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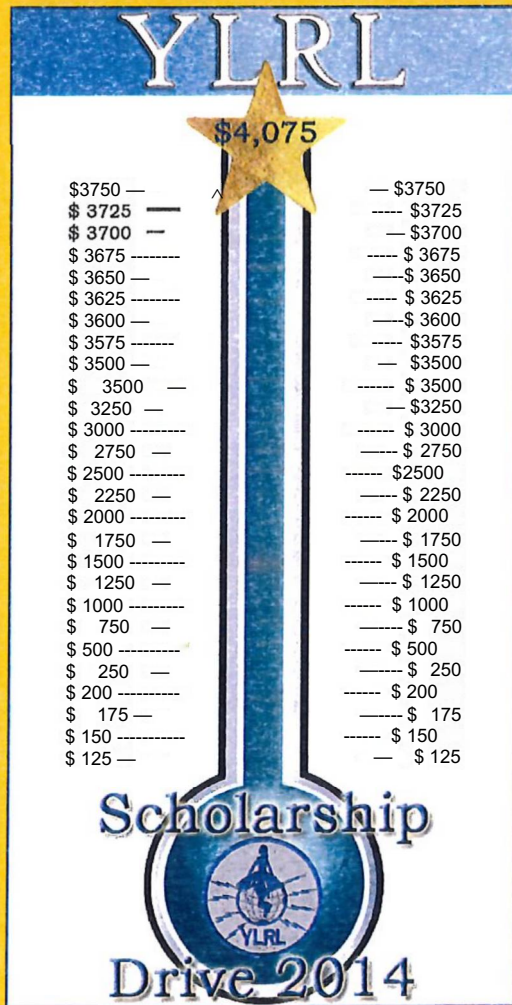
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President's Info

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By the time you read this field day will have come and gone. I hope everyone who participated had a great weekend. My OM, Dave and I participated with the Motor City Radio Club as we have in past years.

Now I bet lots of us are getting ready to go to the convention in Vancouver, Washington. I can't wait to see old friends and meet some new ones as well.

We've been getting a little into digital modes lately. We had a presentation and then a workshop on the digital mode OLIVIA. I have the software downloaded on my computer but we still need to get a box to connect to the radio in order to check in to the Michigan digital traffic net. That's the beauty of our hobby there is a niche for everyone's area of interest.

We're off to the Michigan section outing July 10-13th. It is always a great get together held at a church campground in Lupton, MI. This year there is a foxhunt on Friday and Saturday we will have several forums during the day. The evenings we usually have a campfire and hayrides through the campground. It's always a great time. The section staff cooks a pancake breakfast for everyone on Sunday morning.

Looking forward to seeing lots of you in Vancouver. Thank you to the hard working convention committee.

Till next time,
33, Linda KC8PKY



Vice President's Info

De Bobbie Donohue, W1JX

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On the 15th August 2014, at the **F6KFH radioclub of Sarreguemines**, will take place on the evening "shooting stars".

For this event during the day, a YL team from Germany and France at the border (Sarre/Moselle) of F6KFH; Saggi, DK2YL; and Sophie, F4DHQ will be present and will activate TM57YL.

This callsign can counts for the diploma "Department 57" (Moselle) and for the French YL award.

Afternoon will allow to find ourselves between border friends and to have a pleasant moment. It will be possible to extend this moment of friendliness at the end of afternoon around a meal pulled from the bag. A Barbecue will be there.

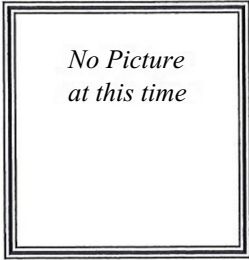
See us and/or contact us!

This callsign was also activated on:

- 26th-27th October 2013
- 5th October 2013
- 7th September 2013
- 15th August 2013.

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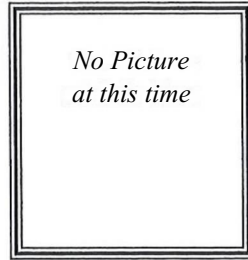
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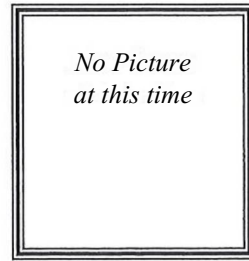
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New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WBIARU-Secretary



New Members for July/August 2014

Welcome to this new members! We look forward to meeting you on the air soon! We welcome you as members of YLRL and hope to hear each of you on the air or meet you at another convention or Hamfest.

DISTRICT 1

K1SQC Susan Carlson



Susan holds a Technician license and is an Operations Manager. She found YLRL by surfing the web for women in amateur radio. She is a member of North Shore RA and is a SKYWARN spotter. Her former call is KC1AKD.

KB1ISG Geri Duff



Geri holds a Technician license and is retired. She is the Archivist at Bare Cove Fire Museum and active with Girl Scouts. She is a member of Boston ARC. Mark, KB1EKN is her husband.

K1STM Anne West



Anne holds a General license and does Braille Transcription. She was first licensed as KN1STM, then later held KA1JAN.

KC1ARZ Christy Risser-Milne



Christy holds a General license and is a member of the Charter Oak Radio Society.

K1AVM Jean Camerer



Jean holds an Extra license and is a Technician. She is a member of Nashoba Valley ARC and NEQRP and is active on 10, 20, 40 and 80 meters.

AB1QB Anita Kemmerer



Anita holds an Extra license and is a Program Manager. She is a member of YCCC, Nashua ARC and PART. She is a very active ham including a turn as W1AW/1 and a holiday DXpedition to Bora Bora with OM Fred, AB1OC. Her QRZ page has more detail and pictures.

N1VI Karen Trask



Karen holds an Extra license and is a Nurse Anesthetist. She is a member of W1SSH ARC, Whitman ARC and K1USN Museum Ship Club.

KJ6HCT Cynthia Tatalovich



Cynthia holds an Extra license and is an Engineer. She is a member of Northern Berkshire ARC.

DISTRICT 2

ICA3BFZ Kelly Ann Brown

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Kelly is a Zoo Registrar and holds a Technician license. She is active on 2m, 1.25m and 70cm and is looking forward to HF privileges soon. Her other hobby is photography. She is a member of BARRA and RAWNY. Her fiancé is Eric, W2LR.

KD2CRH Francine Taylor

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Francine holds a Technician license. A family member is Seth, KC2WE.

W4UHF Julie Kaufman

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Julie holds an Extra license and is an Engineer. She is active on HF and enjoys RTTY and DX contests.

KC2VCT Kathleen O'Keefe

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Kathleen holds a General license and is a chef and in sales. She is a member of Westchester ECA and ARES.

KD2EYW Laurie Love

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Laurie holds a General license and is in Public Safety. She is a member of Gloucester County ARC.

N2LJM Laura Mueller

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Laura holds a General license and is working toward

her Extra. She is the ARRL WNY SM and a member of Chautauqua ARS and RARA. Family members include Matt, K2MAT and OM John, K2BT. Former call was KC2RWU.

KD2EYR Jennifer Robinson

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Jennifer holds an Extra license and is a Senior Circle Advisor. She is a member of Gloucester County ARC and ARS of South Jersey.

DISTRICT 3

W3ATC Barbara L. Wiemann

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Barbara was the lucky winner of the drawing at Dayton this year! She holds a General license and is retired. She is a member of DLARC. Alfred, W3CE is her husband.

W8LUV Jennifer Hamilton

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Jennifer holds a Technician license and is a School Librarian and Teacher. She is a member of Laurel ARC. James, NF8I is her OM.

N3IOP Gloria Saylor

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Gloria holds a General license and is an artist. She has the North Clarion School ARC - N3NCS where she teaches. She is getting her home station back on the air. She participates in the School Club Round-Up.

DISTRICT 5

KG5CQW Aubrey Frank

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Aubrey is a teen student who holds a Technician

license. She joined at HamCom in Plano. Her parents are N5WWF Laurel and N5OZJ Frank.

ICG5APE Grace Kelly

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Grace is a pre-teen student with a Technician license. She is a member of Plano ARK. Family members are Sean, K5SPI< and Shannon, W5SEK.

KC0SKL Linda Kangas

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Linda holds a General license and is an Accountant. She is a member of JPS ARC.

ICG5CJG Melody Pokorny

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Melody holds a General license and is a Firearms Instructor. She is active on 70 cm and is a member of Plano ARK.

ICF5TVC Barbara L. Henderson

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Barbara holds an Extra license and is retired. She is a member of CCARC - Gainesville and American Red Cross. You will find her on 2 m, 20 and 440. Her other hobby is being a Master Gardener.

W6LAM Mary Canada

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Nancy holds a Technician license and is a Financial Analyst. James, W5WTN is a family member.

KB5JZX Marcia Bernhardt

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Marcia is a Process Analyst and holds a Technician license.

KM5MQ Gloria (Lori) Schmidt

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Lori holds an Extra license and is a Contractor. She is the current President of Austin ARC and active on all bands, traffic nets and Echolink. She teaches license classes with her OM Jeff, N5MNV.

W5ICKM Karen Meyer

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Karen holds a General license and is a Programmer/Analyst. She enjoys Field Day, building kits, reading, dogs and camping. She is a returning member from several years ago and her former calls are KA5CFA and N5GVB. Her ham family includes OM Ed, WG5F; and sons Don, W5DTM; and Kyle, K5YLE.

KA5AZK Jo Ann Keith

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Jo Ann holds a General license and is a member of Longview East Texas ARC. She is active on traffic nets on 40 and 80 meters. John, W5BWC is her OM.

ICG5BDO Lauren Heil

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Lauren holds a General license and is an Attorney. She is a member of Central Arkansas Radio Emergency Net. Other hobbies are hiking and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Her fiancé is Neil, KG5CLF.

DISTRICT 6

KJ6YL Marilyn Bolnick

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Marilyn holds an Extra license and is retired. She is a member of the Southern California DX Club. Her family includes OM Skip, I<J6Y and daughters KF6BFM and KF6RKU. Her former calls include KA6OYL and N6GIL.

DISTRICT 7

KC7AKN Kristi Wold Fineberg

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Kristi holds a General license. She won YLRL membership at SEAPAC. Bernard, AB7HB is her husband.

KF7JIK Melissa Nelson

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Melissa holds a General license and is an Analyst. She is a member of Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC. Michael, N7IQM is her OM.

WY7KRA Katie Allen

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Katie holds an Extra license and is a Sales and Marketing Manager for CQ Magazine. She is a member of Radio Mountain Ham Radio and is active on all bands. She and her OM Dwayne, WY7FD have a contest club WY7SS. Check Katie out on QRZ.com.

KE7NKN Amy Heidner

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Amy is an engineer and educator who holds an Extra license. She is a member of Lake Washington Ham Club and Kirkland ARES. She enjoys doing ham support for events like the Seattle Marathon and Cascade Bicycle Club Flying Wheels Century, as well as Field Day. Her family includes OM Dennis, KE7NKM; daughter Cathy, KE7HAT; and father-in-law, Dale, W7NAV.

DISTRICT 8

AC8KB Angela Chavez

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Angela holds an Extra license and is somewhat active on 2 meters.

ICC8DWR Anna Kamphaus

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Anna is an Engineer and holds an Extra class license and is an engineer. She enjoys Field Day. Jim, N0SIM is her father.

N6XAO Sharon Harris

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Sharon joined at Dayton. She has a Technician license and is retired. She has CERT training and is active with Mon County ARC. Her former call is KC6GJY

KD8BHE Sue Riley-Brown

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Sue holds a Technician license and is retired. She learned about YLRL at the Mansfield Hamfest. She is a member of Marion ARC. Glenn, NN8G is her husband.

DISTRICT 9

KD9ATA Ann Ciesiolca

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Ann holds a new Technician license and is a retired RN. She is a member of the Michiana ARC and active on 2 m. Sewing, reading, geocaching and being a rock hound are her other interests. Michael, KO9Q is her OM.

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District 1

I am Niece Haynes, KA1ULN and am very happy to work with YLRL. It is a relief to chat with YLs sometimes.

Ham radio is one of my favorite hobbies. I have been a ham about 26 years. I love being able to work on my own antennas and constantly improving them.

Right now I have an R5, 80 meter dipole up about 90 feet, 40 and 80 meter Isotron up about 30 ft. I am a leader of an Emergency Management group here in Andover, MA.

Antique Automobiles are my other hobby. I absolutely love them and do all my own work.

As Chairperson for District 1 for YLRL my goal is recruit more YLs into YLRL and/ or to get licensed YLs to push the PTT button. I am asking you for your help in doing this.

The YLRL was represented well at the ARRL 100. The convention was incredible. I am just hoping to see more of the younger people. I think ham radio needs to start a movement to get younger people more active. Very few young people gave any presentations (that I know of). All sessions I attended were directed at hams in the hobby or many years.

There was a YLRL booth and it was staffed by Anne, WB1ARU; Bobbie, W1JX; and Diane, K2DO. Hope, WB3ANE also spent time there. About 100 YLs signed the guest log and we signed up 16 new members.

Let's start to improve the setting for the 200th convention.

If you have any other questions please contact me at KA1ULN@MAIL.COM

Niece, KA1ULN

Ed. Note. Welcome to our new District One Chairwoman! Don't forget to send Niece your news so we can share it in her column.

Diane, K2DO sent in a number of Pictures from the ARRL 100 and the YLRL booth:



*President, Kay Craigie,
N3KN Speaks at the
event.*



*Many YLs agreed to pose with
the banner.*



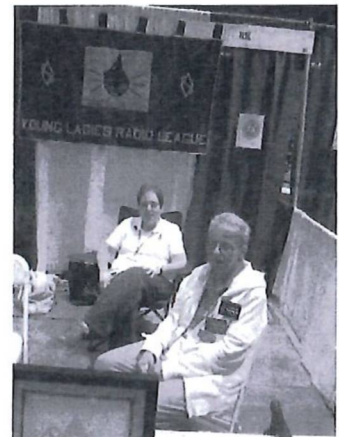
The YLs at the Luso Booth



We had Members stop by to sign in



*and YLs who became
New Members*



*The booth was staffed by
hard workers!*

District 2

I received updates from some of the YLs in our district. Dara Herman, KC2THQ, her OM WB2EOD were active in Field Day.

"My OM helped to set up the stations and we both participated in the activities during the rest of the weekend," she said. At the time of publication they hadn't decided whether they would be attending WRTC or the ARRL Anniversary.

I sent out an email asking for some updates and background info and Dara wrote back that she credits the help of her OM (who was first licensed in 1968) and the help of a friend, KV2M.

"They helped me pass my Technician Exam in May 2007" Dara and her OM like to participate in contests together. She said he calls them "The Twisted Pair."



Karen, W2ABK at the ARRL Convention in CT

"Summer has finally arrived and it's hot enough to go for a swim at the beach" says Karen, W2ABK. "It's what we've been waiting for all winter!."

Karen said she and her OM, Brice, planted some tomatoes in a small garden in their backyard.

She went to Field Day in June with the GARC Club to a beautiful park in Bethpage, Long Island. "We were lucky enough to be in an air conditioned building with indoor bathrooms. I helped repair and solder the 40-meter antenna with my friend Dave, AB2EF, and I'm so proud that it worked well and made a lot of contacts.

We put up 3 dipole antennas, 20, 40, 80 meters into the trees." She said one of the guys had a sling shot on a fishing reel to shoot up the antennas really high on the tree branches and he was a perfect shot!

There were 4 operators, 2 on CW and 2 on voice. "We're not going to win any awards, but it was a lot of fun and we all enjoyed it," she wrote.

Karen and her OM will be going to the ARRL Convention in Connecticut in July and she said she'll be looking for the YL Booth.

Bobbie, AA2JO, was District 2 Chairman for years and has had many fun years on ham radio. Her first license was obtained in 1962 as WN2BHS and has had many upgrades from there.



Bobbie at the YLRL Booth in CT



The pattern for the YLRL emblem was a "Convention Swap" many years ago.



"I no longer have a DX antenna since I moved off Lake Simond. I mainly check into The Carrier Net - 3.935 at 9 AM daily (except Sunday).

Many amateurs have become great friends - met some at Dayton Hamvention over the years. Mainly enjoyed the YL forums," she wrote from her daughter's house in Ohio.



Diane, K2DO and George, N2GA with the convention center behind them on the far left.

Thanks to all for the info and look forward to some "eyelash" QSO's at the ARRL Centennial. 33, Diane, K2DO



YLRL member Georgia Belmont, NY2GB takes a turn at the radio with her grandfather, Frank Fallon, N2FF at Field Day with the Order of Boiled Owls Contest Club. Caumsett State Park, Long Island, NY. Photo by K2DO

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Scholarship Information De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ



We are reaching for the Stars!



Scholarship Information

Memorial Scholarships

Ethel Smith, K4LMB

Mary Lou Brown, NM7N

Thank you to all the YLRL members for your help with this special scholarship drive. Your donation large or small is important for us to help perpetuate the scholarships awarded each year.

Many YLs generously added to their donation to the scholarship fund above and beyond tickets and these extra donations enabled us to reach the extra money needed for the prize money, plus moved us towards a full year of scholarships already paid for and ready to award.

Thank you for your generous gifts.

After the Convention, please remember to send your donations and memorials to Linda, AC5QQ per usual and we will keep up the Scholarship information page!

The November/December issue will contain this year's Scholarship winners, so make sure to check it out!

From the Scholarship Drive front: We have reached a brand new total of \$4,075. Thank you! The drawing will be August 9, 2014 at the Convention. Don't forget you can still get tickets and make donations there.

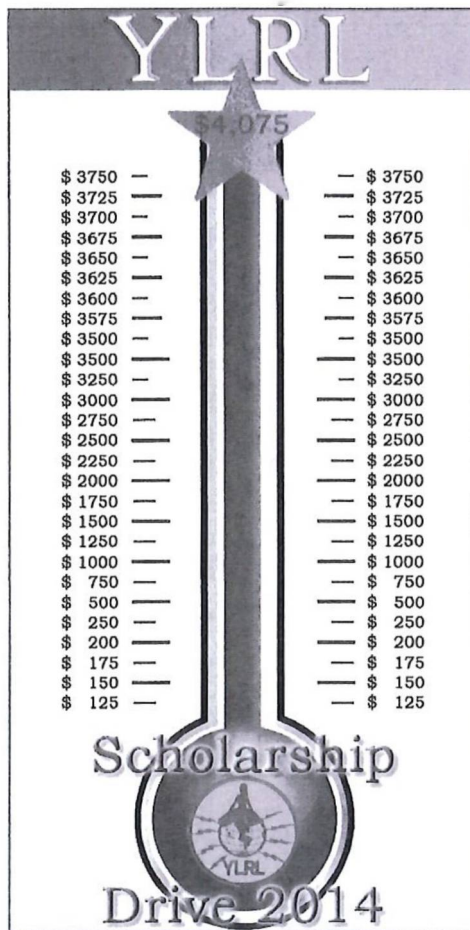
The next Scholarship Drive will be in three (3) years, as no money is taken from dues for the Scholarships. This is the one way we can be assured that we will be able to sponsor the two YLs each year.

After the convention and Scholarship Drive are over, I will have a complete report on the webpage and in the YL Harmonics.

You have no idea how proud and pleased I am with the response to this Scholarship Drive. "You" the YLRL members have made this drive a most successful one. My heartfelt "THANKS"-

33, Marte Wessel KOEPE

GREAT JOB!



IrV OLW Thrntcjhty

Cathy Gleason, N3ICW sent us the news that Lois Vallin, NX7V, passed away DEC 2013. She was proud to be a YLRL member.

Kay, WA0WOF let us know Jeanne, VA3WX, became a SK on Friday, July 25. She was a long time member of YLRL and CLARA.

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Barb, KA3VXR, wants to know which of the ROWDIES will be at the Convention. Known as of printing attendees are: Nancy, KC4IYD; Barb, KA3VXR; Lois, WB3EFQ; and Cheryl, N0WBV.

Last time the ROWDIES had a special song for Boston. What will happen this time? It isn't a Convention without the ROWDY bunch!

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KD9BHM Marlys Barr

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Marlys is a student who holds a new Technician license. She is a member of Mid-State ARC in Franklin.

AD5TM Janet Barger

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Janet holds an Extra license and is active on both HF and 2 meters. She is an Engineer.

KC9QXD Heather Schulz

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Heather is a data entry clerk who holds a General license. She is the founding member of WI Pink Hamsters, MRC 91 Milwaukee RC and Waukesha ARES/RACES. She is active on all bands. Gregg, W9AWX is her husband.

DISTRICT 10

Donna Grigsby WD6EJI

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Donna is retired and a Mary Kay Consultant who holds a Technician license. WA6AAI Stan is her OM.

KD0YHJ Penny Simon

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Penny holds a General license. Her OM is Fawzy, KD0YHI.

KD6BNV Rita Palacios-Rader

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Rita holds a Technician license and is retired. She is a member of EAARS.

N0MTI Janelle Haible

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Janelle holds a General license and works in Media. She is an active member of St. Louis & Suburban RC and St. Louis Metro ARES. Look on her QRZ page for a picture of Janelle with her EMMY Award! Peter, N0MTH is her OM.

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VE3WMT Wenda McOuat

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Wenda is a Therapist and holds a Basic Honours license. She is a member of CLARA. Her OM is Jean, VE3OKK.

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SANDRA BOYD

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Sandra is studying for her license and is a retired Program Manager. She enjoys singing, gardening and reading. Her OM is Woody, N3WB.

W4CC John Covington

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John holds an Extra license and is a faculty member. He is active with NTS and is a former SM for NC.

We welcome you as a member of YLRL and hope to hear you on the air or meet you at a convention or Hamfest.

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District 3 Open Position

"I have very little to report this time. At the end of May I had an unexpected helicopter trip to UPMC in Pittsburgh when our local emergency room thought they saw evidence of 3 cerebral aneurysms. Fortunately, after a number of tests, it was determined that there was only one but there was a problem with my brain stem that cannot be corrected. At this point, I am doing well and taking each day as it comes.

On June 26, Tom and I left for a river boat cruise from Prague, Czech republic to Budapest, Hungary. We returned to the states on July 6, 2014 after a very relaxing and interesting trip. Now to rest up for the convention in August and the cruise to Alaska afterwards.

I will make the same request of the District 3 members...could someone please contact me about taking over the 3rd District chair. I am trying to divest myself of some responsibilities and would really appreciate your help.

Hope to see you in August. I know of one other 3rd District member going and that is Barb Bender KA3VXR."

Lois, WB3EFQ

District 4

Well it's that time again. Huntsville Hamfest is August 16 & 17th, 2014. I will not be attending this year, however, Betty Jo, KB5CSQ will take up the torch and continue on with the traditional forum and booth. Huntsville is the best Hamfest in the southeast.

We need more active YLs to participate in the booth and forum activities at Hamfests all over the 4th Call District. You can usually get a booth free and a forum slot for the asking.

The materials are free for the asking; back issues of Flarmonics to give away, membership brochures and applications. Just sit and talk about YLRL and ham radio. It's an opportunity to meet lots of YLs and encourage ham radio participation. Take the initiative and schedule to attend a local Hamfest, have a booth and /or forum and participate in spreading the work about YLRL.

OK, so now you say 'Why isn't she going to Huntsville'? Well, I am attending the YLRL 75 Years Convention in Vancouver, WA in August and then traveling down the coast of Oregon and California, and over to the Grand Canyon while I am close. Will not be returning back to Alabama until August 22nd. Hated to get that far west and not take advantage of it.

Welcome to a new YL and member Susan "Elise" Heinbuch, KM4BDR. Elise holds a new Technician license and found YLRL on the web. She is interested in the science of radio as well as public service and contesting. She was encouraged by KB4RM Rose-Marie to join YLRL.

Received this bit of news from Joan, W4JMJ: I am currently busy preparing for the 2014 YLISSB Convention, which I am hosting in Sarasota, FL. Currently we have 43 registered and attending. There will be a luncheon at our home on Thursday; an outing to the Ringling Art Museum, Circus Museum and the Ringling Mansion (all on the same property) planned for Friday; on Saturday our membership and Board meetings, awards banquet and auction (with proceeds to go to our scholarship fund); and the departing Brunch on Sunday. It will be a fun time to get together with members and get some business done also.

After the Convention we will head up to the cabin in Georgia for some R & R; then hopefully a quick trip to Canada to visit family and friends. I wish all the gals a great and safe summer and don't forget GOTA (get on the air)! 73/33/88 Joan W4JMJ

Evelyn, W4EVE, is still active on 2 meters, checking in to the local MMRS net on Thursday afternoons.

In June I had the opportunity to work as W1AW/4 for about 12 hours and managed about 600 contacts in terrible band conditions. I plan to operate again in October when Alabama will have its second operating week.

Deedie, KI4ERR, and Connie, KJ4UNA, came over and assisted during the Alabama QSO Party. We enjoyed each other's company and managed about 544 contacts. Cheryl, AA4YL, worked the contest with the Heart of Dixie radio club, W4HOD.

My next deadline for news is October 15. I hope to hear from you by phone, email, snail mail or on the air with news for me to put in our column. As Joan said. Get On The Air ladies and make your voices known.

Until next time, 33, de Mary, WX4MM

V strict 5

Hello to all.

Summer is finally here time to get ready for Field Day activities, summer vacations, and special time at the favorite swim hole. Oh and don't forget the homemade Ice Cream...

I would like to Thank Carol KK5L of Port Arthur, TX who sent me copies of an article in American Profile on our Grandson Brandon KF5NYQ on his Amateur Radio activity. Carol seen the article in her local paper which was not published in our paper here in Mississippi and sent me an email and then picked up several copies and mailed them to us. It was so nice to be able to see and read the nice article. Another Thank you goes to Judi WOJJ, Grace KG5APE and Sallie AE5OM for another fine job at the Plano TX HamCom, setting up the booth and taking the time to introduce YLRL to all that visited the booth see her news below and picture.

It is almost time for Field Day June 28th & 29th hope you all can participate in your local Field Day activities we never know when we will have an emergency and we all need to be prepared.

Seminole, OK, KC5RWW, Beth,

I heard a ham in Siberia a few days ago on 15m and tried very hard to contact him. He just could not hear me. I'm still uploading logs to LOTW. Now I'm monitoring 6m because it could open up anytime.

We were finally able to give away the 60 pound boxer dog and got a 30 pound terrier mix, 4 years old. She is so much easier to manage. Our dog food expense has dropped tremendously. The 70 pound Catahoula dog wasn't sure how to treat her when she first arrived.

We've received some rain but not enough to fill the pond. The county is finally replacing the second bridge. The dry weather helps that.

We took our daughter's car back to her in Texas 350 miles away. Since we were in two cars we took two HTs. We don't talk on our cell phones while driving.

Field day is two days after our wedding anniversary this year so I'll be able to stay at field day longer. I hope to learn JT65 mode.

Beth, KC5RWW

Cypress, TX, KF5LMJ, Sheree,

Hi, I'll be running the GOTA station at the NARS field day at Burroughs Park in Tomball, Texas. I'll be in Plano this weekend. I hope I saw you there! Sheree

De Soto, TX, W5MWK, Joyce,

Due to high winds and pouring rain our antennas are out of order. All family and friends are well. Our youngest son Mike, KJ4PWY, is working with his local Amateur Radio Club Station and the State of Maryland Weather Department to keep everyone informed of any impending bad weather. He really enjoys it. His son (our grandson) Christopher just got his EMT license and is studying his Ham Radio for later use.

Due to bad Health Jim W5MWO & I will not go to YLRL or Field Day. Our 63rd Wedding Anniversary is 06-14-14.

33 W5MWI<

Congratulations to Jim W5MWO & Joyce W5MWK on 63 years of marriage!!!! WOW

Houston, TX, K5JGC, Burnette,

I have to "enlighten" ALL with my "grandmother brags"! "Tyler Thomas Boyett, Class of 2015, grandson of Burnette, K5JGC & T. P., Houston, K5EYN and two of his Texas A & M University

Architectural classmates, have attended a spring semester at SE University, located in Nanjing Province, China. Upon completion of their study, June 2014, they shall tour more of China. Their schedule also includes a flight with brief tour in the Philippines before their return home to Texas in July 2014.

Our son, Thomas and his wife, Barb, have just returned from a 10-day Reunion-Visit with the three students, the Son-Reunion, the ultimate; the China-tour, secondary- hi!).» Burnette

Garland, TX, W0JJ, Judi,

At the Plano, TX, HamCom Sallie, AE5OM; Vickie, AE9YL; and Judi, W0JJ staffed the YLRL booth from 8AM to 5PM on June 13 and 14. We talked to: newly licensed YLs, licensed YLs, Tech YLs hoping to upgrade, XYLs, Dads who want their daughters involved and OMs who want their wives involved.

I provided information to a dad who is helping his daughter with her Girl Scout Ham Radio related Gold Award and teachers who teach radio to their students. We gave each person a YLRL brochure, the registration form and an issue of the Harmonics. We had 65 ladies sign our hospitality sheet.

This year I borrowed a larger 5 foot YLRL banner from Anne, WB1ARU and a small banner from 5th District. The large banner was hung in the back our booth with the small one on the front of our table. We received more compliments on our booth this year than we did last. I saw several people taking pictures of our large banner. Sallie and I had our picture taken in front of our banner by the ARRL.

This year we signed up 13 new members for YLRL. Last year we only got 3. Our new members are from the following states: 1 from WY, 1 from IN, 1 from OK, 1 from AR and 9 from TX. Sallie, Vickie and I are very excited about all our new members. We are especially excited about our 2 young teen members who just passed their exams and then became members of YLRL-Aubrey Frank, KG5CQW of TX and Grace Kelly, KG5APE of TX. *Ed. Note: Great job Ladies!!!!*

At the end of the convention I was approached by the Gordon West/W5YI group. They asked for YLRL materials so they could present them to YLs who go through their classes/test sessions. I was thrilled to find yet another avenue to get YLRL materials into the hands of newly licensed YL hams. I left brochures and Harmonics to get them started. I would like to invite you to join me on Thursdays at 8AM on 3.947MHZ for TX Young Ladies Round Up Net. I am net control and would love to have you join us.

33, Judi

Gulfport, MS, KB5MZ, Southern Mississippi YL,

The group will be participating in their first all YL Field Day this year; we will be camping in a local campground and operating ID MS with our call KB5MZ. The radio will be an ICOM 7600 and a Vertical antenna on top of a 64 ft aluminum telescopic mast. The ladies are excited and looking forward to working all of you.

Thanks for your news and I hope to get a lot of Field Day reports back for the next Harmonics. Have a safe summer and get on the radio when it's too hot to go outside!

BJ, KB5CSQ

*District 6
open position*

THREE SD DX CLUB MEMBERS ACTIVATE ZF1A IN IARU CONTEST

By Gale Olson, K6GO

A few months ago Joe, W6VNR said to Gayle, K6GO something like "hey. I'm not going to be on Cayman at ZF1A during the IARU contest this year - would you like to take it?" Gayle (and new hubby Mike, NA6MB) enthusiastically said, "Yes!"

Then Gayle asked Jim, K6ZH and his wife Joan, N6KIM if they'd like to come along - especially since the trip would include Gayle & Mike's first anniversary, and a delayed honeymoon. They also said "sign us up!"

So airline tickets were purchased; lodging arrangements were made (at the lovely Turtle Nest Inn on the south coast of Grand Cayman - a 10 minute drive from the shack); and call signs were obtained

from the "Cayman FCC:" Jim, ZF2ZH; Gayle, ZF2GO; and Mike, ZF2NA.

We all met with Joe and with John I<6AM to learn what we needed to know about the logistics of using the station plus the technical details to get it all running. Jim, Mike, and Gayle used the "house equipment:" an Icom IC-756, and a very old (but very capable) Collins 30L-1 tabletop linear.

The antenna farm is legendary: a 40-through-10 meter log periodic at close to 200 feet, and a C3 and a PRO 67 at over 100 feet! There was also an 80 meter inverted Vee as the Yagi was not working. The plan was: arrive on Cayman on Tuesday July 8th before the contest; use Wed, Thurs, and Fri to get setup and to get on the air with our own callsigns, and then hit the contest full speed on Sat. And that's pretty much what we did.

Prior to the contest we made a combined total of over 600 QSOs with our own callsigns - including SSB, CW, and RTTY. In fact with Jim's tutelage, Gayle made her first-ever RTTY Qs, using a Signal Link and computer sound card. We used Jim's laptop, and a variety of peripherals that we each brought along to interface with the IC-756. *Ed. Note: Great job, Gayle! Always fun to learn a new mode, isn't it?*

The contest started at 7 a.m. local time on Saturday. We traded off shifts of either 2 or 3 hours each, and covered the full 24 hours - Gayle and Mike on SSB, and Jim on CW. Everything was going along fine - with over 1000 Qs in the log when Mike took over at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

And then came a very close lightning strike. *ZORCH Ka-BOOM!* Mike saw a flash in the shack, and all of the equipment quit working. He then powered things back on carefully; the last item to "come up" was the antenna control switch - which then restored connection between the radio / amp and the antennas.

But there were two "casualties:" the connection between the computer and radio (both control and CW) quit working and could not be restored - and we spent a lot of time trying. Also, the log periodic could no longer be rotated. But it was pointed essentially north, which was fine - and we had other antennas to choose from! So we essentially logged manually on the computer, and Jim used his Win-Key as a "CW memory keyer" for his last time slot. No biggie, but it broke our stride and cost us about an hour of QSOs.



Gayle operating during the contest.

fine! And, of course, we thank Andrew, ZF1EJ, the station owner for allowing us to use the station. He was graciously available whenever we needed his help.

This was fun - and a great way to celebrate Gayle & Mike's first anniversary. Cheers!!

Ed. Note: A great way to celebrate! Ladies, are you interested in going on DX-peditions? There are other members out there like you. Write in to your District



The gang ready to start the contest as ZF1A!

Otherwise all was well - we ended up with over 2000 QSOs and 1.3 million points. The whole contest time was "pileup practice" which we all dealt with to the best of our abilities. It is such a treat to operate from a big station like this in a "DX" location - i.e. it's fun to be on that end of the pileup sometimes!

We owe much gratitude to Joe, W6VNR for not only "loaning" us the time slot for this contest, but also helping us with the logistics of getting licenses, coordinating with the station owner, etc.

And we want to also thank John, K6AM for his very specific technical advice, which helped, is to get everything setup properly and quickly upon our arrival - and it went



At the station with owner, ZF1EJ.



*Gayle, K6GO and Mike, NA6MB
on the beach behind the condo.*

Chairwoman and let's get the YLs out there! Remember a number of Operators (both YLs and OMs) are working on the special YL awards including YL-Worked All States and YL-DXCC.

They can't get the awards if the YLs aren't on the air to work them!



*Joan, N6KIM and Joe, W6ZH
help with the celebration.*

District 7

Hello District 7 YLs. Welcome to summer! What a nice time of year. Unfortunately for us in SW Washington we've been dealing with lots of summer rain. Who knows how long it will last. I still have the heater on and the fleece bathrobe out! I guess that's better than 105* though, isn't it!

SeaPac was a huge success as usual. And having the 100th anniversary for ARRL made it even more fun. There were over 40 at the YLRL Luncheon. Kay Craigie, N3KN, spoke to us and we all really enjoyed all the things she had to say. We also had a great buffet lunch and time to get to know other YLs that were there.

Congratulations to Kristi Fineberg, KC7AKN, who won the drawing for free YLRL membership. She was really happy to get it. We also had a drawing for a Heil microphone and I was the one that won it. You can bet I'm thrilled with that microphone.

The Mike and Key Radio Club in Puyallup, WA is getting all ready for their Field Day as I write this. Ivy Nelson-Groves, WA7IVY, is chairman of the committee and has everything under control. I've never been to a Mike and Key meeting but I did set up a YLRL table at their ham fair and the fair was top notch! And if Field Day is anything like the ham fair I know Ivy will have done all her homework!



*Margaret, AE7MB and Marilyn,
AF7BI*

We have everything going well for the YLRL Convention here in Vancouver August 7-9. Its going to be a success and I am excited about all you that are planning on coming. We even have some DXYLs coming. Be sure and plan to attend if you're able.

You can find all the info you need in Harmonics or go on the YLRL website. There's lots of information for you there too.

The West Seattle Amateur Radio Club just finished an Extra License class. It's interesting how hard it is to find an Extra License class. They just don't have them much so to find this one was interesting. Clark County (Washington) Amateur Radio Club is also doing one also. It will be in Sept.

I sure hope you all are attending the Field Day close to you. IFs such an important community event that shows people what amateur radio is all about. My OM, KF7BHM, will be on the radio this year. And I made a commitment with one of the members of our club to be ready to do CW on the radio for Field Day 2015! It's a year away, but that's okay, it'll take that long for me to get CW down. There will be a YLRL table at our Field Day site also.

I hope your summer is eventful and fun! And that you can come to the convention!!
33, Marilyn, AF7BI

District 8

Hey all.

This is Nancy, KC4IYD and I want to let everyone know that my 15 1/2 year old daughter Carol
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passed her ham exam last week. Her new call is KD8ZEH. The OM and I are real excited now that we are an all ham family.

Annette, KC8SQM; Dawn, KC8SQN; my daughter, Carol, KD8ZEH; and I will be at the YLRL Convention in Washington state next month so hope to see some of you there.

Carolyn Donner, N8ST, wrote about Carol getting her license. What good news. Please tell Carol "CONGRATULATIONS" from me. I've been waiting for this ever since I first met her and she was a little child at the Dayton Hamvention at the YLRL table with you and others. I remember she was wearing a t-shirt that said something like "future Amateur Radio operator".

Bev Russel KA8HQN wrote: "Congratulations to your daughter. Received my general last year at Dayton. Became a Novice (no longer a license) in 1979. Husband is an Extra-Mike Russell, I<Q8N. He and his best friend, Terry, N8LN, teach using Gordon West techniques and books, free of charge, to any one interested. They have had a few younger students which is nice to see them getting involved.

Unfortunately I do not talk on radio. My primary interest is CW but I have forgotten much of it over 30+ years. Have purchased program and a new key so hopefully soon. Work way to many hours as a Physician Assistant in a very busy hospital. I am studying to renew my national boards. When winter comes I hope to fit in a few hours each week to re-learn my code, do I can participate that way.

I have three daughters and they are not interested in radio. We do have a son-in-law who is a computer engineer and he will be taking my husband's Tech class starting Monday. Dad already bought him a radio so he better do well. Waiting for more time to be able to become more involved."

Verline Ferris, I<I8V wrote: "Congratulations, to Carol on her License. I am happy for your ham family, Nancy. Bet she still loves her cell phone! However, it is not every day one gets to talk and learn about other places around the World like Pitcairn and talk to the Bounty Mutineers family. I remember an old VHS tape I got about Pitcairn Island and how they celebrate Christmas and operate ham radio there. Then I became more interested to learn some of the Bounty were also on Norfolk Island as well."

Connie Hamilton, N8IO wrote Field day was spent driving 464 miles to visit 5 FD sites beginning with Portsmouth, Athens, Coshocton, Cambridge and ending with Zanesville. "I was very pleased with my welcome at all sites.

"Unfortunately, upon arriving at home, I had not turned the porch light, thus I stubbed my foot on broken cement, took a dive forward and landed on my nose. I managed to call for help verbally as my Bluetooth flew off my ear while still on, so was of no use. I was transported to the hospital, given a CT scan and was told I had a broken nose. Finally made it home at 3am!

I'm planning on going to the Section Conference/Aladdin Shrine/Columbus Hamfest on October 2. Hurry back home for a picnic honoring the widows of the local Mason Lodge members, my first one. Then I'm going to try to get to the following Hamfests: The Findlay Hamfest is September 7 and the Massillon Hamfest on November 2."

33, Nancy, KC4IYD

V strict 9

Happy summer!! It took so long to get here we didn't think it would arrive and not it's half over already. Oh well, enjoy it while we can.

We were able to get to the Dayton Hamvention this year and I was so happy to get there as we weren't able to attend the last two years because of my health. I was so glad to be able to visit with all my friends, old and new. It's always a pleasure to see Cheryl, N0WBV; Nancy, KC8IYD; Kay, WA0-WOF; Nancy, N1NCY; Susie, N8CGM; and many others.

I had the pleasure of meeting a new 9-land YL, Ann Ciesiolka, KD9ATA, from South Bend, IN. She was licensed about a month at the time of Ham vention. Welcome to our world, Ann!!

I always run into many YLs from Fort Wayne, and you would think we hadn't see each other in a year or more and it was probably a week before!! Most of them are Fox Hunters and on the Fort Wayne Radio Club YL net every Wednesday.

Speaking of Fox Hunting, our team actually won a hunt a couple of months ago and we were the foxes the following month.

Our grandson, Sean, KD8OAV, is getting married August 9. It is so hard to believe that he is old enough and adult enough to get married. His fiance, Jen, is a beautiful, wonderful girl and we are so happy to be having her for a granddaughter. A future article will have wedding details.

I am sorry this isn't very long, but as usual, I have been given no news to write about. Everyone stay well; enjoy the summer while it's here. Stay safe.

33, Carole, WB9RUS

VUtrOctlO

Greetings from District 10!

No joy on participating in Field Day this year, thanks to a technical glitch. Ah, well, noting and correcting those glitches are part of what Field Day is about. In the past, we have set up a station at a rest stop for the MS 150, and made contacts during lulls in the need for rest stop communications. We get extra points that way, with off-the-grid power (we now use a solar panel to keep the marine battery topped off) and a public place with lots of visitors. Next year, if things come together.

Our other major biking event went off very smoothly this year. In excess of 2000 riders sign up for the Courage Classic, which supports Children's Hospital in Colorado. The weather was perfect, no higher than the 70s there in the mountains (upper 90's down below on the plains), only a few drops of rain during the day but enough in the evening to keep everything green, little thunder, and enough cloud cover to keep things comfortable and just enough routine activity to make it relaxing, not boring.

If you want to hone your basic skills, that is the way to go; we had three new hams this year, one YL so new she got her call sign a week before the event, and plenty of mentors. By the end of the weekend she was communicating like a pro, and sounded very confident. We also use APRS as well as voice, so there is opportunity to check out any new equipment or programs under real world conditions. And with most events, just think: hours away from the dishes, broom, and telephone.

The next event is the Convention. We (my OM and I) plan to make about a 10-day trip out of it and drive, playing tourist along the way, both going and coming. I drove around the Olympic Peninsula once as a teenager (actually, my father drove) and I remember it as interesting, but we didn't have time to stop and look around. We will also go by the Grand Coulee Dam, famed in song, and spend a little time in Yellowstone Park. It was a place we went to camp every few years when the kids were small, but not recently. The Convention itself is a great time to see people and get together, and it sounds like special fun this year. I know the group there has been working hard—thank you to them.

Cheryl, N0WBV wrote in: "I had a great time at Field Day this year. We worked out of a Volunteer Fire Station, so had shade, but still had to create our own electricity and do everything else. Believe me, the shade made a BIG difference. Plus we were protected from the few brief thunderstorms. Yikes, I hate to see lightning when doing radio events. HI HI

I have been working hard getting out Publicity requests for members for YLRL information. Let me know if you need Membership Applications, Brochures and/or back issues of *YL Harmonics*.

I will be at the Convention in Washington state in August. Can't wait to help celebrate 75 years! What a milestone. Thanks to all the hardworking members who have made this Anniversary possible. We appreciate the volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers and the Convention—special Kudos to Barbara, AC7HUC; Marilyn, AF7BI; and Margaret, AE7MB for all their hard work. They have been a pleasure to work with for Convention needs.

Also Marte, KOEPE has done an absolutely AMAZING job with the Scholarship Drive. The Drive is only conducted around the conventions and helps supplement the funds in our Scholarship account. Remember we give out two \$1500.00 Scholarships EACH year!

Thanks to our members we have raised enough to give out two full scholarships without touching principle in the account. Great job everyone! Don't forget you will still be able to buy tickets at the

Convention as well (or simply make a donation to the Scholarship), so let's raise the roof in honor of our Anniversary!"

Still working on my 2014 Friendship Award and am just over halfway there. I haven't been on the radio as much as I like as we take things down to mow the yard and repair antennas over the summer. Not to mention the major thunder and lightning storms we can get in Colorado. Summer also means a busy racing season, especially if chasing the points!"

33 & 73, Cheryl, N0WBV

I do really need your news. What are you up to? What are you interested in? E-mail me at kbOnas@arri.net.

33, Doshia, KB0NAS

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Convention is coming closer and closer. The planning is coming along just fine too. We have a good group ready to show up and take over the Heathman Lodge on August 7-9 in Vancouver, WA. Have you registered yet? There's still time but July 18, the closing date, is coming soon. Go to the YLRL website for more information or check through this Harmonics. We're going to have fun!

All is well here in the Pacific NW. But with all the rain we've been having I haven't been able to get outside for a while. I really need to pull weeds and it should be easy with the ground so wet. But if there's a dry few minutes by the time I am ready to get outside the rain starts up again. So I'll do indoor projects instead.

We were at SeaPac this year and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We were there from Thurs through Sun. I spend some of my time at the YLRL table. This year I met some new YLs, which I always enjoy. At the YLRL Luncheon we had over 40 women! Kay Cragie, N3KN—President of ARRL, spoke and had some good things to say to all of us.

There were also two drawing this year. One was for the YLRL membership, Kristi Fineberg, KC8AKN. Congratulations Kristi! Then for the 100 year anniversary of ARRL YLRL had a drawing for a Heil microphone (a pink one too!) and I won it! I am quite happy about that.

I found a website for two clubs out of Nome, AK. If you go into XAlaska.com you'll find the websites for both clubs. There is really good information about that side of Alaska and how involved the hams are. The clubs are SPARC and RAM. All the information you need is listed to get on the air with them. I think I'm going to try and see what I can do. The more I surf the web about Alaska the more interested I am in this northernmost state. I would love to make contact with some YLs there.

I hope to meet some of you at convention this year. And I hope your summer is fruitful and fun!!
33, Marilyn, AF7BI

Youth CoUwwV

Open Position

If you are a YL Youth who loves to write about what Youth YLs are doing in Ham Radio...We need you! The Youth Column position is currently open. Even if you aren't interested in a full time position, please consider sending in news of what you are doing straight to the Editor!

Regretfully, I will be resigning from my position as youth editor in lieu of my imminent eighteenth birthday and high school graduation. In the fall, I will be attending Hardin-Simmons University to pursue a business degree in accounting, but intend to continue my amateur radio hobby. If you are interested in the position of youth editor, please e-mail me at caroline.stanley@sbcglobal.net.

VE Newy

It is June, as I write this, and the weather on Vancouver Island has really improved. No more winter wet or soggy SE winds. We now have sun that has some warmth in it. The garden is blooming and herbs and annual plants are all potted on the porch. Sarla's, VU2SWS, daughter, Radhika, was married

in Mumbai in early June. Photos of the festivities are slowly filtering in and I am so excited about seeing them. Everyone looks so happy and colour, colour, colour !!

I can hardly wait to get a first hand account when Sarla and I share accommodations at the YLRL Convention this coming August. I have registered for the Convention and after a little confusion with booking the hotel (totally on my part!!) all was sorted, corrected and settled by Barbara, AC7UH. Thank you, Barbara, and thank goodness for people like you who know what they are doing !!

I am looking forward to renewing friendships with all YLRL YLs and taking in the tours et al. I know it will be another fun-filled and lively gathering. I attended another fun-filled and lively gathering when my grandson, Liam, graduated from High School. He will soon be on his way to Southern Utah University on a full sports scholarship. Liam is a talented runner. He is enrolled in the Sciences at SUU and hoping to spend his future as a physiotherapist or in Sports Medicine. Track is his priority, at the moment.

Radio activities slow down during the warmer weather so I have little activity to report. I try to remember Nets and always enjoy regular skeds with friends either on HF, EchoLink or Skype. I hope you all have a happy and safe summer. 33 Suzanne, VE7IM

Merle, VE1VCI, writes: Since my hospital stay for the whole month of December 2013 I have been very healthy, quite scary because I was used to trips by ambulance every few weeks. But since the medical team removed 8 stones from my bile duct that could be the reason.

My comforter and lap top count has now reached one hundred and eighty (180) I feel very blessed to be able to help the sick and needy when I am this age.

My 21st Great Grandchild is to arrive about May 15th. That will make it 11 boys and 10 girls!!

I enjoyed a wonderful morning at our new Community Hall with the St Francis Xavier University Rowing Club. It was their graduation brunch. I made the rolls for the meal so they invited me to the brunch. What a wonderful group of young folks. The Community of Lochaber, where I live, will be hosting a big Rowing Regatta in July with teams from Mexico, USA and Canada.

I am very discouraged with the horrific band noise when I try to call in on any of the YL Nets. Wishing everyone a healthy summer... 33 Merle, VE1VCI

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: I've been pretty busy lately with cataract surgery and getting ready for our trip in June, on the Alaskan cruise. (50th Anniversary)

The eye surgery went very well and I can read now without glasses in one eye, the other eye is just starting a cataract so it'll be at least next year before I have to have that one removed. Spring has finally arrived and the weather has been beautiful, we could use a little rain but the ground is still moist from all the snow we have over the winter. Our square dance/ camping season has started and it's nice to get out camping again. We have a lot of camping / dancing/ and conventions this summer which will keep us busy.

Haven't done much radio work but we'll take part in Field Day with our club. I received my YLRL 2014 Favorite Hobby certificate, and it sure looks nice hanging with all the previous ones. These certificates have been fun and have gotten me back on the air. Keep it up gals!! Take care and enjoy the summer, it'll be Winter before we know it. 33, Heather VE3HQH

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: She won't be going to the YLRL convention in August after all, but is delighted that Suzanne, VE7IM and Sarla, VU2SWS are going. They promise to take lots of photos and write an article for the Clarion. Ann is sorry to miss everyone and will be thinking of them.

Recently, Ann was delighted to contact Suzanne and Sarla via SKYPE, to hear all the details of Sarla's daughter, Radhika's June wedding. Radhika is having a traditional Indian wedding. Sarla told us all about it and showed us the amazing saris and jewelry to be worn at the big event. Sarla explains things so well, that it was almost like being a part of the preparations. "

Ann says, if you can't be on the air, try EchoLink or SKYPE to keep in touch with your ham friends. Ann hopes everyone has a great summer and a wonderful time at the convention.

33, AnnVE3HAI

Helen, VA1YL, writes: We have lots of traveling to do this year to make up for all that time wasted waiting for Fred's hip replacement. We started off by going to the Netherlands in late April to visit our

daughter Anne, VE2ZOO. We had a fantastic trip and gave Fred's new hip a pretty drastic workout, walking & bicycling for kilometers!

Next trip is to Montreal for Anne's graduation with her PhD in Astrophysics. Then in July we are off to Newfoundland for a ham radio adventure. We just get back from Newfoundland in time to pack up for our IOTA trip to Bon Portage Island IOTA NA-126. Then in September we are off to the UK for a hiking holiday - another workout for the new hip! 33 Helen, VA1YL

From Vai, VE5AQ: Well, here we are finally June 1st. Now as I sit here and ponder, it has been raining since 4:00 pm on Saturday lots and lots of rain. I do think it has stopped for the moment, which is good, because my older Schnauzer really does not like to go outside when it is raining.

I have finally weeded all my gardens, planted my tomatoes, potatoes and beets. My flowers are all in their pots and blooming nicely. My neighbor and I share yard duty during the summer. She looks after mine while we are away and I look after hers when she and hubby go away. Works great

By the time you read this, we will already be back home, and will have been eating some of those luscious tomatoes, and dug up a few hills of potatoes.. .there goes the waist line again, as there is nothing better than new potatoes, smothered in cream sauce and green onions. I can hardly wait.

Ed. Note: Sounds delicious, Vai. You are making me hungry!

Now for other news, well to be honest, not much is going on here in Saskatchewan. I am the chair of the Saskatchewan Hamfest 2014, and at the moment I am waiting for some of my donation letters to bear fruit. Things are slow coming in, and I don't know if that is a sign of the times, or if the companies are waiting to send closer to the date.

The hamfest takes place July 5th at our Western Development Museum. Our museum is 1 of 4 Western Development Museums in the province. Ours is on the History of Transportation, so there is a lot of wonderful old cars, old trains, old planes etc.

Our Wireless Room is the home of all our old WWI, WWII equipment, with some of the radios being the lovely old radios that our grandparents had in their homes, radios that were actually in the World Wars, test equipment, and also of course ham radio equipment. Both myself and my OM, Harv are volunteers at the museum along with the rest of the MJ Pioneer Seniors ARC.

We just finished Learning Days on May 28th, where students come from across the province to visit. Of course all I did was talk, talk, talk, talk. I hardly had a voice the next day. But we do enjoy telling the young people about our radio history.

I guess our next big thing will be the Terry Fox Run in September, where I am affectionately known as Adidas Mobile VE5ACJ. Oh yes girls, I have 3 call signs-VE5AQ which I use for all you wonderful gals in the United States, and on the YLRL website, VE5ACJ which I use on the Canadian side of the border, and VE5PSC which is our Senior ARC club call sign. A lady of many hats.

Ok, I think that just about covers everything, and hopefully I will get some good pictures at the hamfest which I can submit to the YL Harmonic next time.

One last thing, I hope that all who are going to the 75th Anniversary YLRL Convention have an absolutely marvelous time, hope the weather is great, and not too hot not too cool. Please remember to take lots of pictures and send them to me. I will explain that on the Webmasters column

Prayers to all, those that need them, those that want them, and those that can use them but don't want to ask.

33

Vai, VE5AQ

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Dear YLs friends.

Summer is here and with lightning and thunder, not very good condition to work radio. We still meet on DX-YL net every Monday 14,289 or 21,400 at 15:00Z and I am so happy to hear Merle, VE1VCI; Linda, VE1Q; Christine, GM4YMM; Ann-Marie, SA6YLQ; Christa, DJ1TE; Sigrid, DL3LG; and Roberta, W1JX joined in, as her antenna is up again. Anne, WB1ARU; Kay, WA0WOF, and many more and I are waiting for you to check in whenever you can.

I did hear an YL in Saudi Arabia, Laila, HZ1HZ in Jeddah and she got her license December 2013 and got her father's call sign who is SK. I didn't work her, had a pileup, I will look for her and you might too we need young ladies to join us.

I welcome 2 DX-YL to YLRL.

Gudrun, TF3GD, in Iceland and Yukiko, 7K4TKB, in Japan.

Yukiko is a new ham and is active on 15m SSB, DX contests and are in training for CW She wrote I am excited to become a part in your club and congratulate you to your 75th anniversary and wish you success in YLRL convention.

The International YL meeting in Iceland I didn't attend, Anne-Marie, SA6YLQ did and wrote this report:

Christa, DJ1TE wrote that they had a two-meter get together in Ettlingen, Germany and sent picture of the YL group there.



Christa, DJ1TE; Anita, DK1HH; Eva, DL8ZBE; Annie, DH2IAH; Ilse, DL5FM; Sigrid, DL3LG; Hilde, DL5UF; Isolde, DF4ZX.

I will be at YLRL convention 75th anniversary in Vancouver, WA hoping to meet you all and talk radio and DXing.

I need DX-YL sponsors as I have DX-YLs asking to join but difficulty to pay with sending cash via mail. As we are getting older we are losing members who sponsor.

To sponsor you get so much back of friendship with your adoptee and even if no contact on radio we use e-mail or letters. Membership for DX adoptee is \$25.00 a year paid in January.

Do send me news through the year I love to hear from you all and have a happy, healthy time.

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

Website Report fro-wu Webina^ter VaV, VE5A (Q

Ok, said I would tell you why I want everyone going to the YLRL Convention to take pictures. Well I want them for the website. It is always nice to see the things you saw while you were at convention, and some of us had to stay home. This way we can feel like we were a part of it. I also want you to write about your adventures while at the convention, and I can put those stories as well on the site.

To the gals that went to Iceland for that convention, I would really like to see some photos and have some stories about that too.

I hope that everyone has been keeping track of the Scholarship Drive Thermometer which is on the website. Marte, K0EPE keeps me informed of how much money we have raised and I have kept it going up and up. Thank you all for your generous donations to this fund. It is great to see.

If you want something different on the website, please don't be shy, just send it on to me and I will put it on. There are a few pictures of our new Officers that are missing. Please make sure you send the pictures to Cheryl N0WBV for inclusion of the Harmonics and to me for the website

Also any pictures that you do send to me, please do not re-size, I will do that on my end which is easier than trying to make small larger. *Ed. Note: SAME FOR EDITOR! Leave them color and original size please so we can do more with the photos!*

On behalf of Yvonne, ZR6TBL; Marianne, ZS6ANA; and myself please have a wonderful summer, stay healthy, and stay in touch.

33 Vai VE5AQ

" See you on Iceland!"

By Ann-Marie, SA6YLQ

Those words have remained in my mind since our meeting in Denmark, and this spring they became a reality.

The International YL meeting in Iceland was just a dream. It was held in Reykjavik from 9th to 12th/ 15th of May 2014.

Anna, TF3VB and Vala, TF3VD were the organizers. Anna started with "Did you notice the earthquake last night? (4,3 on the Richter scale). She wished us welcome, 18 YL and 11 OM, and hoped we would have a good time together.



9th May. That first day we had a sightseeing-tour in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland. We saw Hofdi, the simple white house where M. Gorbatsjov and R. Reagan, the presidents, brought the cold war to an end.

We also went to Harpa, a Concert hall with walls made of glass. In the " Museum of design and applied art "we looked at Vigdis Finnbogadottir's beautiful dresses. She was tire former President of Iceland.

We visited IRA - Icelandic

Radio Amateur club in the evening.

10th May. This day the YL had workshop for fun and to make us acquainted. OM were with IRA again .

11th May. We were free in the Sunday morning so we could have a bath in Laugardalur. The temperature in the air was +4° C. and in the swimming pool about + 30° C. In the water pots it was even warmer. It used geothermic warmth to heat up the water.

At a conference at Engjateigur we heard about rescue from police, ambulance, fire brigade and coastguard. They all used modern technologi such as radio, GPS and computers.

In the evening we had a Gala dinner at Grand Hotel. A youth orchestra played for us. The food was delicious.

12th May. This was the last day of the conference. The weather was clear and windy. At 12 we visited 112:s headquarters. We saw their radio central and the communal antennas.

We had the honor of meeting the President of Iceland, Olafur Grimsson and shaking hands with him. We got a glass of champagne and biscuits. When he had left us we saw his library and some other rooms in Bessastadir, the residence.



Later that day we visited the Rescue team and the Communication team of the International rescue team. A visit to Olafur TF3ML ended the day.

13th May. We left Reykjavik by bus to the south of Iceland. The nature was so different with ice, black lava and steam. Earthquakes and volcano eruptions had changed the land.

With President Grimsson.



Some of the Dresses designed by the former President of Iceland.



In Hvergerdi there was an exhibition of the earthquake in May 2008 (+6 Richter). We could experience it in a simulator.

We remember Eyjafjallajökull 2010, when the airplanes couldn't start because of the ashes. We saw a movie from that occurrence, with fire, black ashes and lava. It's unbelievable that life can go on there after such a disaster.

Hekla is the biggest volcano in Iceland and we saw it at a long distance.

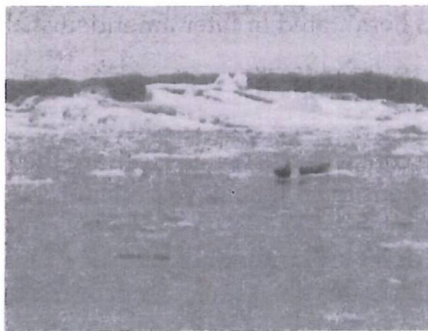
The waterfalls in Skogafoss were splendid. The water fell 60 m. We took a lot of photos.

14th May We were ordered to put on warm clothes. This days adventure was a glacial lagoon boat tour in Jökulsárlón. Vatnajökul, the biggest glacier in Europe, has retreated and this lagoon had arisen.

The amphibian passed among the blue icebergs, and we could take photos of the seals. We felt it was like an Icelandic saga.



One of the spectacular waterfalls.



Icefloes with Seals

On the way back to the hotel we passed through large areas with lava that was completely black.



The black lava area.

15th May The pilots on Icelandic air had threatened a strike following day. In this morning we didn't know the result. Now we had to return, and we could see the Atlantic ocean. We had the Vestmannaeyar in sight and further south was Surtsey, the youngest island.

We also saw Gunnuhver hot spring. The gas smells of sulfur. It is very hot and you can't walk on the ground.

In the neighbourhood we walked on the bridge, built between the two tectonic plates that divide Iceland, the Eurasian plate and the North American plate. The bridge was built as a symbol for the connection between Europe and North America.

We came to Reykjanes, the first lighthouse in Iceland, the end of the peninsula and the end of our Icelandic adventure.

Keflavik, the airport, was just near and luckily the strike was cancelled.

We had to say goodbye and THANKS to ANNA and VALA.



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de Carolyn Donner, N8ST



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This year's annual award is off to a good start. Keep making those contacts everyone. Here are the awards that have been given out for the first half of 2014. Congratulations to all who have finished awards.

I hope to see a lot more names on this list by the end of the year. I don't know about you but it's too hot and humid here in southern Ohio to do anything outside other than water the plants. So, let's make contacts.

2014 Favorite Hobby Award

1	Suzanne Snape	VE7IM	5/21/2014	Canada
2	Rose-Marie Battig	KB4RM	5/21/2014	VA
3	Shirley Tregellas	VK5YL	5/21/2014	Australia
4	Heather Holmes	VE3HQH	5/21/2014	Canada

WAC-YL

1523	Rug Helm, DJ3XG	CW	5/21/2014	Germany
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That's it for this time.
 33, Carolyn N8ST
 Certificate Manager

ED. Note: Make sure if you are sending in electronically, that you have Carolyn's updated information. It is listed both under her Officer information and Changes and Corrections in this issue.

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.

Look for all the YLs with milestones as we mark 75 years of the Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc.! Next issue is a milestone in itself as we approach the Convention in Vancouver, WA to celebrate our Anniversary.

Continuous membership means continuous dues paid. When there is a lapse in dues, your membership starts over. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

I apologize for tire delay in acknowledging continuous members for this year. An unexpected illness has really knocked me down for a few months but I promise to get the certificates and stickers out as soon as possible. It is refreshing to have so many achieve the various milestones but on the other hand it is depressing to note girls who join for one or two years then we hear no more.

I certainly would love to send out more acknowledgements.

See you at the convention!

Lois, WB3EFQ

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Changes and corrections

From Certificate/Award Manager, Carolyn, N8ST:

"Due to the enormous amount of spam I have been getting on my personal E-mails, I have decided to change them.

My old e-mail was ... n8st@n8st.net (I will continue to check this one from time to time for a week or so, but please don't use it.)

My NEW e-mail is ... space@73n8st.org (You can start using this immediately. Please put it in your e-mail address books.)"

Thank you.

Carolyn, N8ST

And it looks as if our 4th District Chairwoman Mary, WX4MM, is in the same boat:

"I am in the process of shutting down my personal mail server and going over to Gmail account.

Please change my email address to mary947.mm@gmail.com

In your address books and group contacts.

I will continue to receive mail at both addresses for couple months to hopefully assure that I don't miss anyone.

Thank you."

Mary Moore, WX4MM District 4 Chairwoman

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