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## President's Info De Bobbie Donohue, W1JX



We have just returned from Hamvention in its new location at the Greene Co. Fairgrounds in Xenia, Ohio. It was a wonderful two and a half days. We had a great time. There were a few problems initially, especially with traffic problems on Friday, but that seemed to clear up on Saturday. Also, on Friday, it was very warm in the exhibit halls and the tent where YLRL had its booth. On Saturday, however, it was cooler out and there was a thunderstorm in the morning which kept the temperatures down until later in the afternoon. So, all things considered, they did a great job and I think it was a big success.

We had a lot of YLs, both licensed and unlicensed, who stopped by our booth and said hello. We signed up some new members and renewed the memberships of a few others. It was great to see everyone.

Our Forum on Friday afternoon was well-attended. We even had a number of OMs who were there to listen to a wonderful presentation by Kay Eyman, WAOWOF, on the early pioneer YLs in amateur radio and the founders of YLRL. It was a real pleasure to listen to her. It was also a real pleasure to be in an air-conditioned room HI HI.

I feel very fortunate to have been able to participate in such a thrilling experience. I urge everyone to try to get to Hamvention at least once in their lives. It is truly worth it.

We are now looking forward to the CLARA Birthday celebration in Winnipeg in July. I hope to see many of you there. For those of you who can't be there, have a great summer and enjoy your local Hamfests.

I finally got on Facebook this year. I have been enjoying the YLRL Facebook page and reading about YLRL members' activities as well as seeing the great photos and videos they have posted.

If you haven't done so yet, I encourage you to visit our page and see what is happening. There are a lot of energetic members out there who are doing interesting and exciting things in amateur radio.

In addition to Facebook, don't forget to let your District Chairwoman know what you have been doing so that she can share your news with the rest of us in *Harmonics*.

The next issue of *YL-Harmonics* will be the annual Directory. Please be sure to update your information so that it will be current. If your email, address or phone number has changed please let Carol Laferty, K4SAF, our Receiving Treasurer know about it so the records can be accurate.

Enjoy what's left of your summer and have a great fall.

33 de Bobbie, W1JX

### *Changes and Corrections*

**Phyllis Stevenson, WB9UAE**



**Kazuko Nukaya, JA8DYM**



**Amber Cole has a new callsign, K4TAC**



Please make sure you send in all changes (phone, address, email, callsign, name, etc.) to Carol Laferty, K4SAF for the US and Canada and to Rose-Marie Battig, KB4RM for DX and sponsor information. They take care of the respective databases and send the information to the Editor. Thank you!

**Jennifer Robinson, KD2EYR**



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*de The Editor*

This is more of an Editor's apology than anything else! I am sorry to say I have had a heck of a year with My OM's Dad going into Hospice before passing in July. I have stepped up to help take care of John's Uncle and am really enjoying getting to know him better.

We have had to go to several funerals since then including one for the 24-year-old son of a dear friend. Parents should never outlive their kids!

On top of this, my internet speed dropped drastically (I am old enough to remember Dial up and this is what it felt like!) before they fixed the trouble so hard to get large emails with the photos and columns. Then the 11 x 17 paper was out of stock so I had to get more ordered in for the issue before I can get it printed.

Anyway, no excuses, just dropped the ball and got behind on work and volunteer including *YL-Harmonics*. This double issue for May/June and July/August should get us closer to normal mailings. This is a one-woman volunteer position, so if things get off track for me, everything gets off track.

The Directory is the next issue, so PLEASE make sure your information is correct with the Receiving Treasurers so that it is correct in the Directory. Rose-Marie, KB4RM is RT for the DX and handles sponsorships. Carol, K4SAF is RT for the US and Canada. They are the ones to send any updates or changes to for your information.

Also working on the ballot for the 2018-2019 officers, so look for it in the mail soon and don't forget to VOTE!

Thanks for your patience and please send news so that we can fill the magazine.  
33 & 73, Cheryl, NOWBV

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## 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.

#### 15 years

KF4TJJ, Carole Boehler; HL1KDW, Do Sook Chae; KE4JEH, Gloria Borgrink;  
KB0YUP, Joy P. Lemmons; VK5CYT, Christine Taylor

#### 10 Years

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#### 5 years

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KLOSS, Toby Papas; W8DMP, Donna Wheeler



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



### YL OM Contest Results .2017

Name	Call Sign	Contacts	Mult	Power	Total
Stephanie Liebling	N0YL	334	97	1	35,758
Sharon Willet	ICM4TVU	262	65	1.5	25,545
Ria Jairam	N2RJ	328	70	1	22,960
Ruth Willet	KM4LAO	188	56	1.5	15,792
Christine Dons	GM4YMM	276	55	1	15,180
Anne Manna	WB1ARU	263	45	1	11,835
Salli Rosato	K2RYD	145	81	1	11,745
Donna VanBlaricom	WB9TFF	78	29	1	2,262
Catherine Andrews	AC4YL	35	28	1.5	1,470
Melanie Glemser	AG4YL	26	21	1.5	819
Cheryl Muhr	N0WBV	22	18	1.5	594
Maritja Srebrnar	9A5SM	35	14	1	490
Miryam Stessel	4X6KT	14	14	1	196
Valerie Hotzfeld	NV9L	41	0	1	41
John Wallis	W0YJT	5	4	1	20
Michelle Cary	W5MQC	3	3	1	9
Pierre John	VE2GT	2	2	1	4
Robert Beyer	KE2D	2	0	1	2
J Soderlund	KD8ZXV	1	0	1.5	1.5
Jerold Martin	K7JKM	1	1	1	1
Klaus Kappert	DK8HE	1	0	1	1







## Scholarship Information De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

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

The following donations were received:

A donation was received from - Caroline Brandt, AD7UP

We received a donation from Byrness E Haworth, W8LE. She is a past Treasurer of Buckeye Belles as well as a WWII veteran who served in the WAVES. Thanks for your service Byrness!

A donation was received from Hiromi Hishiki, JJ1CAS.

Thank you for your generous gifts!

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/April 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



Pat, K7DUC wants to remind everyone that the Tangle Net is still up and running! "I would like the membership to know that we are still on every Thursday at 1800 UTC at 14.297." Many times, I and Sue Ludeman, KA-6SOC, who is my second, are alone on the air without any comers. We would both like to hear from more YLs. We think that perhaps that some YLs don't know that we are still on.

Well, they are still out there, so please get on the Tangle Net and thanks to Pat for the reminder!



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

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### DISTRICT 1

**Carol Wright K2VS**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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Carol holds an Extra license and is a Med Tech. Her favorite mode is CW and she is a member of SKCC, FISTS, and Granite State ARC. She enjoys SOTA and POTA activations. Randy, W2RAN is her OM and K2KID, Jamie is her daughter.

### DISTRICT 2

**Susan D. Szewczyk ICD2MYR**

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Susan holds a General license and is a Homemaker. She is working on upgrading so that she can request her dad's call, KI RQ (SIC). Her OM is Brian, NJ 1F. She is a DAR member.

### DISTRICT 3

**Kathy Acker KC3FBY**

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Kathy holds a Technician license and is in Marketing. She is a member of Warminster ARC. George, KC3ESH is her OM and they do Public Service events together.

**Linda Yankovich N3LY REJOINED**

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Linda holds an Extra call and is active on several bands.  
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### DISTRICT 4

**Amy Rothrock KT4E**

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Amy holds an Extra license and is Retired. She operates mostly on CW on most bands. Her OM is John, AK4Z.

**Shirley Carpenter KG4WRX (Dee)**

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Shirley holds a Technician license and is a Teacher. She is a member of Smokey Mountain ARC. Although she is not active on the air, she enjoys listening to the activity with OM, Stephen, K4DXV

**Debie Habberfield WN9ZNO**

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Debie holds a Technician license and is a Manager. She is a member of Daytona Beach ARA. She is active on 10 m. Her OM is Mark, KB90PW. KC9SCA was her former call.

**Bear Starfire McQuinn K8MCQ**

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Bear holds a General license and is a Writer and Homewife. She is a member of Northern Kentucky ARC. Tyson, KOFRY is a family member.

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## District News

Anne, WB1ARU & Tony, WAI ENO headed out on Wednesday for the drive to Dayton. After a warm trip to the west, we arrived in the Cleveland area to meet up with a high school classmate of Tony's and his wife for dinner, great fun! The remainder of the trip got us to Xenia - Greene Co, Fairgrounds in time to collect passes and set up the YLRL booth.

"Building 6" turned out to be two large tents pitched over a parking lot. It was warm on Friday, and a bit wet on Saturday and Sunday due to passing thunderstorms. We had a wonderful time seeing long-time and making new friends.

The YL Forum on Friday afternoon was well received and having an air-conditioned room was certainly a plus! Kay, WAOWOF gave an interesting presentation about several of the "founding mothers" of YLRL who were also pioneers in ham radio. Attendance was excellent despite the distance to the forum room. (We have been promised a closer room for next year!) The new Hamvention(R) venue had some issues, but over-all it had many pluses over the former location.

I'm sure that next year will be even better as the kinks are worked out.

Our next adventure will be a long road trip this summer which will include the CLARA Birthday Bash in Winnipeg. Expect to hear us on the low bands as we travel as we plan to have a rig with us in the truck. We will be operating for Field Day from the home QTH.

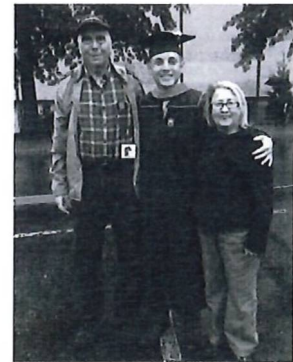
Linda, W1 MP, It's been a really hectic spring, I grow all our vegetables from seed indoors, takes a lot of baby sitting and tender care but very rewarding. In the middle of finally hardening them off so we can get everything planted outside by the end of the month and clean up our seed starting area in the basement, get it ready for next year. I also started a new hobby, an additional hobby! I am quilting and loving it, never thought it would ever interest me. The OM has given me 2 of the new high tech sewing and surging machines as gifts and I am really enjoying it.

Plus we were at our eldest grandchild's college graduation in Bethlehem, PA this week, he graduated magna cum laude from Lehigh University and yes, we are proud grandparents. After a month backpacking in Europe, he'll be working for Boeing in Washington DC. I love knowing everyone is still east of the Mississippi.

Field day will spend part of it elmering new ops at our club station, B ARC, in the Red Cross building in Burlington and then I go home and operate Class E on our home generator. I've been enjoying the combination for the last couple of years. I know it isn't a contest but I do check, my goal is not to be last. Phew! I was 132nd out of 155 in New England Section and 2,350th out of 2,696 in the country. Love it! We won't discuss any other stats.

See you on the air! 7/3/33 Linda WIMP

This is Jacob with his ham radio grandparents, Mark, N1 MR, and Linda, WIMP. Mark is wearing his Elecraft ball cap and his (amateur radio) volunteer jacket from the Boston Marathon. Jacob used to operate 3rd party on our rigs when he visited and participated in a couple of Field Days. Did quite well in GOTA on 20M operating under our club call, W1ARF Amateur Radio Fun, it's our family club. He definitely had the CQ rhythm for calling. I think if they didn't live so far away, Pittsburgh PA, there's a chance he would have gotten his ticket.



**Mark, N1MR; Jacob; and Linda, WIMP**

Laurel, KA 1WJL -1 joined YLRL a year ago at the Herman, Maine Hamfest as I was talking with Bobbie Donahue. Doesn't seem possible that was a whole year ago. As my husband, W1SQV, became a silent key on April 7, 2017 I was so pleased to learn that both the Seagull Net and the Pine Tree Net had a moment of silence in his honor that evening. The support of the ham community has been most welcome during the last two months.

I don't know it that will give you something to share in Harmonics. There has been much happening in this home over the last year and I honestly haven't had time to read Harmonics when it has come. At least I know I have seen it arrive! Bobbie reminded me that I need to send in my dues so I must tend to that, too.  
33, Laurel

Leandra, AF1R, Finally made it back to Dayton Xenia this year! My last visit to Dayton Hamvention was 37 years ago! See picture at left!



Niece, KAI ULN, hope everyone is doing well. I also pray that all YLs are MORE motivated to push their PTT buttons. It was obviously apparent at Dayton/Xenia. Lots of YLs from the past year on the YL nets and Facebook (FB) met each other. They posted a lot of pictures. There is mostly a couple Private YL FB groups. We have actually recruited Bobbie our fearless president. Bobbi - W1JX is now on FB.

The Near-Fest.com bi-yearly ham fest in New Hampshire is May 2017 was very good. Niece sat at the table inside and passed out YLRL information. There are so many more YLs coming to the table. I specifically remember one YL coming to the table last year and telling me she was going to get her ticket. WELL, in May I saw her coming towards the table in a rage. She was so happy and excited and she screamed I PASSED. They do exams there also. So please let's get more YLs involved in this hobby.

So if you YLs want to try a digital mode or some SLOW CW? Meet me on 14.288 and then we can QSY to the correct freq.

33 Niece

District 2 Flamvention report.

De Ria, N2RJ

Xenia was on everyone's mind this year as the annual Dayton Hamvention was moved to a brand new venue, the Green County Fairgrounds in Xenia, Ohio. In a way it is fitting since the town of Xenia is famous for a devastating tornado back in the 70s. How do you like that Dorothy? A click of your heels and you're not in Hara Arena anymore! Indeed, "Same friends, new home" became the theme of this year's Hamvention, but while we definitely had a new home and the same friends, we also had a whole bunch of *new* friends. There is only one word to describe that, and that is... awesome!

While it did have a few problems, the new venue seemed to do remarkably well. In particular, YLs seemed to have a renewed presence at the show. The YLRL booth was buzzing with activity. Around the grounds, YLs stopped to meet and greet, swap stories with each other and take photos. Activities such as ARRL National Parks On The AIR (NPOTA) in 2016 was especially popular as it encouraged a lot of YL activity. The NPOTA forum also was well attended by YLs such as Ingrid, W7ISG; Andrea, K2EZ; and Emily, KB3 VVE.

From District 2, Andrea, K2EZ and Ria, N2RJ came up to the show all the way from Northwest New Jersey. Andrea decided to drive in her now infamous Ford Explorer rover. Many curious onlookers, some also on their way to Hamvention, could not help but notice the extensive VHF antenna arrays on Andrea's vehicle. Some even snapped photos and posted them on social media. She had quite the following and became quite the viral sensation!



*The Famous Rover!*

The Friday afternoon YL forum moderated by Bobbie, W1 JX was very well attended. YLs from as far away as Australia were in attendance. Kay, WAOWOF gave a fascinating presentation on YLs throughout history. This was also live streamed on Facebook by Ria, N2RJ and Andrea, K2EZ enabling our sisters across the US and in DX countries such as England and Venezuela to watch, listen and take part.



*Ria's FlexAward!*

Dayton Hamvention is also famous for the after hours activities. These also had a definite YL presence. Flex Radio had two events, one on Thursday night and one on Saturday night. At the Thursday event, Ria, N2RJ received a "Top Elmer" award from Flex Radio for her hard work in supporting and helping other Flex Radio users. Ruth, KM4LAO, was the keynote speaker at the SWODXA DX dinner and spoke about the Youth DX Adventure.

At the Saturday event, several prizes were drawn and a few YLs even won prizes. Congratulations to the winners and congratulations to both Ria and Ruth on their



*Sandy, DL1QQ and Ria, N2RJ*

At Crowne Plaza's contest super suite on Friday night, we had a chance to meet up with Sandy, DL1QQ, who is promoting the World Radiosport Team Championships (WRTC) where she is competing alongside Tim, K3LR.

The Spurious Emissions Band also was quite entertaining, with Becky, W1BXY, singing a rousing farewell tribute to Hara Arena. It was a very good evening with lots of ham fellowship, hands shaken, stories swapped and pictures taken.



Saturday night's contest dinner was also well attended, with Andrea, K2EZ, and Ria, N2RJ, sitting at the Frankford Radio Club table. There was a lot of networking afterwards with contesters and DXers. There were even several members of the upcoming Bouvet Island DXpedition where Valerie, NV9L, will be chief pilot.

It was definitely a good time had by all, and if **Andrea, K2EZ; Katie**, it's any indication, next year will bring even more **WY7YL; and Ria, N2RJ** hams and more YLs out of the woodwork! Way to go ladies!

33, Ria, N2RJ

One of our Subscribers, Bob, K2DSW writes:

I've been chasing Y's ever since winning my first YL-OM Contest in 1956 and also taking 1st place again in 1957 & 1958. I'm also proud to have YLCC # 68, dated January 30, 1956. Those were fun years working more YLs on CW than on Phone.

In 1959 I attended the 11th National ARRL Convention in Galveston and one of the highlights for me was meeting some of the gals I worked in the YL-OM contests, especially the GAYLARK YLs of Houston. Also memorable was receiving an autographed copy of 'CQ YL' by Louisa B. Sando, W5RZJ, which still takes me on a stroll down memory lane to my younger years.

I was off the air for 45 years between 1968 and 2013 raising a family and working, but now that I'm retired I've been trying to make up for all those lost years of ham radio activity.

My collection of QSLs from YLs is growing and I'll soon be submitting another 250 for YLCC endorsements. Since 2013 I've put over 40,000 qsos in my log, mainly from lots of CW contesting, and it's a huge job trying to pull out YL names. So many OMs have YL sounding names like Jean, Dale, Leslie, Tracy, Adrian, Kelley, Dana, Terry, etc. and with almost 2000 Japan qsos logged it's almost impossible to figure out which ones might be YLs from their names.

73, Bob-K2DSW

Hi everyone

Hope you all. I hope everyone had a very blessed Easter. Our weather that day was a big mix of sunshine followed by heavy winds and rain and the next thing was sun again, I'm happy to say I did get some information to write about. Seems Carol, K4SAF, got a note from Jane Jones, K3ZDN with her dues.

Jane has been a YLRL member since 1964 or 53 years. She has had health issues this past year but is back to her own apartment now. I met Jane when I was first licensed at a Penn-Jersey YL club meeting near Philadelphia. Sadly, I believe most of those members have passed away so it is nice to hear from Jane.

We had a lunch meeting with Barb, KA3VXR, and her OM Dick, W3SYY, several weeks ago. We are both looking forward to going to Winnipeg for the CLARA Bash. Did manage to get my quilt patch done and sent.

My latest project has been to make walker totes for the assisted living facility where my mother lives. Our sewing group at church tries to do a number of charity sew projects. Thus far we do Dress a Girl Around the World dresses and have delivered over 200 to various locations. We're even on You Tube under Trinity Stitchers. We make weighted lap pads for autistic children and quilts for newborns for an organization in Altoona. It is all good for the heart!!

Have a great summer.

33, Lois, WB3EFQ

Ann Bruun, K5AEB, made her first 3 contacts with a radio she got Green Country Hamfest and a loop antenna she built in her attic. "The contacts with the 3 Florida QSO Party participants was thrilling, nothing like hearing them come back with my call sign!!! -K5AEB"



**Valerie, NV9L and Ria, N2RJ**



**Andrea, K2EZ and Valerie, NV9L**

Leah Ohse, W3LE0, Volunteered at the 17th Annual Memorial Marathon. “Today I did get to see a different perspective. Got to see the runners at their level. There were over 24,000 runners, 4,000 kid Marathon runners. It is always a privilege to be part of this event. Of course, today’s weather wasn’t so nice, in the 40’s, wind & off & on rain. We had 75 Amateur Radio Operators. We found out the we run our marathon on 75 amateurs & the Boston Marathon runs on 280, plus they carry 3 radios!”

Sylvia Cox, K.G5PJG, reports, “she is Net Control for our local repeater, K5SAR, one week per month. She has taken responsibility as web mistress of our club’s website, <http://www.stilhvaterarc.org> AND I’m very near working all 50 states. I’ve worked 47 so far. with 40 confirmed.” Woo Hoo!

Jennifer, KD2EYR, “I am working the BP MSI 50 Bike Race. It runs this weekend, Houston to Austin. We are scheduled to work the Breakpoints.” So, if you are a rider, say hi!

Ann, WA5GLM, Is so excited! “We are about to have a family groundbreaking for our new house—right back where the first one was, that we lost to a fire last year. Yea! Son Allen, ICB5AB, is already planning how to run new coax from the tower, undamaged by the fire, thank goodness! Of course, we lost all our equipment so we’ll have to have new gear...awww. So looking forward to getting back on the air!”

Susan, K.5YNC, and I, W5MQC, both agree, one of our favorite things to do on the HAM is chasing special event stations!

Judi, N5KUO, writes, her husband Rob has cancer, and is going through treatments, they could use some “high frequency prayers”.

Me (Michelle, W5MQC) I finished my CERT Training (just in time for tornado season). I completed the Rugged Maniac 5IC obstacle course, with my daughter and granddaughter on the 30th. It was supposed to be on the 29th, but we had some bad storms the night before that brought power lines down and flooding, across the state. It was 37 degrees, most of the obstacle were in water!! It was freezing, but we did it! It will certainly be one of those things we all talk about over the years.

We have an addition to our little District 5 YL group. I think you will see her application soon, (if you don’t have it already). Eva, N5EVA, “I’m 15.1 passed the test for my Technician licenses on 22 Sep. 2015. My original call was K.G5JKL, but after passing my General test on 02 Jan. 2016. My dad and I requested vanity call signs. On 06 Feb. 2016 my call was changed to N5EVA. I got my Extra ticket on 24 May. 2016 at the age of 14. I enjoy working HF contest. I am a net control for a local Monday night net.”

It is tornado season for most of district 5. QRV We are ready!

The YLs from Texas want to remind everyone about the “YL’s Texas Young Ladies Round Up Net, 3.947 at 8:00 a.m Texas time on Thursdays. Not limited to Texans.”



33, Michelle, W5MQC

July 8 Ladies of the Net event aboard the RMS Queen Mary in Long Beach, CA. This event was reported at the 6:40 mark on the Ham Nation episode 308 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h\\_4BOSK6p4I&t=6m42s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_4BOSK6p4I&t=6m42s)

33,

Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD

#### **July 8 - Ladies of the Net Activate the RMS Queen Mary**

KM6CIR Ladies of the Net was started by three ladies WB6LVC Debbie Johnson; KK6RXO Janet Fisher; and KK6ICSY Tina Madsen during our California Northern Convention called Pacificon a few years ago. We

were discussing women in radio being microphone shy and also having a net to be able to discuss topics of interest with other women. We talked to WB6NOA, Gordon West on how to start a net. He gave us ideas and instructed us on how to apply for a club callsign. Once we went home the net was off and running. We now have a club callsign KM6CIR and on [QRZ.com](http://QRZ.com).

We had a wonderful time aboard the W6R0 Queen Mary. Our ladies traveled from multiple locations in the western U/S to the Queen Mary in Southern CA. We arrived the day before and had time to tour the historical ship. There are many interesting tours, displays, gift shops, restaurants and views from the vessel. Those of us from out of town stayed on board in the hotel for two days.



*The Queen Mary*

The wireless room (radio Room) is a large well designed immaculately appointed facility. Among the interesting displays is its original radios and equipment used on the 80 year old vessel. What a wonderful trip back to nostalgic history we all experienced. The room has glass windows making the view from the upper deck spectacular. It was a very solemn breath taking moment.

Our group was honored to have exclusive use of this prestigious broadcasting platform. We were not rushed and transmitted on all the transceivers while responding to a large pile up of stations trying to reach us from points all over the world. It happens to be next to the large fog horn which still goes off at 9am, 12 noon, 3pm and 6pm every day. The horn can be heard all around Long Beach Harbor. While out at sea the sound travels up to 100 miles. The ladies had a startling experience when the 3pm blast went off during their QSO's. We thought the noise was coming from one of the radios, or maybe we touched the wrong button!



*Ladies on the Queen Mary*



*Operating from the Wireless Room*



Our group enjoys getting together and has members from all over the Western U/S. It is constantly growing; our youngest member present was 17 years old. We meet somewhere in Northern CA. once per year, once in the Southern region and at Pacificon in October.

Our special event last February was aboard the USS Hornet Aircraft Carrier in the San Francisco Bay. With its huge flight deck and 4 vertical antennas 117 feet above the water line, our ladies had the large original transmitters smoking while making contacts all over the world. The antennas were glowing as some of our operators were working C/W with lightning speed.

Each one of the ladies received a beautiful certificate from both events.

I am pleased with your interest and urge everyone to watch Flam Nation our special event will be featured as episode 308.

We will also have additional info on our QRZ KM6CIR site which is being updated at this time.

73's Tina KK6KSY

Trustee of KM6CIR Ladies of the Net

The International DX Convention in Visalia, California held its first formal YL Forum on April 22 with approximately 40-50 attendees, both YLs and allies.

Leading our 40 minutes interactive YL Forum was Gayle Olson-Binder, K6GO. Assisting on the panel were Linda Souder W6QE, Anna Sombor W6NN, and Dr. Carol Milazzo KP4MD.



*The YL Forum Panel!*



Gayle Olson, K6GO, is a member of the San Diego DX Club, the YL DXpedition club, the ARRL and YLRL, the Palomar Amateur Radio Club, Poway Amateur Radio Society, ARES, and is VE for SANDARC, ARRL and W5YI. Gayle shared many slides of the exotic DX locations from which she has operated.

Linda Souder, W6QE, member and winner of the prestigious Clipperton Award of the Southern California DX Club spoke of her experiences as an active DXer.

Anna Sombor, W6NN, shared a dazzling photo show of how she and her boyfriend Rich, KE1B, have turned their every vacation on many Caribbean islands into a DXpedition.

Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD, is a member of the River City Amateur Radio Communications Society, the Samuel F. Morse Amateur Radio Club, and the current YLRL District 6 Chair and ARRL Sacramento Valley Section Manager. Carol shared an invitation to join the YLRL and a slideshow with photos about the logistics and joy of packing an amateur radio station in a roller bag to a vacation condo in Puerto Rico for a budget DXpedition.



*YLS and Allies at the forum*

The program was followed by a lively question and answer session with the audience, most of whom signed up and availed themselves of YLRL promotional materials. Many attendees complimented us during the remainder of the convention on how they enjoyed the YL Forum and how they wished it had more time allotted.

Thanks to Gayle for organizing this successful forum!

#### **Amateur Radio Exhibit at May 13 Girl Scouts STEAM Expo in Sacramento**

The May 13, 2017 Sacramento Girl Scouts STEAM Expo celebrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics was held from 2-6 PM in the parking lot of the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Office, 6601 Elvas Ave, Sacramento, CA.

On May 6, Kaayla Jaret, ICA6YLA; Roger Cain, KI6FYF; and Carol Milazzo, KP4MD conducted a survey for the ARRL Sacramento Valley Section/YLRL Amateur Radio Booth Site.

For HF, we proposed a 40-meter full wave loop antenna—a 140 feet perimeter square of thin wire, approximately 35 feet on each side, and suspended from the tops of twenty-foot telescoping fiberglass poles. The poles would be secured to existing posts with nylon cable ties. This location was expected to offer a clear path for radio propagation to the northeast, east and southeast.

Over 200 Girl Scouts of all ages attended Girl Scouts STEAM Expo on Saturday, May 13, 2017. The volunteers who assisted at the Amateur Radio Booth included the W6SFM Samuel F. Morse ARC President Michael Aretsky, N6MQL; North Hills RC President Kaayla Jaret, KA6YLA; River City ARCS Member James Chin, KK6FON; ARRL SV Section Youth Coordinator Dr. Duane Wyatt, WA0MJD; ARRL SV Asst. Section Manager Roger Cain, KI6FYF; and ARRL SV Section Manager and YLRL District 6 Chair Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD.

Our Amateur Radio Station operated using Kaayla's call sign KA6YLA. The FIF station consisted of an Icom IC-756 Pro III and the 40-meter full wave Loop Sky Wire at 20 feet. We used an Icom IC-7000 and a "split dipole" antenna on 2-meter FM.

For the adult leaders and parents, we provided literature about amateur radio, the Young Ladies' Radio League and the ARRL and the new ARRL Girl Scouts Radio and Wireless Technology Patch program, and how to contact their area amateur radio clubs for assistance.





***Kaayla, KA6YLA, coaches a Girl Scout on radio operating technique. Photo by Janies Chin, KK6F0N.***

permitted the HF contacts on CW and voice that we attempted on 7 and 14 MHz. We hope that a magnetic loop receiving antenna can eliminate the noise sufficiently for successful HF operation during our next activation from this site.



***Kaayla, KA6YLA***

The Morse Code practice stations were very popular with the scouts, where they completed a look-up worksheet and learned how to use a telegraph key to send their names in Morse Code.

Scouts also experienced the excitement of their first on the air contacts with radio amateurs via 2-meter FM. The Reverse Beacon spots that we received demonstrated that the HF antenna radiated quite well. Unfortunately, the S9 power line noise level from nearby commercial power lines did not



***The Morse Code practice stations were very popular with the scouts. Here Mike Aretsky, N6MQL, assists scouts to complete a look-up worksheet and to use a telegraph key to send their names in Morse Code. Photo by Carol Milazzo, KP4MD.***

The event organizers, adult leaders and scouts enthusiastically appreciated our participation and requested our return for future events.

Howzit My Sisters of the Bands!

I enjoyed the past winter - the snow, the cold, and my fish frozen solid in the pond! (Pond fish go into a state of torpor. Torpor is not quite full hibernation, because it is of a shorter duration than hibernation, but otherwise it is a very similar state of being: reduced body temperature, slowed metabolism, slow reaction times, reduced breathing rate and primary body functions. Torpor allows the animal to save the energy that would otherwise be needed for higher levels of activity.) Although magnificent, winter has let us know that

it is leaving by teasing us with warmer days, blooming trees and plants, and loads more daylight. In fact, this transplant from Las Vegas feels excited about this seasonal change!

I haven't been doing much in the shack, nor at my computer of late. The heat takes "it" right out of me, meaning any temperature higher than 80 degrees. I get the yard work finished by about 10AM before the REAL heat gets hold of the day. By the time, I come in and clean up its nap time! That's it - there goes my day.

I'm not sure, but perhaps my lethargy has spread to the rest of the YLs in Section 7. As of today, 5/28, I haven't received a single piece of news; I only sent my request for submissions on May 25. OK, I'll be patient. Just because I have no plans over the holiday weekend doesn't mean that nobody else does! (hi hi) Ham radio, though, has not been too inspiring because, as Claudia, KLOHI mentions, the reception is poor on 20m.

33, Robin, KJ7BI

From Claudia, KLOHI:

Fli YLs. Summer is almost here, what a warm feeling... flowers in full bloom here in southern Oregon. HF radio well that's another story.... very bad reception here in Brookings and most every where on 20 meters during the Alaska Pacific Emergency Net every morning.

Hopefully this summer when I'm up north it will be better. Am looking forward to our MINOW meeting in Portland this May, we have a good group of YLs that attend. Well That's It folks. 33 KLOHI

From Nicole, N7XBY:

Nicole, N7XBY, became President of Clark County Amateur Radio Club (W7AIA) for the 2017/2018 year. She is the 4th female to hold the position and the 87th President. The other 3 women that held the role of President are still active with the club to this day. As of March 2017, the club has 296 members.



Clark County Amateur Radio Club won the 2017 Prestigious Dayton Hamvention Club of the Year Award. The Hamvention awards have been given since 1955. The Club of the Year is honored for clearly demonstrating their involvement in varied aspects of Amateur Radio for the greater good of their community and/or their nation. The award is one given every year and represents the “Academy Award” of the amateur radio world. The award is presented at Hamvention at the new venue town of Xenia, Ohio in May.

Nicole has had her Extra since October of 2015 and is currently learning CW. Besides learning a ‘cool new language’ she can now answer all the guys that she is no longer a ‘no code Extra!’ Nicole went back to work in October of 2016. She is an Aircraft Mechanic, by trade, and works for an airline out of Portland Intl. Airport (PDX) called PenAir. She works on an airplane called the Saab 340.

SeaPac was great this year, as always. We had a YLRL table and Skye Surges, CJ Stevens, Barbara, AC7UH, and I manned it. We got lots of YLs and also OMs wanting info about YLRL which is always good. The YL Buffet was also great, with Linda Ford, AA6MR, speaking on her experiences teaching and being part of the AR club in China. Thank you Linda for a great job! And many attended the YL Forum. It was a success as usual! We all look forward to next year! 33, Marilyn, AF7BI

### **Quilting a Quilt by Margaret, AE7MB** *(Hijacked from the Clarion-ED)*

First, I would like to thank all of the ladies that submitted quilt blocks for the CLARA 50th Birthday Bash. The blocks were wonderful and inspiring.

I have a conventional sewing machine that works well for clothing construction and simple home accessories, so the first decision was “how do I quilt this quilt?”. I’ve done other quilts on the machine and have discovered that it is difficult to quilt anything that is more than about 60 cm. to 65 cm. wide.



**Quilt winners Dot, VK2DB and Suzanne, VE7IM with their new quilts**

I decided that the “Quilt As You Go” (QAYG) method would make the most sense for these quilts. With QAYG you make each block a “mini- quilt”. With each block, you make a “sandwich” of the quilt block, the batting, and the backing. Then you quilt the block. In our case that meant I only had to manipulate 32 cm. (more or less) on the sewing machine; an easy task.

Once all of the blocks were quilted and squared (trimmed to 30 cm.), I laid the blocks out in a pleasing pattern, then made rows of 5 blocks by attaching the blocks to 2.5 cm. by 30 cm. sashing, then attached seven rows together with 2.5 cm. by 150 cm. sashing. A quilt label and binding completed the project.

Each quilt block was quilted depending upon its layout. On some blocks, I used “stitch in the ditch” to secure the quilt sandwich. Stitch in the ditch is a technique used in clothing construction to secure facings to a garment. Other blocks used echo quilting. Again, this is a technique used in clothing construction for top-stitching decoration. A few blocks didn’t work well with either of these techniques, so I used a meander technique. Meander works very well for blocks that didn’t have symmetry.

If you have basic sewing skills and a bit of time, you can produce beautiful quilts, too. Marsha, N8FE wrote: “I’ve been really busy lately getting my house ready for sale. I had the sad duty of taking my 3 antennas down. One neighbor said that the neighborhood will never look the same. My tower and Cubex2 element 5-band Quad has been up since 1980. We hope to get a new tower in a couple years but until then the Quad will be in storage. My GAP Jr. is getting a new 7 ft. mast and will be planted smack dab in the middle of our small city lot. The VHF/ UHF dual band will be strapped to this chimney just like it was to the old one.

Since I can’t dig up the cement pad from the tower, I found an old bird bath and put it on the pad and it looks like it belongs there. It took 1 smart ham Bill, N8QVS and some helpful ones John, AA8LTU, and Jay, WB8SBI, (my OM) but we got it done. For now, I’m on VHF/ UHF and having a BLAST!!

Doing my thing for ARES and chatting with all my friends on the repeater and Field Day is coining.”

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**Hammy & Marsha, N8FE at Hamvention**

I finally sold my house and moved all my personal belongings into our joint home. It was traumatic to take down the tower and quad and Gap vertical after 30+ years. But they are in the backyard waiting for the neighbor to bury the electric drop that runs diagonally across our lot. I am enjoying the couple months of Michigan sunshine.

In August, the OM and I are going to Indiana to watch the Total Eclipse, we are going to be recording propagation from our site at ground.

Great Lakes region 2017 Convention will be at a new Hamfest (GLHamCon) in Michigan this year.

Phyllis, KE8CPM, wrote she is planning to attend Dayton and hopes to see YLs there. On Sat. July 8th, the Germantown Amateur Radio Society (GARS) had our first annual Ham Fest. The YLRL had supplied me with cards with club information on them. Since I was working at the registration table, I was able to inform people about the club and supply cards to all who were interested. I told everyone how long the club has been in existence and the excellent YLRL forums at the Dayton Hamvention every year.

I approached the men in attendance by asking them if they had any women in their family, that they hoped would become hams. I also saw a police officer, who took a picture of the card with his smart phone. Many thanks to the YLRL and all the hard work you do for us.

I'm proud to be a member of such a great organization.

Susie, N8CGM, wrote: "Weekend before last (April 7-8-9) Cincinnati Sound Chorus (of which I am a member) competed in Harmony Heartland Region 4 Contest in Lexington KY. For the 4th consecutive year we achieved 5th place with 564 points compared to 556 last year. Top score this year was 647 (Metro Nashville TN) compared to 732 last year (Scioto Valley, Columbus OH, they've 100+ members & excellent co-directors, mother & daughter).

Semi-radio-wise, transcribe Jan-Feb 2017 *YL-Harmonics* for 3 clients, now wrap up page 12/Section 2 to send to them within mere minutes!"

You know I managed to do & send the *Burr*. Also, managed single Canada Day contact on EchoLink. OM from Nova Scotia visiting daughter in Lethbridge AB. Hope to be able to help with ARDF contest here end of this month. Assume I can get ride to where it is, as I lack car & never had motorcycle.

Brad, WD9HDZ may take me if he's not otherwise busy, or may be lifted from someone else. The Greater Cincinnati Harmony Festival, music education camp for high schoolers was sponsored by our choir & Southern Gateway who went to International. It was last week in June. Only had 54 kids this year, but show was good. Link to it; try to figure how to audio record besides set up mp3 recorder while it plays on computer, then export to mp3 to thumb drive for blind guy we take to OhKyn meetings, Joe Maximetz, KA2UYB, who both moved & was taken by someone else to Field Day that weekend. I read *The Q-Fiver onto* mp3, dub to thumb drive for him as he lacks computer.

Verline, KI8V, writes: Granddaughter got married July 7th. My other one got married April 29th and is expecting end of August a boy. This will be #5 great grandchild. Grandson Cody graduated from Central Michigan Univ in May and has an accountant job and is getting engaged soon. Grandson Frank had his baby's 1st birthday party July 1st. I have not been feeling well with Kidney disease stage 4. Have a great summer.

Lee, KB8RT, is recovering from right shoulder replacement surgery done 6 June. Was in rehab but is now home, but can't drive. She's hoping that changes when she sees her surgeon 14 July. For the first time in 7 years there are no bird feeders out in her yard. She scheduled the surgery so she could feed through spring migration and hopes to be ready to feed when fall migration starts in Aug. Should be ready for winter feeding. She's been amazed at the range of aids available to help people with arm and hand problems.

Unfortunately, I, Nancy, KC4IYD, will not be able to attend Dayton again this year but will be thinking of all the YLs there. Hope to attend next year.

Carol, W8CSH, has started her freshman year at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH in August. She was lucky to get 2 scholarships this year which has helped with her tuition. One was from the Foundation for Amateur Radio - The Robert E. True Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000. The second was the STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. - Gene Roddenberry/Patrick Stewart Scholarship for Aspiring Writers and Artists, also for \$1,000. Congrats to Carol.

73 de kc4iyd/8, Nancy

Rita McConnell, NE0DB, shares her Ham Radio Story:

I've been active in the Pueblo West Amateur Club since its founding in 2010 (helping with events, Club Historian, etc., but never applied for my license until last year. NEODA is one of the founding members. I'm trying to get more of the spouses to obtain licenses. Our Club has five YLs now; one Extra, one Advanced, three Technicians, one of which is going for her General today after our Club meeting.

My OM, NEODA, has a respectable ham shack, with a 32' tower.

I have little on-the-air experience. NEODA bought me a hand-held which I like to use, and I participate in our Club net and the Hazardous Weather net. With the help of NEODA, I made my first DX contact in Mexico. I'm applying for VE, and starting my CW soon ... my brain needs time off after passing the three elements so quickly).

Proudly, we are now the only couple in the Club holding Extra licenses

The five YLs had our first luncheon last Thursday to plan a party after our upcoming Fox Hunt. I had the waiter take a picture. After lunch, I searched the net for women in amateur radio ... that's how I discovered YLRL.

Rita, NE0DB also put up a YLRL display for Field Day. She managed to get some operating time in as well!



*NEODA and  
NE0DB working  
Field Day*



*The YLRL Display*



*left to right: KC0WYK (T);  
AH6OS (A); NE0DB (E); KE0LWN  
(T); W9BPP (T) - going for General*

The St Louis and Suburban Radio Club, in St Louis Missouri, is proud to announce Winterfest, January 27, 2018 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. As one of the mid-west's largest amateur radio hamfest, Winterfest has over 230 tables, 85 different vendors and more than 800 patrons.

Held at the Gateway Center in Collinsville Illinois, Winterfest is poised to have its best year to date and we are inviting you to be a part of it. Vendor tables are currently on sale for \$25.00 per table if you get them before December 31, 2017. Just visit our website at [winterfest.slsrc.org](http://winterfest.slsrc.org) and visit our store, or fill out the enclosed vendor form.

For more information regarding Winterfest, visit our website, or contact me, Rebecca Carroll, at [winterfest@slsrc.org](mailto:winterfest@slsrc.org) or 314-496-7271.

Thank You for your time.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Carroll - KC9CIJ

Winterfest Chairman **Any YLs in the area who would like to set up a YLRL booth, please contact Rebecca for more information! Ask Cheryl, N0WBV for publicity materials at least 4 weeks in advance and I hope you can help! -ED.**

Cheryl, N0WBV has been busy! She went to the Dayton Hamvention in May. "I had a blast as usual, there. I love meeting all the YLs that I only get to see once a year. Plus, I get to make new friends as well. I am always amazed at how many attend the YL forum as well."



*The YLRL Booth*

*Kay, WA0WOF  
Guest Speaker  
for the YL  
Forum*



There were quite a number of officers there and we managed to have a mini Board meeting as well. I can't even begin to list all the YLs who helping at the booth. There were so many and I know I would forget someone, she says. It was busy almost all the time and the new venue was interesting.

She also managed to find time for Field Day where she and the OM, John, ICTOF set up near Lake Tarryall and had a great camping/FD trip.



*Cheryl, N0WBV operating Field Day*

In July, Cheryl and John attended CLARA's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash in Winnipeg, Canada. "It was an honor to be able to participate in the event. Vai, VE5AQ, (who is also the CLARA and YLRL Webmaster along with Yvonne, ZS6TBL) and her committee did an amazing job. The tours were splendid and the speakers enjoyable. Especially fun was the Police Choir serenading us before the main banquet. I finally got to meet some of these wonderful ladies face to face

as well!"



*The Police Choir*



*The Field Day Set up for John, KTOF and Cheryl, N0WBV*



*Morse Code Wine!*

"We even found some Morse Code wine in the bar at the hotel. Fancy that!"

"That is it for the fun stuff! The rest of the year has been a doozy, but not in a good way and I am trying to get back to normal. (Isn't normal a town in Illinois?) Here is to hanging in there!"

33 & 73, Cheryl, N0WBV

I was at one of the local club meetings the other day (Longmont Amateur Radio Club, LARC). I belong to two such clubs, because I live half way between Boulder (BARC) and Longmont. At the meeting were about 35 people, with 3 YLs. Anyone feel outnumbered yet?

The presentation was by Joey Stanford, NVON, on another communication mode: DMR, or Digital Mobile Radio. DMR is one of several types of Narrowband Digital Voice (NBDV) available today, including D-STAR, NXDN, Project 25, and TETRA as well as DMR. One of the advantages of DMR is that radios using it are produce by almost a dozen manufacturers, as compared with D-STAR, which has aspects proprietary to one radio brand, for example. D-STAR is perhaps better known, since the format has been around since 2001, while DMR has been around since 2005 and was refined in 2009. DMR uses half the band width of analog (12.5 kHz compared with 25); additionally, no guard bands are required between bands, so it is much more efficient use of band space. It also supports other digital modes, such as packet. It is becoming more practical as more infrastructure (in the form of repeaters) is constructed to support it. The Rocky Mountain Radio Club, an area-wide group, is currently establishing a mountain-top based repeater system for wide area coverage.

One interesting feature of DMR is that it uses something called Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) for repeaters, so that two signals can be transmitted by the same repeater at effectively the same time by interleaving segments: XOXOXOXO. DMR radios, in addition to working simplex, use "talk groups" over repeaters. Those who work with served agencies in ARES may be familiar with talk groups as the way the 800 megahertz radio systems used for interoperability function. A Talk Group is somewhat like a CTCSS tone on an analog repeater or a privacy tone on FRS radios. DMR also generally gives longer battery life. And, basic HT's come starting around \$100! (Contact your local experts when you get one, because you need a code and to download the programming software!)

DMR is sounding promising—I think my husband and I might see a new radio in our future. Thanks to Joey for his help with this article.

How was your Field Day? As usual, my OM and I spent ours doing communications for the MS 150 Bike Ride in Colorado. In a couple past years, *Note: the north to south distance of this we set up HF and one year even made one contact (in system coverage is approximately 300 a public location, mobile, battery power—you get the drift). And, the antenna mounted on the bike rack on the back of the jeep attracted a lot of attention from the bikers. This year, though, everything seemed to come off very early, with the bikers moving smoothly and quickly along the route. Maybe because we had a cool day sandwiched between two hot weeks, we hardly had time to set up before the first riders arrived. So, it's just as well we didn't pack the HF equipment; we never would have had time to use it.*

Colorado Wide - 700



Pack the equipment. As anyone who does much in setting up any variety of portable stations, or stations away from the main station (in our case, the one in the family room), figuring out and being sure to bring along all the equipment you need is a major task. We have lists upon lists. Lists for doing ATV. Lists for doing packet. Lists for doing APRS. Lists for doing HF Pactor and HF voice. Etc. Etc. Then, for me, there is the stuff I almost always take: if I am going to use my HT extensively, I use take this satchel. If I am going to be at a base station, I take that satchel. And if I am going to be out for a prolonged period, or out in the weather, I take the backpack. Most of the time the system works, but sometimes, like at a recent SET (simulated emergency training), we had the equipment to do the minimum, but really could have used more (like a second mobile radio, and a second car to run it from).



**Doshia, KBONAS' Go Box.**

Sometime, I would like to set up from a campground somewhere. However, by the time we put in the tent, sleeping bags, camp chairs and cots (yes, we are not roughing it) and cooking equipment and food, there really isn't much space. I would love to know what you are doing to manage equipment, and to pack it along!

Actually, we have a pretty good two meter/70 cm "radio in a box," currently occupied by my probable replacement radio, since my trusty old Kenwood TM D700 is getting rather aged. It is housed in a tool box, complete with all the pieces necessary to set up a remote or mobile station, except the power source. If we are going to run packet, we need to include the computer and computer cable; if APRS, there is a separate little box with a GPS in it that goes along.

When we go to help on the Courage Classic later this summer, I might be helping on a Support and Gear (SAG) van. If so, I will probably take my radio out of the car and put it in the van; I like it, probably because I am very familiar with it. I will have my satchel supporting that (it has things like extra fuses and headphones, and sundries like tape and Velcro, plus a paper pad and such) and a toolbox with all the things I need to install my radio in the van, including connecting to the battery, and to the computer.

I like being able to do a wide variety of things, but it sure does take a bunch of stuff!!

33, Doshia, KBONAS

Hello YLs everywhere. Been very rainy here unlike all the west coast and we should be thankful it was rain and not SNOW or we would still be 10 feet under

We will be headed North to Alaska (home) soon which is 75 miles outside of Nome. We drive the Alaska Hwy up to Fairbanks then to Anchorage to catch flight to Nome. It is a beautiful drive thru Canada, if you haven't driven it, do it now. The best thing about driving this year is the OM bought a new HF FT 857D along with MFJ tuner 929. So now will be fun talking to folks up the Hwy. Hopefully conditions will be improved by then.

Our yearly MINOW meeting is in a couple weeks in Portland, Oregon. We have a great group of YLs and always have a fun time. Have made up some Coasters out of our old MINOW member booklet covers to give away at SeaPac and other conventions.



Remember Thursday evening 7PM Echolink Node W6DWY-R check into "Dias Doing It Net." Its right before the MINOW Echolink on ALARA Node 286905 which your also invited to check in



to. AE7MB Margaret is a great Net Control and we have several ladies check in every week. All for this time 33  
Claudia KLOHI

We have made our annual trip North home to Council, Alaska We started out the 26th of May, First was to deliver a Sourdough start to a friend in Vancouver, WA at a Casino, then Marilyn AF7BI had asked me to stop by a exit off 15 to pick up something she had for me. Well I thought I had left something at MINOW meeting but couldn't think of what it could be.. ..so we meet her and she has a great homemade batch of her special lemon dream bars (that's what I call them) sure did enjoy them up Alaska Way. Thanks so much again Marilyn then on to Anacortes to Sister and Brother in-laws for night.

Off again the 27th thru border at Sumas, WA, up to Quesnel, BC. The 28th we drove up to Dease Lake, YT, then on to Destruction Bay on beautiful Lake Kluane and spent night The 29th. Crossed US border about noon and on into Fairbanks about 4PM the 30th. Only one moose tried to get us by running right in front of us but good breaks and OM driver saved us from collision. Lots of black bear but only one Grizzly and 3 cubs outside of Haines Junction. In Fairbanks had coffee with 2 Fairbanks YLs Rose Rybachek KL7FQQ and Linda Conley KL2AB. Had a good time up in Vancouver for the Annual MINOW meeting May 6th also great to visit with gals up there.

All for now KLOHI/Claudia



*Coffee in Fairbanks!*

### *VE Column*

I was delighted to receive an e-mail from Anne, WB1ARU, advising me that we have a new “VE” member of YLRL. She is Charla, VE7VSL, and she lives in Victoria, BC on Vancouver Island. She has sent me a brief bio of herself and it appears below. Charla is very enthusiastic about her hobby. I hope many of you might make contact with her and welcome her to YLRL. She seems to be very interested in working QRP.

Spent some fun time working on this year's challenge of “15 Favourite Flowers”. Finished my log and sent it to Vai, VE5AQ, and she has sent me a really nice certificate, in return. I thought contacting 15 YLs would be next to impossible as I only have Echolink, now. It isn't!! I hope many of you are working on your logs and chatting with YLs everywhere. Don't forget to check out CLARA'S website for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge: [www.clarayl.ca](http://www.clarayl.ca). You do not have to be a member of CLARA to participate. There are several different categories to work toward. Main thing is to have fun with your hobby. You might consider joining CLARA and you would be most welcome. There is a method of sponsoring and of being sponsored so it is easy enough to do. Membership in both YLRL and CLARA is most rewarding.

I hope many of you were able to contact the VIMY station in Northern France. The ceremonies, on April 9<sup>th</sup>, at the impressive Vimy Memorial were done with dignity and respect. Even the weather co-operated and it was a lovely, sunny day. A far cry from the weather and conditions the Canadian Army had to endure 100 years ago in 1917!

Weather on the west coast is warming. Winter and our record breaking snowfall is a fading memory and we are happy to shed our winter duds and find things that are a little more suitable for sunnier days. Things are planted or going to be planted soon and our homes and neighbourhoods will be colourful, once again. I wish you all a happy summer and, hopefully, I will have met many of you at CLARA's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party in Winnipeg.

33 Suzanne VE7IM

Charla, VE7VSL, writes: I am stretching my memory cells. Well, my Mum was an artist and in her own world; my dad loved spending time with me and always tried to make me feel loved and share his love for science and learning. I lost them both and was very much on my own with my aunt. I studied as a Chef, a real love but money was very hard to come by in those days. Still love cooking! When I lost both of them I wanted to do something to make my father proud... building Eico and Heath kits in the 1950s and 1960s was fun and great if it worked at the end! I then went into engineering, electronics and electrical, not an easy go in those days.

So now I just retired at the end of January from being with the Victoria School Board and Ham Radio seemed a great way to enjoy electronics and make friends. Keeps me in awe how you can bounce radio waves so far! This year I finished work and my husband Jerry; at first not supportive is now after I passed my Ham test last year is getting more interested in my efforts and maybe will join me in radio; he is a retired US Navy pilot.

QRP is very exciting and have a friend Henk, VA7HV, that loves reaching faraway places with 5 watts HF; I have joined him several times doing HF.

So that is my present goal is being a radio operator for Victoria Emergency Communication Group getting involved with our local Emergency Nets, do communications for local events, do packet and run my two stations (van and onboard). Still rather microphone shy but working through it. Sailing and having Ham Radio onboard our ketch is also a dream come true.

Alison, VE7ACO, runs our YL Net every week; Thursday 19:00 on the WARA repeater VE7VIC. We average 3-4 YLs each week. We login and go around till we are talked out. Last Thursday we had a YL from Marysville, WA join us.

We have a breakfast YL table every third Saturday of each month at the Apple Tree Restaurant on Admirals Rd. in Victoria.

73 Charla Mason, VE7VSL/VA7VSL and at sea VEOVSL

Since 1980 VG6640 Maritime VHF/MF

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: Excitement is building over the CLARA Birthday Bash. Sarla, VU2SWS, is coming to the Bash and returning to Toronto with Ann and Ann's daughter, Janet, N9ZK.U, for a few days in Toronto. Ann is already planning a small party of local hams to welcome Sarla to Toronto. Nothing pleases Ann as much as showing her great City to her friends. If anyone is planning a trip to Toronto after the Bash, do let Ann know and join her in welcoming Sarla.

Several of us had fun during the CLARA Chatter party on EchoLink. For those of us not on HF any more, it was good to be on the air again (sort of.)

Ann has given Bare's rigs to a radio club to encourage new hams. Heather, VE3HQH, and her OM, Doug, picked up the equipment and will see that their club benefits. Bare was a great designer and builder of electronic "stuff". Ann knows he would be happy to have new hams enjoying his equipment.

The CLARA Birthday Bash plans are almost complete and registrations are encouraging. Ann hopes everyone who can will come. The CLARA gals really know how to throw a good party. She is also hoping the YLRL "singers" who are coming to Winnipeg will create one of their special "songs" at the banquet. Ann remembers the Boston "song" and still smiles as she thinks about that wonderful convention. *They did-Ed.*

Life-time friends are developed at these events. No doubt you all know that Sarla, VU2SWS, and Suzanne, VE7IM, and Ann have become good friends since meeting in Boston. They skype regularly and have become as close as good friends can. Never doubt the power of keeping in touch. Stay well and come to Winnipeg if you can.

33 Ann, VE3HAI

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: Well, here we are June 01, 2017. Winter is now behind us, spring is here, time to get the garden and yard cleaned up and the seeds planted. I hope everyone survived the winter successfully.

I participated in the "Chatter Party" but didn't do well as conditions were poor and I only had Tuesday available. Got a nice certificate from Linda, VE9GLF, for taking part in it, anyway. Another piece of paper for the wall.

I've been working on the 50th Birthday challenge and having fun. Not as many contacts as some but at present over 70. Fifty is all you need for a certificate but we'll see how many we can get by the end of the year.

I've been working on the YLRL Challenge for the Favorite Flower and still have a few more to go. Don't think I'll have too much time during the summer but will try harder come Fall.

Our winter square dancing has come to an end but we started our summer camping/dancing last weekend, had a great time with many friends that we haven't seen since last fall.

Doug and I have had a good winter and are keeping well.

I'm really looking forward to meeting everyone in July at the 50th Birthday Bash, hope to see you there. Enjoy the summer. 33, Heather VE3HQH

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: No new IOTA that I need but some cards that I need to send again as I have had no replies. Who knew that ham radio was half paper work and half talking?!

Finally, a few days of sun and warm weather and then back to rain later in the week. I played golf in a Charity golf tournament last Friday - The Lipstick Project - I thought it a great charity to be contributing to - if you have the time do look it up on Google. Went as a team of four from Richmond - we didn't win but one lady won a



raffle prize, I bid and got the Silent Auction article I wanted - (nice smelling tubes of hand creams, lotions etc, etc that I will split up and use in Xmas stockings!) and another in our group bid and got what she wanted. Lunch was excellent, speeches short and I saw many golfing friends that I had not seen since last fall.

With my daughter Arleen, VA7YL, and granddaughter, Michelle I travelled up to Kelowna last Thursday to attend the graduation ceremonies for the 2017 class of the UBC Kelowna campus. My Calgary granddaughter was graduating after four years of hard work. Of course, her family from Calgary were there, too, so a fun family gathering. Her grad gift from her family is a trip to Seattle to watch a baseball game.

Arleen had rented a small apartment for us overlooking Okanagan Lake which was still flooding low lying areas around the lake. We were just a half hour's drive from the Campus. Got to the ceremonies early enough to get good seats and Lexi (my granddaughter) spotted us as she and her class made their entrance.

We had a family dinner that night, a tour of some wineries on Saturday and headed home on Sunday via the Coquihalla Highway. Long drive but excellent road though in the winter drivers do have to carry chains or have good winter tires as there is often snow at the summit.



Field Day coming up and I hope to take part - our local ham club sets up at Garry Point and the mouth of the Fraser. Hope that it is a sunny weekend.

Have a great summer everyone and let's hope that the bands improve and we get to work that DX station that we have been chasing for years!

33 Elizabeth, VE7YL

**Dylan, Lexi and Michelle** Helen, VAI YL, writes: Hello! I had fun with the CLARA Chatter Party in

March - didn't work many YLs but I did get to chatter to those I worked! I tried calling on 14,288.0 a number of times but didn't have much success there.

Propagation has been the pits. I checked into the Monday morning net twice - once I didn't hear a soul & another time no one heard me, even though Truus and Christine were on.

I am looking forward to the CLARA Birthday Bash in Winnipeg!

I will be away in April & early May. If you hear 3DA0YL on the air, jump in and say "hi"! We are off to visit Swaziland. The OM worked 3DA0TM one day and Andy invited us to come and visit Swaziland. I am sure there will be lots to do besides talk on the radio, but Andy has applied for call-signs for us.

Helen VAI YL is back from her trip to Africa and Europe. She made about 80 contacts as 3DA0YL. Even worked some new countries, but of course they don't count for DXCC. Too far from the home QTH. They had a wonderful visit with their daughter in Amsterdam. They were there for Remembrance Day and Liberation Day. She got back in time for the local Quilt show and got to help.

This summer will be busy - off to Winnipeg for the CLARA 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash, and racing back to pack up for the IOTA DXpedition to Bon Portage, NA-126. The wonderful woman who always looked after the food for our DXpeditions is not well enough to come, so guess you inherited the job. Luckily, some of the OMs know that food doesn't just appear on the table, and they will help out.

Just before they left on their trip the laptop crashed and was wiped. Grr, The back-up didn't keep the emails. The techie copied the email addresses, but not in a form that is easy to open.

Miss the CLARA nets, but with propagation so terrible, it is a good idea to stop them.

33 Helen VAI YL

So, what have I been doing since the last harmonics? Well I have been working on the CLARA's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash. This is coming up so quickly. Registrations need to be in by June 1<sup>st</sup>, so hopefully everyone who is coming has already sent in their forms to Heather VE3HQB. I have been working on the name tags, and meal tickets, because I don't know about you, but once you send in your form, you think ok, that's done and dusted.

Then comes the day when you get there and you can't remember what you ordered for your meals. That's me, don't have a clue. Anyway, Heather's OM Doug sends me copies of the registrations and from there I do the name tags, etc. There is also a door prize ticket in with that information.

One thing I must tell you is that if you are the lucky winner on Tuesday, or Wednesday night, PLEASE DO NOT throw out your ticket. If we have any door prizes left on



**Vai, VE5AQ**

Thursday, all names will go back into the draw drum and you still might win something.

Also, the big draw for the Quilt(s) will be done on the Thursday evening. So far Margaret, AE7MB (our quilt maker) has told me she has 61 squares. I am still waiting for 4 from GB and 1 from Australia, but hopefully by the time you have read this Harmonic, they arrived and were sent on to Margaret.

I have also been working on my little gifts for the friendship exchange and am proud to say all the crocheting is done, now just must put the finishing touches on them.

My spare bedroom is Convention Center! I can't see the bed for stuff that must go to Winnipeg, can't see the trunk that more stuff is sitting on, the 5-foot table where I do lots of sorting, stapling, stuffing etc, is full again, but I am having lots of fun. I can hardly wait to see all of you in Winnipeg in July

So, between working on convention, trying to do some gardening, must do other things like shingle the roof, and other house chores, I have been keeping rather busy. Time for a holiday and a party.

Take care one and all, have a wonderful spring, and just enjoy life to the fullest.

Well by the time everyone has received and read this issue of YLH, the Canadian Ladies Amateur Association's 50" Birthday Bash will be in the books. Right at the moment, I can't tell you how wonderful it was, as it is only June 1<sup>st</sup> as I write.



**Sarla, VE2SWS giving a presentation on IOTA**

I really hope those that attend have a marvelous time, as my Committee and myself tried really hard to do things up so that you had a memorable time in Winnipeg for not only the CLARA's 50", but also Canada's 150".

I had a whole lot of fun organizing this event and could not have done it with the help and support of the following who believed in my dream: Ann Nutter, VE3HAI, she is my Presidential Advisor, so I turned to her for help when I was stuck.

Heather Holmes, VE3HQH, our treasurer, as one cannot have a convention without someone collecting our money. Helen Archibald, VAI YL, our past president, who helped with the main idea of the quilts.

Pat Haertel, VE4PEH, & Pat Giesbrecht, VE4PLG, who were my feet on the ground in Winnipeg.

Margaret, AE7MB, who so graciously offered to make the quilts. To all the quilt square makers (as some of us don't have a clue on that aspect) for making a total of 65 - 12 inch squares. To all of those who attended this Birthday Bash from far and near. Without you none of this would have been possible. So, thank you.

Lastly, I must thank my sister-in-law, Sandra, who did so much running around for me, as well, in Winnipeg and my Aunt Muriel and Uncle Gordon, whom some of you met at the banquet, for telling me which hotel would best serve our needs. I may have grown up in Winnipeg, but after being away from it for over 50 years, things change. I am so grateful to everyone for their encouragement and support.

One last person that must be mentioned for all of her help, with the design of the 50 year birthday badge, for all of her help with designing, teaching and listening to me moan and groan, that this isn't right, or that is wrong. The one who always says to me "It is what it is, buddy" "stop fretting" is Yvonne ZR6TBL. She has been my rock throughout this whole process. Thank you, my best friend.

The November/December report will have much more about the Birthday Bash, so please stay tuned. I would also like to ask those that attended to please send me as many pictures as possible in .jpg format so that I can put them on the YLRL, CLARA & BYLARA websites so that everyone can see who was there, and what we did. Again, thank you to all. 33 Vai VE5AQ

## **A Special QSO for YLRL news**

deVAIYL

One of the things I enjoy most about the HF bands is having good conversations with hams in other countries. If a goal of amateur radio is to foster understanding between people, isn't that how to do it?

November 16, 2016. My OM had a fellow ham's radio to fix, so he cleared the work bench, placed the sick radio in the middle, then for entertainment pushed our Kenwood TS-590's ON button and set the frequency to 14,253 kHz, where an interesting- sounding QSO was in progress. The corrective surgery on the workbench proceeded, the 20m QSO ended, but Fred VE1FA didn't bother to change the Kenwood's frequency. Some minutes later the TS-590 spoke: "CQ CQ CQ ..This is 3DA0TM, 3DA0TM". Fred couldn't resist going back to

such a rare country, so he moved over to the radio bench and sat down for a long and interesting QSO with Andy Cory, sitting at his radio bench in a valley outside Mbabane, Swaziland, in the southeast Africa 7760 miles away. Andy described Swaziland's beauty, the friendly people, his off-road 4X4 adventures in the high veldt, and the big animals of Swazi and nearby Kruger Game Park. Fred had to admit to Andy that he had never been to Africa. "Why don't you come over and visit for a couple of weeks?" said Andy. "Are you serious?" "Sure, come over and stay with us!"

When I arrived home that day, the OM said "Want to go to Swaziland?" My reaction was "No!" Eventually he was able to persuade me. Of course we expressed an interest in operating from Swazi, and Andy was able to get us actual Swazi calls, 3DA0FA and 3DA0YL. Since there were only 4 HF-active hams in Swazi, we increased their numbers by 50%!

On 17 April 2017 we left Nova Scotia for Johannesburg, South Africa, followed by a 5-hour bus trip to Mbabane, the capital of Swaziland. Andy was waiting at the station with his big Toyota "Fortuner" 4x4 and took us to his beautiful home in a small steep valley in the hills a few km from the center of Mbabane, where we met his XYL Meri, a talented graphic arts designer. Both Meri and Andy took most of the next 2 weeks off from their work to host us around the highlights of Swaziland and world-famous Kruger Big Game Park just to the north of Swaziland. Andy, a skilled off-road driver and instructor, took us up tiny rough dirt/stone roads and stream-beds into the hills where many Swazis live and raise their maize, beans, melons, chickens, goats, and cattle. Cattle, as much as emilangeni (rands) are still the currency of the country: a nice bride will set you back 7 cows.

After visiting a small nearby game park (Mlilwane), the four of us went north to Kruger Big Game Park in South Africa, a reserve of 20,000 km<sup>2</sup>, bigger than all of Swaziland! While in Kruger it is strictly forbidden to get out of your car except in the camping areas that are closed and guarded at night. However, the amazing animals and scenery you can see from your 4X4 make it a photographer's paradise. Meri and Andy were very skilled at spotting critters like lions, cheetahs, hyenas, baboons, jackals, etc. camouflaged in the long tan grass and big bushes of the great vistas of bushveldt, and in little river valleys. Loads of crocs and hippos in the ponds and rivers too...we didn't go swimming. Attempting to get the best pictures possible of all the amazing creatures, we took 2500 photos!

One of our goals was to work ham friends back in Canada and especially Nova Scotia. With the help of hams here in NS we spread the word via email when we planned to be on. We used Andy's Yaesu FT-100 transceiver, FL-2100Z linear and MFJ tuner feeding a TH-6 beam and 40 + 80m dipoles on a 14m tower, to put out Swazi's maximum legal power of 400W. However, the propagation gods were not helpful, and even 20 m to Europe was a great struggle with QRN, QSB, weak signals, and power line noise. Nothing to North America! Unfortunately, in addition to very poor propagation, just above Andy's antennas there were two sets of high voltage power lines, the nearer set just 130' away. Then there were the nearby hills: Andy's house was at 2700' and on a bearing of 285°, optimal for Nova Scotia, there was a 4600' hill! Hence Andy often works North America by long path on 20-10m, so copying him in Nova Scotia could be by the 17,000 mile long path, not the 7600 mile short path!

We switched to 40m, which opened worldwide late at night and had more success, although 40 only "hotted up" about 3 AM Swazi local (9 PM local in NS). We contacted numerous US, SA, Asian, and Euro stations, many of whom were very excited and thanked us for a "new one". Apparently most contacts with 3DA0 are on 20m and up.

When we called for "Canadians only" on 40m we heard a frustrating number of "can't quite copy" stations in the mud, and had only three clear contacts with Nova Scotians: Dick Grantham, VE1 AI; Rob Steenweg, VE1CHW; and Al Penney, VO1NO/VE1. We also worked Canadians Dave Goodwin, VE9CB; Carl Begin, VA2ZP; and Gary Hammond, VE3XN. Gary takes the prize for the Best Canadian Signal into Swazi!

In the end, Fred and I only worked about 380 stations from all parts of the world, but we were well satisfied. This wasn't a DX-pedition: we went to meet Andy and Meri, and to learn about and enjoy their beautiful country, and those things wouldn't have happened if we weren't hams!

## *ZXV Column*

Dear YL Friends,

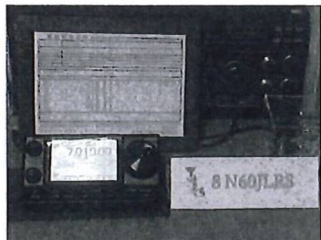
Spring here and it sure springs fast forward time for another column in Harmonics. We have not found a house on a property that can have an antenna here in Houston, so we are traveling and looking other places. We were in YL Harmonics May-August 2017

Chapel Hill, North Carolina looking and there we visited the local ham club, Orange County Radio club and met Bruce, N1LN who had a big contest station, envy of all. I will join them if we find a home there. Houston is getting warm, lucky we have a breeze every day to cool us down.

I have my plane ticket to Winnipeg to CLARA 50<sup>th</sup> birthday bash and look forward to meet many of you there. I wish I could go to Japan they have their 60 year meeting also in July, but not possible will try to work the special stations you can read about below. If only I had my old station, from here it is very hard from the roof of the apartment building.

Yukiko Maki

This year my YL club in Japan, Japan Ladies Radio Society (JLRS), celebrates the 60th anniversary of foundation of the club. To celebrate our anniversary year, we launched the special station 8N60JLRS on April 1 this year, and will operate it until March 31 next year for one full year. We take turns operating each month from different call areas in Japan starting from 6 call areas, Kushu Islands, in April, and operate in any bands and any modes. We hope to make many QSOs during this special anniversary year



**JLRS 60th Anniversary Station**

Yukiko, 7K4TKB

We had a few DX YLs attending Hamvention in Dayton this year. Diane, VK4DI and her OM, Bill, VK4ZD. Joined us at the YL forum to tell us about the Australian Ladies Amateur Radio League (ALARA). Diane spoke about the ALARAmeet for 2017. You can see the video of Diane (and all the YL forum) on Facebook posted by Ria, N2RJ as well.



**Diane, VK4DI at the YL Forum during Hamvention®**

French YL Award - Marie Curie Nobel Prize Winner

Marie (Skłodowska) Curie 150th Birthday

To commemorate the 150 anniversary of the birth of Marie Curie (born Maria Skłodowska)

The association of the "YLS of France" has created an award in honor of the first woman scientist who obtained two Nobel prizes.

The award rewards all contacts with the list of YLs below.

Each contact is worth 10 points and all contacts with MARIA F6BAT are worth 20 points.

Each YL can be contacted only once on a band with the same mode.

Authorized modes are SSB, CW, and DIGI. The award is attributed once 100 points have been attained.

The award is free (electronic version only).

The logs with the Date, Time UTC, Band, Mode, call sign and the Christian name of the YL operating the station are to be sent to F5JER@ref-union.org

This file can be used: [http://yis.r-e-f.org/FTP/fr/Di plome/Liste\\_QSO\\_diplome.xlsx](http://yis.r-e-f.org/FTP/fr/Di plome/Liste_QSO_diplome.xlsx)

Contacts: from January 1th to December 31th 2017

ListofYIs:	Maria F6BAT;	MadoFIEOY Alexandra FI UBA	
Christine F4GDI,	Danielle F4GLR,	Aline F4GPA	Cecilia F4GQW
Maryse F4HBC,	Nicole F4HFX	Claudine F5JER	Lydie F5MSS
Marie-Jeanne F5MYL	Evelyne F5RPB	Marie F5UAY	
Joana DJ5YL	Tina DL5YL	Dora IIB9EPE	

<http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=29835>

Marie (Skłodowska) Curie Nobel Prize in Physics 114 ago (1903-2017)

BIRTH November 7, 1867 Warsaw, Poland DEATH July 4, 1934 Passy, France

EDUCATION Sorbonne OCCUPATION Physicist

Marie and husband Pierre Curie were awarded half the Nobel Prize in Physic in 1903 for their research on the radiation phenomena discovered by Henri Becquerel, the other half recipient..

In 1911 Marie Curie was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for her discoveries and studies of the elements radium and polonium. She is the only woman so far, who has been awarded the Nobel Prize twice. She was also the

first woman to become a professor at the University of Paris, and in 1995 became the first woman to be entombed on her own merits in the Pantheon in Paris.

In 1898 the Curies discovered two new radioactive elements: radium (named after the Latin word for ray) and polonium (named after Marie's home country, Poland). In 1895, Wilhelm Roentgen discovered the existence of X-rays. In 1896, Henri Becquerel discovered that uranium salts emitted rays that resembled X-rays in their penetrating power.

Marie Curie not only made huge contributions to the fields of physics and chemistry, but also to the world of medicine. Curie had studied x-rays and x-ray machines and her newly discovered element radium, as the gamma ray source on x-ray machines allowed for more accurate and stronger x-rays. She created smaller and portable x-ray machines that could be used by medics in the field during World War I in 1914, saving many lives.

Because of their levels of radioactive contamination, her papers from the 1890s are considered too dangerous to handle. Even her cookbook is highly radioactive. Marie Curie's papers are kept in lead-lined boxes, and those who wish to consult them must wear protective clothing.

Sources: Wikipedia

[https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/physics/laureates/1903/marie-curie-facts.html](https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/physics/laureates/1903/marie-curie-facts.html)

Operate in any bands and any modes. We hope to make many QSOs during this special anniversary year.

I have not gotten much news from you for this column. They say no news is good news, but that does not fill this column. I need help from you, otherwise it will be empty. Writing about me is no good as nothing has changed since last Harmonics.

I went to our DX club Field day, I was impressed they had set up at a fire station had a room in there to work the eight radios, on all modes. Beams were on bucket trucks with their arms set up high, two of them. I did hear conditions not so good but overall they did well.

I could have worked Field Day with my portable station on my roof here but we had rain and thunder.

I am looking forward to be going to CLARA birthday bash in Winnipeg in July and to Sweden to SYLRA meeting in September. I will report on it next column. I did hear from Hiromi, JJ1CAS,

I am sorry for you that my response is such a delay. Glad you got the money order without trouble; I breathed a sigh of relief. I am grateful for your support to pass my donation to YLRL Scholarship fund and to Linda, AC5QQ.

Thank you so much for your kind concern about my mother. On May 8, I was pleased to see my mother firstly at the care-home in Kyoto. After goodbye to her, the Kyoto traditional restaurant cheered me up, which sticks out specially for cooling over Kamo River in summer only.

[http://kyoto-hanatsubaki.coin/setsugekka\\_en/](http://kyoto-hanatsubaki.coin/setsugekka_en/)



*Shizuoka City  
Temples*



*Mt. Fuji*



At the beginning of May, I also went to Shizuoka-city to see Atsuko, JJ1MAR who had taken Ms. Mary Lou Brown to Kamakura, Japan, with me a long time ago.

Please find some pictures in Shizuoka city. One is Mt. Fuji, and others temples. Thank you again for your continued support.

33 Hiromi JJ1CAS

This is all, hope more news next time.

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

NT5 W here! This beautiful young lady is my granddaughter Lola Kohl, NP2QH.



Lola is 11-years-old and the youngest licensed ham operator in the US Virgin Islands. Following in the footsteps of her father Clayton Kohl, WP2G and myself, Lola studied daily on her way to school before earning her technician class license.

As the only girl in a family with four brothers, two of which are also licensed ham operators, Lola has always been a fighter - both figuratively and literally. She is focused and determined, which aided her in passing the Ham Radio Exam.

Not only is Lola the youngest licensed ham operator in the US VI, she is also one of the few female licensed hams in the Virgin Islands.

Since receiving her license she has participated in volunteer activities with local clubs on the island of St. Croix.

Lola is a good student and is very passionate about her extracurricular activities. At the top of that list is competitive sailing. She participates in several sailing regattas in both the US VI and the continental U.S.

Lola will be returning to the continental U.S. this summer to competitively sail and conduct informal studies.

I wanted to introduce Lola to the YL Harmonics community and let everyone know how very proud that I am of her for all her hard work and dedication to whatever task that she puts her mind to.

73, Atlee, NT5W



*Lola, NP1QH*

### *Webmaster Report*

The website is doing fantastic. After the CLARA convention, I plan on putting up a graft of the home page, which will show the activity on the site monthly. I am saying after convention, just too busy right now to set it all up.

There have not been any problems, I do know that the Board of Directors is working on a PayPal set up so that those that wish to pay for their memberships on line will be able to do so. I know it is in the works, I just don't know how close we are to getting this set up. I think it is a great idea. Those that do not have computers or who don't wish to use that tool will still be able to send in their checks/money orders as they usually do.

If you have any pictures or articles that you would like to see on the website, please don't be shy. Send them on to either your District Chair, or to me at [ve5aq@sasktel.net](mailto:ve5aq@sasktel.net) and I will see that they get put on.

I do have one question for you, and there again, please send responses to either myself or the District Chair. I have about 3 CDs that have pictures of the last convention, and although I do have several on the site, there is no way that I can put more. So, I need to remove some of those pictures so I can put fresh ones on. You know what they say about a change. This will not happen quickly, but all being well, I should be able to start doing things like that about October.

That's all folks, there is no more at this time. Please take care and any concerns, please get hold of me before problems if any get too big.

There is an old saying here in Saskatchewan, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it". So just please keep me informed of what is going on in your area so that we can let everyone know, as you never can tell who is going to show up at an event that is well advertised.

Also, please send any articles about what You are doing, any DXpeditions and lots of pictures.

Yvonne ZR6TBL sends her best wishes to all, as do I.

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**DISTRICT 5**

**Judith S. Merrill KA5PQD**

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Judith holds a Novice license and is the Family Cheerleader. She is a member of Dallas ARC. She assists OM Barry, W5GN on the air.

**Virginia Smith NV5F (Ginnie)**

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Ginnie holds an Extra license and is an Artist and Music Teacher. She is a member of Arlington ARC, SKCC, 10-X, and YLISSB. She is active on most bands. Visit both her QRZ and web pages to see her art and hear her piping.

**Marylinda Jones WO5J**

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Marylinda holds an Extra license and is a Project Manager. She is a member of McKinney ARC. Her OM is Steve, WS5W and her previous call was KB5SSU.

**Yvonne Meritt KE5RKC (Bonnie)**

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Bonnie holds an Extra license and is a Nurse. She is mostly active on 2m. Her OM is Kay, KE5RKB.

**Marolee Lunsford KG5FPI**

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Marolee holds a General license. She is a member of Kilocycle Club (Ft. Worth). She is active on all bands. Her OM is David, KG5FPH.

**Shannon Kelly W5SEK REJOINED**

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Shannon holds a Technician license and is a Teacher. She is a member of Plano ARK and is active on the air. Sean, W5SPK is her OM and Grace, KG5APE is her daughter.

**Grace Kelly KG5APE**

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Grace holds a Technician license and is a High School Student. Her parents are Shannon, W5SEK and Sean, W5SPK.

**DISTRICT 6**

**Dr. Emilia N. Seiterling KI6YYT**

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Emilia holds a General license and is a Dentist. She is active on the air on 2, 20, and 40m. She is a member of the Lodi ARC and the Mother Lode DX Club. Her OM is Jim, WB6BET. See her QRZ page for more interesting information.

**Kaayla Jaret KA6YLA**

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Kaayla holds a General license and is Retired. She is active on 2, 20, and 40m and operates Field Day. She is the current President of North Hills RC and a member of River City ARCS. Norm, K6FO (SK) was her father.

**Jeri Ellsworth AI6TK**

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Jeri holds an Extra license and is an Electrical Engineer. She is active on most HF bands. Amy, KM6FZE is a family member.

**Amy Herndon KM6FZE**

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Amy holds a General license and is a Prototype Engineer. She comes to ham radio from a Maker background. She is active on 20 and 40m. Jeri, AI6TK is a family member.

**DISTRICT 7**

**Emily Newberry N7EMH**

[Redacted]

Emily holds an Extra license and is a Writer and Facilitator. She is currently active on 2m and with the Multnomah Co ARES. She has been licensed since '71 and has held several calls.

**Ingrid Geissler W7ISG**

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Ingrid holds a General license and is a Medical Tech. She is active on HF. She and OM Reinhard, K7RGG participated in NPOTA and Ingrid was ranked #3 in the US for the event.

**Brenda Diamond-Rose KB3ATI REJOINED**

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Brenda holds an Extra license and is Retired. Bob, AA3RR is her OM and Ryan, AE3RR is her son

**Barbara Lounsbury KI7GHT**

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Barbara holds a General license and is a System Analyst. She is a member of AMRRON and active on several bands. Her OM is Ken, KG7NGW.

**Donna Mollan WB7FDE REJOINED**

[Redacted]

Donna holds a General license and is a Retired Teacher. She hasn't been active lately, until this year's Field Day. She was E51FDE on Cook Islands, the only YL, in 2009.

**DISTRICT 8**

**Ashley Love KD8NIA**

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Ashley holds a Technician license and is a High School Student. Her ham family includes Paul, K8IO, her grandfather.

**Brenda Krukowski KB8IUP**

[Redacted]

Brenda holds a General license. She is active on 40, 20, 15, 10, 2 and 440. Charles, KB8FXJ is her OM.

**Cindy Kuntzman KE8EJF**

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Cindy holds a Technician license and is a Retired Science Teacher. She is a member of Germantown ARC. She is very active with Boy Scouts. Family members include OM William, KE8BGZ and son, Andrew, KE8EOB.

**Patricia Cowgar KD8BIT (Trish)**

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Trish holds a General license and is Retired. She is a member of Silvercreek ARA and active on the air. Many family members are hams including OM Jack, KD8BIU; son Jeremy, ICB8LFA; granddaughters Samantha, KE8ENK and Daleen, KE8EMS and 4 more!



**Daleen Cowgar KE8EMS**

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Daleen holds a General license and is a High School Student. She is a member of Silvercreek ARA and excited about ham radio. She is working on WAS. Her ham family includes her mother ICD8GRS and father KB8LFA and sister Samantha, KE8ENK.

**Samantha Cowgar KE8ENK**

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Samantha holds a Technician license and is a High School Student. She is part of a large ham family including Trish, ICD8BIT; Daleen, ICE8EMS; and Luke, KD8PAD.

**Linda Pawlicki KA8HRG REJOINED**

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Linda holds a General license and is Retired. Family members include John, K8AG and Larry, AA4QO. Her former call was KD8RSB.

**Angela Chavez AC8KB REJOINED**

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Angela holds an Extra license. Mostly she is active on 2m.

**Elizabeth Kline KE8FMJ**

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Elizabeth holds an Extra license and is an Electrical Engineer. She is a member of Dayton ARA, X WARN, SICYWARN, Genesee Co. ARES, and QRP ARCI. She is active on the air including QRP HF. She enjoys Field Day.

**DISTRICT 9**

**Olivia N. Jones KD9CNU**

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Olivia holds a Technician license and is a Teacher. She is not active yet. Her OM is Michael, KD9CNV.

**Carrie I. Krueger W9FML REJOINED**

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Carrie holds a General license and works for the Postal Service. She is active with YLISSB and OMISS and is the current OMISS President. She also enjoys DX.

**DISTRICT 10**

**Sharon Ketelsen KBOWPC**

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Sharon holds a Technician license and is Retired. She is an active member of Southeast Nebraska ARC founded in 1936. Her OM is Steven, NOSK.

**Sue Ludtke NODBY**

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Sue holds a General license and is Retired. She is an active member of Ski Country ARC. Sue is also an avid hiker and skier. Bob, K9MWM is her OM and Heather, KDORU and Steve, NOEEK are her grown children.

**Rita McConnell NEODB**

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Rita is active on 2 and 20 meters. She is an Extra and participates in both her club and the Hazardous Weather Nets. She is applying for VE and starting to learn CW. Her OM is NEODA.

**Kate Schaefer KEOFRI**

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Kate holds a Technician license. She and OM, Wes, KEOFRJ were licensed in 2016.

**Judy Regennitter K0UH REJOINED**

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Judy holds an Extra license.

**Linda Kammerer KD0QHV REJOINED**

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Linda holds an Extra license. She is a member of Maple Grove RC.

**DX**

**Diane Main VK4DI / AG5JI**

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Diane holds VI< Advanced and US Extra licenses and is an IT consultant. She also has a contest license - VK4HH. She is an active member of ALARA, WIA, ROAR (Rotarians), and Darling Downs RC. She is active on all bands. Family members include OM Bill VK4ZD and daughter Alizah, VK4FOX.

**Fiona Shatri Z63ESC**

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Elona holds a CEPT license and is a Student. She is a member of Radio Club F1EK and SHRAK. She has held calls including DL8MAE, IV3DSG, PE1NPS, and F1DZF. *sponsor W4CC*

**Donjeta Berisha Z63DBB**

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Donjata is a Student. She is a member of Radio Club FIEK Prishtina - Z64EEF.

Vjollka Z61VB is her Elmer.  
*sponsor W4CC*

**Hidajete Bojniku Z63HBF**

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Prishtina 10000 KOSOVO

*sponsor W4CC*

**VE**

**Charla Mason VE7VSL**

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Charla holds a Basic with Honours license and is Retired. She was a Maritime Operator on the SV Sea Love for 37 years. She is active on all bands. She also holds VA7VSL and VE0VSL.

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

If you are listed here and your birthday month and day are reversed, please let me know at [wblaru@gmail.com](mailto:wblaru@gmail.com)! Thank you!

