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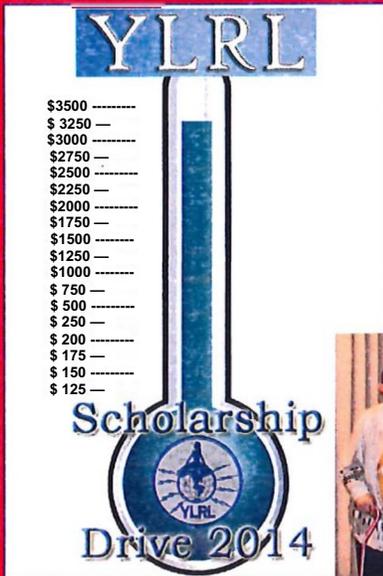
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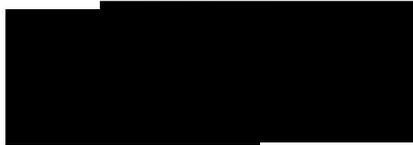
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President's Info De Linda Metz, KC8PKY



With the change of Officers we say thank you and hello!

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 couldn't 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

Hello everyone. My name is Bobbie, W1JX, and I am the new Vice President for YLRL. Some of you may already know me from reading my columns for District 1. For those of you who do not know me, I was the District 1 Chairman for the past two years. I have been licensed since 1997. My OM is Tom, W1QU, and we live in Ellsworth, Maine.

This is going to be a busy year for amateur radio. It is not too late to make your reservations to attend the 100th anniversary ARRL Convention in Hartford, CT from July 17 to 19. It should be a truly "once in a lifetime" event and we are hoping to see many of you there. There will be a YLRL booth at the convention and would like to welcome you there.

Also, please make your reservations now to attend the YLRL Convention in Vancouver, Washington August 7 to 10, 2014. This is YLRL's 75th anniversary and we want to see as many YLs as possible there to help celebrate this milestone.

I hope to keep you posted on amateur radio events, Hamventions, contests and "happenings" in future columns. If you have a special event in your area that you would like other YLs to know about, please let me know.

33 from Bobbie, W1JX

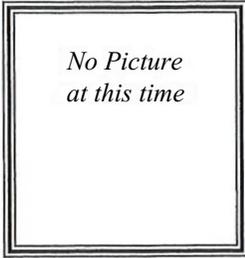


Vice President's Info De Bobbie Donohue, W1JX



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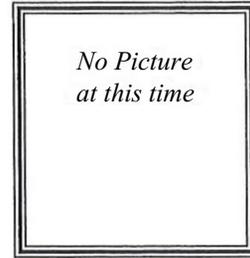
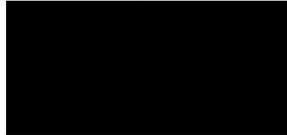
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District One News
de Niece Haynes, KA1ULN



District 2 News
de Diane Ortiz, I<2DO



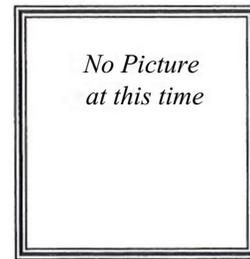
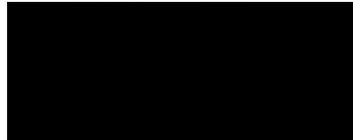
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District Four News
de Joan Jones, W4JMJ



District Five News
de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ



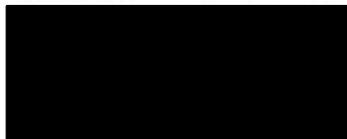
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District Seven News
de Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI



District Eight News
de Annette Wood, KC8SQM

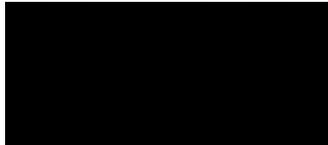


District Nine News
de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

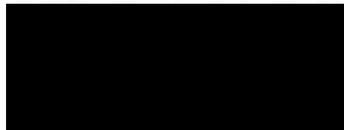




**District Ten News
de Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS**



**ICL7 District News
de Marilyn Melhorn,
AF7BI**



**Youth News
de Caroline Stanley,
KE5WEK**



**VE News
de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM**



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



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& VE Carol Laferty, K4SAF**



ORIGIN OF 33

The History and Proper Use of 33 "33", the signature used between YLs is often mis-used and its origin tends to get lost. YLRL was organized in 1939 and it was at this time that, through YLRL women amateur Radio Operators seemed to find their niche. "YL" was adopted as a general term denoting any licensed Amateur feminine operator, regardless of age or marital status.

"33" was originated in 1939 by Clara, W2RUF (ex W8KYR) and adopted by YLRL for exclusive YL use. It means "Love sealed with friendship between one YL and another YL". With this background and meaning, it is very understandable that "33" is not only exclusive with YLs but is NEVER used in the plural. We sign "33", never 33's.

Reprinted from YL Harmonics, Issue #2, 1980. Thanks to Lea AB5TY for the reference. (Note also that 73 and 88 should NEVER be used in the plural form. You would not say Best Regards's nor Hugs and Kisses's would you?)

Welcome our New Officers for 2014-2015!

The following candidates were elected by ballots sent to the Secretary by mail

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District Chairwoman 4	WX4MM, Mary Moore
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District Chairwoman 6	Open
District Chairwoman 7	AF7BI Marilyn Melhorn
District Chairwoman 8	KC8SQM Annette Wood
District Chairwoman 9	WB9RUS Carole L. Burke
District Chairwoman 10	KB0NAS Doshia Kretke
District Chairwoman AK	AF7BI Marilyn Melhorn
District Chairwoman VE	VE7IM Suzanne C. Snape

All other positions are appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

WB1ARU, Anne E. Manna, Secretary

President's Advisory Committee

Term expires December 31, 2015

Mary Moore, WX4MM

Marte Wessel, K0EPE

Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ

Term Expires December 31, 2016

Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS

Vice President's Advisory Committee

Linda Metz, KC8PKY, Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD, Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV



New YLRL Members de Anne Ma [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

New Members for May/June 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

N1SUZ Suzanne Yester

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Suzanne holds an Extra class license and is a Letter Carrier. She loves contests, especially Field Day and NEQP. She operates as K2D for the 13 Colonies. She likes DX and is learning CW. She is a member of Candlewood ARA and Greensboro ARA. Her OM, KJ4WKD, Jim is also a subscriber to YLH. Suzanne's former call is N1TFO.

DISTRICT 4

KM4BDR Susan "Elise" Heinbuch

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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.

DISTRICT 7

AB7ZQ Bonnie Altus

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bonnie holds an Extra license and is an Online College Instructor and the ARRL Northwestern Division Vice Director. She is active on all bands and enjoys the 7QP contest. She is a member of McMinnville ARC. Her former calls are KC7JVN and KK7PH. AC7ZQ, Mark, is her OM.

DISTRICT 10

KA1AAM Lynne Morin

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Lynne holds an Extra license and is retired. Her call sign was once her father's (SK). She is active with Handihams, Twin City FM Club, SKYWARN, and is a member of the Bloomington VE team. Her former call was KD0PEC. KD0OJE, Robb, is her OM.

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

(Ed. Note: Please note that if you signed up at the Dayton Hamvention®, you may be listed in the July / August edition as the submissions don't always make it in time for printing the May/June edition 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 your 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, so check it out for all the latest news and details.

Come celebrate the YLRL's 75th birthday with YLs from around the world!

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 (wblaru@gmail.com) or Bobbie, W1JX (bertdon@roadrunner.com). Their information is also listed under officers in the front of each YL *Harmonics* and under officers on the website.



Convention 'Swaps' "

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. 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*.

I rv (9 ur Thoughts

Many times the Officers are the ones to report on the Silent Keys and here is another case of this. Rose Marie was checking on Shirlee, KQ7Y as she is a DX sponsor and left a message on Shirlee's answering machine. She received a call from Shirlee's 2nd cousin, Hamilton and is sorry to have to give the sad news that Shirlee, I<Q7Y became SK on April 10th 2014.

Sad news on another Silent Key.

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

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District 1

Kathy Savage, KB1LPW Phone number corrected



District 7

Carol L. Hall, WD8DQG/7 has a new address:



District 5

Information changes for **Sheree Horton, KF5LMJ**



Officer Information Change:

Certificate Chairwoman

Carolyn, N8ST

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Hello again to all. As I write this, it is beginning to really feel like springtime here in New England after a very cold, snowy winter. However, as you are reading this, it is going into the summer months with all the nice weather and summer activities to look forward to. It won't be long until the ARRL Convention in Hartford, CT. YLRL will have a booth there and we are looking forward to seeing many of you there. Please do stop by and visit with us, and if you have time to stay and help out, that would be great.

We are also looking forward to the YLRL Convention in Vancouver, WA in August. It should be a lot of fun and we are hoping to see many of you there and to make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Like so many others across the country, the winter weather did a lot of damage to our towers and antennas. We lost our cubical quad during the ice storm and the heavy ice bent the mast on one of our towers. The nicer weather has allowed us to do a lot of work repairing the damage. We recently took down one of the towers and replaced the bent mast with a new one, which is 5 feet taller than the old one. This has resulted in our wire antenna being higher now which should result in better signals. We have a new 3 element cubical quad coming which will replace the 2 element quad that came down so we are looking forward to completing the work and being able to enjoy summer radio activities.

Niece Haynes, KA1ULN, and Anne Manna, WB1ARU, recently participated in the Boston Marathon. Anne writes, "I worked on the communications team for the 118th Boston Marathon. The weather was perfect for workers, but a little warm for the runners, especially after such a cold spring. There were many medical assistance calls; even a couple from our water stop, which generally does not have any. A new aspect for the hams this year was the use of a second radio net with a second radio. Monitoring two nets at once took a few minutes to get used to, but it was manageable. Probably my experience as a classroom teacher helped with that! As usual, it was a great event and I plan on returning to the team again next year."

This is my last column as District 1 Chairman. I have enjoyed my time in this position and I hope you have enjoyed hearing from me. The new District 1 Chairman is Niece Haynes, KA1ULN, who is very active in amateur radio and emergency communications. I am sure you will enjoy reading her column in the future. I am looking forward to my term as Vice President and keeping you up-to-date regarding contests and Hamfests. Thanks for your support.

33 from Bobbie, W1JX

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Don't forget the YLRL will be at the 100th Anniversary of the ARRL. District 2 Chairman Diane, K2DO, will be there along with a number of YLRL Officers.

If you are planning on being there, don't forget to volunteer to help out at the YLRL booth. Contact Secretary Anne, WB1ARU or Vice President Bobbi, W1JX to help out!

District 2 was at the Dayton Hamvention® as well. A number of the YLs made it out to the early morning YLRL Forum held on Friday as well as stopping by the booth to sign in.

A few of the Ladies were able to get on and work the 2014 Friendship award at the "Parking Lot Net" that was held at the booth. Keep up the good work Ladies and don't forget to think of YOUR favorite Hobby (Outside of Ham Radio, of course) for the YLRL Friendship Award.

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Open Position

Lois, WB3EFQ, has been filling in, but was unable to add for this issue due to pwsavial' rea^y-vw.

District 4

Hello ladies:

I just wanted to say a short and sweet good-bye as district 4 chairperson and thank the many gals who made my job so enjoyable and easy. It was a pleasure acting as your chairperson for these past few years and all the credit for an interesting District 4 column goes to you members! I know that you will welcome and keep Mary very busy with your news and pictures.

73/33 Joan W4JMJ

(Ed. Note: Thanks for so many years of volunteering Joan! It is much appreciated.)

Hello to all the YLs in District 4. I want to thank Joan, W4JMJ, for her work as District 4 DC for the past few years. I believe Joan picked up the task at Huntsville Convention in 2008 but getting older I realize I don't remember things very well. I am the new DC and an old DC. Some of you may remember me from years past being DC for KL7 (KL7P), DC for District 4, Continuous Membership Chairperson and even President in 2006 and 2007. Just goes to show all of you how easy it is to be an officer in YLRL and that you all should volunteer to take a position to support YLRL. There are lots of positions to go around, just volunteer and we'll find you a spot. Supporting women in amateur radio is well worth our efforts.

I like to work state QSO parties and sponsor the YL plaque given out for the Alabama State QSO Party which is June 7, 2014. Hope to hear all the YLs on the air working for that plaque for high score YL. I'll be on in Lee County for sure.

This month I'd like to welcome Nathalie Batiste, KK4FLA in Deerfield Beach, FL and Peggy Lang, N4PEG, in Tampa, FL. Spread the word about YLRL and see our numbers grow. Hope to hear you on the air to say hello and welcome.

This year is a year of YLRL Convention and we are celebrating 75 years of YLRL. I already have my reservations and this will be the third convention I have been able to attend since I have been a member of YLRL. I am enclosing a picture of Evelyn, W4EVE; myself; and my sister making my swaps for the convention. Deedie, KI4ERR, took the picture. We have done 3 sessions so far and may be able to finish in one more afternoon. They are very special and I am so excited about giving them out at the convention. I hope to see lots of old friends there and make some new friends. Hope to see you all there.



Making Swaps for Convention

I joined YLRL in 1976 but let my membership lapse one year and had to rejoin in 1984 so only have 30 years continuous membership. Be sure to pay your dues each year for the continuous membership certificate. Just to have bragging rights. Hihi.

Barbara, KR4SJ, has moved back to Brandenton, FL and is just getting settled in. Has no room for antennas but she has HF and 2 meter radios. Maybe she can find a way to use them.

Now that you are caught up on the new DC for District 4, send me some news and I'll talk about you and your adventures. I can be reached by email: mary947.mm@gmail.com is the new email address. I'll be looking forward to hearing from all of you. 33 de Mary, WX4MM

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Hello to all,

Hope everyone is doing well? I have been working the W1AW ARRL Centennial contest that has been running since the first of the year and proud to say I have heard a lot of YL operators either checking in or calling CQ W1AW and that is really good news to hear you on the air!!

So those of you that have not made a contact with a W1AW station you have till the end of the year they are on around the clock on all bands and modes good way to get WAS.

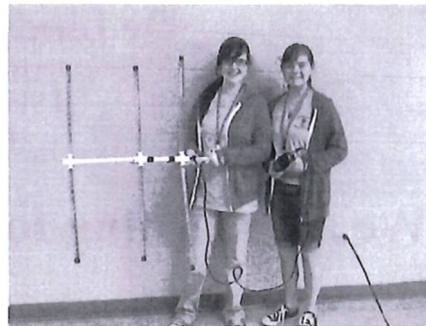
The weather is improving so time to enjoy some hamfest or conventions so get out and meet some other YLs.

My OM Ed, KA5VFU, and I had a nice drive from Gulfport, MS to Rayne, LA for the 54th Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc. Inc., Hamfest in March this was a 2 day fest and it is growing every year.

Thanks to Karen, KE5RPI, and her twin Sister Sharon they helped with tire YLRL table sign in and greeting the YLs on Friday we had 15 YLs sign in and Saturday we had 13 YL sign in. I held a YLRL forum on Saturday with a power point presentation and door prizes, also Karen, KE5RPI, shared with the group her YL trip to Australia.



YLs at the Rayne, LA Hamfest



*Abbi, KF5BEW and Kendra, KF5FYS
Foxhunt winners!*

We congratulated the First Place Fox Hunt team winners, which I am very proud to say were YLs- Abbi, KF5BEW, 16 yrs old and her sister Kendra, KF5FYS, 15 yrs old both of Lafayette, LA both hold a General Class license. A big Welcome goes to Sandy, KE5KJF. of Beaux Bridge, LA who became a new YLRL member while at the Rayne Hamfest.

Seminole, OK, KC5RWW, Beth,

The weekend of March 2nd I made 43 contacts with about 25 different countries gaining 3 new ones, mostly on 10 and 15M. My son came home the weekend before to hunt and fish. He and his friend went back with a rabbit and a squirrel. The fishing was catch and release.

My OM is still studying for his CDL, commercial driver's license. I started sewing again during the snow days. Hopefully I'll finish the project before the next snow day.

On March 11, I'll apply for a background check. Then maybe I can start substitute teaching in a local school.

The weekend of March 29th I gained 3 new countries and 7 on new bands Cyprus, El Salvador and Ireland. I have a ground-mounted vertical. Height is not always required. I think I have 90 countries now.

Since I modified my 80M antenna I've been able to participate in the Texas Young Ladies Round up Net. There are only about 3 regulars on there now. If anyone would like to join us it is Thursday mornings at 8:00CST, 1300 UTC until Daylight Savings Time.

Beth,

Winnsboro, TX, KD5MD, Zenda,

You would not guess what I did. In all the things I have written to you, I suppose I never told you my SK OM was NX5B. He was very well known in DX net circles. He was a net controller on the Africaner Net from 1978 until about 2 months before his death. His passion since he retired was being on the net every day he possibly could. Only poor propagation kept him away most days of course on the weekends he was in his Confederate uniform doing something, a school program, a grave dedication, or a parade. He especially enjoyed the school programs.

I just wanted to let you know he was an amateur, too. We took the lessons at the same time. He managed to get a license before me each grade, until he decided to get the Extra. I just didn't have the ambition to go for the Extra. When we made Advanced we asked for consecutive calls. He got KD5MB & I got KD5MD. You can imagine how confused people were when we called each other & did not use phonetics. Jim did not care for the confusion & asked for a new call when he made Extra.

I was able to go to Oklahoma City got to meet little Emily, my great granddaughter. She is a cutie & very intelligent. I was back at Lake Livingston, Texas, for Christmas. All my Houston family was there & my daughter & son-in-love were there from Oklahoma City. The daughter & son-in-love from the



Scholarship Information De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ



We are reaching for the Stars!



Scholarship Information Memorial Scholarships Ethel Smith, IC4LMB Mary Lou Brown, NM7N



The following donations were received:

In Memory of:

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Irma Weber, K6KCI

From:

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Jeannie Parker, WA6UVF

A sincere thanks to Susan Sabin, N9ZG, (Former KJ4DLP) for her donation in member of her mother, Mrs. Beverly Wesley.

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 \$700.00 needed for the prize money, plus moved us towards a full year of scholarships already paid for and ready to award.

The following YLs sent in donations with the notation "If ticket drawn, return money to the Scholarship Fund": Ann Santos, WAIS; Joyce Kepler, W5MVK; Theresa Korn, K7JGU; Mary Ketzler, WO9R; and Susan Sabin, N9ZG. We appreciate your "doubling your donation if winner" attitude.

Thank you for your generous gifts.

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 tire YLRL Convention Donations coordinator, Marte Wessel-K0EPE. "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**

By **July 18th, 2014** if mailed to Marte. Otherwise tickets may be submitted at the Convention or extras bought there as well!

If all outstanding tickets are submitted with money, we will have 119 YLs sending in an additional \$1300.00

YL International Meet-Iceland 2014

We had a wonderful time at the Meet. We got on the air as TF3IYL a few times. We traveled around Reykjavik to historical sites and met the President of Iceland. We had a craft day and a technical day and learned about the emergency system of the country.

Most of us took a bus tour along the south and southwest coast of Iceland. We took a boat ride through icebergs and walked to see a glacier in the rain. The sun set at 10:30 at night and got up again at 4:30.

The US YLs were Sallie, AE5OM; and Anne, WB1ARU; along with Anne's OM, Tony, WA1E-NO.

Other YLs and OMs came from Great Britain, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark and Germany.



Convention news

There is still time to register for the Convention in August. The last registration date is July 18 if you do not plan to do a tour. If you plan to do a tour, register for the convention and tours by July 8. The hotel registration deadline to guarantee the convention price is July 16.

The following is a general list of what we have planned. Not everything has a time, as we are still working out details with the hotel and the people involved with the events.

Thursday evening August 7 is the Social to be held in the Hospitality Room. Come get acquainted with everyone in attendance and operate the radio station using the club call sign, K4LMB. Remember the Hospitality Room runs on donations, so please bring your spare change with you.

Friday August 8 is tour day for the guided tours. Tour times are listed on the convention registration form. For those who want to make their own plans on Friday the Hospitality room will be open, and Marilyn, AF7BI, and I will be around the hotel to help with local questions. The Welcome Buffet in the evening will be the 75th Anniversary celebration. Cheryl, N0WBV, has agreed to be Mistress of Ceremonies and Kay Eyman, W0WOF, will do a presentation on some of the past YLRL members. There will be birthday cake, a no-host bar, and some historical reminders of our roots as women radio operators. Plan to attend the party and learn more about YLRL and the YLs who have made it the great organization it is.

Saturday August 9 is the YLRL meeting, the group picture, and the YL luncheon. The OM tour will keep the men occupied during our morning events. In the afternoon there will be a tour of the Ft. Vancouver National Historic Site. There is a nominal admission fee that was not included in the tour price as many of us will be admitted with our National Park pass or other federal recreation pass. If you are a US citizen over 62 you can purchase a lifetime pass. The prize drawings and the Scholarship Raffle drawing will happen during the YL-OM Banquet.

Sunday August 10 is the Farewell Breakfast buffet to send you on your way to the Cruise or your next adventure.

Remember the convention contacts: Margaret, AE7MB, at ae7mb@arri.net for your cruise questions. If you are interested in helping at the registration desk contact Marilyn, AF7BI, at melhorn.m@gmail.com to volunteer. Contact Barbara, AC7UH, at ac7uh@arri.net with other convention questions. The November-December and January-February issues of YL *Harmonics* had the registration form.

It is also available at the website: <http://www.ylrl.org> click Fun at Convention-2014 from the left-hand sidebar and scroll under Need More Personal Answers? until you find Click here to download the registration form as a PDF file.

If you have already registered, but forgot to select a dinner, a shirt, or a tour, just send Barbara another registration form with the additional information and payment.

We want to see everyone in August, new friends and friends from past conventions.

At the Dayton Hamvention® YL Forum, Barbara, AC7UH, gives us a hint of what will be going on at the Convention honoring 75 years of YLRL.



An Impromptu YL Forum at Dayton

There was an impromptu YL Forum at Dayton on Saturday at 2pm for those YLs who could not attend the Hamvention YL Forum held on Friday at 9am. One of the moderators, Nancy, KC4IYD missed the forum as she was driving up that Friday morning and thought it was at 2pm, as in the past.

13 YLs met at a table in the cafeteria: N0WBV, Cheryl; N8FE, Marsha; KC8SQM, Annette; AC7UH, Barb; KJ6YL, Marilyn (new YLRL member); N8CGM, Susie; WA0WOF, Kay; WB9RUS, Carole; KC4IYD, Nancy; N8FOT, Lois; KD9ATA, Ann (licensed about a month); N1NCY, Nancy; and KD0GOA, Katie

Cheryl went around the room and introduced everyone and had them state if they held any positions in YLRL. There was a discussion on the YLRL trademark, which was done in 1982, and our non-profit status, which was needed before we could offer the YLRL scholarship.

Cheryl then listed the new officers and the ones who returned as DC. She emphasized the 2 YLRL contests we do, one for only YLs and then the YL-OM contests. The OM's want us out there for the YL-OM contests, especially on CW.

At the YL table at Dayton we were selling the 75th Anniversary pin for \$5. If you are attending the convention, you get one with your registration. If you can't come to the convention, you can order it from the supplies chairman.

News for Harmonics including DC news are needed 6 weeks out because it takes time to collate, edit, etc. the newsletter. Send news to your DC chair if you have news people should know. We have over 120 DX Members. Most are sponsored by US YLs and in return the DX YL supports us in their ham club.

Cheryl highlighted tire upcoming YLRL Convention in Vancouver, WA on Aug 7-9 followed by the Alaskan Cruise. Barb can answer any questions on the convention! We had a few questions from people about what is the purpose of YLRL and what we do.

YLRL is a subset of amateur radio, some of it is social, some of it is technical. We do conventions, have contest, offer scholarships, YL DXpeditions and some YLs just talk back and forth with their OMs on the radio. Basically you can do as much or as little as you want.

Our slogan is QRV -1 am ready. This dates back to 1940 where women were teaching communication classes and teaching the boys to run the radio. We are ready for Field Day, emergencies and socialize.

Harmonics came out within 6 months of the organization forming and we have been getting the news out there since then. We have members from all over the world. If you want to go on a DXpedition or are looking for gals who do DXpedition. looking for practice code, looking for roommates for the upcoming convention, the YLRL website (www.ylrl.org) and YL Harmonics are two of the best way to do this.

It all started with a laced bordered ad from Ethel Smith that ask how many key twitches (what CW ops were called back then) are there. 11 YLs wrote back and that is how we all began. There is no wrong question, someone will have the answer, or we will find the answer.

Marsha, N8FE, talked about perseverance, patience and hope as she worked to get the YLRL bank info set up. She said it's like running through and changing bands to make a contact.

We then talked about the YL awards that people chase. YLCC - one hundred YLs anywhere, any band except 2m/repeaters and you can get endorsements for each additional 50 YLs you contact. DXCC YL, working YLs in 100 different countries and 2 guys have 300 DXCC YL confirmed.

The Friendship award (which can be done on simplex) is YL to YL and you exchange your favorite hobby outside of amateur radio. However, the hobby has to be specific, as you need different hobbies. So instead of knitting, it could be knitting for charity. So all you do is worked 15 different YLs and collect 15 different hobbies.

Finally it was stated it was glad to see the YLRL Convention back where it started after 75 years ago with Ethel Smith in the Pacific Northwest.

Respectively Submitted-Nancy, KC4IYD

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Houston area have a large lake home that accommodates us all very well. They had really gone all out with the decorations, so it was very festive.

I will admit nearly a year without Jim has been a slow, lonely year. There are so many things that must be taken care of with a log house & acreage, & fences. I have not kept up with it all. I have tried, but I am no longer an outdoor person.

I have tried several times to get on the radio each time I tried was a flat day for propagation. Maybe soon we will find a good day for radio, I certainly hope so.

Good luck to you & yours. God bless. 33, Zenda

El Paso, TX, KA5EWJ, Mary

Just wanted to let you know we are busy selling scholarship tickets, 2 books and? to go. By the way if you would like to read the history of our club, W5ES the El Paso Amateur Radio club go to our club web site - www.w5es.org.

We also sponsor the Worked All El Paso contest, believed to be the second oldest contest in amateur radio. It was started in 1935 and consists of making a contact with 15 El Paso stations on any band, any mode. The club also has members working from the club at 0900 to 1100 Mountain Time on 10 meters (around 28440 plus or minus) every Sunday.

Just send a copy of your log to WAE Contest at 2100 San Diego Ave. El Paso, TX 79930. And you will receive a nice certificate, suitable for framing. The certificate is free and requires no green stamps (if you send them in we will just send them back).

Come join the fun. One ham down in Florida (believed to have the most contacts) has confirmed 160 QSOs. We also have as part of the contest for all El Paso hams on the first weekend in November where we make as many contacts as possible on 10 meters. See the WAE page on the web site.

Best 73s to all, Mary

Carencro, LA, KE5RPI, Karen,

I attended the BEARS Special Event Station -On the Air Saturday April 12 for the Black Bear Festival.

The public was invited to drop by the Special Event Station Saturday, April 12 for a ham radio event sponsored by the Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service, or BEARS. The home base for the club is Morgan City; however membership is made up of ham radio operators from throughout St. Mary Parish, Iberia Parish, Lafayette Parish, Acadia Parish as well as members from Texas and Florida.

The club has been recognized for over 25 years service as an American Radio Relay League Affiliated Club and has also been recognized as a Special Service Club by the ARRL. This means the club is active in community affairs and makes its self-available when help is needed. It is also available to help anyone interested in becoming a ham radio operator by sponsoring classes and test sessions, as testing is required to obtain a ham radio license.

I also had a presentation on the Young Lady Radio League during this event.

Gulfport, MS, KB5MZ, Southern Mississippi YLs,

The group of 7 YLs and 6 OMs attended a very nice tour of the Harrison County EOC at the Harrison County Court House building in Gulfport MS. Much thanks to Mr. Jeff Smith, N9OI<V, the District EC who gave us a tour of the facility very nice set up for emergencies. Our youth member Hailey KF-5WTU was asks to call the SMYL net from the EOC unit.

The June meeting we will be preparing for Field Day, the ladies will be going to BJ, I<B5CSQ's to get familiar with the logging program and practice radio operations. Each YL will bring a Pizza of their choice BJ will furnish the beverages and sweets. Look for us on the bands will be calling CQ Field Day, KB5MZ. This will be our first time to do Field Day with just the YLs.

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Betty Jo (BJ) Byrd, KB5CSQ

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open position*

My Friend Irma, K6KCI- SK

How fortunate for me as a newly licensed YL in 1977 to meet Irma, K6KCI, on YL Open House 20 meter Net. She welcomed me into the fold of many active YL's who met on the air each week. Irma was my very first YL contact and quickly became my Ham mentor. She instilled the right of YLs to operate within the world of OM QRM. Irma was net control for YLOH for many years with often 40-50 YLs each week including a number of regular DX YL stations. To me it was so exciting to hear these YLs who knew each other by their call sign identities. Irma encouraged me to continually upgrade so I could operate anywhere OMs operated.

I remember the last time sitting in her retro-style 50's living room and remembering the YLs who attended years of LA Club meetings. The walls of Irma and Lou's "shack" were covered with awards displaying decades of ham activity. Irma still used her SB200 Heathkit amplifier that she proudly built. During Vietnam she was control operator for thousands of phone patches. I asked her about these patches and she said the hardest ones were the "Dear John" ones she had to monitor.

It seems that we have lost many of our old- time core YLs who represented the foundation of YLRL and continued to operate proudly as licensed YLs. I visited Irma often and will miss her dearly as we usually shared our favorite Chinese take-out together while reminiscing about YL friendships,

de WA6UVF, Jeanie

(Ed. Note-Irma was a Past Officer many times over holding a number of positions. She was a great asset to YLRL and will truly be missed!)

District 7

We only have a bit longer before the YLRL Convention this coming August. We're all so busy getting everything ready to make it a big success. We're also getting more and more excited about it as time goes on and we get closer to the time. There's going to be lots to do and lots of people to get to know. So come ready for community and fun.

We have some new YLRL members from our district.

Laura Seitlinger, KC7LOK, is from Tualatin OR. I'm hoping she comes to the convention so I can meet her face to face.

Margaret Prior, IC7MWP, from Blaine, WA. The pic in this article is of her and her OM Bruce,



*Bruce and Margaret on
Sauk Mountain*

N7RR. I hear she's doing her best to talk her OM into coming to the convention with her! Good job, Margaret!!

Also, from our club, is Linda Ford, AA6MR, from Battle Ground, WA. (Right up the road from me!) She's going to help me knit a sweater someday!

Kathy Walker, AF7CJ, from Vancouver, WA. Kathy got sick when she was going to test for her technician license so she just kept studying. By the time she took the test she passed all three and came away with her Extra! (Sometimes getting sick has its benefits!)

Welcome to Laura, Margaret, Linda and Kathy.

I went to Mike and Key Ham Fair in Puyallup, WA a month or so ago. It was an interesting trip. I was up at 3am after being at a CCARC meeting to get there by 7am. Barbara, AC7UH, and her OM were also there. She helped me out at the YLRL table. We had a great time. And we sold a lot of scholarship tickets, which I was really glad about. I also had a chance to go look around and see what everyone was selling. It wasn't as big as SeaPac but it was still very interesting.

One thing I had to laugh at. I went into the ladies room and no one was there. Ham Fairs are probably the only time the ladies rooms won't be full. After the ham fair was over as we're packing I notice my keys were missing. Not good. I had Barbara look through my purse as her OM went to the lost and found. I checked everything else. No show. She is saying to go look around my car and I'm saying no I know I put them in my purse. I'll never say that again. After her saying it probably

4 times I left and sure enough, there they were on the ground right outside the door of my car. (Was that an angel talking to Barbara?!!) They sat there on the ground all day long. Whew! So that was my excitement with Mike and Key.

I'm also going to SeaPac with my OM and many other people from our club. A few of us man the YLRL table and go to the YLRL Banquet. It's such a good trip. My OM and I help at the Registration table too. We both enjoy that. Seaside OR is such a pretty place. We walk along the beach, go to the little shops (my OM always comes away with salt water taffy).

Seaside has a very active club. STARS, Seaside Tsunami Amateur Radio Society, and SEARC, Sunset Empire Amateur Radio Club, put on a Spaghetti Feed that my OM and I go to every year. It's great food and the money they make is for a good cause. We stay in Seaside for a couple nights and just relax and have fun. If you're interested in coming go to seapac.org and register. And while you do don't forget to get a ticket to the YLRL Banquet. You won't be disappointed.

If anyone lives north of Seattle there is a ham fair in Stanwood, WA (Stanwood/Camano Ham Fair). I'll be there too and have a YLRL table. I've never been to it so I'm excited. Anyone coming be sure and find the YLRL table! I'll look forward to meeting you.

As you can see I'm going to quite a few ham fairs to promote the convention. We're all definitely getting the word out.

Well I'll go now and hope you all are having as good a time this spring as I am. Enjoy your summer, make lots of contacts, and plan on convention!

33, Marilyn, AF7BI

District 8

The following is news I received from March and April that I forgot to send to Cheryl so a little behind but wanted to get it in as these YLs had send it to me so you can see what they were up to:

This winter has been a bad one. Gary (my OM), K8BE, and I have been staying in most of the winter. Snow! Snow! Snow! Most of the ham related activities we enjoy were canceled because of bad weather, so not much to report on. We have attended the February meeting of the Grant Amateur Radio Club, which will be having their 2013 Christmas party the third Thursday of March this year. I'm working on making a video about the USS JURASSIC (Star Trek and Amateur Radio club) for the video contest at the Starfleet Region One Summit. This is my first attempt to make a video. Since the USS JURASSIC is a correspondence club we don't have meetings to make an actual movie, so I have been taking still photos and making them into a video, which I hope will be good. We'll see how it turns out. <grin> Gary and I have gotten on one 2 meter net but even with his cochlear implant it's difficult for him to hear what is being said. Our HF radios aren't hooked up at this time. We need to take a hard look at our antenna to see if it needs to be replaced or not. Carolyn, N8ST

(Ed. Note: Carolyn is also our Awards Chairwoman and has a new email, so please make the correction before sending items to her!)

Boy, has it been cold here in southwest Ohio! It will take till summer to warm these old bones up. Since last fall. Will Baker, KC8OKJ, and I participated in the Ohio State Parks on the Air from Pike Lake and placed 3rd in the high power category. Our club (Highland Amateur Radio Association) had many members participate from parks around the area. As part of my commitment to the club I participate as often as I can and serve as net control when needed.

A few months ago I passed all of the necessary criteria to become a Navy/Marine Corps MARS operator. That was tough in itself, but I've been studying for my Extra exam and I have to tip my hat (so to speak) to all the Extras out there because this, for me, is really tough! I have no knowledge of electrical principles, etc. and my mind it totally boggled! And whabs ironic is that my father (the original K8IYO) was an electrical engineer! In my spare time I enjoy contesting and DXing, and am waiting for the official results to come out for the Ohio QSO Party. Our club is active in many events, and we're all looking forward to Dayton Hamvention and Field Day just around the corner! 73! Cathy Willeford, IC8IYO

How ironic to hear from you. I was talking about you just last Sat. at the every-other month

breakfast meeting of the Wood County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC). I was saying I was sorry to learn of the demise of the Buckeye Belles when I moved back to Ohio in 2011.

I was talking with Jeff Kopcak, K8JTK. Bless his heart; he drives down from the Cleveland area for these breakfasts. Jeff thought he might know you and felt sure he knew your OM. And I got a real surprise in seeing another YL at the get together. Outside of our yearly banquet. I've never seen another YL at any meeting. She is not familiar with YLRL, so I'm recruiting. I'm getting back into ham radio, in a very small way, but I think I can handle D-star, hence the talking with Jeff. He's very knowledgeable about that. Being single and a senior citizen, no big antennas for me.

Also getting back into YLRL Looking forward to visiting the Pacific Northwest in August. Haven't really spent any time in that area, except for their airports. I am wondering how many YLs are active in D-star, both in North America and DX. It still seems a bit strange to be back home in Ohio. I went to the Findlay Hamfest and expected to see a Buckeye Bells table but no such luck. And while I wanted to join the Belles I know I wouldn't have time to be an officer or be that active so maybe it's just as well. I moved back here after 25 years in Arizona. I started having trouble enduring the heat and some other physical problems and all my family is back in the mid-west, so I made the move. I retired in 2006 after 22 years in working for the Arizona Department of Library, Archives & Public Records.

Still watching, counting and photographing the birds. And the big reason was to work on the family genealogy. My ancestors in this county go back to 1833 and 1845, so lots of years to research.

And sorry I can't make it to Dayton. The Saturday of Dayton is also the day of the annual Bloomdale, Ohio Alumni Luncheon. And I'm not up to a quick trip down and back on Fri. or Sun. So will definitely look forward to meeting old friends in Washington.

That's some news from here for now. Delighted to hear from you. Doglover41@earthlink.net <Lee>
KB8RT - Leanna Shaberly

Linda, KC8PKY, wasn't able to make Dayton this year as she will be taking my clinical nursing exam that same weekend. She will be at the YLRL convention.

Nancy KC4IYD, Annette KC8SQM, Dawn KC8SQN and Byrness W8LE get together from time to time to play board games, scrapbook or collect coupons. We have a few other friends Bruni and Eva who are not hams but who we also get together with. Nancy and Annette are planning to go to Dayton and Nancy, Annette and Dawn will be at the YLRL Convention. We are trying to get Byrness W8LE to come too. That is all our news for now.

Submitted by Nancy, KC4IYD

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Carole, WB9RUS and Rhonda, WS9H were both back at Dayton again this year. Also attending Dayton and the YL Forum was Judy, KC9RHG.

District 9 Chairwoman, Carole, WB9RUS attended both the regular YL forum and the "unofficial" YL Forum that was held for those who couldn't make it (or didn't know the time had been moved) at the Friday morning 9 AM slot.

For more information check out the notes submitted by Nancy, KC4IYD, who played Secretary for the "unofficial" YL Forum. See page 17.

Carole can also be found at the Fort Wayne, IN Hamfest each year.

ViAtrict 10

Hello, all. Greetings from District 10!

I am back in the position of chair of YLRL District 10—that's the FCC "0" land. Please be sure to let me know what is happening with you and with your area, so that we can share it with other YL's. Please note my e-mail is dkretke@msn.com or KB0NAS@arrl.net.



*Carole, WB9RUS (second from left)
with some of the Officers at the
Dayton Hamvention®*

I have just done my second license renewal. It wasn't actually due until June 15th, but it is now so easy that there didn't seem to be any reason to wait, contrary to what I learned in 5th grade about only attending to what is due next. (They said they were teaching us to plan ahead, then overloaded us with so much homework that it couldn't all be done. The worst part is my kids had a similar experience 30 years later! Anybody else?) It's a habit I would like to break, but...

I am most active in emergency communication (ARES/RACES, which are one in this county), and do digital modes, especially APRS, and television in the 70 cm band. I do a little HF, but mostly 2 meters. I just retired from being a physical therapist in the northern Boulder (Colorado) school district. I am also a Girl Scout, involved mostly in training leaders.

I did hear from Marte, KOEPE. She is working hard on the scholarship raffle, and writes:

Hello YLs:

Would like you to check the Web page for March-April news about the scholarship drive. There are also pictures and write-up of Ethel, K4LMB and Marylou, NM7N that I sent to YL Harmonics in 2009. I thought perhaps the new YLs would be interested in reading about them.

My sincere thanks to all YLRL members for help with Scholarship drive. Please send me your money and tickets until July 18th, after that they need to be submitted at the Convention.

Web page www.ylrl.org under scholarship drive....scan down for "thermometer".

Marte, KOEPE

Cheryl, N0WBV was pleased to attend the Dayton Hamvention®. She says that there was a very nice turn out for the YL Forum... despite the fact that it was moved to 9AM on Friday morning!

"Usually it is held later in the day on Friday or on Saturday some time. With the awkward time we did what we did a few years ago. A couple of years ago we were put on Sunday morning another time that was not great for the YLs. As in that case we had an 'unofficial' YL meeting on Saturday afternoon. It also had a great turn out and a lot was discussed."

"Don't forget to check out the YL Forum picture on the cover of this issue!" she adds. "I can't wait to attend the 75th Anniversary Convention next and hope to see many of you there."

It is spring, and in our area, that means the season for running, walking, and bicycle events—which means amateur radio operators helping with communication, for public safety and practice. Check in your area—I bet there are some there in which you can participate.

Remember, I need your updates.

33, Doshia, KB0NAS

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Hello to all the YLs in Alaska. I can just imagine how you're all doing after being locked away inside all winter. It's just starting to warm up now and soon you can be outside like the rest of us in the lower 48! I'm noticing it's above freezing in Alaska now! And it will only be getting warmer. I can imagine you're all quite happy about that. What a treat.

We're beginning to get involved in community activities here in SW Washington. With spring here it's the beginning of events and we're all excited about them. It's time to get outside for fun and activities.

KL7KC Club is having license testing and the Tour de Cure in May. This club is very interested in showing you how to get on the air. It sounds like this is a group of people interested in what they do. It's a good group to be a part of. They're also having a Hamfest August 9th. Check out <http://www.kl7kc.com/hamfest2014.html> for more information.

The Juno Amateur Radio Club had something interesting happen. Just 4 wks after practicing their emergency communication skills the group had a chance to save a fellow ham operator. He was rafting down the Herbert Glacier River with friends and became stranded on an island in the middle of the river. It had rained the week before so there was more water than they expected. Mark, the AR



*Katie, KD0GOA and
Cheryl, N0WBV*

operator, used a phone patch to contact 911 and everything started playing out. The search and rescue dog team in the middle of the night found the group, but because of the high river they had to be rescued by the Coast Guard helicopter the next morning. One of the search and rescue members was also an amateur radio operator and was able to stay in touch with Mark and relay messages throughout the whole ordeal. Amateur radio definitely saved their lives; A very positive outcome to an unsafe situation. It's also another reason to be an AR operator.

Being so rural as so much of Alaska is it sure is nice to see so many operators there. I can see that you know a different side of AR than I do. I sure would like to experience some of what you do there someday.

Don't forget about the YLRL Convention here in Vancouver, WA August 9-11 of 2014. The plans are coming together quite well. Hopefully some of you can make it. It's going to be a lot of fun getting together with so many YLs and seeing what everyone does with their radios and where their interests lie. Between the meetings, banquet, tours and cruise there will be lots to do and fun to be had!!

Enjoy your spring and try to get on the air!! 33, Marilyn, AF7BI

To the lover of wilderness, Alaska is one of the most wonderful countries in the world.

John Muir, 1883-1914

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Hello Ladies,

As summer break rapidly approaches, I would like to pause and harken back to our beginnings in amateur radio. Earlier this month, I conducted a survey of your interests and experiences in ham radio and discovered a few key components, namely, inspiration, involvement, and influence.

To begin, the inspiration to join the amateur radio hobby stems mostly from observation. Whether in childhood or early youth, one observes another operator and a seed of curiosity sprouts - a seed of countless questions on the inner workings of the radio itself, the operator on the other side of the wire, and the science behind the frequencies. Soon, curiosity buds into an ardent desire to be the operator, thus instigating one's amateur radio career.

Once a licensed radio operator, involvement becomes the next factor in one's flourishing hobby. Some prefer to transmit from home, studying the colorful maps upon the walls and envisioning the operator across the wire in Chile. Others favor group contests, eagerly anticipating field day and its complementing barbecue cookout. Still others desire adventure and travel on Youth DX voyages to exotic locations such as Costa Rica. But the extent of involvement remains voluntary and merely defines one's level of adventure - not one's interest in the hobby.

Beyond the realms of inspiration and involvement lies an element fundamental to amateur radio: influence. Without influence, the initial seed of curiosity would remain dormant, un-watered, and useless; for influence initiates the observation. Consider your first encounter with amateur radio and subtract the operator from the scenario. Would you have had the same burning curiosity about ham radio if only a radio, a headset, and a few wires were present? Truly, the operator's influence remains vital to the continuation of amateur radio.

Undoubtedly, this reminiscent journey through inspiration, involvement, and influence illuminates the central constituents of amateur radio. I encourage you to reflect upon your personal amateur radio experiences and endeavor to spark another individual's curiosity in the field of amateur radio.

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.

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I want to welcome a new Canadian member to YLRL. Helen, VA1YL, lives in Nova Scotia and is an active and a very knowledgeable radio operator. Helen is presently serving a term as President of CLARA. If you hear Helen on the air please stop for a chat and welcome her to our organization. You

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can find her on the Eastern CLARA 40M & 80M Nets as well as being Net Control for the CLARA 20M Net each Tuesday. Welcome Helen, I hope you enjoy your membership as much as I do.

Jeanne, VA3WX, has not been well. At time of writing Jeanne has had her surgery and all indications show everything went well. By the time this issue is in our hands I am sure Jeanne will be fully recovered. All the best, Jeanne.

Had fun working the CLARA Contest in March and have submitted my log. I only spent a few hours on Saturday and was very happy to make many contacts including a few VI< YLs. I hope to participate in ALARA's contest, once again, later this summer.

I have received the ALARA's Spring Newsletter and found a notice posted of our 2014 YLRL Challenge of "Favourite Hobbies". That was nice to see. I hope many VK YLs will complete their logs and submit them. CLARA has also posted a notice in their latest issue of the Clarion. It is good that YLs across the globe are supporting one another and participating in various contests, awards and challenges. I have finished my log for this year's challenge. The CLARA Contest is good place for doing just that!! Many YLs on the air and all chatting. A simple thing to add one more item to the exchanges we must make for our Contest logs.

Managed to make contact with Helen, VA1YL, when she had many Girl Guides and Brownies visiting her station for GOTA (Guides on the Air). I had a great afternoon and talked to every young lady who was brave enough to take the mic. I think I surprised a number of these modern Girl Guides. I told them many years ago to earn a couple of my badges for Girl Guides I was required to jack-up and change a tire on my Dad's car. I also had to saddle, bridle and put a horse through all his paces. They were rather bemused (amused) by that. I received lovely cards from them all and replied to each one with a note on a QSL Card. I had tried to contact Helen for GOTA unsuccessfully for 2 years in a row. This year was 3rd time lucky !!

Weather is very spring like on the west coast of Canada. All the wild flowers are in bloom. A great time of the year. Sun even has some warmth in it. Can almost hear the grass growing but it is still too wet to consider cutting it.

I hope you have a great summer. A fun-filled Field Day and are looking forward to holidays or holiday visitors. Lots of radio time, too. Take care and keep well.

33 Suzanne, VE7IM

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: She is finally able to see grass after the amazing amount of snow that fell in Toronto this winter. She promises not to complain about the heat this summer. Well maybe just a little. Ann is looking forward to joining Roberta, VA3RMW, on the QCWA lunch registration desk. It's a good job to have. It gives her an opportunity to chat with many old friends. Ann spent Easter in Alberta with her daughter Jean and her family.

Ann is also hoping that Sarla, VU2SWS/WU2SWS can stop in Toronto for a few days on her way back to Texas to look after her grandson. If that happens, Suzanne, VE7IM says she might come to Toronto too. That would be awesome. Ann, Sarla and Suzanne became good friends in Boston, thanks to YLRL and the organizers who made that convention so much fun. 33 Ann, VE3HAI

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: Enjoyed the CLARA contest and certainly enjoyed working the VI< girls who came up for us. We must do the same in the ALARA contest for them. Ladies golf started yesterday, April 1st, and it wasn't an April Fool's joke - we are just lucky we haven't had the winter that most of the rest of Canada has had and in some parts still has. We just have to cope with the rain.

33 Elizabeth ve7yl

Hello from Moose Jaw, where I think, I hope that Spring is finally going to show herself. It has been a long winter, definitely not as bad as for those on the East Coast, so guess I can't complain too much. I will be very glad when winter is over though, as already my calendar is getting booked with not only flea-markets, ham-fest, gardening, tree pruning (we don't have a commercial guy come in like Suzanne VE7IM does), so we must get that done before the trees start to do their budding out. Also have cars to get registered, a camper that needs to be made ready, and all those other wonderful things that take time when no time is available. We always seem to get things done on time, just as long as no one gets sick, or hurt.

I mentioned Hamfest because I have been designated to organize the SARL Hamfest for this year, yet again. I was mentioning it to Cheryl N0WBV and she said yes, give it to a woman, who has no time, no help and is busier than a hoot owl, and the job will get done, on time, and on budget. Yes I am almost finished getting things organized, just have to finish with the caterer, but she has been so busy, that I haven't heard from her yet as to whether or not she will be able to do it. Speaking of that, guess I should give her a call and see if she is going to be available. I will have the YLRL and the CLARA displays up again of course, can't help but have a total YL present felt. I will let you know how everything went, sometime after July. I know we may have to do some antenna work this summer, but we won't be touching the 20m Loop that I have for the Tangle Net. It seems to be working well, especially when propagation is good. Ok, well that seems to be about all I can think of to write about for now. I am doing very well, still a bit of a problem with my eyes, but that will be fixed soon I hope. I Hope everyone has a wonderful time at the Convention 2014, and I do send my apologies ahead of time for not being able to attend. I will be there in spirit though.
33, Vai, VE5AQ

VX COLWMAV

Dear YL's Friends,

Summer is here when you read this and we have had many Hamfests to go to as Dayton and ARRL and Field day here in USA. International meeting in Iceland, I hope I get news from you, to write in next Harmonics.

I will be at YLRL, 75th anniversary meeting in Vancouver, WA and hope to see many there and hoping for many DX-YLs to come.

We had another solar flare yesterday and it closed down the band totally no DXing for me. Summer-time always means to change operating time to late evening or early morning here, and 80 meters will sleep for me to the fall when the darkness comes back.

Congratulation to Angeles, EA1HLW, for upgrading her licenses and her call sign is EC1YL.

DX-YL news:

I am very thankful to Cheryl, N0WBV for sponsoring me for YLRL membership.

I visited DOHA for amateur radio activity it was sponsored by QARS amateur radio society I gave ham radio demo including DSTAR activity to the students of university of Qatar and scouts and guides. I have operated as 71QND special call sign from DOHA for three days.

On 1st Feb 2014, I have introduced the ham radio to the members of Indian red cross who are undertaking disaster management course. These members are from different departments of government officials. I am surprised to know that everybody wants ham radio training and want to become ham operator. I will send you pictures very shortly.

Presently I am providing ham training for IEEE students in amity Engg college students. Now they are ready to appear for ham radio test.

I hope you like my activities; I always put my info in my Facebook so please add my name in your Facebook or in Skype. Bharathi VU2RBI

Many thanks for continuous sponsorship and regular sending YLRL magazine to my home address and for receiving my YLRL membership card for 2014. I hope all is going well for you and other members and wish you and the others successful and healthy New YEAR and interesting QSOs and good dx-hunting.

We experienced very harsh winter with temperatures below like -17C continuously for three or four weeks, but hopefully the winter has gone for the time being and the spring is approaching fast. I would like to share some important and pleasant events in our family life that occurred last year.

First of all my professional success I became co-author of the book for our students "English for Paramedics" designed to help them to improve their skills in medical English. My daughter has been a student of the Warsaw University of Technology and won the beauty contest and became MISS of her Faculty and her grades are good, she passes all her exams successfully.

We enjoyed my son's wedding and wedding party for about 200 people in the summer. We also visited our old ham friend Stefan LZ1RN after 28 years in Burgos during our holidays. We spent Valentine's Day in the UK Midlands and I could see my family my mother and sisters who live there. That's all news for now. Hope to talk to you or other YLs on the air soon.

33 de Candy SP5XAB

We have had a very long, dry summer here in most of VI<6.1 am 400kms north of Perth, overlooking the Indian Ocean. I think we are all looking forward to winter, some cooler weather and most important rain.

I am planning to go to Nelson Bay in VI<2 for the ALARA meet, end of October, and I can do the trip in a day, pass Geraldton, Perth, Melbourne, Newcastle, and Nelson Bay.

It will be a long day, but then I don't have to stay overnight in Melbourne.

Thanks to Kay, for being my Sponsor.

33, Bev VK6DE.

Thank you very much for the info! I wrote to Mary, WX4MM, to thank her for my YLRL membership again, she is very generous.

Lately it has rained a lot in the Canary Islands and there was snow on Gran Canaries Mountains for 3 days, it is unusual to see snow on my Island, very nice!!!!

The 2013 was very good for me on the radio.

You know that I love doing contests; these have been some results in 2013.

- CQ WW WPX RTTY - # 1 World - World Record
- ARRL DX SSB - # 9 World #1 Africa
- CQ WW WPX SSB - # 3 World #1 Africa - Africa Record
- IARU HF SSB WC - # 2 World #1 Africa
- RSGB IOTA - # 2 Worlds, IOTA Fix

You can see more info on <http://www.qrz.com/db/EA8MT>

I've got the Challenge plaque, very nice! And I've also gotten many certificates and trophies. Currently I have 295 countries confirmed via LOTW, I am very happy!!!!

Best wishes from the Canary Islands.

73 & 33 de EA8MT, Dunia

Thank you very much for your email and my membership card paid by Kay. I am proud to be a member YLRL and would like to go to Vancouver to celebrate, and we have also received an invitation. It sounds great!! It is nice that you go to the meeting and also you can pay you sister a visit at the same time. But this year we will be in Alsace at that time for a 10-days visit. We are going by car. Bjarne and I have been several times in Alsace but this time we take our friends along to show how to drink France wine.

And one week in June we are flying to Spain. Our nephew is turning into 40 and has invited his family for her birthday. We thought that could be fun, so we said yes, has booked 26 seats in the airplane, 10 of the family members are already there, so we will be 36 from Denmark and naturally booked in the same hotel. And my sister - thank you for asking - is very well and all her hair has come back. We are all so pleased about this.

And we are also going for 10 days to Iceland - the international meeting. Plus guest from Germany, Denmark, Sweden and England. When I think of all this X-mass is already near.

Inger, OZ7AGR

Betty, KL7FJU, is sponsor to Sabina, ZL2AZY, and Sabina wrote this as I asked if she ever met Betty. Sabina has been a member in YLRL for 36 years

Thank you for sending the membership card for 2014. Yes Betty (and her husband Ralph) we met at YLRL 50th Anniversary in Hawaii. They then visited New Zealand, and a dear friend of mine, as well as my husband paid a visit to Alaska and met up with them both later on at Ketchikan where we were taken in their yacht to Thorne Bay and to the location where they had built their home.

So we are familiar with Betty's circumstances and her life. She is a very talented lady. Fortunately she has family (sons) not too far away to help out.

Alaska is a very special place and we thoroughly enjoyed touring around on our own using the local ferries and B and B.

I have 8 overseas YLs I sponsor all arising out of the 2000 International YL Meet we hosted here in New Zealand. It is a privilege to be able to keep in touch and to know there are others like-minded YLs out there.

Biny, ZL2AZY

DearRose-Marie,

It was sad news but not unexpected. Shirlee, KQ7Y, SI< April 10th 2014.

Shirlee, KQ7Y_Z has been sick for a while and before she was on Internet she used to go around the corner to a friend Alvena who was on Internet.

Alvena kept me up to date with Shirlee and she was in and out of hospital a bit in the last few months.

Shirlee joined Alara 1st October and her sponsor was then Heather VK2HD. (Heather had some personal issues and I (Dot) replaced her as Shirlee's sponsor.)

We used to send presents and calendars to each other and 1-o-n-g letters and had a few noisy radio contacts - you know the bands - if there's noise you can get signals, if there's no noise there's no signals! Shirlee had a wicked sense of humor and Aussies are always saying things that can have a double meaning, so Shirlee would pounce and that and the jokes would run thick and fast. She always sent really humorous cards, so funny. We sent photos to each other a few times; I was more computer savvy than her (being an ALARA editor for so long) and sent more photos, which she loved. She usually sent me snow pictures of her place, she knew we didn't have snow in Sydney and I was a bit jealous.

I never heard anything about her family from her. Having 4 sons, I was always writing about what they were doing and family news - well three of our sons have their radio licenses too and you know OM John, VK2ZOI, from the International meets. I used to hear about her OM and their trailer holidays. We'd exchange crochet patterns and diets, all fun.

She was a great sponsor and I'll really miss her. Yes please find me another sponsor.

Hope you had a Happy Easter, we had glorious weather,

33, Dot VK2DB

Thank you all for the news always so good to hear what is happening in your life. I am hoping after reading of the friendship you get sponsoring you will sponsor a DX-YL.

Write me if you want to sponsor or see me at our YLRL meeting in August, I have DX-YLs needing sponsor.

Wishing you a wonderful summer and please keep me posted what you are doing.

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

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The website is as up to date as is possible. Thanks to all for your kind words about how much you enjoy the new site. I have had several "Thank-you's" for the Thermometer, and I am so glad to be able to keep pushing the total upwards. There is still plenty of time to burst the top off the thermometer, and that would be wonderful. Thank you to all who have sent in your ticket and donation money, I know Martha K0EPE is in her glory marking down everyone's name.

Thanks also to everyone who helps keep me in the loop of upcoming events. If anyone has heard from Victoria SV2KBS, I hope she is okay. We have not had any contact from her, and that is why the Contest Calendar is not up to date. I am sure that one day we will get more information on upcoming contests.

That's it folks, Yvonne ZR6TBL, Marianne ZS6ANA and myself really enjoy keeping things working well on the site for all to enjoy.

33 from all of us. Vai VE5AQ

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