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## It's Almost Time! Hamvention® 2014

*Don't forget to check out the YLRL Booth in the North Hall-NH234. The forum has a new time this year (we hope to get our old time back next year), so join us on Friday at 9:15 in Room 5!*



*Look at that thermometer rise! How high can we go to support the Scholarship?*

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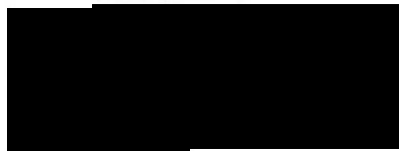
**President's Info**  
**De Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS**



*The tallies are almost in to the Secretary.  
Have you sent you ballot in yet? Deadline is  
April 15th. Check the next issue to see the new  
officers for the 2014-2015 election term.*



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



As my tenure as vice-president comes to a close I would like to thank everyone for their support. I wish I could have done more to increase participation in our contests but then again not everyone is into contesting. That's the beauty of our hobby there is something for everyone. I will not be at Dayton this year as I have another commitment that same weekend. I am however looking forward to our convention in August. I can't wait to see everyone there.

Thank-you again.  
33, Linda KC8PKY

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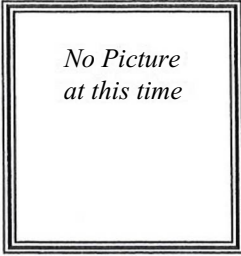
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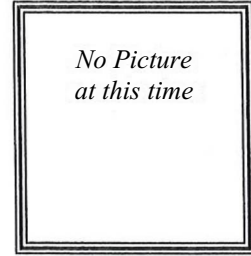
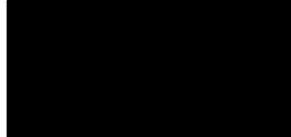
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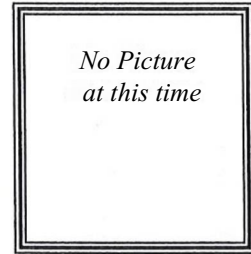
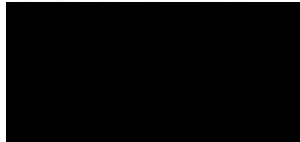
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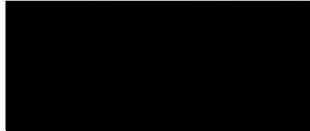


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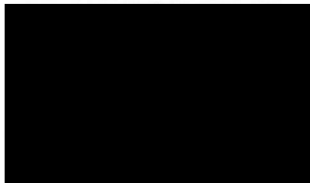
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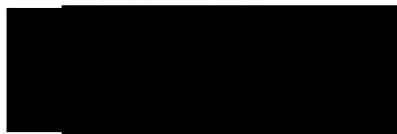
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& VE Carol Laferty, K4SAF



Did you know that the Young Ladies' Radio League can be found in the book *Ham Radio for Dummies*? There is a paragraph spanning pages 39 and 40. If you see author. Ward Silver, N0AX, make sure you thank him for the inclusion!



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

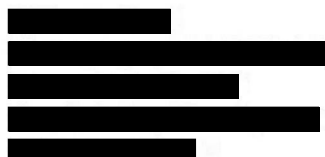


### New Members for March/April 2014

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 2

##### **KD2CYL Adele Portanova**

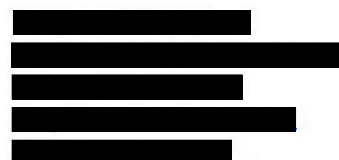


Adele is an executive assistant and holds a Technician license. She is a member of GSBARC in Babylon. She assists OM Peter, W2JV with AMSAT presentations and satellite contacts.

Sandra holds a General license and is active as a member of AARA in Lafayette. She is a seamstress. Her OM is Larry, KE5KJD .

#### DISTRICT 7

##### **AA6MR Linda Ford**



Linda holds an Extra license and is retired. She is active on all bands and a member of Clark Co ARC. Her OM is Clay, KF6SNF.

#### DISTRICT 4

##### **KK4FLA Nathalie Batiste**



Nathalie holds a Technician license and is a nurse. She learned about YLRL while surfing the web. She has traveled to many countries and is currently studying for her General.

##### **AF7CJ Kathy Walker**



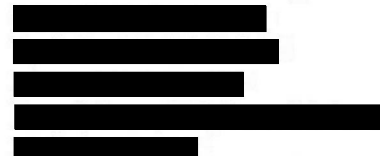
Kathy holds an Extra license and is active on 2m and 440. She is a member of Clark Co ARC, Cascade ARC and ARES/RACES. She also enjoys gardening, crafts and her church. Her OM is Michael, W7MLW.

##### **N4PEG Peggy Lang**



Peggy is retired and holds an Extra license. She is active on all bands and enjoys contests like CQWW and ARRL DX. Her OM is Richard, N4ESS. She previously held the call KK4KYL.

##### **KC7LOK Laura Seitlinger**



Laura holds a General license. She works in sales for Hip Ham Shirts ([HipHamShirts.com](http://HipHamShirts.com)) and is also a designer for the company. Her son is Greg, KD7RWK.

#### DISTRICT 5

##### **KE5KFJ Sandra M. LeBlanc**



#### DISTRICT 8

##### **KD8QGA Jill Coombs**



[REDACTED]

Jill is a domestic diva who holds a Technician license. In 1984 she was licensed as KA8ULQ, and received her current call in 2011. She is member of Deforest ARC. She learned about YLRL at Dayton in 2013.

**VE - CANADA**

**VA1YL Helen Archibald**

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Helen is an active ham on 20 and 40m who holds a Canadian Advanced license. She has been on DXpeditions with these calls: CY9CWT, VE2CWI, VC1D and VC1. She enjoys contests like IOTA, RAC Winter and Summer, and Field Day. She is a member of CLARA, Halifax ARC and KCARC. She also quilts and gardens. Family members include her OM Fred, VE1FA; Margaret, VE2ZOO; and Andrew, VE2WHO.

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.

The YLRL will again have a booth at the Dayton Hamvention®. Located in the North Hall, the number is **NH 234**, which should be the same location as the past few years near the cafeteria. Please stop by if you are going to be there.

This year's YL forum had a time change, so please make sure you note the YL Forum **Friday, 9:15 AM in Room 5!**

As a result of the early time, it is also planned to have an "unofficial" forum in the Cafeteria area on Saturday Afternoon so that more YLs can be involved and ask their questions. Check the booth for more details!  
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The YLRL will have a booth at the ARRL Convention in Hartford, CT in July helping the ARRL celebrate 100 years. We are currently looking for YLs to help out at the booth answering questions and passing out YL information. If you are planning on attending and would like to volunteer or have any questions regarding the event, please contact Anne, WB1ARU ([wbla-ru@gmail.com](mailto:wbla-ru@gmail.com)) or Bobbie, W1JX ([bertdon@roadrunner.com](mailto:bertdon@roadrunner.com)). Their information is also listed under officers in the front of each *YL Harmonics* and under officers on the website.

**A ARRL**

**#100**

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## *Irv (Par TKou^hty*

Listed in QST-Jack Barber, W1PRT is a Silent Key. He is the OM of Ruth, K1IIF and they organized all the travel to Hawaii for the YLRL 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention in 1989.

Tim Lange, the OM of Nancy Kott, WZ8C has sad news to report.

My wife Nancy passed away Sunday March 2, 2014. She endured many years of medical challenges and is now resting peacefully. She is leaving an empty spot in my heart, as I'm sure it is the same for all of you. Thank you for the outpouring of sympathy that I have already received. She has touched so many people around the world.

There are no services planned at this time. She is being cremated at this time per her wishes.

*Ed. Note: Nancy was a longtime supporter of YLs as well as CW operators. She was editor for WORLDRA-DIO magazine for a number of years and was an enthusiastic supporter of the YL column there.*

*She will be greatly missed.*

Sent to Anne, WB1ARU-I regret to inform you that member Nancy Mortensen, K0JCX has become a Silent Key. Nancy passed away suddenly at work in mid January. Would you please notify the proper persons at YLRL of her passing? Nancy's address was: 474 Roger's Grove Road, Ely, IA 52227. Nancy was a strong advocate of ham radio and I know she enjoyed her short time involved with YLRL.

Yours truly,

David Mortensen KD0LYA

The son of Ellen Hardy, KC9CJA, of Normal, IL, called Carol, K4SAF to tell her me his mother passed away in August.

The brother of our Disbursing Treasurer, Marsha Fleming, N8FE passed away suddenly. Please keep her and her in your thoughts.

Please keep longtime YLRL member, Olga, DJ0MCL in your thoughts. She fell and broke her hip. She had planned to go to YLI - Iceland and was going to be Sallie, AE5OM's roommate. Here is an update from Sallie.

Hello everyone,

I just spoke with Olga on Skype. She is home from the hospital now. Her son is there to help. The hospital apparently sends someone everyday to help out too.

She indicated that there were four (4) breaks in her hip but they have been repaired. She is feeling much better. She says that the thing she will miss most is working in her garden. I know she enjoys it very much in addition to her ham license.

If I hear any more, I will let you know.

88 & 33 Sallie AE5OM

If you have never been to a Convention, you may not know about Convention "Swaps". They started during the 4th International YLRL Convention. These "Swap Souvenirs" are something made especially for the convention. Gals exchange small items or cards often with their Callsign on them. Items can range from Country or State Postcards, pencils, handmade bookmarks and much, much more. Look in the next issue for a glimpse of some of the swap items in the past. Though not required, it is much more fun than just exchanging a QSL or eyeball QSL card to remember the event.



**Certificate Custodian**  
**WAS-YL, YLCC, YL-DXCC, WAC-YL. DX-YL**  
**de Carolyn Donner, N8ST**



**Basic Rules Applicable To All YLRL Certificates**

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

*Come Celebrate 75 Years of the YLRL!*

The 2014 Convention will be a great place to work on your Friendship Award as well! There are plans for a station with a special event callsign and you can always work you fellow attendees in a Parking Lot Net.

If you arrive before Thursday evening, don't forget you chance to check in to the Thursday night YLRL Net as well.

The Early Bird registration deadline is fast approaching, so make your reservations now! The hotel has a special convention rate and all the details, including how to find a roommate can be found on the YLRL website at [www.ylrl.org](http://www.ylrl.org), so check it out for all the latest news and details.

Come celebrate the YLRL's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday with YLs from around the world!

## *Vtistrict1*

Hello again to all. By now, all the terrible winter weather is behind us and we New Englanders are glad of that. This has been a brutal winter for us with very cold temperatures and lots and lots of snow. Actually, the weather in most places in the country was unusually difficult this year.

The ARRL Convention in Hartford, CT is just around the corner. It will take place July 18-20. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there. Please make your reservations if you haven't done so yet. It should be great fun. *Ed. Note: If you plan on attending, there will be a YLRL booth and volunteers are needed! Contact Anne, WBIARU. or Bobbie, W1JX for details.*

And, since there's no such thing as too much fun, three weeks after the ARRL Convention, we have the YLRL Convention in Vancouver, WA. We had a wonderful time at the last YLRL Convention in Quincy, MA and are looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones at this Convention.

Anne Manna, WBIARU, and her OM, Tony, have been in Colorado for a wonderful ski vacation. Anne writes, "We have been to the Ski Country ARC weekly breakfast twice so far and will join them a couple more times. We have skied with some of the members and talk on 2 meters with them regularly. It's a really active club with many newly licensed hams, including several YLs.

Tony and I are looking forward to traveling to Iceland in May for the International YL Meet in Reykjavik and then spending a few days in East Greenland. It seems we are vacationing in all cold or cool places this year as we will also be attending the YLRL 75th Anniversary Convention in Washington and taking the cruise to Alaska afterward. We will be missing Dayton this year, but will be going to the ARRL 100th Anniversary Convention."

It sounds like Anne and Tony are having a wonderful time and have plans to have a great year.

My OM, Tom, and I are looking forward to seeing them and others at the ARRL and YLRL Conventions this year.

33 to all,

Bobbie, W1JX!

## *Vstrict 2*

I don't think we'll make Dayton, we'll probably go to WRTC and the ARRL 100th Anniversary which is right here in our backyard.

We're still repairing our house and property from the damage from Superstorm Sandy. We had more than 4 ft. of water in our house and 5 ft. plus in our garage. It was a mess and we had to tear down the walls and ceilings and rebuild the entire first floor. Coming up this summer we're hoping to raise the house up about 7 ft. to prevent damage from future storms. That'll bring the house about the same height as our antenna! Should be interesting.

Also, I was looking forward to being the WIAW/2 station Thursday and Friday, but our antenna boom on our Force 12 on the tower snapped as we were raising the tower. Probably from the sub-freezing temps we've been having. Luckily no one got hurt and it didn't damage the house and we were able to disconnect it and drag it over to the side of the garage till the spring when we can work on it. George went to a friend's house to operate but I wasn't feeling well and decided to give up my spot.

Don't forget to send in District 2 news and photos!

## *'District 3 Open Position*

Don't blame me. ...it was the rodent!!! This winter has been brutal and as I write this in the middle of February there is another no school day due to ice conditions. I haven't had news from any of the District 3 YLs so I will PLEAD again for you to send in your news for the column. In lieu of other info I will tell you all about a project I am involved with.

Several years ago a neighbor showed me a weighted pad she was making for use with autistic children. She was using pennies for the weight. I took the concept and redesigned one using poly pellets and a different means of construction. Note: I have an autistic grandson so he was my guinea pig. When I saw the effect the 2 pounds of weight had in controlling his over activity I was amazed.

I took the idea to my church social ministry group and we began to make them and we donated them to the local Easter Seals and Early childhood intervention programs. Since that time I have worked with several other sewing groups to make them and we have made and given away about 150 pads. We do not charge for them but ask for a donation if possible. We have kept the program alive with these donations.

If any of you might be interested in doing this just contact me by e-mail and I can send you information or talk to you on phone.

Once again, don't forget the convention in August. I have all my reservations including airfare so ready to go.

You never know where you might find a connection! Lisa, KC3AHY found out about the YLRL in the book *Ham Radio for Dummies* where the YLRL has a small paragraph on page 39 and 40!

We are glad Lisa ready that and found the organization!

### *V strict 4*

Hello YLs:

I hope everyone is managing to stay warm in this very cold winter. We have had some cool weather down here in Florida but not like many of you up north. I received a lot of news this time so without further ado:

Young Cho, N1DBY writes: " I met my husband, Yoon, when I was working at the KARL (Korean Amateur Radio League). He was the recipient of the second individual ham radio station in Korea with a call sign, HM1 AB. We came to US and got married in Harvard, MA in 1967.

In 1970, we got ham licenses under the Goldwater bill, which allowed green card holders to receive US licenses. My call was WN4FYN (novice) and Yoon's was WB4QFX (advanced). We operated from Columbia, SC; Pittsburgh PA; Boston, MA; Ashburn, VA before retiring to Orlando, FL. My license was upgraded to Technician, and then to General and my current call is N1DBY.

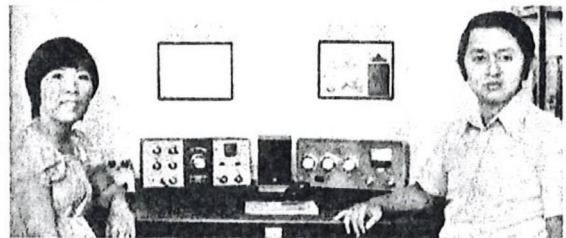
Fast forward - we have four children, who are all married, and nine grandchildren, our first daughter, Esther, her husband, Tom and their son (our first grandson), Tobias, are hams with calls, KD2EON, KD2AMD and KD2EOM respectably. Recently Tobias has been upgraded to General and we visited to help him to operate digital modes.

We are so delighted to have this wonderful hobby is passing along our loved ones.



*The Ham family today*

*Young and Yoon*



*Young, N1DBY and Yoon, WB4QFX*



Wishing fellow gals all the best, 73 & 88  
Young, N1DBY

Well, Young we are so very happy to hear your story about becoming hams and how the family shares your interests also. Thanks for sharing.

Mary Moore, WX4MM writes: I am planning on attending the YLRL Convention in Vancouver WA and hope to meet a lot of the YLs there. I have been checking into some 40 meter nets a couple of times a week but have missed the YL Thursday night net as I am usually out on Thursday nights. With all this cold and ice it would seem the perfect time to be on the air. I am in the process of cleaning out the shack and turning it into more of a home office than a communications (playroom. Staying warm anyway.

33 to all until next time.

Mary, good luck with the shack renovation and we'll make a special effort to get on the Thursday night net also!

Jonelle Nabergall, KI4WSN writes: Several of us from ARES participated in the St. Stephens (Episcopal) School Walk-A-Thon from 7:30- 9:30, February 8, 2014 at Ed Skalecki's request. (He teaches computers at St. Stephens). There would probably have been more volunteers but it conflicted with the Orlando Ham-cation.



*The Radio Walk-a-thon Hams with  
Jonelle, KI4WSN.*

The Walk-A-Thon was open to the public. On my way there, I removed my rubber-duck antenna and put a 2-meter whip antenna on my HT. Our job, as radio operators, was to radio in from our assigned checkpoints when the first and last walkers passed the checkpoint. First of all, my whip antenna didn't work so Ed substituted his rubber-duck and that worked fine. My assigned partner (the one on the far left in the photo) and I were assigned to the turn-around point 2 1/2 miles out. The first runner was easy to identify. The last walker had previously been identified via radio, so we could know her by the race number pinned to her shirt.

After the race, we all went back to the school for a complimentary pancake breakfast. They had pancakes, sausage patties, mini-muffins, OJ, coffee, hot cocoa and fruit yoghurt

(with fresh strawberries and blueberries). YUM!

All in all, it was a fun tiring to do and I would volunteer again.

Jonelle and I belong to the same amateur radio club in Bradenton called MARCI (Manatee Amateur Radio Club Inc.). It sounds like you enjoyed the Walk-A-Thon Jonelle, and the breakfast!

Sue Sabin, N9ZG writes: What are your earliest memories of ham radio? Strange sounds from far away? Racks of equipment glowing in the dark? For me, nothing screams ham radio like a gleaming antenna on a tower. Unfortunately many of us live in an apartment or a neighborhood with covenants and restrictions that limit our ability to erect useful antennas.

Sue did find a solution for her situation! Check out Running with Restrictions on page 27 for more.

Wow Sue, your persistence sure paid off! Great work and thanks for sharing.

I want to thank all the gals who shared their news and pictures for this issue.

73 Joan Jones, W4JMJ

## *V strict 5*

Hello to all.

Boy! Has it been cold down here in the Southern Mississippi! We had an ice storm here which is very unusual for us they closed Schools for 3 days, closed roads and businesses for our safety because we do not know how to drive on icy roads. The grandkids enjoyed being out of school just disappointed that we had ice and no snow. Maybe next time but I am beginning to hope for an early spring.

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YLRL "75TH" ANNIVERSARY  
1939-2014  
YLRL SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE



## Scholarship Information

Memorial Scholarships  
Ethel Smith, K4LMB  
Mary Lou Brown, NM7N

HELLO YLS:

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: YLRL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SEND DONATION AND END OF TICKET WITH ALL THE INFORMATION TO:

1 ST PRIZE \$300.00

2ND PRIZE 250.00

3RD PRIZE 150.00

MARTE WESSEL, K0EPE

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TICKETS ARE \$1.00 EACH AND REMEMBER YOU CAN SELL TO NON-HAMS.  
LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT MORE TICKETS.

DRAWING AUGUST 9TH, 2014 HEATHMAN LODGE, VANCOUVER, WA.  
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.

DEADLINE TO RETURN DONATION AND TICKETS: JULY 18TH, 2014

SINCERE THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP!

33,

Marte  
K0EPE

### NOTICE:

Information about applying for YLRL Scholarships can be found on the FAR website ([www.farweb.org](http://www.farweb.org)) or write to FAR Scholarship Committee, P O Box 911, Columbia, MO 21044 Deadline to apply: April 30, 2014.



A special thanks to Terry, KA0BHO, for his generous donation in memory of Melba, KA0-BAT, during the 2014 Scholarship Drive. Both Terry and Melba participated in numerous YL-OM contests and were a joy to see at the Dayton Hamvention®. Terry has always been very supportive of both Melba and the YLRL. We appreciate his kindness.

Here are two notes we wanted to share with the full membership that were received with donations.

From Shirley Volkening daughter of Raymond Wardell, W8ROX

Dear Lois,

*Thank you for the information. Providing scholarships as you all do is a very fine thing to do and you are right to be proud of YLRL for doing so. It was good that my parents could share their interest in radio. Without Morse code they would never have met.*

*My dad, Ray, W8ROS got his amateur radio license as a teenager and was finishing his first shipping season working as a radio operator on a Great Lakes freighter when the LIS entered WWII. He enlisted, went to radio school and then to England to serve as a radio operator on a B'17. Meanwhile my mother who was working as a secretary saved up her money and went to school to learn to be a civilian instructress in Morse code, which led to a job teaching code in the radio school at an air base.*

*When my dad had finished flying his combat missions he returned to the States and was assigned to keep order in a classroom at an airbase - my mother's classroom. She did not know that the soldier assigned to her classroom knew code until he sent her a message one day on an empty key. Sort of like today's young people texting I guess. That was the beginning. My dad always was involved in ham radio and also worked for some years in commercial radio. In the early sixties my mother got involved in electronics first by building a Heathkit stereo. Then sometime in the late sixties I remember accompanying her when she went in to take her tests for her amateur radio license. She and my dad were also members of the Motor City Radio Club. She helped a lot of people prepare for the Morse code test. Anyway my parents' house was always easy to spot. It was the one with the 48-foot tower in the back yard.*

*After my mother died my dad, my brother and I ordered a joint headstone for the cemetery. Between their names is carved a sailboat (their other shared interest) and below their names and dates are their call letters. It's very nice to see.*

*Thanks again for your quick response.*

*Sincerely,  
Shirley Volkening*

From one of our 2013 Scholarship winners:

*I want to thank the YLRL group again for honoring me with one of your scholarships. I have been very blessed through Ham Radio. I have also met a lot of wonderful people over the years.*

*This past year has been very exciting. I spent a semester abroad in Edinburg, Scotland. You may have noticed in my photo on your newsletter, that I had horns. My friends and I were pretending we were highland cows (or coo's) as they pronounce them) They are absolutely the cutest cows on earth.*

*I am working hard on my senior thesis and look forward to graduation in May. All the best! Thanks again!*

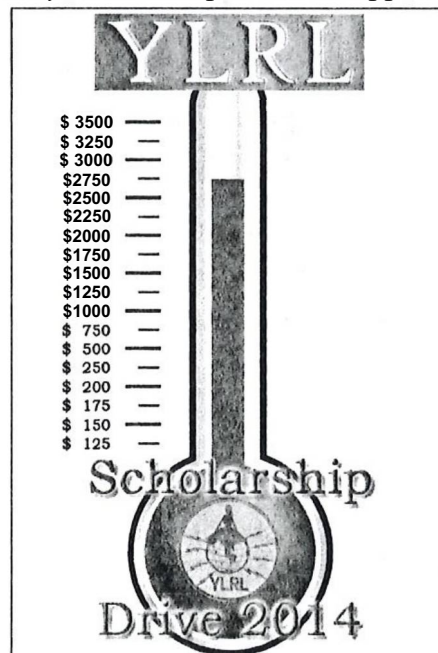
*33 Lindsey Meyer, KG6ELV*

Every 3-4 years during our Convention year, we have a special raffle/donation/memorial time where we rebuild the Scholarship fund. This drive helps us continue to give out the two \$1500.00 scholarships each year without fundraising EVERY year.

During the fundraising raffle, the donations/memorials go to the YLRL Convention Donations coordinator, Marte Wessel-KOEPE. "You should all be so proud of how you have been able to help the young YLs further their educations. I know you will continue to do so by making the 2014 drive a success."

Make your check payable to: **YLRL Scholarship Fund**

*Did you see the thermometer on the cover and on the website to see what you have helped raise for the scholarships? Remember we give out two a year for \$1500.00 each and no dues are used to fund them. How many Scholarships can we support with funds from the drive?*





## Scholarship Information De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ



The following donations were received:

**In Memory of:**

- Blanche Randles, W4GXZ
- Blanche Randles, W4GXZ
- Blanche Randles, W4GXZ
- Vera Klecowsky, WA1JYO
- Raymond Wardell, W8ROS
- Raymond Wardell, W8ROS
- Gwen Tilson, VK3DYL
- Ruthanna Pearson, WB3CQN
- Irma Weber, K6KCI
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- Irma Weber, K6KCI
- Marte, KOEPE's sister Marie
- Melba Hoss, KA0BAT

**From:**

- Lorraine Search
- her daughter Diane Kjeldsen
- WRONE (Henrietta Horvay, KA1JVN)
- WRONE (Henrietta Horvay, KA1JVN)
- Shirley (daughter) and Dale Volkening
- Jim Wardell (son) and Barbl Knorr
- Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ
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- Betty Marsh, KL7FJW
- "Jackie" Van de Kamp, W6YKU
- John, KT0F and Cheryl, N0WBV Muhr
- Terry Hoss, KA0BHO

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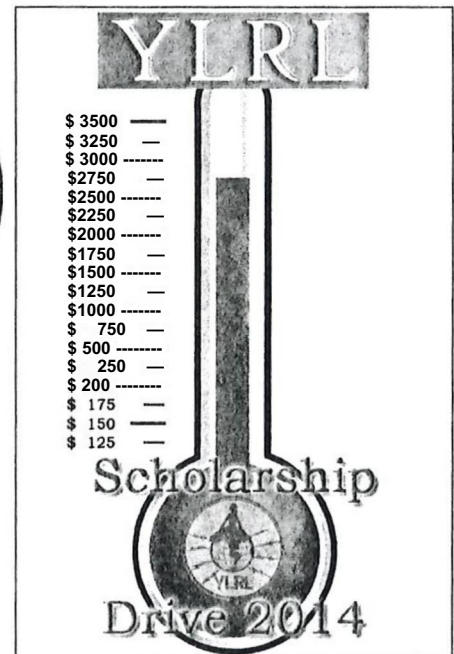
Marte, KOEPE and the Scholarship Fund

John, KT0F and Cheryl, N0WBV Muhr

Thank you for your generous gifts.



*Do you have your registration sent in for the 2014 Convention in Washington? The Raffle winners will be drawn there. Make your hotel registrations before the July deadline to get the Convention Room Rate. Check the Website for more details and we hope to see YOU there!*





# 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 for their dedication and support of YLRL for many years. Certificates were sent to the following:

50 years **Jane Jones K3ZDN #54**

### Stickers

<b>35 Years</b>	3/1	Elizabeth Anderson VE7YL	3/1	Aola Johnson ZL1ALE
	3/1	Beryl Pederson KA9BAC	3/1	Carol Noack KK5L
	3/1	Sue Simpson N8AJU	3/1	Joanne Solak KJ8O
<b>30 Years</b>	3/1	Dorothy Beam K4PPS	3/1	Mary Moore WX4MM
	3/1	Mary Emert KA5EWJ	3/1	Mary Ketzler WO9R
	3/1	Thelma Gray N7GBX	3/1	Margaret Schwerin VK4AOE
	3/1	Jean Lucas N1HMG	3/1	Angelika Roberts G0CCI
<b>25 years</b>	3/1	Irma Fetz N4NPX	3/1	Judy Jaksa W0JJ
	3/1	Twila Greenheck N0JPH	3/1	Jane Miller N6QWF
	3/1	Kiyo Inoue JL1XWR	3/1	Sitsa Tigaraki SV3AGQ
<b>20 years</b>	3/1	Ruth Bartholomew N0KDB	3/1	Ann Beadel WA5GLM
	3/1	Rose-Marie Battig KB4RM	3/1	Cheryl Muhr N0WBV
	3/1	Barb Bender KA3VXR	3/1	Machiko Sasaki JR3MNA
	3/1	Patricia Hensley N4ROS	3/1	Genevieve Topping KC7BSV
<b>15 years</b>	3/1	Bev Hebiton VK6ADE	3/1	Magda Van Wyk ZS6MVW
	3/1	Cecelia Reed ZL1ALK	3/1	Susan McGirr K9XYL
	3/1	Yvonne Reiners PD1AIY		
<b>10 years</b>	3/1	Constance Koehn N8ZHL	3/1	Vai Rickaby VK4VR
	3/1	Sarla Sharma VU2SWS	3/1	Marianna Trevenet CX1JJ
	3/1	Lea Toussaint LX1TL		

### 5 Year certificate

3/1	Tina Clogg VK5TMC #3643
12/1/13	Nicky Marriot M5YLO #3644
12/1/13	Tammie Evans M3ENF #3645

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.

## District News continued from Page 13

Being confined to the house did give me some radio time to work the W1AW stations and also work some Directors for the extra points. Did get my logs up to date and cards mailed out to some of the YLs I have worked lately, also heard some YL as operator for the W1 AW stations and you all did a fine job.

### San Antonio, TX, W7PBR, DORTHY THOMPSON SK

On a sad note I received an email from John K5PBR:

I am Dorthy Thompson W7PBR husband ...I come to you with a very deeply saddened heart that my wife passed away on 28 December 2013. My beloved wife was buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on 07 January 2014. Dottie (as she liked to be called) loved everyone she came in contact with. My beloved wife was the "best" that ever happened to me. I will miss her tremendously. She was involved in a lot of things throughout the community ...Bexar County ARES, ARRL and W5YI Volunteer Examiner, Atascosta County Amateur Radio Club, CERT. Just to name a few things she involved me in ... Again; please pray for my beloved wife Dottie ...

I will always love her ... John

### Seminole, OK, KC5RWW, Beth,

Early in January I talked to a W100AW station in CT and Two weeks later I talked to W1AW portable 0 (zero). That's all so far. A few days later I checked into the 3905 40M early net and made 30 contacts. 40M had been dead around here for a long time. I gained one new state. I tried JT65 again. I have WSJT-x v. 1.1, r3496 if anyone would like to discuss the operating part of it. Everything is set up, but I don't know the proper procedure to actually begin communicating.

My OM, KC5RW, has been retired for over 4 months. He's scheduled to take the post office exam if snow doesn't cancel it. He also applied for a job with the county barn. They want him to get his CDL license first.

Our son, KD5PRP called on a Friday night asking for help with his car. We drove the 35 miles Saturday and the OM decided a motor mount was broken. He had AutoZone order the part but it turned out to be the link and not the actual motor mount that was broken. I hope in a few more days that our son will drive home and we'll help him fix his car.

Our daughter, KD5SDP, has the flu. She caught it from her cousin that just flew home from Africa for a few days. The daughter is 350 miles away so I have to mother her from a distance. Her roommate is taking good care of her.

Saturday afternoon a 60 year old friend brought over his Apple computer for me to teach him how to use it. He had it upgraded two years ago but never learned how to use it much. We both learned a lot.

If you want to apply for a post office job; contact me. I've got a lot of experience in the online application process.

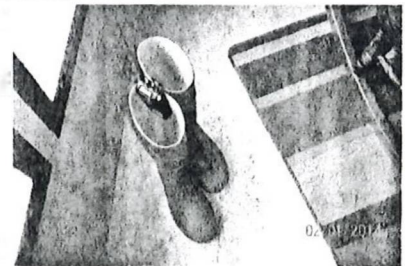
Beth,

*See the picture Beth has a helpful hint for holding her HT.*

Hope to report on the attendants at the YLRL meeting at Rayne, LA hamfest in March and I heard the Southern Mississippi YL group is planning a radio-relayed field trip also in March.

Will let you know what happens sound like March will be a busy *How to keep track of your HT!* month.

Betty (BJ)



## District 6

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*Currently there is no one on the ballot and we need a 6th District Chair. Contact any Officer for more information on the position.*

## *District 7*

Hi All! Good to get connected again. I hope you all had a great Christmas and things are starting to I am sitting in front of my laptop working on the article for the Harmonics and watching the bobsledding competition for the Olympics. I do so enjoy watching the Olympics, especially the winter events. I've tried to watch as much as I can.

We've had a pretty eventful winter this year in the Pacific NW. We were snowed in for a week. And with all the ice that hit the streets we had a Clark Co Amateur Radio Club Awards Banquet postponed, as well as two meetings- the Ham Fair and Field Day meetings. The meetings were only postponed a week but it was enough to throw people off. The Awards' Banquet is still to happen. And I'm sure everyone is glad the snow and ice is gone!

We're still working on the YLRL Convention 2014! And the new addition is helping those of you that are interested in finding someone to share a room with. If you are interested and haven't checked out the website yet be sure and start there.

Go to [YLRL.org](http://YLRL.org) and look at the left side of the page where it says 'Activities'. Look down and find 'Fun at Convention 2014' and click on it. You will be brought to a page that gives you the information on the convention. Scroll down below the section that says 'If You Need More Answers' and you will see a section about roommates. Vai, VE5AQ, has written a section to help you find a roommate.

Just email her at [ve5aq@sasktel.net](mailto:ve5aq@sasktel.net) with your name and call sign and she will post it to that section. If you find the person to room with be sure and contact her again and let her know so she can take your name off the website. I hope all of you wanting to room with someone are able to find that person.

The convention planning is coming along very well and we have had good responses. It's getting more and more exciting. I do hope many of you are able to come this coming August 7-9, 2014! August is the nicest month in the northwest.

My OM and I are getting ready to leave for Hawaii. I've never been there before so I'm excited. I found an HR club online in Honolulu that I was hoping would be holding a meeting while we're there but it didn't work out. I was disappointed, I thought it would be fun to go to a club meeting and find out what they do. They have quite a few Pacific island nets listed on their website that I would love to try and get on sometime.

SEAPAC is coming the first weekend in June in Seaside, OR. I try and go every year to promote YLRL. This year Barbara, AC7UH, and I are also going to the Mike and Key in Puyallup, WA. With the convention being so close we want to promote YLRL to as many YLs as possible.

I do hope you're all involved in your clubs and thinking about different events you can do in your area. CCARC in SW WA always has events to be involved in. Being a part of the events means you get that much more radio time too!

Enjoy the beginning of spring! Time for flowers to start blooming!  
33, Marilyn, AF7BI

## *V (strict 8*

Keep Connie, N8IO in your thoughts. She writes:

I don't know if you all knew but my OM N8GRH became a SK November 12, 2013 after a fall down the basement steps Oct 9.

I've had more than I can remember happen since. The most recent was the blower on the furnace went out on the 27th and I was without heat for 2 days. My Nephew came and looked at the furnace but couldn't fix it until the next day. In the meantime a friend loaned me 2 electric heaters. I got the heat back at 6 pm the next day, and the blown plugs also.

I've been keeping busy going here and there which keeps me sane. I have no family close and trying to cook for 1 just doesn't work!

Did go to Mansfield Hamfest in February and the Tusco Hamfest in the last of January. I ended up in the median facing north when I'd been driving south. I got over too far to the left and Bingo!

A State Patrol Officer stopped to check on me, and I was not hurt and neither was the car. The Officer took my AAA card back to his car and called for a wrecker then brought my card back. I was pulled out and headed back to Marietta. Five minutes later another car breezed by me and did the same as me. I just putted along home and had no more troubles.

Maybe I'll have more the next time.

Connie, N8IO

Assistant Section Manager SE OH

Good luck, Connie and we hope to see you at the YL booth at the Dayton Hamvention® as usual!

## *District 9*

Happy Spring ladies.

I'm being optimistic because it is only February and it is snowing...again.

Spring Training started this week with pitchers and catchers, so that is a good sign. Also our Fox hunting season started last Sunday. Unfortunately we didn't win! We came in second. Ed. Note: Second is great, Carole!

Our Wednesday net is still going strong, even though I forgot to get on the last two weeks. Oooooops!

I hear from my adoptee, Celia, ZL9ALK, frequently. She is doing well enjoying their summer. How I envy her, but our turn is coming. I love hearing about her grandchildren in the State and England.

Linda, W9LAN, has a fractured wrist. She slipped at work and to keep herself from it falling her arm went back and she hit her wrist on a rack of trays. Viola! Fractured wrist. This scares me because she and I seem to have a competition for injuries. I DO NOT WANT ANY INJURIES THIS YEAR!!! I do hope she has a speedy recovery so she can go back to playing soccer, that's her sport!

Kim, KB9DOS, is a school bus driver and oh, I admire her for that. She has a lot of interesting stories to tell us on net.

Anne, KA9YYI, and her OM, Jim, K9OMA, are visiting family in Alabama and Florida after a cruise to Aruba and a few other islands.

Now, I know I signed several new members up at the Fort Wayne Hamfest, they all must have gone into hiding because I haven't heard from them.

I guess that's all the news I have for this time. Please, please, please let me hear from you.

33s, Carole, WB9RUS

## *Violet 10*

As the votes are being tallied, you can consider District 10's new DC to be Doshia, KB0NAS. Don't forget to congratulate her and thank her for all her hard work as YLRL President for the 2014-2013 term.

If you will be at the Dayton Hamvention®, don't forget to stop by booth NH 234 to say hello and sign in at the booth. The YL Forum will be held EARLY this year on Friday at 9:15 AM. Don't worry, for those who won't be able to get in that early, there will be an "unofficial" YL gathering on Saturday in the Cafeteria as well. Stop by the booth for more information.

If you don't make Dayton, hopefully it is because you are planning on attending the 2014 Convention celebrating 75 years of the YLRL! Hope to see you there.

As always send news and photos!

## *V^rCctKL7*

Alaska is still in the minus temperatures as of mid February. Cold, Cold, Cold!! We had a freeze here in SW Washington and Portland OR area but obviously nothing like what Alaska gets. I bet this is a good time to get on the radio and see whom you can talk to all over the world. I bet you're starting to anticipate spring coming and being able to get outside. Ah, fresh air and sunshine!

I do hope many of you are thinking of coming to YLRL 2014 Convention August 7-9, 2014. It should be really warm here next August That's the warmest month of the Pacific Northwest.

Go on [YLRL.org](http://YLRL.org). On the left side of the page is a section labeled 'Activities'. Below that is a section labeled 'Fun at Convention, 2014'. Click on it and it will bring you to a page talking all about the convention. It will give you all the information you need. There's also a section for those of you that might want to share a room with someone. You can contact Vai, VE5AQ, at [ve5aq@sasktel.net](mailto:ve5aq@sasktel.net) and give her your name and call sign and she'll post it on the page. Just be sure and contact her once you find someone and Vai will take your name off the site.

I was checking out the website for Anchorage Amateur Radio Club (AARC). Their president is Lara Baker, AL2R; the treasurer is Alice Baker, KL2GD. Alice also does the newsletter. AARC is the largest Amateur Radio Club in Alaska with over 250 members. For a state that has a rather low population that's saying a lot. Go onto KL7AA and see what that club is doing. It's a very involved club in the community.

Clark Co Amateur Radio Club (CCARC) is a very involved club also. It's the one I belong to. We've already started meetings for Ham Fair and also for Field Day. We still have our Awards' Banquet to do. This year we had a bad freeze in the SW Washington Portland, OR area and many events throughout the area had to be cancelled. In fact Portland OR was shut down for a couple of days. But the president, Vanessa McCoy, KE7UBB, was right on it and she planned the banquet for the end of Feb. Great job Vanessa!!

Have a great End of Winter!  
33, Marilyn, AF7BI

### *Youth C&LUMUO/*

Hello ladies, since travel plans are in the making for the Dayton Hamvention in May, I would like to share with you a wonderful program that occurs in conjunction with the hamvention - Contest University. In this article, I will discuss the purpose of Contest University, what it teaches, and how you can register for the event.

In the first place. Contest University purposes to train amateur radio operators, regardless of age or skill level, in contest etiquette and stratagems. It employs professors of the utmost quality, including operators such as Dr. Richard Jaeger, K4IQJ, who is Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of the electrical and computer engineering department at Auburn University. These experts will cover the essentials of RTTY contesting, contest preparations, and VHF contesting. In addition, they will share valuable information on improving your contest station, selecting rotors and antennas, and ideas for score improvement. But topics are not limited merely to contest information; they also encompass tips for tower safety, feed-line chokes, and reverse beacon networks. Truly, this one-day program offers immeasurable benefits.

To register for this fantastic program, go to [www.contestuniversity.com](http://www.contestuniversity.com). The registration fee is listed as \$85; however, scholarships are available for those under the age of 25. As well. Contest University offers a \$10 registration fee discount for those "who have presented a talk or paper at any club meeting, or have an article about Amateur Radio published."

If you plan to attend the Dayton Hamvention, I strongly encourage you to arrive one day early to take advantage of the Contest University Program.

### *VE Newy*

I have booked my flights to Portland, Oregon for our Convention in August. I hope everyone is planning to attend the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of YLRL in Vancouver, Washington. It's quite a milestone and I am looking forward to meeting good friends and making new ones. It has been an unusual winter for the west coast of Canada.

Very little snow, not much rain, nor our usual and damaging SE winds. The wild swans are gathering once again in the Comox Valley. It is quite spectacular to hear their flights overhead and to see them congregating in the cornfields and pastures. They will soon leave for their nesting grounds in the North and will be replaced by this year's new crop of spring lambs. My radio activity since Christmas has been mostly YL Nets and chatting with friends.

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The 2014 YLRL Challenge of "A Favorite Hobby" should be lots of fun. I have sent the notice out to all Canadian members of YLRL, VE7-VA7 area members of CLARA and to Shirley, VK5YL. I hope the Australian YLs (everyone, actually) will give it a whirl. Tell YLs in your local clubs and start logging your contacts. These yearly challenges really do encourage YLs to get on the air and to communicate with one another. They also provide a topic for discussion and the enjoyment of meeting and talking to someone you would have missed, otherwise.

I received my certificate for last year's Challenge just the other day. Take care and keep well... 33  
Suzanne, VE7IM

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: Two of the members of the DX club I belong to - The Orca DX and Contest Club - are on Amsterdam Island FT5ZM as I write this. It was very high on the DX wanted list and consequently the pileups are amazing. I would like to work them CW on 20m but don't really need them for my DXCC - either mode. It would just be for my satisfaction. Am just waiting for those who really need it are in the log. It has been a difficult DXpedition and our two club members will come back with some great photographs, which they will show at a future club meeting.

Our mild January weather will be forgotten later this week - the weather lady says -11C some nights mid week. Going to be pretty hard on the garden, which is already starting to bloom-snowdrops in flower and daffodils about an inch up. I have been bringing cut forsythia in to the house along with pussy willow for over two weeks now. The local mountains have been very short of snow, which has been hard on the kids during their Xmas break. If we don't get late snow we will be short of water during the summer. Very seldom works the way we want it does it?

YL/ OM contest coming up next week so hope to take part in the CW portion.  
33 Elizabeth VE7YL

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: Toronto has had a very unusual winter. They have had more snow and freezing rain than Ann remembers, at least in the last 10 years.

Ann thinks that Mother Nature must be very annoyed with us. Perhaps this means that the weather will be perfect during convention week. Ann hopes that everyone is going to the convention. The YLRL gang certainly knows how to have a good time.

Ann's daughter, Janet, N9ZKU, spent the New Year with Ann. Her other daughter, Jean and family, will arrive for a winter break in Feb. Ann is still off the air but does enjoy EchoLink contacts regularly. Ann's was especially pleased to have Barbaree, VA3BEC, join the gang on EchoLink via speakerphone. Ann phoned Barbaree, who is in a convalescent home recovering from a recent fall. Then, using speakerphone from Ann's QTH, Barbaree could participate. Everyone was delighted. Ann hopes that we all enjoy a very healthy and safe 2014. 33 Ann VE3HAI

Jeanne, VA3WX, writes: She looks forward to receiving her Harmonics and Clarion. She does not have her ham station set up so getting her bulletins feels she is still in touch with ham radio. One renovation Jeanne has had done in her condo is to replace the bathtub with a shower and she is enjoying it. She attended a 65th tea party birthday celebration for a long time friend. It was an elegant affair with games, lots of food and cupcakes for the cake. Each guest went home with a white and red rose and a pretty mug. Wishing everyone a Happy Spring.  
33s Jeanne

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: We've had a hard winter, the same as most have this year. Lots of snow, cold temperatures and high blowing winds. Our snowdrifts are anywhere from 2 feet to 12 feet. Just like I remember as a child and boy have we been spoiled for the pass few years. By the time this issue comes out, I hope that winter is behind us and that spring is warming up every day. Sorry I can't make the Convention this year but we will be going on the Alaska cruise in June for our 50th wedding anniversary. Then we'll have a party on Oct 24th, the actual Anniversary. We're having an open house in the afternoon, then dinner, then a square dance. It should be fun; we're looking forward to it. I received my 2013 Favorite Food Certificate and now I have to work on the 2014 Hobby Award.

Hope everyone else will take the time to work on it as well. It's fun. Have a great spring and get out whenever you can and enjoy the nice weather, we deserve it after the Winter we've had. 33, Heather  
VE3HQH

Vai, VE5AQ writes: Hello Everyone

Well, here I am at the last minute again. So between trying desperately to stay on course and on time, well, let's just say that life gets in the way.

Weather here in Moose Jaw is not too bad. Up to February 11<sup>th</sup> our snow was about 1 foot. We had a bit more, but some very nice weather came in and melted it so maybe a foot and a half was all that we had here. Then on February the 12<sup>th</sup>, we got a bit of a blizzard which gave us about 6 inches of snow, the yard looks so nice, all white and sparkly (at least it covers up where the dogs have been). We pick up after the dogs daily, but you can't pick up the "yellow" snow.

Weather elsewhere has just been horrible, and my heart goes out to all the gals in the United States, what a terrible time you have been having. You are not used to all that ice, snow and winds. My best advice I can give you is really if you don't have to go out on the highways, please stay home. Even here in Saskatchewan, we who are seasoned winter people have the same philosophy. I always have extra dry goods in the cupboards and several cans of evaporated milk. All are "just in case".

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, your grass is turning green and the leaves are coming out and spring has sprung. I know that is what I am looking forward to.

Other than that, nothing else new up here (actually it should be down here), we are doing just fine. I am so glad my 20 m Loop antenna is working well and so many of you can hear me on the Tangle Net, what a pleasure. I think we will keep this one. I have heard YLs that I never could before, Rose-Marie, KB4RM, you come in sometimes, just depends on the band conditions. I have heard Lois, WB3EFQ several times; Carol, WD8DQG; Doris, WD8IKC; and once I even heard Anne, WB1ARU. Hopefully the bands continue to improve. Of course I always hear Marte, KOEPE and Suzanne, VE71M.

So with this being the March/ April Issue, I want to wish everyone a very Blessed Easter and a word of caution-don't eat too many Easter Bunnies. I am starting to think about my garden and camping, both are happening real soon.

God Bless you all, prayers for those who need them and want them and prayers for everyone else.

Until next time take care and have fun.

33 Vai VE5AQ

## DX CCTLOUTPU

Dear YL friends.

Middle of February and we have had a cold snowy winter so far and here in Virginia we got 40cm of snow last week still on the ground. I like it, so beautiful and I don't have to get out and drive, can stay put and enjoy it.

I did get to work FT5ZM on two bands and it was a new one for me. I hope many of you got them. They did a fine job, friendly and didn't rush, made sure you got them.

I thank all sponsors and DX-YL for paying their membership fees and in response I have some news from some of you. It is always so nice to get to know you better and hear how your days are.

We got a new active member Tina, DL1ICB see below how she got into Ham radio. Tina welcome to YLRL.

I am hoping many of you will come to YLRL 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Vancouver, WA, August 7-9, 2014. You will meet me there, time to register.

Some of you might go to the International meeting in Iceland; I will not go, so give me news about it if you are going.

This year YLRL award is "Favorite Hobby" 15 of them all different from each YL, I like these awards for it brings YLs to the radio and it is fun. Reading this you might have gotten them all.

DX-YL news

From Maya, OH1MK:

Thank you for your mail and the membership card. I have to write and thank Lois too. Some days ago I also got the new YL-Harmonics. It's nice to read YLRL-activities and learn English -hi.

It was really nice to meet you in Roskilde; it was a very successful meeting. Next meeting is in Iceland, it would be nice to go there also. Let see if we can participate.

I haven't had many radio contacts this winter, my good friends Eine, SM1UQW and Marita, OH5KIZ can't work at their winter home because of the neighbors. Most Finnish YLs work only at their summer home.

All is quite well here. Winter has come to South-Finland too. Yesterday it started to snow and now we have about 20cm snow. The temperature has been between -5C and -20C in January but today it's only about zero. They have had to make artificial snow on the slalom slopes and cross-country tracks. Our friends went to Lapland to do skiing but there was so cold -40C below zero so they could ski only on one day that week. They were a bit disappointed.

I have been quite busy because I'm a secretary of two associations and there is much to do after the New Year. My OM is a very eager winter fisher and January-February is a time to get burbot. Until now we have got only one pike (3kg) and one pike (750gr).

I wish you all the best. 33, Maya, OH1MK

Bambi, VK4PYL writes:

Its summer here of course but it's not too hot, so far - although we had some 45°C or 113°F days.

I am sitting for my Advanced Exam on Feb 2nd - this is the highest exam available in Australia so I am reviewing my studies this week.

I finally have the part that was halting my antenna construction ready: it is the rotator cage that I had to get specially made. (In Bangkok, Thailand of all places)

Hopefully it will just be a matter of putting everything together and then I will be on the air!

Bambi, VK4PYL with her new License-VK4AYL. "Congratulations, Bambi!"

Tuulikki, OH7XX sends this:

Thank You very much for the YLRL-membership card for 2014. I'll send my thanks also to Susan, N8CGM.

You asked about weather here in Finland. Everything is quite upside down, I think. We had no snow at Christmas and we don't have snow now, in January. I will tell about the situation in the area where I live. Kuopio is about 400 km north from Helsinki the capital city of Finland. The northern area of Finland we call by the name Lapland and their climate is different, colder.

Here in Kuopio we normally get snow; I mean snow that does not melt away before spring, sometimes in October, sometimes in November and not very often in December. I remember that couple of decades ago we had winter game in October but nowadays seldom. I think that lately the beginning of winter (snow) comes more and more often in December.

Yesterday when I went shopping and dentist, temperature was plus 4 degrees Celsius. Incredible!!! Everything looks very dark and very ugly there are no colors, normally we have pure white snow everywhere.

Yesterday in the evening, TV-news told that there has been very cold area over USA

(A cold area that normally is near the center of North Pole had moved over USA) and it had effected also to other countries. Because of it we have been so warm.

They promised that it will be fixed later this week and the weatherman has promised us colder weather and snow that would be very fine.

Our winter with cold weather is not the same as you suffered now. Here can be minus 30 C, but people use cars and go to work and children to school. The life goes on. In Lapland it can be minus 40 degrees and a little bit more. The weather is very dry in winter.

Inside of our homes temperature is plus 20-23 degrees Celsius. Our windows have triple glass and we have central heating on all day and night and houses have isolation inside their walls. Small houses can use electric to warm their house or burn wood in there warming-system. It is very comfortable to be at home. But if we get power-failure, it causes troubles.

Tuulikki, OH7XX/OH7YL

Marilyn, ZL2BOA writes:

All is well here. I am back running the "Cornflakes Net "on 2 meters. It is a local net, which starts at 7.30am each weekday and has been going since the 1970s. We use the local repeater and have peoples checked in from Wairoa about 100 miles north of Napier to one in Waipawa 40 miles south of Napier.



It started out to keep an eye on one of the local hams that was not well and if he hadn't come up on the air by a certain time someone would call him on the landline or pop in to see if he was ok. When I became a ham in 1981 Harold, ZL2AAS was running it then after he died. I ran it for quite some time till I went back to work then Phil, ZL2TZV ran it until last year when I took over again. We have 6 regulars who check in each morning and quite a few listeners. We get others check in from time to time and it is always lovely to hear out of Towner's join in. All are welcome.

Apart from that I have been bowling (outdoors) making cards and doing embroidery.

The summer here has been nonexistent and at the moment it is drizzling (fine rain) and a bit of a southerly wind blowing. It is not too cold about 20oC.

Cheers, Marilyn, ZL2BOA

This was received from Tina, DB1ICB:

From postcard to Ham Radio!

One of my hobbies is collecting postcards. My imagination was stimulated by the amateur radio through this interest. The virus of amateur radio took me for a walk on the highest mountain in the Black Forest. The radio amateur Lothar, managed his equipment, bike and trailer to his QTH the Hornisgrinde.



*Tina, DB1ICB*

measure current and voltage, circuit diagrams draw, read laws, as well as radio operating under the call sign DN4IG, all this in a period of about 6 months.

Then the day of the test came with the regulatory authority. With the passing the exam and the call sign DB1ICB in my pocket; I was "ON THE AIR".

The compounds were in the 2m and 70cm band not bad, but not so according to my wishes. It was not to USA, Asia, and Africa directly. My conclusion: this was only possible after a CW test. For my goal QSL - cards were missing me the Morse code. CW I have seen as a foreign language and learned as such. Support in the learning phase, I got myself in botany. All plants and trees in my QRL are marked with signs. Thus I was able to implement the whole day the learned Morse code and test what I had learned.

On 29 November 2002, the examination CW was announced. On this day the dream DX came true for me. With the call sign DL1ICB In November 2002, I am on the air. My equipment is a 5 band cellular antenna on the railing on our balcony on the 3rd Stock, and a ICOM IC -756 Pro II.

During the 10m contest in December I worked stations from North and South America, Asia and Europe. Now it was no longer a dream but I could still dream of DX QSL - cards. In 2006, QTH change; in the new QTH our antenna system was further expanded. An 18 m lattice tower, and a 5 band 16 elements Opti Beam, OB 16-5 since 2007 to 700 m above sea level. The 100 watts of IC 756 have been adjusted by an EXPERT KI, 750 watts. In 2010, we secured a double Zepp on the property. With the Double Zepp and a symmetrical coupler around the KW area can be tuned, in addition a Kelemen dipole for 40, 20, 15 and 10 m.

Well after a few years as well as amateur radio DX, my interest has been extended: Collect information from YLs from around the world. In between time, I have data from approximately 51,000 YLs with call sign, address, e-mail, stored in folders by country and call sign. Through this YL data I can, in between time have contact with several YLs sked. The fascination with DX and especially to YLs

is unbroken. Due to the amateur radio I can still wander into the distance and dream, dream, dream!

Christiane (Tina), DL1CBI

Do remember to send me direct any changes in your postal address or e-mail addresses and let me know if you haven't gotten your membership card.

I wish you a Happy Easter and good DX-ing  
33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

We're/Report ~~from~~ Webmaster Val,

Well I have gotten all the new DX members on the Friends Around the World page, have updated the Continuous Members page, and in general, just trying to keep everything updated as possible.

I would like to ask ALL YLs who know of a silent key, have seen the obit in the papers to please don't wait until the end of the year to send it in. I would really like to have those Silent Keys up on the website as soon as possible. If you have the obit, please scan it and send it to me and I will put that on the Gone But Not Forgotten Page. These ladies have added so much enrichment to our lives, they deserve to be remembered in a timely fashion.

By now, you have all see the Fun at Convention 2014 page, and it looks like it is going to be a lot of fun. Hope that the girls needing roommates has worked out well. Have fun everyone, and I am sorry that I have to miss it, but things come up that we have no control over. I will be there in spirit with you.

Thanks again for everyone helping out with the information, which is on the web pages; we cannot do it without you.

Take care.

Vai VE5AQ and Yvonne ZR6TBL your webmasters.



### YL Events are Happening!

Check out the following events where YLs can be found in 2014

The Dayton Hamvention® in May  
Field Day Stations all over the Radio in June  
The ARRL Centennial in July  
The 75th Anniversary Convention in August

*Changes and/ corrections*

#### 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.

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## Running with Restrictions

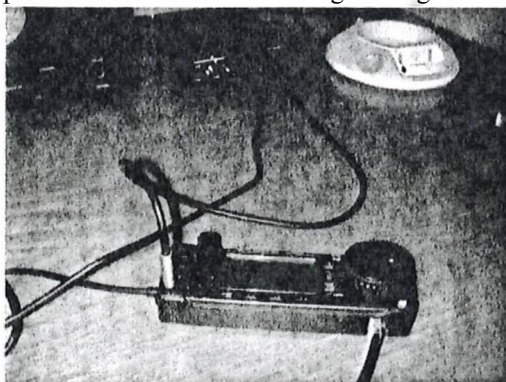
*Sue-N9ZG*

What are your earliest memories of ham radio? Strange sounds from far away? Racks of equipment glowing in the dark? For me, nothing screams ham radio like a gleaming antenna on a tower. Unfortunately many of us live in apartment or a neighborhood with covenants and restrictions that limit our ability to erect useful antennas.

I live part time in a small condo in a city. When I was first licensed, all I had was an HT. In nice weather, I used a park picnic table in my neighborhood as my shack. That was OK, but rain, cold or people having lunch gave me a less than reliable QTH. When I upgraded my license and gained HF privileges, I tried everything at my condo including loading up a gutter (think sparks!) using a thin wire as a vertical outside my window, running a wire on the floor. Nothing worked well plus the location had terrible line noise. During my experimentation, I earned a "Worked All Appliances" having interfered with just about every electronic device in my building. Finally, I had an idea that just might work.

My OM and I also have a place on a lake about 30 miles from town. That location is in a restricted community, but with plenty of trees our wire antennas are almost invisible. Given its rural location we generally have no line noise or other interference. The issue was how to use that location's antennas from our city condominium.

Although I have had a computer for years, a computer is not a radio. It does not look like a radio or have controls like a radio. So computer control was out for me. I found a device that allowed me to separate the control head of my ICOM 706 from the radio body by many miles using the internet. Since both locations had internet access already, I figured it was a go. A few weeks later the postman arrived with two small boxes and a separation cable. After the normal confusion of configuring something for the internet along with the need to cut a perfectly good (and expensive) separation cable in half and solder wires that looked about the size of a strand of hair I was ready to try it out. Voila! It worked. The strange sounds of ham radio poured from the radio with no gleaming antennas in sight!



*The removable faceplate option.*

I know that everyone does not have a second home. But maybe you have sympathetic family member or fiends with a big lot willing to let you put up an antenna and plug in a few small boxes. This approach might just be for you!

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