Between birthdays, an anniversary and a trip nothing will lighten up for another 2 weeks!

One thing I really want to let you all know is about the YLRL convention coming up in the summer of 2014 in the Vancouver, WA/ Portland, OR area. It's another tiling that has kept me happily busy these last couple weeks.

Barbara, AC7UH; Margaret, AE7MB; and I are staying busy calling hotels and visiting some of them to find the venue where it will be.

At that time we should also have the date finalized. We know it will be either the end of July or sometime in August of 2014. So start thinking about it.

I personally would love to meet some of the YLs in I<L71 and!

I guess going to the east coast could be a little far for some of you but I'm
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assuming coming to Oregon/ Washington may just be doable!

As you know by now I enjoy writing up something about clubs in Alaska. It gives me a chance to get to know something about amateur radio up there and I also learn about the state.

I've always been interested in Alaska as sort of the 'final frontier'! Sort of like the old TV show Star Trek- didn't they say that space was the final frontier?

Star Trek is one of my favorite shows; in fact in my OMs office he has a small shelf across the walls right below the ceiling with over 80 vhs tapes all lined up. We watch them when we want to get our 'Star Trek fill'! And yes, we still have vhs player!!

Back to clubs in Alaska, I segued there for a minute! I happened to go on Juneau Amateur Radio Club and noticed they just had a Tech class and two YLs passed!

So congratulations to Pamela Gruchasz, KL3PT, and to Kelli Burkinshaw, KL3PU. Both new Techs! We all know you'll enjoy ham radio and we hope to meet you someday.

One thing I noticed about Juneau Amateur Radio Club is they do an extra class right after a general class.

How interesting is that? How rare is that? Its too bad more clubs don't do the same thing.

An interesting thing about this club's website is under "events" they have the CW SOS call from the Titanic which sank in 1912, and also a little history about amateur radio at that time. I found it very informative. Check it out. Just Google Juneau Amateur Radio Club and scroll down and click on Events on the left hand side.

My OM and I are planning on flying out next Tues for our annual trip to San Francisco.

One thing we've never done and plan to do this year is take our 2m radio with us and see what we can get. Seeing we stay within the city we should be able to get someone.

By the way, if any of you have any information you'd like me to put in the Harmonics about your clubs or about Alaska please email me Oce7wen@gmail.com. I would love some information from 'the locals'!!

I do hope some of you can make the convention in the summer of 2014 so we can meet each other.
Have a great spring!!
33, Marilyn, KE7WEN

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VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Ann's OM, Bare, VE3HAH. So suddenly and on New Year's Eve.

Ann has their two daughters and many good friends and neighbours supporting her and, of course, is in all our thoughts, as well. It was my pleasure to meet them both, for the first time, at our Boston convention in 2011.

I had my very first Skype contact the other day with Sarla, VU2SWS; and Ann, VE3HAI and I hope it was the first of many. We had a lovely chat for about an hour and it was all about babies.

Ann and I were congratulating Sarla for becoming a Grandmother for the very first time. A lovely little boy bundle by the name of Dhruv!!

I guess you might say that Skype is not Amateur Radio but it certainly is good for contacts and communication. That is important!!

Have re-joined the Comox Valley Amateur Radio Club and find it much more interesting this time around. They have guest speakers each meeting and plans for spring and summer activities. It is a much more active and younger group. So far, I am the only YL (and old) but they don't seem to mind and neither do I.

I received my certificate for the YLRL 2012 Favourite

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Animals Award and have been lucky enough to find and talk to 15 Grandmothers and have received my certificate for that, as well.

I now have my log all set up and am looking for this year's challenge of 15 YLs and their Favourite Foods!!

Also on the hunt for 15 Great-Grandmothers and have 2 on my log, so far. That one might take me quite awhile, I think, but it is lots of fun.

Last year's CLARA Contest was a good source of YLs for these awards so you might have participated this year. It is a nice, relaxed contest with lots of friendly chatter. The contest was on March 19th and March 23rd this year.

Have a super spring, everyone... 33 Suzanne - VE7IM VE3HAI, Ann writes: She is slowly getting used to her life without Bare, thanks to the support of her two daughters and many friends, especially her ham friends.

She received the following message taken from an Irish headstone. A good friend sent it to her:

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.

Love leaves a memory no one can steal!"

How true!

VE7YL, Elizabeth writes: I did take part in the BC QSO Party Friday and Saturday - was doing quite well thank you until

the NA sprint started at OOOOz and that put paid to everything but the sprint!!

To add to my misery my Kenwood decided to have a bad hair day!!

To get one very heavy rig off my desk and lift another up on to the desk was definitely not easy. I kept telling myself that neither weighed more than my golf bag. Didn't help much! I did manage in the end but decided I didn't want to repeat that any time soon.

Hope to take part in the YL-OM CW contest next weekend and am hoping no other major contests are scheduled at the same time and that my spare radio behaves itself. Spring definitely just around the corner here on the coast but of course we are way behind those to the south of us.

Still, so far, our winter has been mild and nearly free of any snow. Two very light snowfalls before Xmas put our west coast drivers into their usual panic and there was a mad dash to get winter tires put on. Our local ham club is already organizing for Field Day in June. Hope everyone has an enjoyable spring. 33 Elizabeth VE7YL

VE3HQH, Heather writes: Not much news from here. Recovered nicely from the holidays, which now seem so far away.

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

Dear YL friends.

March first and spring is on its way here in Virginia. Writing this today we have gotten almost a foot of spring snow and are house-bound for the day.

We lost power but lucky for us we got a generator a year ago and what a relief for an electric house.

DXing this month is Clipperton Island and I got them on 20m. Solomon, H44G and Spratley, 9M4SLL and Timotu, H40Twill be on. I hope you get to work them.

I am on DX-YL net every Monday and I so enjoy it and it is always so nice when new YLs check in. We are working on this year YLRL favorites food award see on YLRL.org website to collect 15 YLs favorite foods.

We also work on the grandmother award, ongoing, so no rush to get it this year. I hope you all participate in this awards, you can do it local in your country and submit it, would be nice to see you get an award.

When you get a new YL calling, she is surprise when asked about favorite foods, but it is easy to get as everyone has one.

After you explain about YLRL they like to join, and this week I recruited one.

Do let me know if you know of anyone who would like to join and I will try to get a sponsor for her.

I am collecting membership fees and as I sent out the membership cards I have heard from many of you, thank you.

Hiromi, JJ1CAS writes:

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Rena is my daughter. In 1989, she also joined the 50th YLRL Convention in Kauai Island, along with my husband, Isaburo and me.

They enjoyed swimming only in three kinds of pool at CoCo-Palm Hotel during the YLRL convention.

I met Mary Lou, NM7N, firstly there and became her sponsor of JLRS. Later, she came to Japan, my home and traveled together in Kamakura, etc.

My initial country in Europe was the Sweden, as SM YLs organized the first International YL Meeting in Stockholm in 1991 soon after the YLRL convention, Kauai Is.

Swedish mid-summer festival was so beautiful and I was fascinated by the old city, castles and nature. It is really nice that you will participate in the SYLRA the Scandinavian YLRL in Roskilde next August.

From Vicky, SV2KBS/
DM8YL

Your kind mail gave me a big smile, thank you so much!

Something else that could be updated in YLRL records is the addition of my secondary call sign, DM8YL.

Since October I'm living in Germany with my stronger half so DM8YL will slowly become my primary call-thanks to CW I met Andre DL4UNY while High Speed Telegraphy competitions! :-)

Radio-wise, I barely use real RF, I spend about 1 hr every single day (no cheating by skip-

ping days, I really mean that) for high speed CW training and the one and only tool for that is my computer. I use 3 different software programs to train at 4 different HST (high speed telegraphy) disciplines: RX, TX, Morse Runner (pile-up), rufz (high-speed call sign receiving).



Vicky, SV2KBSI
DM8YL

Andre,
DL4UNY

Occasionally, I get on the air to run a contest, for example, I plan to be QRV for YL-OM (CW part only) - too bad there's no competition at the CW portion. Lately it's only been me and VE7YL who send in logs, just 2 YLs.

However, my Andre is QRV on a daily basis and now that the WX will be getting better, I plan to join him (the club station has no heating) so I promise to give it a good try in the future and join your net.

Attached it's me on top the "Greek Gods' Home" - the alternative name of the highest mountaintop in Greece, of Olympus mountain, 2917m, a glimpse of the summit from another point (where hiking stops and scrambling begins, around 2800m) and

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my boy, Andre, DL4UNY climbing a tower at our neighboring super club station, DF0HQ.

Best regards from Greece

Dunia, EA8MT sends this in:

Last year I was very active in radio. I took part in many contests:
- CQ WPX RTTY - 10 Meters - *it* 1 World - World Record
- ARRL SSB - All Bands - # 7 World # 1 Africa
- CQ WPX SSB -15 Meters Assisted - # 4 World # 1 Africa - Africa Record
- IARU Region 1-50 Mhz - *II* 9 World
- DL-DX RTTY - All Bands - # 1 World # 1 Africa
- IARU HF-SSB - All Bands - # 9 Non W I V E # 10 Worldwide # 1 Africa

You can view a summary of my contests results in <http://www.qrz.com/db/EA8MT>

I also worked many DXs, totaling 215. In the CQ Magazines Annual DX Marathon I am the highest claimed score by Africa. It is the first time I took part and I am very happy.

Last year also I got Awards...

-YLRL-DXYL Certificate
-YLRL - WAC YL Certificate
-Ham Radio Nation - Butterfly Award 25 & 50

I send you my best wishes from the Canary Islands

MOACL - Liz Jones had a busy year!

As the leaves are falling and as the year draws to a close I thought I would just jot down some of the radio events I have been involved with this year. It certainly feels like a lot.

After listening to a talk from Bolton Wireless Club at the RSGB Convention in October 2011, I thought I would try to get my local club, Itchen Valley (IVARC), to take part in more club contests.

The enthusiasm also meant we put on a station for SSB Field Day in September, a contest we haven't entered for quite a few years.

In fact, had the English YL Harmonics March/April 2013

monsoon season not been upon us in June and July we would have entered VHF Field Day, once again after several years absence.

I have been involved with Guides on the Air as usual and put on a station for my own area this year.

So my Brownies had the opportunity to talk to other Brownies across the UK, make iced Morse code biscuits, flashing LED badges and other activities to gain their Communicator Badge.

Unfortunately my girls had returned home when I was lucky enough to have a 90 min QSO with 8P6BGG in Barbados, and learnt from the Caribbean Guides and Brownies all about their activities to celebrate World Thinking Day.

July saw me as team leader of a radio and electronics activity at our Guide County International camp, where we helped 120 girls solder an audio amp kit, and made about 300 flashing LED badges.

On the first day of the camp I lost my voice which didn't come back for weeks, so I was speechless at my daughter's wedding the week after camp.

Although Brian, G0UKB, and I didn't go to any of the Olympic events, we were delighted to be part of the team at 2012L in Eltham SE London.

Cray Valley Club had done a fantastic job in securing the use of a Scout Hall and grounds near the equestrian venue. You will no doubt have read articles about the set up, and the equipment used to make nearly 70,000 contacts during the Olympic and Paralympic games.

It was a nice change to be able to use full legal power



Liz working at 2012L

into such a large array of antennas. Here in the UK the opportunity to use a full size 2-element beam for 40m or a 4 element on 20m doesn't come too often!

One problem the station encountered was from urban foxes that roamed through the grounds.

On three occasions a fox chewed through the CAT5 cable, which was being used to control one of the rotators. The foxes didn't touch any of the other cables, just one particular 3 metres section of the one CAT5 cable runs - must be better tasting than coax!

I did get time to go and help with three other special events put on by IVARC members.

We also managed to visit Newark Hamfest, and I attended my first BYLARA annual meeting. It was great to meet up with other BYLARA members, just a pity the acoustics were so bad in the room.

After Newark we concluded our holiday at the RSGB Convention.

As in previous years the talks at the convention were excellent; Brian and I went to different talks and exchanged notes in the evening.

We were only home for a week when we off again to London to the Scout HQ, Gilwell Park to be part of the team providing GB2GP for Jamboree on the Air.

As well as passing greetings messages the Scouts had the opportunity to use Echolink, make

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[REDACTED]
Karen is retired and holds a General license. She is a member of SMYL and just beginning to be active in ham radio. Her ham family includes OM W5RWF William and sons K5WRY William and KA5UNL Brian.

DISTRICT 6
KG6ELV Lindsey Meyer

[REDACTED]
Lindsey is a junior at Pomona College and the recipient of the Ethel Smith YLRL Scholarship. She has been licensed since she was 8 and has a General license

DISTRICT 8
WD8KUR Christina Staats

[REDACTED]
Christina is a retired teacher and holds a General license. She held the call VP2MUR while on Montserrat in February and March. She and OM KB8RJ Jack sail and are members of SAARC.

DISTRICT 9

[REDACTED]
Anne has a General license and is very active on the air with nets, clubs, contests and public service. She works as a school bookkeeper. Her intro to radio was through communications for a dog sled race.

DISTRICT 10
AC0XA Jean Lindstrom

[REDACTED]
Jean holds an Extra license and is a VE for ARRL and W5YI. She is a medical technologist. KB0UBV Robert is her OM and KD0KZW Brian is her son.

W0WRN Heidi Sterner

[REDACTED]
Heidi is a registered nurse and has her Technician license. Her family includes daughter NOCKS Cheyenne, OM KB0BS Robert and stepson KD0SYC Dominic. She is a member of several clubs and is on 2 m and 70 cm.

DX
PB7XYL Anneke Driesson-Smits
Wesdijk

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

Changes and Corrections

We have received updated information from HL1KDW Chae Do Sook,

There is a callsign change for Marianne Treyvellan now ZS6ANA. After her father passed away, he wanted his callsign to live and so Marianne has received it.

Thank you Chae! I will send your missing YL-Harmonics!—Ed.

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

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.

Congratulations to the following who have achieved milestones in their continuous membership in YLRL:

45 Years

K7JGU, Theresa M. Korn

40 Years

WA7TLL, Marian R. Dixon; AA2JO, Roberta Newman

35 Years

ZL2AZY, Biny Owen; AE9X, Marianne Vander Zanden

30 Years

VK3VAN, Jessie Buchanan; CT1YH, Lucia Santos-Tome

25 Years

WM7R, Pamela Follansbee; ZL4IO, Melva Malkin

20 Years

VK3DB, Dorothy Bishop; AB6YL, Ginger Wonderling; KC4IYD, Nancy Rabel-Hall

15 Years

N1NCY, Nancy Dluhosh; VK4SJ, June Sims; N8ST, Carolyn Donner; F5RPB, Evelyn Terrail

10 Years

WB2FAU, Stella Gurka; M0CMK, Linda Taylor; WA8MY, Amy Pender

5 Years

VP8AIB, Janet McLeod-#3628; ZS6LZT, Lizette Pienaar-#3627; KD4ABZ, Patricia Lovarco-#3629;
KI6OIL, Jennifer O'Connell-#3630; ZS5AMT, Marianne Treyvellan- #3631;
ZS6SZT, Suzette Van Wyk -#3632; VE1QT, Linda Harvey - #3625;
VE7VPE, Paulette Schouten -#3626

Congratulations are also in order to those faithful sponsors of our DX members who have achieved membership milestones

Did you know that the continuous membership awards began in 1958, 19 years after the founding of YLRL and 20 year certificates were issued to W1GQT, W3CDQ, W5YSJ, W2JZX, W6UXF, K4LMB, W6WSV, W0UA, W7HHH, W7KCU, W2MEG, W2FWR, W0ZWL in the first 75 certificates. Certificate #1 went to W7NJS for 10 years of continuous membership.

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