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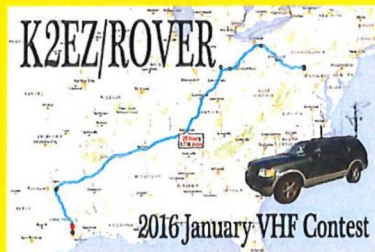
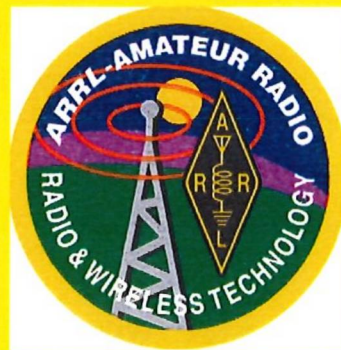
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## Field Day 2016 and Election Results!



**Congratulations to all the new officers!**

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**President's Info**  
**De Bobbie Donohue, W1JX**



Hello to all. This is my first message as President and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this fine organization in that capacity for the next year and a half. I hope that I will be able to live up to the excellent standards that have been set over the years.

During my term, I hope to be able to increase the membership of YLRL, especially young people, and also to encourage greater participation from the membership. Everyone has something they can offer, whether in an elected or appointed office. If someone is unable to hold an office due to other commitments, then, hopefully, she can help by sending news to her District Chairwoman or to the editor.

I hope also to encourage greater use of social media. We already have a wonderful website, which I encourage everyone to check out if you haven't yet done so.

We also have a Facebook page which should be of interest to those of you who are on Facebook. I am not on that yet, but I am on Twitter. I hope to get on Facebook soon. Let us know what you are doing. Send pictures! Participation is the key to success.

As I write this, summer has just arrived. By the time you read this, summer will almost be over, Field Day will be in the past and the children will be getting ready to go back to school.

I hope you had a great summer and will have a great fall. Again, I look forward to being your President and if there is anything you would like to suggest or if you would like to volunteer to serve in a position, please let me know.

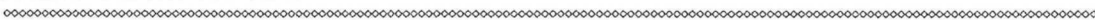
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**Vice President's Info**  
**De Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI**



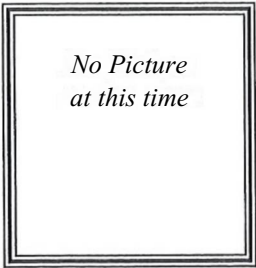
Contest and net information should be sent to the Vice President and look here for results in the next contest.



For those of you in the Northwest, here are the dates and times for the M1N0W nets:

Thursday evening 7:30 pm Pacific time on Echolink node 286905 (that's Friday at 0230 UTC (DST) or 0130 UTC (ST))

Friday morning 8:30 am Pacific time on 3.812 or thereabouts (that's Friday 1530 UTC (DST) or 1430 UTC (ST)).



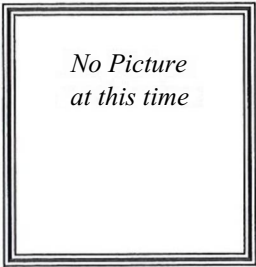
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de Niece Haynes, KA1ULN



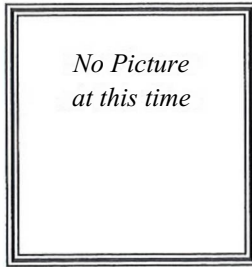
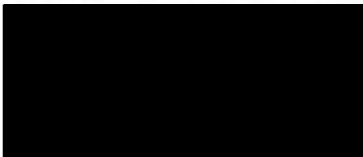
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de Diane Ortiz, K2DO



**District Three News**  
de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ



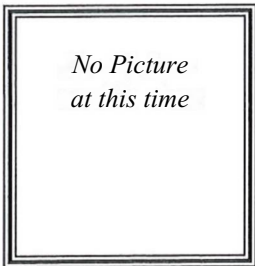
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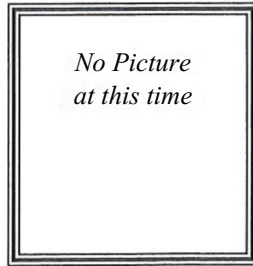
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de Open Position



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de Carol Milazzo, KP4MD



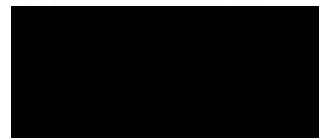
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de Robin Resnick, KJ7BI



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de Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

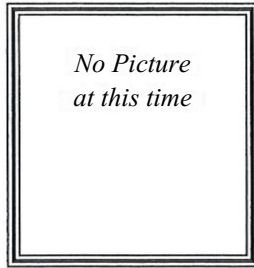
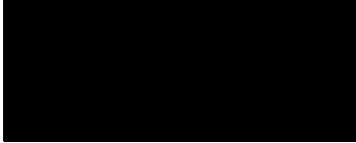


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de Carole Burke, WB9RUS





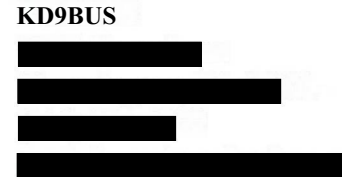
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de Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS



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de - OPEN



**Youth News**  
de Maria Lysandrou



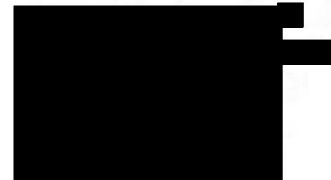
**VE News**  
de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM



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



**US Districts 1-10, KH6,**



**Disbursing Treasurer**  
de Marsha Fleming, N8FE



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**President's Advisory Committee**

Term expires December 31, 2016  
Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS

Term Expires December 31, 2018  
Linda Metz, KC8PKY

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Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD, Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV

## **Election Results are in!**

**Congratulations to all the new officers for 2016-2017**

### **FINAL RESULTS**

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**DXRT** KB4RM, Rose-Marie Battig

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**DC 2** K2D0, Diane Ortiz

**DC 3** WB3EFQ, Lois Gutshall

**DC 4** AC4YL, Catherine Andrews

**DC 5** none

**DC 6** ICP4MD, Carol Milazzo

**DC 7** KJ7BI, Robin Resnick

**DC 8** KC4IYD, Nancy Rabel-Hall

**DC 9** WB9RUS, Carole Burke

**DC 10** KB0NAS, Doisha Kretke

**AK** none

**VE** VE7IM, Suzanne Snape



# New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WBIARU-Secretary



## DISTRICT 1

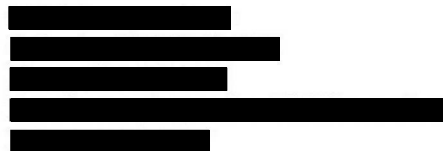
**Stanley Horzepa WA1LOU**



Stan holds an Extra license and is a Writer. She is a member of Tucson Amateur Packet Radio.

## DISTRICT 2

**Belinda Connor KD2BPJ**



Belinda holds a General license and is Retired. Her OM is Bob, KD2GEB.

**Deborah Koehler-Whitehead KB2WEY**



Deborah holds a General license and is Retired. She is a member of Keuka Lake ARA. Her ham family includes father, KB2SLX; OM, KC2JLQ; and sons, N3YFG and KC2JLO.

**Devlin Murray KC2PIX**



Devlin holds a Technician license and is a Student at NJIT. She is a member of NJIT ARC and WC2FD. She presented her pole climbing robot at Dayton. She was licensed at 12.

**Barbara Kee KD2JCK**



Barbara holds a Technician license and is a Mom. She is a member of Bergen ARA. Her family includes Kai, K2TRW and Brian, KD2GUW.

## DISTRICT 3

**Kathleen Peca WY3R**



Kathleen holds an Extra license. She is active on HF and likes Field Day. Her former call was N3IRV. Carm, W03T is her OM.

## DISTRICT 4

**Sharon Willet KM4TVU**



Sharon holds a Technician license and is a Home School Teacher. She will be going with her daughter Ruth, KM-4LAO on the YDXA Saba Island trip in August.

**Brenda Totty KM4HJQ**



Brenda holds an Extra license and is Retired. She heard about YLRL on a net.

**Catrena M. Hall KM4MDI**



Catrena holds a General license and is Retired. She is very active on Digital bands and is a member of Courage Center / Handihams.

**Nancy Whittle AK4LQ**



Nancy holds an Extra license and is a Coding Specialist. She is a member of Birmingham ARC, Sylvan Springs ARC and HCARC and is active with ALERT. Deryl, WD4IGK is her OM. Her former call was KJ4DYZ.



**Rachel Mulder KN4KIN**

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

Rachel holds a Technician license and is a Computer Teacher for senior citizens. She is also a gunsmith and engraver.

**Anna Pike KD4PCU**

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

Anna holds an Extra license and is a General Manager. She is a member of LaGrange ARC and is active on 2,440, 20m and 40m. Her family includes KA4KBX, KJ4AXB, KJ4AXD and KJ4AXF.

**Fran Zimmer K4FPZ**

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

Fran holds a Technician license and is an RN. She is active on 2m. Her OM is W4LWZ.

**Magdalena Moses KM4EGE**

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

Magda holds an Extra license and is a Student. She is VP of Virginia Tech ARA. She is active on 2 meters.

**DISTRICT 5**

**Susan King K5DU REJOIN**

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

Susan holds an Extra license. She is President of Central TX DX and Contest Club and is active on all bands. She likes RTTY contests.

**Julie Janzer KF5FLZ**

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

Julie holds a Technician license and is an Instructor. She is a member of Brazos Valley ARC. Mark, K5MGJ is her OM.

**Michelle Carey W5MQC**

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

Michelle holds an Extra license and is a Buyer. She is a member of SCARS and is active on 2m for now.

**Rebecca Paul KG5FBZ**

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

Rebecca holds a Technician license and is a Credit manager. She is a member of N. Richland Hills ARC and is just getting started with ham radio.

**DISTRICT 7**

**Dixie Zappala N7OYY**

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

Dixie holds an Extra license and is Retired. She is active on 40,17 and 20m. She is a member of Yavapai ARC and the Mingus Mt. Repeater Group. She uses JT65 and JT9 for digital operation and is active on HF as well. Chuck, KE7SA is her OM.

**DISTRICT 8**

**Pat Maley KD8PAT**

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

Pat holds an Extra license and is a Retired Teacher. She is very active with emergency communications as a member of QCEN. She is also a member of OH-KY-IN ARS and enjoys Field Day and OH QSO.

**Lois LaFountain W8FOT**

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

Lois holds a Technician license.

**Barbara Foster KC8CXV REJOIN**

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

Barbara holds a Technician license and is Retired. Her OM is Dave, N8CIV.

**Trish Arnett KA8AMX**

[Redacted]  
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Trish holds a General license and is Retired. She is a member of Eastern Michigan ARC, MI-QRP and QRP-ARCI.

**Coletta Tomasik W8CDL**

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Coletta holds a Technician license and is a Truck Driver. She is active on 10 m and enjoys the 10-X Contest and Field Day. She is a member of Portage Co ARS with OM KB8UHN.

**Karen Arthur KE8ABL**

[Redacted]  
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Karen holds a Technician license and is an Operations Manager. She is active on 2 m.

**Paula Cahill KD8OCI**

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[Redacted]  
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Paula holds a General license and is Retired. She is a member of Lancaster / Fairfield Co Radio Club. Her OM is Mike, WN8C

**Ann Williamitis KB8SGZ**

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Ann holds a General license.

**Brenda White KD8SGB**

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Brenda holds a General license and is a Retired Pipefitter. She is member of Utica-Shelby ECA and is active on 2 and 10m. OM is Mike, N8BBC

**Rebecca Hopkins AC8XF**

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Birthday: April 13

Rebecca holds an Extra license and is in Retail Sales. She is a member of Mt. Vernon ARC.

**Dee Smith KE8ATB**

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Dee holds a Technician license and is a Legal Assistant, Farmer and Engineer - Geologist. Larry, KA8UOF is her OM.

**Deborah Ayres Rodriguez KE8BHD**

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Deborah holds a Technician license and is a Test Technician. She comes from a family of hams including Ted, KA0FXN, Douglas, KA0NJJ and John, NF0P (SK).

**DISTRICT 9**

**Julia Buckley KD9GAZ**

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Julia holds a Technician license.

**Linda Ludwig Irish K9LIN**

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Linda holds a Technician license and is Retired. She is a member of ARES and RACES .She is active on all the bands. Bob, W9RCI is her OM and Dave, W5LDL is her brother.

**Ellen Stout W9ESW**

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Ellen holds a Technician license and is Retired. Her additional hobbies are traveling, reading and knitting. Richard, KQ9H is her OM.

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## *District 1*

### **Anne Manna, WB1ARU:**

Anne, WB1ARU worked FD with her OM, Tony, WA1ENO, using his call as a IE station. 20 meters was really active and I made contacts at a rate of better than one a minute. I worked Dawn, KJ4ZBK and Linda, KC8PKY. I worked many other YLs too. I also worked one DX station in New Zealand, a first for me, especially on FD!

### **Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU:**

The 2016 Dayton Hamvention was eventful for me on three fronts. (1) I bought a new radio (an ELAD FDM-S2 SDR receiver), (2) I won the Hamvention Special Achievement Award and (3) I joined YLRL. AMSAT, ARRL, TAPR, YLRL member. I blog at [horzepa.com](http://horzepa.com)

### **Linda Robinson, WIMP:**

My OM, NIMR and I spent some time at our club station BARC Burlington Amateur Radio Club, where I actually Elmered a ham making his first HF QSOs for Field Day, one with Germany, he was very excited about it. He had only been working 2M simplex. We had a great potluck supper, I brought lots of watermelon and lots of Oreo cookies, yummy dessert after grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. The club operates IF from its shack in the Red Cross building. I did not operate at the club station.

After that I went home and operated IE because we have a generator that can run our Hamshack. I made a dozen or so contacts and by Sunday afternoon had already submitted my log and yesterday uploaded to LoTW. I also worked some HF over the July 4th holiday but tried to avoid the 13 Colonies special event since I had completed that in 2011. I only made a few contacts but had a good time, even had one QSO with a Venezuelan station participating in the Independence of Venezuela celebration contest. He gave a serial number of 001 and so did I. Hopefully he went on to make a lot of contacts.

That's the report from my QTH in northwestern Vermont. 33 de WIMP

### **Lisa Neuscheler, KC1YL:**

I was in Florida for Field day and stopped by the St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club. They let me "take over" the GOTA station, W4GAC, for a few hours. Unfortunately, there was bad thunderstorms. The other stations had to unplug but the GOTA had a Buddipole so I kept calling. The storm knocked out power from 3pm until 1:30am. We really needed those generators! Sunday morning, I went back early and used the GOTA station again for a few more hours. As much as I missed being at my home club for my first field day, I had fun and met lots of new people. 73's, Lisa Neuscheler, KC1YL

### **Anita Kemmerer, AB1QB:**

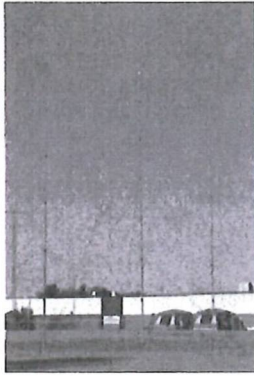
May, June and July brought a lot of Amateur Radio Activities. Fred, AB IOC and I traveled to Dayton for the Hamvention in May. We attended Contest University on Thursday and learned all about how to improve our antennas and operating techniques for the declining solar cycle. On Friday we had fun touring all of the vendor booths and on Saturday we had the honor of presenting our Station Building talk at the Contest Forum.

We spent much of June preparing for Field Day with the Nashua Area Radio Club, which we held at Hollis Brookline High School. We were 7A and had two WRTC towers and a 40m 3 Element V-Beam, a Satellite Station and a 70cm Digital ATV Station. We have recently added many new Hams to our club and it was great to see many of the new folks having fun operating during Field Day.

Right after Field Day was the 13 Colonies Special Event. Fred is the NH State Manager for the K2K station. This year we hosted several of our club members at our QTH and also spent quite a bit of time operating the pileups. One of our club members, Wayne Wagner, AG1A visited with his wife and 2 daughters, all of whom are either YLs or aspiring YLs and we all worked our Clean Sweeps together. It



*Anita, AB1QB*



was great to hear the comments from the operators after hearing so many loud YLs from New Hampshire.

Last weekend we activated Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site as part of ARRL National Parks On The Air (NPOTA) with several club members. We had two stations, our mobile station on 40m and I also set up a tent with an Icom 7300 and a Wire Dipole. Despite the rain we all had a great 20m time.

*Nasua Area  
Radio Club Field*



*NPOTA Station*

**Niece Haynes, KA1ULN:**

Well in the past 2 months I have upgraded to Extra (yippee). I took a 3-day class... that made it very easy. I have installed 3 vertical antennas. I prefer dipoles and Verticals. I love making my antennas. Preparing a MOXON 10-meter antenna, check blog for more information. I am in process of developing a SDR from a Raspberry PI 3. I was Co-Lead on the K1IG digital station on field day. I stayed up 28 hours. We got about 250 QSOs. It was a beautiful night here in Massachusetts. I worked only 8 of the 13 colonies. But, the bunny rabbit prevented me from finishing the contest. The bunny rabbit ate my coax.

I am very interested in hearing from the YLRL Youth group. If I can do anything to help out in that area, please contact me. All of us should try to help in developing the Youth group. I am very proud of my District (thank you all for voting for me) I am proud to hold the JOB of YLRL District Chairwoman. 33 KA1ULN, Niece

*District 2*

Some District 2 YLs mentioned that they had trouble contacting Diane, K2YL, our District Two Chairwoman. Apologies for the trouble. The editor has checked her information in the front of *YL-Harmonics* and noticed errors. The phone number has been corrected and has confirmed that the [hamyl@aol.com](mailto:hamyl@aol.com) email is functional. Thank you for your patience with this issue. We are glad to have received the DC2 news despite challenges.

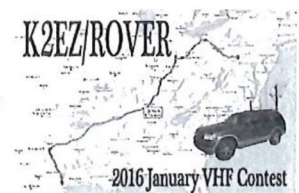
**Ria Jairam, N2RJ:**

The 13 colonies special event has been held every year since 2009 during the week of Independence day. Special callsigns from K2A through K2M are issued, one for each of the 13 original colonies. There is a special certificate for working all of the stations. There is also a special station WM3PEN in Philadelphia and GB13COL in Britain for special endorsements.

Ria, N2RJ had initially learned of the event from sorting bureau QSL cards, and decided to get on and work the stations and apply for the certificate. After working them all she saw that her friend Eric, N2KOJ, was one of the operators and asked about operating. After contacting Mike, KA2FIR, she was added to the roster and while she only operated approximately 3 hours, she made over 400 contacts. She will be operating next year and hopes to do a full effort with more operating time.

**Andrea Slack, K2EZ:**

I guess one piece of old, yet new news, is from the January VHF contest. The ARRL finally published the results in QST. In the Limited Rover category, I got a second place nationally with a score very close to the first place station and won the Great Lakes Division. The ARRL gave me a good mention in the article as well mentioning the 27 grids I activated set a record for grid activations.



The ARRL also included a picture of my January VHF Contest QSL which shows my 1700-mile route.

On the weekend of June 11th and 12th I was active in the June VHF for the second time. Since my start point was within the Cape Cod National Seashore, I did a National Parks On the Air (NPOTA) activation a couple hours before the VHF contest started. That was my 17th National Parks Activation and I worked just about 50 stations in an hour or so of operating.



*Cape Cod location*

This is a picture of my vehicle at my Cape Cod location configured for the VHF contest and the NPOTA activation.

The June VHF contest was exciting as well as a learning experience. Once again I was operating as a Limited Rover and was hoping to activate 14 or 15 grids. For those not familiar with the VHF contest, a rover station is one that moves from one grid to another during the contest. "Activating" a grid means making one or more QSOs from within that grid.

The 14 to 15 grid plan was much less demanding than my 27 grid effort in January, but still would require the better portion of 1000 road miles during the contest period. That doesn't include all the miles from NJ to my starting point in Cape Cod.

For a rover like me, the vehicle always seems to play a big part in contest preparation and issues during the contest. I have had radio and antenna problems, but these have been small compared to vehicle headaches.

As usual the vehicle comes due for an oil change and starts leaking coolant just days before the contest. I could not get the coolant issue resolved before the contest so had to evaluate if I had to cancel or scale it back my participation in the contest. It seemed that it would only leak when cold and that when warmed up the leak rate was really slow. So with gallons of extra water I headed out to Cape Cod.

The contest itself started out slow. While I was in a relatively rare grid, other stations rarely pointed their beams my way because there was little more than open ocean. Had 6m been open the rare grid would have drawn lots of attention to me, but alas 6m was not open. About 90 minutes into the contest I proceeded to head off the Cape for the next grid in my route. About an hour away from the Cape, 6m opens up big time. My dumb luck!!! There was no way to know how long it would be open so I proceeded on my route. Had I known it would be open for most of the day and most of the next day I probably would have turned around and at least operated there as long as I could continue to get contacts.

The big thing that everyone will remember from this June's VHF contest will be the 6M opening. There was amazing 6m propagation from where I was north into Canada, down to Florida, out to Texas, much of the Midwest and event out into Arizona. As a rover, with limited 6m antenna, this opening did not favor me as much as it favored fixed stations with big beams. Another consequence of the big 6m opening meant most of the single operator stations were off on 6m which cost me lots of opportunity for 2M and higher band contacts. What I picked up in 6m multipliers were canceled out by multipliers that were not gotten on 2M, 1.25m and 70cm.

The most exciting time of the contest was after 11:30pm on Saturday. Usually things die down as stations go off the air for the night and it becomes hard to get a QSO. This contest was different. As 6m closed, suddenly those who were off on other bands back on 2m and the higher bands. From 11:30pm till when I went to bed I worked 50 QSOs. That is about 20% of all the QSOs I worked in the contest! Previously I would have been lucky to get 5 or 10 QSOs that late.

Despite all the concerns about the coolant, this was not a problem. Except for the four hours I was sleeping, the vehicle was running almost continuously for the 33-hour contest period. By early afternoon

Sunday things were looking positive. My concerns about an overheat were distant. I was in Maryland and had just crossed into a new grid. There was a rest area about half a mile away that sat atop a hill. That was my intended stop to work some stations. It was also, just about as far as I was going to get from home Sunday. Then suddenly I hear a horrible noise and feel a drag on the vehicle. One of my front tires had ruptured. I had to get off the road immediately and couldn't make the rest area. By the time I got stopped the tire was partly off the rim.

Making matters worse, the jack wouldn't fit under the car. It was over an hour before I was able to get moving again with the spare. I was hot, dirty, nasty, sore and had lost a great deal of time. I finally got to that rest stop, but instead of working the stations I had a sked with, I went inside to get cooled off and wash myself as best as I could.

I got myself an Ice Cream cone.

With ice cream gone my mind turned back to the fact that I was in Maryland and there was another 8 hours of contest left. I had no idea how well the spare would hold up. I didn't have another. From where I was it was just as long to continue the loop thru Maryland and Pennsylvania as to reverse my route and head home. I decided to continue the loop since it would let me get a couple more grids and get to a couple very good VHF locations. I did decide to shorten the route and stay stopped in the good spots longer and this way it was no more miles than reversing my route and heading home. In the end, instead of the 14 or 15 grids I hoped to activate I was only able to activate a dozen.

Murphy was not done with me however. My shortened route had me reach my FN11 spot while it was still daylight. In the other two other times I reached this spot after dark. There are some residences along the road. I picked a spot along the road between residences so I wouldn't be right in front of someone's house. Little did I realize that daylight was going to be a problem.

Because it was daylight the antenna array on my vehicle was much more evident. No sooner had I stopped when someone in another vehicle coming up the road stops and rolls down his window. After taking a minute to explain, he drove off and I started to operate. I work a few stations when someone else stops. I roll down my window mid QSO and complete the QSO before turning to him. Once again I explain. While talking with him someone else stops.

Now the road is blocked with one vehicle that was going one way stopped in the middle of the road and another vehicle going the other way stopped too. No big deal, despite all the attention this really isn't a busy road. It just seemed everyone was stopping!! The guys were very nice and polite and were just were curious. Then I notice in my rear view mirror an older gentleman walking down the road from the nearest house.

Perhaps my vehicle with all the antennas drew his attention, or maybe it was the vehicles stopped on the road got his attention, I don't know. One thing was obvious. Despite the distance, I could tell he looked unhappy and his body language screamed anger. His fists were balled and he was walking like a gorilla ready for a confrontation. I knew it wasn't good. Still like the others I politely explained what I was doing and went on to say I was only here for a short bit because it is a high spot. I explained that I would be leaving shortly. He was having none of it and said "I think you should leave now". Despite it not being a private road, I felt it was probably better to leave sooner than later so I headed out and move onto the next grid.

My final grid was FN 10. I had a great spot up near a water tower a short distance down from where some new homes were built. I had planned to spend the last couple hours there. Once again Murphy had other plans. When I got there, I discovered the road was now marked private and it was restricted access. I had to find a different spot. I found one but it just wasn't as good and the last hours just weren't as productive as I had wished. It also seemed that with 6m activity dying down people decided to pull the plug early.



*X painful tire!*

In the end I did somewhat better than last June but in some ways felt I didn't do as nearly good as I could have. The 6m opening helped scores in general but I do not feel my improvement was as much as the average improvement. I did learn some things about 6m and believe I am better prepared to handle a big 6m opening in the future.



*Fueling up on the way home.*

Overall I still had a good time. I was tired, still somewhat dirty and exhausted at the end.

Here is a picture I took after the contest out in Hazelton PA when I was fueling before proceeding on my 90-minute drive home. That dirty tire on the front is the spare.

I got myself another ice cream cone.

33, Andrea K2EZ

### **Candy Duell, N2OKA:**

Hello, this is Candy, N2OKA, I worked the 13 Colonies Special Event this year, I got 9 of the 13 Colonies. I think I was too close for some of them to make contact with on 40 meters, and never heard them on 80. But I had a blast trying to get them all, with all the massive pileups!

33 Candy

### *District 3*

Well, by default I am once again the Third District chair. Why?? Because no one else volunteered. So here is my plea...surely you gals in the third call area have some interesting happenings going on. I am begging you to drop me a note and we can let the rest of the organization know what is going on.

It has been a busy summer so far. In June I took a fall in our RV and fortunately nothing broke but my right arm was badly bruised and I developed lymphadema. It is better but still sore. Then in July I moved my 97-year-old mother to assisted living. That involved cleaning out her apartment she lived in for 14 years. It is amazing how much "stuff" we accumulate. I have decided it is time for me to start downsizing so my kids don't have to do it.... where to start.

On a sad note, this year I lost 2 old ham radio friends, Mary Ann Crider, WA3HUP and Mavis, VK3KS. I visited Mavis when we visited Australia in 1989. She was a lovely lady. Mary Ann lived about 100 miles east of us so we saw each other from time to time over the years. We attended the YLRL convention in Las Vegas together and had a great time.

I see we have some new 3<sup>rd</sup> area members. Please get active and send me your news. My e-mail is [wb3efq@atlanticbb.net](mailto:wb3efq@atlanticbb.net)

### *District 4*

Hello to District 4 YLs and all! District 4 YLRL would like to welcome the following new members:

**7m,** KM4ECD located in Hampton Cove, AL  
Ruth, KM4LAO located in Lawrenceville, GA  
Eryndlia, KK1T located in Chapel Hill, TN  
Estelle, KM4ELW located in Chapel Hill, TN  
Gail, N4YAK located in Cape Coral, FL  
Sharon, KM4TVU located in Lawrenceville, GA  
Brenda, KM4HJQ located in Duck River, TN  
Catrena, KM4MDI located in Cary, NC  
Nancy, AK4LQ located in Mulga, AL  
Rachel, KN4KIN located in Athens, AL  
Anna, KD4PCU located in Roanoke, AL  
Fran, K4FPZ located in Cape Coral, FL  
Magdalena, KM4EGE located in Falls Church, VA

It's wonderful to have you ladies join us! We welcome you and should you need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [ac4yl@arrl.net](mailto:ac4yl@arrl.net), and I'll be happy to assist if I can with your YLRL questions. We encourage you to take a look at the website <http://w5vw.ylrl.org> for information on YLRL including YL Nets that we're sure you will find interesting and fun! My apologies to any new District 4 YLRL members that I may have missed! Please send me an email directly, and I will be sure and include you in next article!

District 4 would also like to congratulate Donna KM4FMW, Ruth KM4LA0, Emilie N4XQS, and Dawn WA4YL on obtaining their Extra Class Licenses! Congrats ladies! The bands are now open to you! Congratulations also to Sharon KM4TVU on passing your Technician License Exam! So glad to have you with us and glad you're having a blast with your daughter Ruth!

Other District 4 News - Ruth KM4LA0 and her mother Sharon KM4TVU will be participating in Youth DXpedition coming up this year August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> to SABA Island! You can read more about that by visiting this website: [http://w5VW.qsl.net/n6jrl/2016Team/2016\\_team.html](http://w5VW.qsl.net/n6jrl/2016Team/2016_team.html). Can't wait to hear all about it ladies! Have fun and stay safe!

I hope everyone had a blast at Field Day! We really enjoyed talking about it on the Echolink YL Ham Net (Every Thursday at 8PM ET on ALARA Conference Node 286905 - All YLs invited!). YLs also emailed me their Field Day Stories as well! Here are their experiences:

**Cathy, KK4IWN** - This is Cathy Goodrich, KK.4IWN. I found myself doing very little talking on the radio, and putting in a LOT of miles over the weekend as I visited some of the Amateur Radio Clubs in Middle TN. It was fun visiting and chatting with several of the clubs that I work with in my role as ARRL TN Section PIC (Public Information Coordinator).

On Saturday, my husband WA4VGZ (Affiliated Club Coordinator for the TN Section) did a lot of navigating for me as we traveled the "Northern route" of I-65 to see the Robertson County ARC, N4RCA, which set up at the Louise Martin Memorial Park. They had a small but active set up with one station in the park pavilion and another in a trailer close by. There were seven Amateur Radio operators at the site, including two YLs - Shiela Edwards, N8SIE, New Amateur Extra Class, and Mary Vest, KM4RAQ.



*KK4IWN and WA4VGZ at the Stone River ARC Field Day Site*



From there, we drove to the Sumner County Amateur Radio Association, W4LKZ, which had several stations set up at Lock 4 Park in Gallatin, TN. They also had the EOC mobile unit there, and the Southern Baptist Convention Emergency Relief Trailer. A very active Field Day site which ran several modes of operation.

We also visited Sena, Nil Y and her OM Jerry, NM9U, who operated on solar power for Field Day with a few friends from Dickson County.



On Sunday, the sites we visited were winding down due to some severe thunderstorms that passed through the "Southern" route. We stopped by the Wilson County ARC site, but discovered that they wrapped up Saturday night due to the weather and band conditions. From there, we headed south-west to the Stones River Amateur Radio Club site where Field Day activities were impacted by the heavy rains and lightening that covered the area on Saturday night. Before the radios went silent due to the weather, there were 18 operators at the Smyrna Field Day site with 4 stations in operation. The radios went silent when the bad weather hit, but these dedicated operators made sure all was shut down properly before closing out the Field Day site on Sunday.



Our final stop was at the Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park for a joint Field Day involving 3 clubs. The Bedford County Amateur Radio Society, (BCARS), Middle TN Amateur Radio Society (MTARS) and Short Mountain Repeater Club (SMRC) held a joint Field Day exercise this weekend. Civil Air Patrol also set up at the site, and participated in the activities. We gave a BIG THANK YOU to Michael Glennon, WB4JHU and the Field Day participants for welcoming a couple of "latecomers" to their event.

33, Cathy KK4IWN

**Sena, N11Y** - For the second year in a row we held a Field Day party at our house. We operated IE from the house and made fair amount of contacts. All total we had 9 people attend. We worked the radio, socialized, and ate all kinds of goodies, not necessarily in that order. On Saturday afternoon we held a VE session - had one person want to upgrade to Extra before the exam changed (he passed), and did a mini training session on grounding. It was like being at a quilt retreat for ham radio!

Sena Frank, N11Y

**Ruth, KM4LA0** - It was incredible to be able to participate in Field Day this year. I participated with GARS and was able to help setup, help with GOTA (Get On The Air) station, operate 40m SSB and 80m CW on Saturday and more CW on Sunday. Had a great time!

**Emilie, N4XQS** - We had a great Field Day! We had a great antenna and tower setup as well as 40 and 80m loop antennas. It was even sweeter because about a week before Field Day I upgraded to Extra! We had about 12 people participate as well as several visitors. It was hot! Great to spend Field Day with Putnam County!

**Dawn, WA4YL**- Had fun spending Field Day with my local club in Hudson, FL. I was able to operate 20m and 40m from inside our nice communications trailer. We had a nice big tower and American Flag flying all in public view right off US Hwy 19. We even had a couple of people stop by because they were curious!

**Melanie, AG4YL**-I can't believe another Field Day has come and gone! This year was a little different than my first field day last year as I didn't have three days off to setup, play, and take down for my club NFARL. I did have Saturday off, so for something different I went with Catherine, AC4YL to a National Park

we had activated and played Field Day portable. We operated IB (single station portable) from the car with the engine running and AC on! For those not near the Atlanta area, it was over 100°F. 20m was awful, but we still managed several QSOs. Then time to go to the NFARL club where Catherine had the 10pm to 12 Midnight slot operating with me logging. Then we switched for the 12am Midnight to 2am slot. 40m finally gave out, so down to 80m we went where I worked some really nice Q's! A little nap in the car and off to work I went on Sunday!

All in all, it was a completely different, but just as awesome, field day for me this year. I'm sad it's over and can't wait to see what next year brings!



*Catherine, AC4YL and Melanie, AG4YL*



*Dawn, WA4YL and Christine, KK4KJN*

**Catherine, AC4YL** -I had a great time Field Day this year! As Melanie stated, she and I had a blast operating portable from inside the nice AC cool car! Operating with the North Fulton Amateur Radio League was so much fun too! I've discovered night is a great time to operate during the really hot month of June here in GA! Had a blast with Melanie Saturday and overnight as we operated and joked around. Then after Melanie had to go to work, I came back to wrap up Field Day with the club spending good times with Lori K4UPI and logging for her as she



*Lori, K4UPI and Catherine, AC4YL*

closed out Field Day with a bang! It was so much fun to be able to spend another Field Day with my best YL Ham Radio friends and such a great club with awesome members!

Thanks again ladies for sharing your Field Day Experiences and photos with us!

YLs are also having a blast activating National Parks with NPOTA! Ruth, KM4LA0 shares her experience activating Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park with Donna, KM4FMW and her OM Chuck KK4TKJ:

On April 28th, 2016, Chuck McCord, KK4TKJ; Donna McCord, KM4FMW; and I had the pleasure of activating Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park (BP01). It was my first National Park activation and was a total blast. I enjoyed seeing the park as it was my first time visiting. When we arrived at the park, we stopped by the visitor center and explored the park for a little while. Then we drove up to the top of Kennesaw Mountain to operate!

We operated from Chuck's car and used his Yaesu FT-857D radio attached to the Yaesu ATAS-120 antenna. We started out on 40 meters with me calling and Chuck logging and made over 20 QSOs. Then we switched to 20 meters for the rest of our activation. Within a short amount of time I had a pileup, the biggest I have had to date as an operator. It was so much fun working through the pileup, knowing that all these hams wanted to work me primarily because I was activating a park unit! By the end of our activation we'd logged over 65 QSOs and, most importantly, had a wonderful time!

See you soon!

Ruth, KM4LA0

A few final reminders:

1. All YLs are welcome to please join us on the Echolink YL Ham Net every Thursday 8pm ET on the ALARA Conference Node 286905. We hope that the ALARA link will encourage more Australian Ladies and YLs around the world to join us and bring us closer together via ham radio. We would love to see you connect in and join us even if short-time!
2. Please send any ham radio/hamfest experiences with pictures you'd like to share with the ladies in YLRL Harmonics to my email [ac4yl@arrl.net](mailto:ac4yl@arrl.net) so they can be included! The Sept/Oct is the directory issue, so no news goes there. However, if you can get me any news/experiences you have by Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, that would be fantastic for the next Harmonics article!
3. Please be sure and stay active on the radio either HF, Local Repeaters, and/or Echolink!

See you on the bands!

33 de Catherine, AC4YL

## *District 5*

We still need someone as District Chairwoman for the Fifth District. If you would like to know more about the position, please contact one of the officers listed in the front of each *YL-Harmonics*. You may also send your District 5 news directly to Cheryl, N0WBV, the editor. Thank you for your membership and support!

## *District 6*

Please welcome our new District 6 Chairwoman, Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD!

Carol remembers building her first crystal radio kit as a child in the 60's in New York City. Her aunt's old Grundig multi-band radio with exotic places like London, Berlin and Moscow on its tuning dial sparked her fascination with short waves. While in 6th grade, Carol first heard a 75-meter AM ham conversation on her own 3-band transistor portable, and she was hooked.

As a high school student Carol collected short wave listener QSL cards for a few years until 1970 when she learned Morse code with an LP and earned her Technician class license, WB2OZA. She built her first rig—a Knight Kit 2 meter AM transceiver, and soon added equipment for 6 meters and 439 MHz amateur television.

In 1971 she won the New York City-Long Island Section Award for the ARRL June VHF QSO Party contest and upgraded to Advanced class. As a college student, she built her first SSB radio in 1972, a Heathkit HW-101, joined Air Force MARS, and was active with the Fordham University Amateur Radio Club K2FO where she gave Novice classes and exams. With the help of W1AW code practice sessions, she upgraded to Amateur Extra class in 1974.

Carol remained active in ham radio after moving to Puerto Rico in 1976, and dropped the WB2 call sign for KP4EMN and later the two letter call sign KP4MD under incentive licensing. After serving as a US Navy Medical Corps officer at Roosevelt Roads Naval Hospital, Puerto Rico, she moved to Omaha, Nebraska in 1987 and taught at Creighton University Medical School until moving to Sacramento in 1999. Carol has been a member of ARRL since 1973, the Medical Amateur Radio Council (MARCO) since 1977 and YLRL since 2005.

Carol and her husband Roger, ICI6FYF, are Life members of the ARRL where she currently serves as ARRL Sacramento Valley Section Manager. She maintains a personal web page at [gsl.net/kp4md](http://gsl.net/kp4md) and is [n6na.org](http://n6na.org) webmaster for the River City Amateur Radio Communications Society.

Carol has published articles on satellite tracking calculations, filter design programming, and antenna modeling and analysis, and has presented an original video documentary on the Arecibo Observatory at ARRL National and Regional Conventions with Nobel Prize Laureate Dr. Joe Taylor, K1JT.

When her busy pediatric practice permits, Carol plays piano and is active from 160 meters through 432 MHz, with special interests in home brewing, antennas, radio propagation, CW, digital modes, mobile operating and computer software and interfacing.

Hello District 6 YLs!

First I would like to thank all of you who encouraged and have entrusted me with the task of chairing our district. Next, I thank my recent predecessors Dawn Biocca, KB6LHP, and Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL, for the example of their service as District 6 Chairs since I first joined YLRL in 2005. Our chair position has been vacant for the past 2!4 years so we need your participation to help kickstart our district back into full swing!

Ten days ago Anne Manna, WB1ARU, sent news of the election results while we were in the Caribbean on vacation. My first challenge as District Chair came just three days after my return home when YL Harmonics editor Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV, sent an e-mail requesting my column in less than 24 hours. So please forgive the brevity of this issue's column.

For now, I invite you to brainstorm with me on a few questions on how on a local level you may support our mission to promote YL interest, participation and advancement in the amateur radio service:

1. How can we reach the large influx of newly licensed YLs with VHF only privileges?
2. How can we help motivate entry level YLs to upgrade and join our mainstream amateur community?
3. How can we enlist more of our YLs in leadership positions to join our mission to overcome barriers to inclusion and to provide positive role models and mentoring for prospective YL hams?
4. How can we engage more youth through the Maker community, through helping to implement the new ARRL "Radio and Wireless Technology" Patch Program in our local Girl Scout troops and otherwise?

I encourage you all to engage other YLs on the air, in your communities and in your clubs to promote the YLRL mission to welcome more of our sisters to this fascinating world of amateur radio.

In June, I visited a few Field Day operations in Northern California. A video clip of my Channel 31 Field Day interview is posted on the July page of [www.arriyacvalley.org](http://www.arriyacvalley.org)



In early July, my husband Roger KI6FYF and I enjoyed a two week vacation at our beach side condo on the island of Puerto Rico. We made 115 contacts in 24 countries on CW, JT65 and SSB, and logged 24,772

*Channel 31 clip with Carol,  
KP4MD*



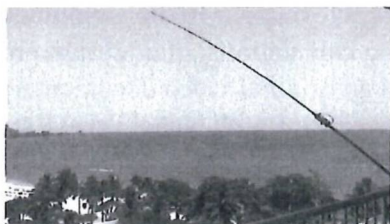
*Nilda, WP4MMP and Tony, KP4IA*

WSPR spots using a KX3 radio and balcony antenna. While there we enjoyed the hospitality of Nilda, WP4MMP and Tony Santiago,



*My husband Roger Cain, KI6FYF, myself  
visiting with ARRL Puerto Rico Section  
Manager Rene Fonseca NP3O*

*Operating in  
Puerto Rico*



KP4IA and a visit with members of the Virgin Islands Amateur Radio Club during our day trip to St. Thomas. Check our KP4MD/P page on [QRZ.com](http://QRZ.com) for more photos of our "suitcase DXpedition."

Congratulations to Diana Feinberg, AI6DF, on her new role as ARRL Los Angeles Section Manager.

The Ladies of the Net welcome new check ins weekdays at 10:00 am Pacific Time on 7.245 MHz LSB.

Our future columns depend on your news item submissions. Please send news about your local activities and photos with captions for this column to me at [kp4md@arrrl.net](mailto:kp4md@arrrl.net).

I look forward to hearing from you all and seeing you at the Pacificon Convention this October.

33, Carol Milazzo, KP4MD

## *District 7*

We just had elections and many of us are ready to move on another path with YLRL. This is my last District 7 Chair article and I have to say I am sort of sad about it. I have so enjoyed getting to know so many YLs in YLRL as a chairman. I know though that the YL that takes my place will do a fine job and I'm looking forward to reading her articles.

We had SEApac a few weeks ago and Cheryl, N0WBV, Publicity Chair, came and helped me out at the YLRL table. You know, that weekend we got 22 new YLRL members? How great is that! I was so thrilled to see all those women sign up. It made my day.

We also had Nancy Hall, KC4IYD, speak at the YLRL Luncheon. She works for NASA and had some great things to say about how she developed a love for science. Many of us got to know her and we all really enjoyed her. Thank you Nancy! :) :)



*Nancy, KC4IYD and Barbara,  
AC7UH preping for the YL Lunch  
YL Harmonics July/August 2016*

Clark Co Amateur Radio Club is getting ready to do their Field Day for this year. I organize the food also to make sure we have plenty of whatever we need. It's important to keep everyone full! My OM and I really enjoy Field Day and we're both looking forward to it.

We're also involved in NPOTA. The date we as a club, have set is in August. It'll be hot, but that's the driest time of the of year for the NW, so at least we should be able to sit outside without getting wet! Either way it will be fun to see how many national parks we can contact.

I hope you all are getting involved in your clubs and all that it does. It's important to be about something.

33, Marilyn, AF7BI

### *District 8*

Hello DC 8 YLs - thank you for voting me as DC 8 Chair. Things have been pretty busy this summer for my family and I so apologies that this month is short but hope to get more news in the coming month.

Nancy,  
kc4iyd/8

Hello from Urbana, Ohio :

I had a wonderful time at the Dayton Hamvention this year. I was able to visit the YLRL booth a couple of minutes. Unfortunately, not able to stay too long as I was working the LUSO booth. On Friday, the LUSO team all dressed in kimonos for the day and that was very enjoyable. I was kept very busy there. I was able to see many ham friends who stopped by the booth.

My most exciting thing this year was attending the Contest University. It was absolutely fabulous. It was a full day filled with wonderful classes and the teachers were superb. I learned so much and met so many wonderful hams from around the world. I am so excited about going back next year. I was surprised at the contest dinner to receive a plaque for taking first place SSB in the Ohio QSO party. So exciting! I am definitely hooked on contesting and DXing.

My husband and I are building a 40-meter beam and hope to get it up and on the air before Sweepstakes. We have been working a lot on our farm and getting the garden in and everything but I will always find time to get into contests. Now, however, my main goal is to get on the net with all the fine YLRL members. I am taking a trip to Colorado so see my family and hopefully some ham friends, but plan to be a regular on the net after that. I worked a phone fray for the first time and it was a lot of fun.

I will close with that and wish everyone well and hope to see you on the air.

Karen, KM8Q

### *District 9*

Happy Summer ladies. Unfortunately, it is rolling by much too quickly. Field Day has passed and the weather was much more friendly this year. Last year we had horrific storms that took down, and blew away a few of our tents. Power outages all over the city, but since we were operating on emergency power, no big deal for us.

This year, we did have one bout of rain but not nearly like last year. Our location was new for us; it was the Historic Fort Wayne. Fort Wayne is celebrating its Bi-Centennial this year. We always have a hog roast to feed everyone there, and, as usual, it was very good. My contribution is always sauerkraut. My OM and one YL, Kim, KB9DOS, have no appreciation for the finer points of sauerkraut. Also, we are always veiy strict about safety, and our safety man suspected our president, Charles, KC9MUT, of something suspicious so he made an example of Charles and put him in the stocks! He took in in good in good spirits.

My latest escapade was last Sunday. We went to a baseball game then out to dinner with two other couples. Keep in mind, I don't drink. When we walked in the restaurant, there were two steps down into the restaurant. I was holding the handrail, made the first step, missed the second one and down I went and hit my face on the handrail. My glasses went awry on my face. I had a red bump on the left eyebrow that day. My OM said that is what happens when you have 5 beers at the ballgame. The next morning, I work up with full-fledged black eye! My first black eye, ever!! At 73 I am calling it my Badge of Courage.

I hope everyone's summer is going well. Actually, mine is too. Everyone take care and stay safe. Let me know what is happening.

33, Carole, WB9RUS

## *District 10*

**Cheryl, N0WBV** writes: What a packed summer this has been! Between Ham Radio and Drag Racing, there hasn't been a weekend free it seems. After Dayton Hamvention® was the SeaPac Convention and then Field Day was just around the corner!

SeaPac was a blast again this year. Held in Seaside, OR it is the Northwest ARRL Division's annual convention and it is one of my favorite out of state events. This year it was YL filled as well.

Nancy, KC4IYD gave the YL Luncheon speech, but was also the Saturday night banquet speaker. I



*Nancy, KC4IYD  
presenting at SeaPac*

loved hearing her stories of NASA and Ham Radio. She had us laughing a lot and was entertaining as well as informative.

I got to speak at the YL forum on Saturday afternoon and there seemed to be a nice sized group of YLs attending. Don't know how many usually attend, but I was flattered that so many came to hear me speak on what the YLs are doing now and into the future.

Field Day was local so my OM, John, KT0F and I managed not to have to board the cat for another weekend and also got to sleep in our own bed.

We were there multiple days and were there for set up and tear down, though the group was so fast, things were done before you blinked!

I love getting to try new radios and antennas. This is a great way to see how ready you are for the world happenings and I always learn a lot. There were also a number of YLs who were there including two who were interested in getting licensed. I was privileged to show them around the world of Amateur Radio.

This was my 28<sup>th</sup> Field Day in a row and I have been going and setting up and logging even before I was licensed! The OM hasn't missed on in 32 years, so he still has me beat. Hi Hi

Sending out cards for some of the latest DXpeditions. It has been wonderful to see so many new activations. My card count is slowly going up and I am thrilled. I will be able to do more DXing this winter after the summer activities and family events slow down. Until then, radio is hit or miss, but always fun!

33 & 73, Cheryl, N0WBV

## *KL News*

Hello AK YLs. Well this is my last article for YLRL Harmonics. We're hoping to find an AK YL to run this year. And I know that when we get one she will do a great job announcing much more info about your beautiful state from a personal view.

It has been such an enjoyable time for me to learn about your fair state. I do hope someday to be able to travel the height and width of it, and be able to see some of the places I've reported on to you. I do hope you're able to get involved in the clubs close to you and promote amateur radio around your area.

Honestly, seeing your state is so vast, it seems that amateur radio should be very important there.

I hope to meet some of you in the future.

33- Marilyn, AF7BI

### *VE Column*

We have been having some really super, early, summer weather on the west coast. Most unusual and we might just be heading for another long, hot summer. Our forests are very dry, already, and it is only early June!!

Many changes are happening for me this season. I have sold my home and purchased a small place in town. The decision to leave this lovely, rural location and to downsize was the right one, however, it was also a difficult one. Many of you have gone through the same thing so you know what I am talking about.

I am off the air and feeling as if I have lost a really good friend!! Which, of course, I have!! I console myself with the knowledge that all this could have happened 15 years ago when David became a SK. Instead I got my license, claimed his call-sign and have had 14 years of fun. I look back with no regrets. 33, 73 & 88 to all the YLs and OMs I have had the pleasure of meeting, in person, and chatting with, on the air, these past 14 years.

I will continue my membership in CLARA and YLRL and, who knows, might even pop up on HF sometime in the future. In the meantime, I have turned to EchoLink. A great program and I was overjoyed when Rose-Marie, KB4RM, and Pat, K.7DUC, installed EchoLink. Our regular skeds will continue. Just not on 20M!! I am also finding a few YL Nets and had a great QSO with Sarla, WU2SWS; Ann, VE3HAI and Minnie, VE3DBQ, just before Sarla returned to India. Communication with friends is so important, no matter what mode...

Outside of the above and begging my neighbor to make a square for CLARA's 50" Birthday Quilt, that is the news from this QTH. I hope to see many of you in Winnipeg in July 2017!! I wish one and all a super, happy and safe summer. 33 Suzanne, VE7IM

**Elizabeth, VE7YL**, writes: All that the family is thinking about at the moment is the upcoming wedding of my granddaughter, Michelle. The first of my grandchildren to get married. The wedding dress has arrived - from where I have no idea - Michelle has seen it but no fittings until 2 weeks before the wedding (late August) just in case she gains weight. She has been a size 2 for so long I don't think she will gain an ounce! The same with the bridesmaids' dresses! Granny has dug out some Indonesia batik Kaftans that I had made in Jakarta - do have to go to the dressmaker to have them shortened as I have SHRUNK! No longer 5ft 2in!! Can hardly believe it.

Managed to work an A9 in April - an island that is part of Bahrain and a new IOTA. I didn't think that I would make it and being SSB my voice, started to give out quite quickly - BUT I made it - just as propagation started to change. I got my QSL card off in a hurry and wonder of wonders their card came back before the end of May. One of the quickest turnarounds that I have ever known. Hope everyone has a great summer - not too hot and not too dry! 33 Elizabeth, VE7YL

**Vai, VE5AQ**, writes: Hello Everyone. Well hope summer is treating you well. We had an awesome 2 weeks of camping. It is so quiet in the regional park as there is nobody there. Yes, guess I am getting older, don't like a bunch of screaming kiddies at 2 in the morning, and have them running through everyone's campsite during the day, so hubby and I go in June when they are all still in school, yep nice and quiet.

My garden is growing well, all the potatoes are up, and shortly we will be able to sample them for supper. Oh the joys of having a garden. The flowers are doing beautiful. Weather wise, well, it is what it is. Either raining or sunshine, both are welcome. Sure saves on the water bill when it rains.

Have not done anything on the radio for a while, as band conditions are really the pits. I just pray that things improve come the fall. (*Well no radio except for the web mastering of many YL sites and other Ham Radio help!—Ed.*)

I send prayers to all of you who are having such horrible weather. You all have much more stamina and courage than I have. I really don't know how you do it, losing everything, and then rebuilding over and over again. Anyways, hope all are safe, things are replaceable, family is not. Take care everyone. Till next time, I will send my best 33's to all the YLs near and far. God Bless Vai VE5AQ

**Ann, VE3HAI**, writes: Although she's been busy, not much involved ham radio. She did however chat with Sarla, VU2SWS; Suzanne, VE7IM and Minnie, VE3DBQ, on Echolink. Sarla was heading back to India and they had one last chat before she left the USA. Considering band conditions these days, Echolink really is the way to go. Those of us who no longer use HF can still keep in touch. How great is that?

Ann hopes that many YLRL members will plan to attend CLARA's 50th Birthday Bash in Winnipeg, July 2017. Details are on the CLARA website: [www.clarayl.ca](http://www.clarayl.ca). In addition to hosting the Birthday Bash, Winnipeg will hold the 2017 summer games two weeks after our event. That means Winnipeg will be at its best. There will be lots to see and do with volunteers testing their "welcome" smiles at every corner. Do come and join the fun. 33 Ann

**Helen, VA1YL**, writes: Our gang is hoping for a DXpedition to Bon Portage Island this July for the IOTA contest. We have been there three times - it is a great location. The challenge to our plan is that evil thing: poor health. Our wonderful quartermaster cannot come this year because her MS is far too bad. Her OM can't come because she can't manage without him. Another OM needs to stay with his XYL while she has chemotherapy for her cancer. Yet another OM may have to cancel if his daughter's cancer is too serious.

If you hear VC1A on in the IOTA contest give us a shout. If it is a YL voice, say "Hi" to me. I will be the only YL on the island.

I have joined a gym and I am really pleased with the progress I have made. My two closest neighbors go too, so there is a big incentive to go twice a week. Ham radio is fun but it doesn't build the muscles. Well, that is not true - putting up antennas & hauling equipment is exercise.

Our local club is putting on the first Field Day in years. Almost walking distance from our house. We are hoping to attract some folks to a ham course in the fall. I love working the Get on the Air station - I hope we will have some beginners to Get on the Air! 33 Helen VAI YL

**Heather, VE3HQH**, writes: Things have been very busy here for the past month and I haven't even been thinking of radio. Our camping square dance season is in full swing, as a matter of fact, we just arrived home a few hours ago from our second campout.

Last weekend our son-in-law gave our daughter, Corinne, a surprise 50th birthday party and we had a house full with relatives from Ottawa, even her Grandmother, who's 96, came. That's a long 5-hour drive for her but she's in good health and attends everything going. A great time was had by all 40 of us.

The flower shop has been very busy with proms, graduations, weddings and funerals. I haven't had much time at home.

We had beautiful weather for most of May and June but it has turned cool lately but I'm sure it will improve shortly; the garden is growing but slowly. Please mark July 17-22, 2017 on your calendar for CLARA's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash in Winnipeg, we'd love to have you attend if at all possible.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer. 33, Heather VE3HQH



## *DX Column*

Dear YL Friends,

July is here with heat and humidity, best is to stay inside in air condition and do the garden work early morning. I have not received any news from all you DX-YL friends so I will write about myself as changes are happening.

I am moving away from the best DX spot you can have out in the country on a hill and no neighbors to close. I have a tower and a beam and do DX very well.

My OM Charles, K4TY has had enough with cutting grass and trimming and caring for the house said I want something new an adventure let's move to Houston, TX, never lived there and have city life again.

Two trips there and I have gone over to his side, it is much like when we lived in Los Angeles, CA. I need an adventure too and you ask yourself how many years more are there.

We sold our beautiful home we built and are downsizing, out with the old in with something new refreshed and much less of it, who needs it, just collects dust.

I did say I am not giving up radio; it will never be as good as here. We will start out in an apartment for a year while we look for a house where I plan to put up antenna on the roof on a townhouse. In the apartment I will see if on the balcony I can rig up something otherwise do mobile from a park.

I have my Swedish net every Friday and many are disappointed if I am not there and DX-YL net every Monday I will not lead at least for a year, Bobbie, W1JX will take my place. Bobbi has a beam and hear everyone, as well as I do.

I have Echolink so I can stay in touch with the ones on it and I suggest go on echo link. It is not the same, but you don't lose touch with your friends, and only hams can be on it. I was planning to go to YL meet in England in October, but I have to cancel that, as it will be a little too much with this move.

I will have new address and email address and it will be in new directory in September I can't lose contact with you all as I stay as DX-YL treasurer.

We have a few who has left HF, Christa, DJ1TE also selling her home to go to apartment and has taken down her station sold to Finland to a good home. We stay in touch via email for now. Sigrid, DL3LG, was at Friedrichshafen Ham Fest and many DX-YL attended but no picture taken this year.

On last June-weekend HAM RADIO 2016 took place.

Lots of visitors were stopping at our YL-booth. It could be found very easily. The YLs in charge were wearing neon-green polo-shirts, this years' color of the exhibition. 119 YLs and 88 OMs registered in our guest book. Many new contacts were made and new activities planned. - The international YL-meeting on Saturday afternoon showed a lot of guests, 102 YLs from CE, DL, F, G, HA, HB9, HI7, JA, I<9, LX, OE, OZ, PA and SM. -

After special honoring's and proclaiming new activities by our YL-consultant, Christiane, DL4CR, Johanna, DJ5YL reported with a video about her ham-activity in LX, Luxemburg, with the call sign LX9YL and from a stay in France at a Flora-Fauna-park. Heike, DL3FID, showed us a video about her holiday-ham visit at Cape Verde, D4, also Ilse, DL5FM, presented a video-show about her stay at the international YL meeting on Iceland. As always time was passing too fast. -

The HAM Radio exhibition itself was visited by 17.200 persons, more than last year. Many world reknown exhibitors were present and high qualified technical lectures could be heard, There was also a big flea market, cafes and restaurants. A perfect organization helped the international ham guests. It is always nice again to visit Friedrichshafen at the Lake of Constance, blooming flowers, fruit plantae's and Wine-yards on one side and mostly snow covered mountains on the other side. Even rides with the Zeppelin were possible. It's always nice to pay a visit.

**DL3LG, Sigrid**

**Christine, GM4YMM, Summer Holidays!**

We had to be in Germany for a family birthday celebration in June. So Ken and I decided to activate a few SOTA hills on the way round Europe.

First stop was Newcastle to get the Ferry across to Amsterdam, then to visit my brother, who lives near the Euro port, near Rotterdam.

As usual, we had no campsites booked and went in the directions where the SOTA hills were. Holland is very flat and only has 5 hills that count.

One is near Maastricht, we cycled to St.Pietersberg and pushed the bikes up, set up the radio etc. and had the pleasure of freewheeling down again.

The region had been hit by flooding, torrential rains and thunderstorms and the village along the Maas Canal had to clear mud out of cellars 1/2-meter high! Our campsite was on a slope and not so badly affected by the running streams.

It was a short drive to the next top, Vrouvenleide, near the German border. PA/PA-002+ PA/PA-003

I'll give you the SOTA reference No's and you can find them as well.

The rain followed us every where. We sat over an hour in Henri-Chapelle for the fog and rain to clear, but no luck, we saw the summit, but we would have had to have a canoe to get there.

Not put off we found an easy summit, Botrange, ON/ON-001, an old military post. That was activated sitting under umbrellas!

We then went south to Luxembourg, to Eupen, and the summit of Kiirbesch, LX/LX-003, in the middle of a very wet forest. We had rain clothes etc. with us, on us, but we still got soaked. That was now 3 new countries for us for SOTA.

We crossed over into Germany and to the Hunsrueck area, beautiful sandstone hills. Eberskopf, DM/RP-158 was activated and the following day DM/RP-322, Grosser Eyeberg was conquered.

We now had a following of SOTA chasers and they began to wonder where we would turn up next.

My parents used to live in Albstadt, south of Stuttgart, and the area has lots of hills that count...you drive along and wonder which one it is...? Some are easy and some you have to walk for miles to get to them. It had stopped raining that day and we enjoyed the scenery and walk brilliant sunshine up to Gehrenberg DM/BW-348.

Our next stop was Kempten in Bavaria to visit another brother, glorious sunshine and the Alps still had a cover of snow!

We found the next summit on the way to Ehingen. This one is connected with Pilgramages though the region. Bussen sits on a steep hill top and the panoramic view was stunning. DM/BW-484.

Once or twice we had contact with stations on other summits in OK, 9A, F, OE, LA, EA and HB, it's called S2S, summit to summit and gives a few extra points!

Badenerhoehe at 1002 meters was our highest hill, DM/BW-047 and gave us 10 points. Heersberg DM/BW-064 was next.

We were near Lake Constance/Friedrichshafen area in Markdorf. They grow cherries by the acres, strawberries by the miles; the asparagus season was nearly finished. Not to forget the vineyards everywhere. They also grew tons and tons maize for converting to biofuel!

It was time to start our trek back to Amsterdam, but we stopped again in Holland near Arnhem. Galgenberg is near Terlet. It's a huge glider area and it was supposed to have had a competition that day, but due to the wet weather and fog etc. it was cancelled. Radio hams get a special permission to walk up into the woods to operate, the technicians in the repair shops knew all about our hobby.

The trip home went smoothly, the rain and cold followed us home.

We activated 11 SOTA's and now have in 14 European countries.

After a quick break at home, weeding the garden etc. we were needed down in Wales to look after our 2 grandchildren for a while. Our son lives in Caerphilly surrounded by mountains.

We could not resist getting up Pen-Y-Fan, an 8-point hill in the Brecon Beacons, GW/SW-001. It was sunny going up, but it got cold and wet coming down!

The local hill is Craig-yar-Alt, GW/SW-037 and we have done that one now 5/6 times, it's a good walk!

We helped our daughter-in-law celebrate her 40th birthday in style too.

Now we are at home again to more gardening etc.

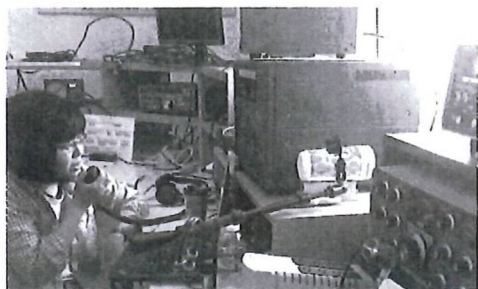
We have enjoyed our activations and Ken is already planning where to go next.

General propagation has not been great either, but we can hope for better conditions soon.

Ken and I will be in Milton Keynes in October for the YL meeting.

33, Christine GM4YMM

From May 27 to 30, I operated outside Japan for the first time in Guam Island (KH2) with my U.S. call sign AG6SL, which I obtained in 2013.



*Yukiko Maki, 7K4TKB operating in Guam as AG6SL*

My three other ham friends and I rented a shack, and shared the rigs and antennas. Unfortunately, the band condition on 15m was not so good, but I managed to have QSOs with 146 stations, mostly with Japanese stations, and 28 stations in Australia, New Zealand, Germany, and Greece and so on. I wasn't able to contact any U.S. stations.

I had expected many more QSOs especially with EU and US stations, so the

result was far from satisfactory. I really hope I can try it again in the near future and enjoy big pileups.

I have attached two photos about this operation: the photo of myself with microphone, and the one of antennas at the rental shack.

I hope to meet many of you on Echo link soon!

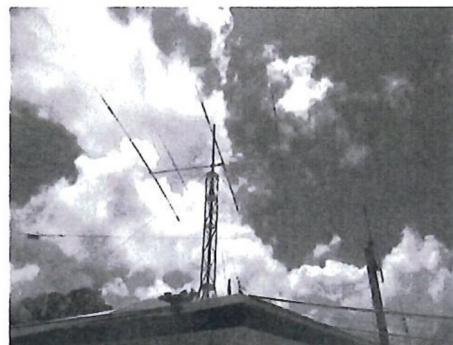
33, Yukiko Maki, 7K4TKB [yukiymtkb@u03.itscom.net](mailto:yukiymtkb@u03.itscom.net)

I started with no DX news and as I waited got all this. Next Harmonics will be Nov-Dec and help me out with some news before October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Directory is Sept-Oct. please sends any changes in email and postal addresses right away.

I also need DX-YL sponsors for next year start January 1<sup>st</sup>. We have new member Deborah, PY2TEY, welcome to YLRL, also a few more that lost their sponsor this year. Become a sponsor you get a friend for life.

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM



*Antennas in Guam*

**Welcome to our new officers! Make sure you send them news and photos to be included in YL-Harmonics. We can't have an issue without your help!**

## *Webmaster Report*

Everything is going well so really nothing to report. I do try to keep up with all the Upcoming Events on the radio that you ladies might be interested in. Heather Holland, ZS6YE always sends me the calendar, which I put on the YLRL site. If I have missed any activates, please send them to me. My email is [ve5aq@sasktel.net](mailto:ve5aq@sasktel.net) so you can send them to me. I want all activities that pertain to YLs and our hobby.

Also, if any of the YLs would like to make a quilt square for the CLARA 50th birthday bash, we would love to have it. All instructions are on the CLARA website: [www.clarayl.ca](http://www.clarayl.ca) For the girls in the United states, please send your square directly to Margaret Hardwick AE7MB. You don't have to be a CLARA member to send in a square. Just make sure you put your first name and call-sign on the square. Other girls please send your squares to me. Our addresses are on both websites.

That's it for now folks, Yvonne and I send our best 33s to all.

Vai VE5AQ & Yvonne ZR6TBL

### *In Our Thoughts*

From Lois, WB3EFQ, on a sad note, this year I lost 2 old ham radio friends, **Mary Ann Crider, WA3HUP** and **Mavis, VK3KS**. I visited Mavis when we visited Australia in 1989. She was a lovely lady. Mary Ann lived about 100 miles east of us so we saw each other from time to time over the years. We attended the YLRL convention in Las Vegas together and had a great time.

Ann Foster, K0ANN, sent in this notice for a longtime member.

**Handihams' Sister Alverna O'Laughlin, ex-WA0SGJ, SK**

Handiham stalwart Sister Alverna O'Laughlin, ex-WA0SGJ, of Rochester, Minnesota, died on May 30. She was 84.

Sister Alverna joined the then-fledgling organization in its earliest days, when founder Ned Carman, W0ZSW, came up with the idea of sharing Amateur Radio with people who had disabilities.

"Ned enlisted the help of a group of local nuns, the Sisters of St Francis, on April 30, 1967," retired Handiham Program Coordinator Patrick Tice, WA0TDA, recounted on the Handiham website. "The sisters were committed to helping Ned with his new project, and several received their licenses. Among them was Sister Alverna O'Laughlin, WA0SGJ, who would eventually become the Educational Coordinator for the Handiham System at Courage Center in Golden Valley, Minnesota."

Tice praised Sister Alverna's "kindness and patience" and said her guidance, encouragement, and hard work led to many new radio amateurs over the years. "She knew that radio would open a line of communications between those she taught and the rest of the world," Tice said.

"Making friends on the radio, learning the math and science of electronics, and striving toward goals were all things that would make the lives of Handiham members better."

## ARRL Now Offering New “Radio and Wireless Technology” Patch Program for Girl Scouts

From the ARRL Website

The ARRL has begun offering a new Girl Scouts “**Radio and Wireless Technology**” patch program that offers opportunities for participants to learn about wireless technology, including Amateur Radio. Scout leaders and Amateur Radio volunteers associated with the Greater Atlanta Girl Scout Council, and Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains developed the program to incorporate information and exploratory activities that provide a backdrop for understanding radio communication. The program will encourage Girl Scouts to take on activities in which they will gain knowledge and skills, as well as kindle an interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) subjects and careers.

“The initiative for the program came about through my conversations with hams who wanted to work with Girl Scouts as well as Boy Scouts and wanted a patch program that would introduce ham radio, as the ‘Radio’ merit badge does in the Boy Scouts,” said ARRL Education Services Manager Debra Johnson, K1DMJ. “I was introduced to a group of leaders with Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta who wanted to work in developing a new fun patch program for radio that would fit with the **Girl Scout Leadership Experience** structure. This group was joined by Jill Gaius, KB1SWV, of the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains in New Hampshire. We collaborated on this over the course of several years.” Gaius’s father, “Skip” Youngberg, K1NKR, and a team from the **Nashoba Valley Radio Club** helped test drive the new patch program during “Thinking Day on the Air” this past February with Girl Scouts in Raymond, New Hampshire.

The program defines the requirements for Girl Scouts to earn the patch at the Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador levels. Girl Scouts can learn the fundamentals of radio communication and wireless technology from broadcasting to smartphones and apply what they learn to connect people, provide safety, and explore related careers. In addition to acquiring the fundamentals, participants can explore radio science through hands-on learning with Amateur Radio, and use radio to talk around the world and for public service. They also can learn about the role of wireless technology in everyday life and in careers.

The program supports the Girl Scout Leadership Experience by enabling participants to discover, by exploring the natural world to learn about radio communications and wireless technologies; to connect by using knowledge of wireless technology to understand its capabilities and its limitations, and by becoming an informed citizen who understands how wireless technologies are regulated and used, and to take action to make a difference in their communities by making friends through radio contacts, providing public service and emergency communication, and raising awareness of career opportunities.



**Continuous Membership  
de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ**



**Continuous Membership Certificate**

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

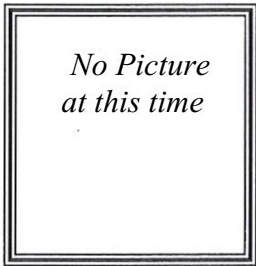
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*Changes and Corrections*

**Eryndlia, KK1T** - Birthday is March 21. Also, there was a mistyped Estelle's call in Eryndlia's bio. It is right in Estelle's listing.

Please note that **Rebecca Hopkins, KD8UYF** is now **AC8XF**.



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**Certificate Custodian  
WAS-YL, YLCC , YL-DXCC , WAC-YL. DX-YL  
de Vai Lemko, VE5AQ**



***Please note the new Certificate Custodian. Thanks to Carolyn, N8ST for all her hard work and help with the position. Welcome to Vai, VE5AQ our new Manager.***

**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*.

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**Lynn Green NF9O**

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Lynn holds an Extra license and is a Nurse Practitioner. Her father is Hugh, NF6O.

**Donna VanBlaricom WB9TFF**

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Donna holds a General license and is Retired. She is a member of Society of Midwest Contesters and the Pink Hamsters - WI. She is active on all bands and enjoys RTTY and WI QSO Party contests. Her ham family includes WB9TFH, K5MGJ and Julie, KF5FLZ.

**Mary Ann Raisman KC9NUG**

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Mary Ann holds a Technician license and is a Retired Teacher. She is a member of IL RACES. Allan, KB9ZWB is her OM.

**Rachel Sprow KD9BJR**

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Rachel holds a General license and is a Student. She enjoys Field Day. Her parents are Sarah, KC8PSI and Andy, KB9YJH.

**Deb Suhs KA4DEB**

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Deb holds an Extra license and is a Computer Programmer. She is Treasurer and FD Chairperson for Peoria Area ARC. She is active on HF. Mark, W9WGN is her OM.

**Katarina Sotak KD9BHW**

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Katarina holds a General license and is a Student. She is a member of Wabash Valley ARA and Rose Tech ARC. She is active on HF and participates in School Club Round-up.

**Patricia Turpin AB4CT REJOIN**

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Patricia holds an Extra license and is a Statistical Researcher. She is active on 20 and 40 m. Previous calls include N4IMU and WA4KDM.

**Laura Crank (pending)**

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Laura is a Student who is studying for her license. KB0VKN is her grandfather.

**DISTRICT 10**

**Barbara Schlueter KD0WAW**

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Barbara holds a General license and is a Retired Accountant. She is a member of Wichita ARC. She is active on 20 and 2 m and enjoys the Kansas QSO party. Wayne, KD0WAT is her OM.

**Vivien Johnson KL7YL**

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Vivien holds an Extra license and is Retired. She is active in contests and supports the DXpeditions of her OM, Glenn, W0GJ.

**Sharon Giacomo K0SPG**

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Sharon holds a General license and is an Administrative Assistant. She is a member of St. Louis & Suburban RC. Her former call was KZ0ZVT. Harlan, KD0VJF is her OM.

**Dianne Ricks KE0BDI**  
**Anna Ricks KE0BDJ\***  
**Lizzy Ricks KE0BDK\***  
**Maria Ricks\***

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Dianne, Anna and Lizzy each hold General licenses and Maria is studying for her license. The girls are all under 10. Dianne is a member of St. Charles ARC and Monsanto ARA. Other hams in the family are John III, KB0BCM and John Jr., N0IAB.  
\*family members

**DX**

**Deborah Galdi Bortolin PY2TEY**  
R. Antonio Cezarino, 8155-AP91

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Deborah holds an A license and is in Commerce. She is a member of CWJF and is active on 40 m. She enjoys the CVA-CQMM and other Brazilian contests.

**SUBSCRIBERS**

**Risa Golostc**

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**Julianna DiBenedetto**

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Welcome to these new members! We look forward to meeting you on the air soon!

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## **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 W8ICYR) 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?)





**Scholarship Information**  
**De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ**

**Scholarship Information**  
**Memorial Scholarships**  
**Ethel Smith, K4LMB**  
**Mary Lou Brown, NM7N**  
**Martha (Marte) Wessel, ICOEPE**

No donations have been received since the last report.

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

All contributions to this fund support three annual YL Scholarships in the pursuit of higher education. The Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) administers the amateur radio-related scholarships including those sponsored by YLRL. Applications are submitted to FAR in March of each year and the scholarship winners are selected in June/July and announced in the November/December *YL Harmonics*. Information about FAR can be found at the following web site: <http://www.farweb.org>

To make a donation

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

Send your donation to: Linda Hynan, AC5QQ



Marsha, N8FE is featured in the Member Spotlight for July 2016 in QST! Check it out!

*Nets and Clubs*

**AUSTRALIAN LADIES AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION INC.**

**36TH A.L.A.R.A. CONTEST**

NOTE: Contest is always on the last FULL weekend of August

ELIGIBILITY: All licensed operators throughout the world are invited to participate.

OBJECT: To encourage YLs in the use of amateur radio. YLs work everyone; OMs work YLs

CONTEST: Combined phone and CW run over 24

Saturday 27<sup>^</sup> August 2015 0600 hours UTC to Sunday 28<sup>^</sup> August 0559 hours

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES: All HF Bands to be used except 160m & WARC

Contacts made on ECHOLINK and TWO METRES will also be accepted. (Separate logs for these would be preferred)

OPERATION: Single operator only (1 operator per call)

NB If YL is operating as a 2<sup>nc</sup>\* operator her husband/partner CANNOT participate in the contest. Every individual phone or CW contact may be counted.

There must be an interval of greater than 1 hour between contacts with any one station on any one band and in the same mode.

All contacts must be made in accordance with operator and station licence regulations.

PROCEDURE: Phone: Call "CQ ALARA contest"  
CW: YLs call "CQ test ALARA"  
OMs call "CQ YL"

EXCHANGES: ALARA member: RS (T) A, name. (59A /599A)  
YL non-member, OM: RS (T), serial no. starting at 001, name and whether YL or OM.  
OMs work YLs

SCORING: Phone: 5 points for ALARA member logged  
4 points for YL non-member logged  
3 points for OM logged  
All contacts made on CW count for double points  
5 points for ALARA member logged  
4 points for YL non-member logged

Multipliers: 1 per VK/ZL Call area worked per band and 1 per DX YL

LOGS: Single log entry. Logs must show date, UTC time, band, mode, call sign worked, report and serial number sent, report and serial number received, name of operator of station worked and points claimed.  
Paper logs and electronic logs both welcome.

LOGS MUST BE SIGNED. Logs also to show full name, call sign and address of operator; and show final score (points claimed). Logs must be legible. No logs will be returned. Decision of the Contest Manager will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Logs must be received by the Contest Manager by: 30th September, 2016

CONTEST MAN- Mrs Diane Main  
VK4DI

Certificates will be awarded for the following:

- Top score YL overall
- Top score YL phone only
- Top score YL Echolink
- Top score Australian YL CW Top score DX YL CW
- Top score DX YL
- Top score ALARA member in each country & VK call area
- Top score OM in each continent & VK call area

A trophy will be awarded for the following: Top scoring Australian YL

Top scoring Foundation Licence ALARA member

PLEASE NOTE: This contest is always held on the last complete weekend of August.

The top scoring VK non-ALARA member will be awarded 1 year's subscriber membership to ALARA.

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### *Definition of a YL*

There have been many controversies over the definitions of YL versus XYL. The term YL was first defined in a Traffic Report signed The American Radio Relay League by E. C. Adams on May 13, 1920 to Miss M. Adaire Garmhausen, 3BCK. He was replying to her submission of an article submitted to QST on "How to Build a Wireless Station".

In it he called her "My Dear YL-" and stated, "We have had to coin a new phrase for your benefit as you will readily see that OM will not fit and OL [Old Lady] would certainly be most in applicable." Even though Miss Garmhausen wasn't the first YL ham radio operator, this is when the term was first applied specifically to label all women as Young Ladies no matter what their age.

The article was published in the July 1920 issue of QST and a second article of hers followed in May 1921, but it wasn't until the October 1922 had the column "Who's Who in Amateur Wireless" that M. Adaire's picture was printed as she was honored along with another YL, Miss Winifred Dow, 7CP, from Tacoma, WA.

Many OMs have used XYL (meaning Ex-Young Lady) to describe a wife versus a single lady, but some women, though not all, take offence at this term feeling that getting married does not mean a female is no longer a Young Lady.

In May 1940, the YLRL set forth the policy for YL-Harmonics and YLRL that the term "YL" was to be used of all licensed amateur operators of the feminine sex. This meant they were all young ladies no matter what their marital status was. A licensed woman is a YL while an XYL is a non-licensed wife.

In the April, 1925, QST, under strays, it says, "8ACY says that 8UH has obtained a storm and strife with the insane idea of making an OW of her. We think it would be a much nicer idea to make her a YL. At any rate the Mrs. can do ten words per minute already."

### *YLRL Members (Past and Present) with YL in their Callsign*

*WA4YL AB4YL*

*WY7YL K9XYL*

*KS2YL AC4YL*

*W6QYL KK7YL*

*AG4YL KL7YL*

*AE9YL*