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We are going to the Movies!**



**Here are a few items inside to check out!.**

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**From our friends in Canada:**

**CLARA's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash**  
**Coming July or Aug. 2017**

**If you think you might be interested in coming, please email asap to Val Lemko at:**

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I am very sorry to let you know that Judy, KB1SRO has passed away after fighting cancer. I had not seen her in a while and had not heard that she was ill. Judy was an eager instructor for scouts and adults, always encouraging YLs especially. She attended the 2011 YLRL Convention in Boston. She was a member of both WRONE and YLRL. I have attached a link to her obituary.

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33, Anne WB1ARU

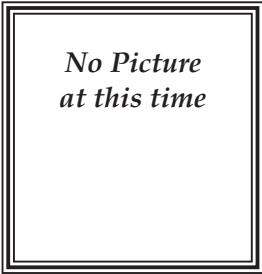
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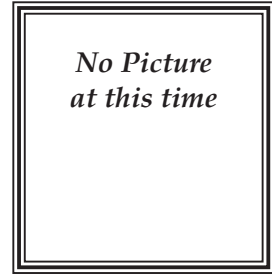
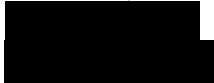
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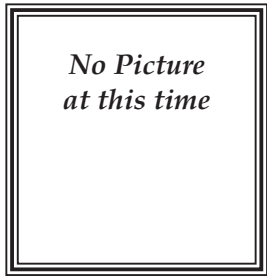
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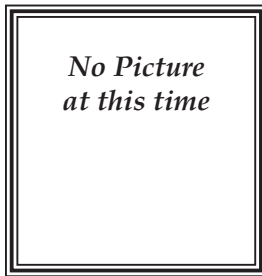
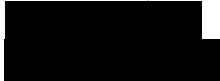
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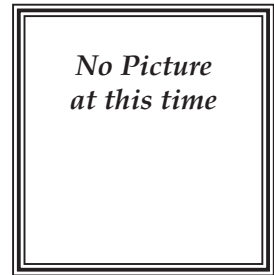
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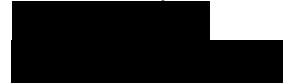
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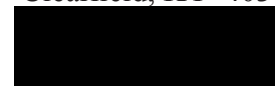
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**Basic Rules Applicable To All YLRL Certificates**

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

Applications for the 2016 certificate must be submitted by: January 31, 2017

**2016 YLRL FAVORITE LOCATION CERTIFICATE RULES**

The 2016 YLRL certificate is the **2016 YLRL FAVORITE MOVIE HOBBY CERTIFICATE!**

For this certificate you will need to have a QSO with 15 YLs and find out what their all-time favorite movie is. I'm asking for one movie that you can't see enough times. It can be from any year. It could be one you watched as a child, or as an adult. For instance, Bambi and you just love it.

Here are the rules for this new award ...

1. You must pick a movie you would say is your favorite.
2. Talk to YL's and tell each other what your favorite movie is. If you don't have a favorite movie, just choose a movie you have seen. You don't need the year when the movie was shown.
3. You will need to collect 15 movies. All 15 movies must be different.
4. You will need one YL for each movie. You can only use a movie once. You can also only use a YL once.
5. All contacts must be made during the 2016 year (January 1 - December 31, 2016).
6. Contacts may be made on any band the YL is licensed to be on, and any mode; including SSB, all digital modes, EchoLink, and repeaters.
7. Favorite Movies must be exchanged over the air. You can not e-mail someone after the contact and ask them for their favorite location.
8. Contacts may be made during nets only if the net control allows it.
9. Report the following for each contact: Date, time, band, first name, QTH, FAVORITE MOVIE.
10. Send your list to the Certificates Manager at any time during the year, but no later than the end of January 2016 to receive your certificate.
11. This certificate is available **ONLY** to YL's.
12. Applications may be submitted by e-mail (to: apple@n8st.net) or snail mail (to: Carolyn Donner, PO Box 158, Hamersville, OH 45130).





## District 1

2016 welcomes the new YLs We invite you to check out the YLRL nets on **YLRL.ORG** page.

District 1 has the Wednesday morning nets and they are growing so much. YLs from other districts are joining us. We love that. We love when any and all YLs push the PTT button.

I want to thank K2EZ for sharing with all aspects of Ham radio. Andrea is very well versed in all Ham radio tasks. Andrea has been a poster on my blog and it is very successful. Many hams have visited and commented on her posts. THANX A BUNCH DRE! Watch for her on NPOTA (National Parks on the Air).

District 1 invites all YLs to join the 10 meter nets I am starting [KA1ULN.BLOGSPOT.COM/p/10-meter-nets.html](http://KA1ULN.BLOGSPOT.COM/p/10-meter-nets.html)

**Let's make 2016 a year for YL hams. QRV**

33 KA1ULN

## District 2

Welcome to new YLRL member Ria Jairam, N2RJ. Ria lives in Sussex, New Jersey and holds an Extra Class license. She's a member of the North Jersey DX Association and the Frankford Radio Club. She's an avid DXer and enjoys operating DX contests.

Also congratulations to Jennifer Robinson, KD2EYR who was recently appointed ARRL Southern New Jersey Assistant Section Manager for Salem County. Jennifer and Jim Wright, N2GXJ were as guest operators on board the Battleship New Jersey last Spring as part of the Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club.

Rachel Weiss, AJ4WD was voted 2015 Amateur of the Year in the ARRL Hudson Division. She is past president of the Bergen Amateur Radio Association in New Jersey.

Ham Radio University ([hamradiouniversity.org](http://hamradiouniversity.org)) is the ARRL New York City/Long Island Section Convention and featured many YLs. Adele Portanova, WB2OQQ assisted in the satellite forum and Diane Ortiz, K2DO gave an early morning forum geared to those who had never attended an HRU event. This was the 17<sup>th</sup> annual HRU on Long Island. There were more than 400 attendees, 30 forums on all aspects of Amateur Radio.

## District 4

*Note Catherine's new callsign-AC4YL. She changed it when she got her extra. Congratulations Catherine!*

### **District 4 – Call to Action 2016!**

Hello District 4! Can you believe 2016 is here already? Well, whether you were ready for it or not, it has arrived. What does that mean? Time to get fired up in ham radio activities! District 4 YLs – We Need Your Help!

First of all, I wish to thank you all for continuing your membership with Young Ladies' Radio League. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please be sure and do so as soon as possible. You can submit your dues to Carol K4SAF. If you have questions/concerns regarding this, please feel free to email myself at [ac4yl@arrl.net](mailto:ac4yl@arrl.net) or Carol at [cjfl@roadrunner.com](mailto:cjfl@roadrunner.com) and we'll be happy to answer your questions/concerns. Application and Carol's mailing address to accept your dues can be found at <http://ylrl.org/index.php/application>.

Second, Young Ladies' Radio League needs your help and your input! We value your feedback and are always looking for volunteers to help with various duties. If you can assist with Hamfests, YL Harmonics article content (let us know what ham activities and other activities you have been working on that you'd like to share), ideas for more YL Ham Radio Activities, etc. we want to hear from you! Please email me at [ac4yl@arrl.net](mailto:ac4yl@arrl.net) and let me know how you can help and if you are interested!

On activities for 2016 - top of the list for District 4 is Orlando Hamcation taking place Friday Feb 12 to Sunday Feb 14 2016. This is the second largest Hamfest to Dayton and this year is also hosting the ARRL National Convention. For the first time, Orlando Hamcation has expanded to three full days of fun adding a full day of activity on Friday and is celebrating it's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. YLRL will have a great presence in Commercial 3 Building.

Also, we will be hosting 2 YL forums – one on Friday Feb 12 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm in the Lakeside Pavilion and the second on Saturday Feb 13 from 11:15am to 12:15pm in the Board Room located in the Children's Village. If you are interested in helping out with the Forums and/or the table, please contact myself AC4YL at [ac4yl@arrl.net](mailto:ac4yl@arrl.net) or Melanie AG4YL at [ag4yl@arrl.net](mailto:ag4yl@arrl.net), and we'll email you back with specifics on how you can

assist. We are working very hard to make this event a huge success and would love to see you there! Why not make it an early Spring Ham Vacation in Orlando with Walt Disney World, Busch Gardens, and Amateur Radio Hamcation? More information on Hamcation can be found at <http://www.hamcation.com>.

2016 also introduces our new YLRL Annual Award. This year's topic is Favorite Movie. During the Thursday Night Echolink YL Ham Net (more information below on how to join in), we will continue to allot some time so you ladies will be able to add to and/or complete your 15 required contacts! More information on this year-long event as well as the log file can be found here: <http://ylrl.org/index.php/annual-certificate-award>.

The National Parks on the Air Event has already been extremely active. During this event, Amateur Radio will be helping the United States National Park Service celebrate their 100th anniversary. Hams from across the country will activate NPS units, promote the National Park Service and showcase Amateur Radio to the public. For your vacation or business travel plans this year, why not take along some portable gear and make some contacts! For those who want to stay put in their shacks, you can be a "chaser", one who contacts these activators. Of course, you can do both!

There is too much information on this event to be included here, so please visit the NPOTA website at <http://www.arrrl.org/NPOTA>.

Another exciting activity to participate in is Winter Field Day 2016! This event to take place the weekend of January 30 to January 31<sup>st</sup>. Here's some information from ARRL Website: "There really is a Winter Field Day, and this year, it takes place over the January 30-31 weekend, sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association (WFDA). The annual event's stated purpose is to encourage emergency operating preparedness in the winter, but it's also a great opportunity to operate in the great outdoors. The WFDA describes itself as a dedicated group of Amateur Radio operators who believe that getting ready for emergency communication in a winter environment is just as important as the preparations and practice that take place at ARRL Field Day each June, all while taking some additional unique operational concerns into account. The WFDA points out that disasters are unpredictable, and its goal is to help enhance operators' skills and prepare for all environmental conditions typically found in the US and Canada throughout the entire year." - <http://www.arrrl.org/news/winter-field-day-set-for-january-30-31>. More information on Winter Field Day can found at the official website <http://www.winterfieldday.com/index.html>.

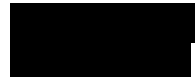
Lot of YL Net activity going on as well. One of those Nets is the Echolink YL Ham Net that takes place on the ALARA Conference Node 286905 every Thursday evening at 8pm ET (Friday 01:00UTC Winter/00:00UTC Summer). We would love to have you check in and spend a fun hour with us! We hope to have several guest speakers on the net this year and look forward to all of you ladies joining us!

If you have any questions about this net, please feel free to contact myself at [ac4yl@arrrl.net](mailto:ac4yl@arrrl.net), Lori K4UPI Alternate Net Control at [k4upi@arrrl.net](mailto:k4upi@arrrl.net), or Melanie AG4YL Net Facilitator at [ag4yl@arrrl.net](mailto:ag4yl@arrrl.net). To get started with Echolink, please visit <http://www.echolink.org>. Immediately following the Echolink YL Ham Net is the YLRL HF Net usually found on 20 Meters around 14.288MHz or 40 Meters around 7.295MHz depending on frequency availability and propagation. Anne WB1ARU would love to hear you check in! More YL Net information can be found at <http://ylrl.org/index.php/ylrl-nets>.

Lastly, please be sure and send anything you wish to include in YL Harmonics District 4 update to [ac4yl@arrrl.net](mailto:ac4yl@arrrl.net). This can include ham activities taking place in your area as well as other activities you are involved in. For the March/April Issue of YL Harmonics, we'd like to hear about your 2015 accomplishments and what your ham radio goals are for 2016. We need this by Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. We're looking forward to hearing from you!

33 de Catherine, AC4YL

District 4 Chairwoman



## *District 7*

Hello NW YLs. I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and are starting out with a Happy New Year! It's now 2016! I remember the movie 2001 A Space Odyssey from 1968 and how unbelievable it would be to get to 2001. And here it is 2016!

We had a great Christmas party with our club, Clark Co Amateur Radio Club. It's the first time my OM and I have been able to go. We had such a good time-good food, good friends- just a fun time. Boy was there a lot of food!

Our club is also starting to plan for Field Day and the Ham Fair that we do yearly. Not only that but SeaPac, which is a NW Ham Fair done in Seaside, OR has some people on the planning committee from our club. You should check it out, it's a great ham fair. And it's in Seaside OR, a gorgeous coastal town definitely worth walking around. It's held the first weekend in June every year. My OM, Dan, and I help with registration, Dan does security, and then I do the YLRL table. It's amazing how many OMs come to get information for their wives.

I'm still learning CW as some of you remember. Doing better too. I was told to just start listening and not to worry about keying yet. So that's what I'm doing and it's coming easier now. I'm listening at 10 wpm. I practice for about 20 min 5-6 days a week. I tried 15-18 wpm but it just didn't work. So I worked my way down and found 10 wpm was the best for me. I key once a week and can go faster than 10 wpm. So I'm encouraged with where I am in this process. I don't know how long it will take me to get to 15 wpm but that's my goal.

Have you all checked out the YLRL website yet? If not, why not look at it? There's lots of good information about YLRL and what the plans are for the club. There's also a list of nets to check out. Maybe you can find one to go on that fits your week.

Have a very Happy New Year!!

33, Marilyn, AF7BI

### *District 8*

Did get Jan-Feb *Buckeye Burr* out, though later than hoped. EchoLink availability has returned here, after being absent for several months.

I'm pleased Catherine, AC4YL & Group moved 8PM Eastern time Thu evening net to ALARA, (Australian Ladies Conference Server, Hosted on the Sydney Reflector, IRLP access is reflector 9509) from NF4GA repeater near Atlanta.

I had Issues connecting to that via EchoLink, but not to ALARA. Able to make 1st & 3d Saturday YL nets there when I remember/am not promised to be Elsewhere.

NCS Ann, ZL3TNT is there 99.9% of time, though the one on Boxing/St Stephen's Day (12.26) I **think** I saw her ID signal flash on for a few seconds before vanishing, & not again that day. Saturday nets not heavily populated, it's lucky to get 4-5 check-ins. But highly worth checking into if one's able! Belated wishes for good 2016 to all.

33, Susie N8CGM, [n8cgm@arrl.net](mailto:n8cgm@arrl.net)

Since I haven't submitted news for a while I'm making this a summary of what several of us had done in 2015. The year 2015 was a busy travel year for me, Nancy, KC4IYD; my daughter Carol, KD8ZEH; Annette, KC8SQM; and Dawn, KC8SQN.

From June 17-24, 2015 Dawn, Carol and I along with four others spent three days around London, England and three days Paris, France as part of a Girl Scout International Trip we had been planning for three years.

Key places we visited included Stonehenge, Bath, Big Ben and Madame Tussauds Museum in England, and the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, shopping along the Champ-Elysees in Paris and visiting Disneyland Paris.

Then on Aug 21-23, 2015 Dawn, Annette, Nancy and 2 others of our friends attended the Starfleet International Conference 2015 in Niagara Falls, NY. While we had fun participating in the conference, we also did a 3-hour tour of sites around Niagara Falls and Dawn and Annette also toured the Canadian side of the Falls. If you are a Star Trek fan, let me know and I'll tell you about Starfleet. Dawn, Annette and I belong to a "ship" where the majority of the members are also amateur radio operators.

Finally, I want to let everyone know that Dawn received an Associated Degree in Applied Business Web Development. She had been going to school part-time for close to 4 years while working full time and even when she was laid off last year due to budget cuts at her work, she didn't let that stop her and continued on with her classes and was able to achieve her goal and her diploma. Congratulations, Dawn! Nancy, KC4IYD/8, [kc4iyd@yahoo.com](mailto:kc4iyd@yahoo.com)

## District 9

Happy New Year Ladies. I can't believe it is 2016. I hope everyone's holidays were fun. Ours was busy, as I am sure, so was everyone else's.

The Fort Wayne Radio Club Christmas party was the first Friday in December. Since always a lot of good food there. Hams and their spouses are really good cooks. We always exchange. Most everyone participates in this.

After dinner, the President, Steve, W9SAN, presented certificates to Board members a hard work this past year. Much to my surprise, I got a certificate for 30 plus years of service to the FWRC. I was speechless.



The weather here in Indiana, is very frigid at the moment. I stay in because I am a freezie coward. I am so looking forward to Spring and Baseball. But in the mean time, GO BRONCOS!! (ED. Note: Broncos made it to the Super Bowl as of the time of this printing!)

Everyone stay warm and well.

33, Carole, WB9RUS

## District 10

From Cheryl, NØWBV: We have been having a lot of fun playing on the radio this winter. Unfortunately, we couldn't get through everywhere from the black hole that Colorado can be sometimes. Missed out on the VP8 when they had to declare an emergency evacuation. Just glad everyone is safe!

This January three of our nieces came over again for Kid's Day. They really have a blast and the youngest especially likes creating pile ups. Her older sisters have grown to love RTTY, PSK31 and all the digital modes.

Sarah is nine. Rachel and Amanda are thirteen. All three want to study and get their licenses as they have so much fun at Kid's Day and on Field Day. Sarah especially loves that a YL voice can get through past others in pile ups. They also like getting QSL cards and being able to report a "really cool thing" to their classmates on what they did during break.

They all have a very good radio presence and I love hearing the other operators compliment their style. This year they found a few other kids on the radio and really liked talking to them. Finding other kids on the air from Hawaii was a blast!



**John, KTØF helps Sarah get on the air.**



**Amanda has learned to search and pounce.**



**Rachel loves Digital modes!**



**Rachel, Amanda and Sarah ready to play on the air.**

Hopefully it won't be too long before they are all three fully licensed and members of YLRL. And thank goodness for the family rates. HI HI

Looking forward to more of the upcoming DXpeditions...at least until summer when Drag Racing season starts!

This is going to be an event filled year and it feels as if we will be gone at least some part of EVERY month. This is great though because we do a lot with the 13 nieces and nephews, so a lot of family events.

This won't be all bad as we plan on tearing the station apart this summer for a major rebuild. It needs it and we will be glad we did.

In the meantime, I hope to get on more and work towards this year's annual Friendship Award. I have missed a couple of the awards (sometimes by one or two contacts) and regret it.

We are also trying to see if we can fit the October International YL meet in the schedule. Whew! It is going to be a fun year!

See you on the bands.

33, Cheryl, NØWBV

## *KL News*

Welcome to winter KL7 YLs! The time to lock yourselves away and make new friends on the radio. But I bet you're all looking forward to spring!

I don't need to lock myself away much where we live. Cold in the Pacific NW is at freezing. Now it does get to the 20s F but probably not much colder normally. I've lived in our home for 30 years and the coldest it's gotten was 8F. Very cold. But normally it's around freezing or a little below.

I've been looking over AARC (Anchorage Amateur Radio Club) for the last couple hours. It's quite a thorough website with lots of good information on it. One of the areas I'm really enjoying going over is the section on Morse Code. Being someone working on learning it, I'm always surfing the web trying to get more info. But there's lots of other information there too. Just go to KL7AA.net.

If you go into the section on the history of AARC and scroll down to the second picture, you'll see a group picture from 1961. I was very surprised to see all the women there. It appears that these are members. Not necessarily wives of the male members. Anyway I was surprised at that picture. We women can have a big effect on Amateur Radio. That's one of the reasons I like being involved in YLRL. And even though the numbers have dropped for OMs and YLs both, Amateur Radio still can have an important place in our communities. It's an important resource to promote.

We, as members of CCARC, just elected officers. We have some new directors, one of them being Vanessa McCoy, KE7UBB (I love her call sign). She is also one of the past presidents of our club. Also the new Vice President/President Elect is Nicole Crosby, N7XBY. I like the fact that our club promotes YLs. We have a good group involved in most aspects of the club. Being in a rural area as I'm sure many are in Alaska I can see the benefits of belonging to an involved club and knowing other operators. How nice to have options to pick from with some of the clubs I've searched out on the web. Hopefully those of you that live in KL7-land are involved in a club and in your community.

I hope you all get through winter fine and spring brings positive options for you.

33, Marilyn, AF7BI

## *VE News*

My very best wishes to one and all. I hope your Christmas was merry and the New Year will bring you good health and much happiness.

I am toying with the idea of attending the International YL Meeting in Great Britain in October 2016. It is just a hope and wishful thinking, at the moment. Something to dream about, though. It has been a very long time since I was last in Britain.

Our days are shorter now and there is a real nip in the early morning air. Garden is finally tidy and ready for the winter conditions. Seasonal storms have rolled in off the Pacific Ocean giving us gale force winds and heavy rains. Skiers are happy and the rain is falling as snow on the mountains. The Resorts are all opening with good snow conditions. Good news for us at sea-level as that snow is our summer water supply. The Fall/Winter theatre season has started and I have my tickets purchased. Looking forward to some great entertainment and productions put on by both amateur and professional groups.

Conditions on HF have not improved very much and communication, at times, really needs a great deal of determination and perseverance. I do wish more YLs would get on the air contacting friends and checking-in to the YL Nets!! The YL-DX NET on Mondays and the TANGLE NET on Thursdays. Many Nets are listed on the YLRL Website. Even when conditions are not the best there is always someone who will hear you, welcome you

and relay you in... Please join us and fill the frequencies with happy, feminine voices.

Let us all hope and pray 2016 will bring some peace and stability to the world...

33 Suzanne, VE7IM

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: Once again my family will have Christmas on SKYPE. We connect all three homes and talk and open gifts for hours. It's almost as good as being together. The wonders of technology do make life great don't they? My daughter, Janet N9ZKU, is coming early in December for an early Christmas in Toronto. That's always great because I prepare early then just enjoy the entertaining right into the New Year. Suzanne, VE7IM; Sarla, VU2SWS; and I keep in touch via SKYPE, as well. I also try to join the TTT net every other Wednesday. That's my only ham activity these days. I hope everyone has a great Christmas, Happy Holiday and a Healthy and Safe 2016.

33 Ann, VE3HAI

Merle, VE1VCI, writes: A bit of news along with a snapshot. I was shocked and humbled when I found out the St Francis Xavier University Rowing Club in Antigonish was awarding a Team Spirit Award in my name when the University Rowing Championships was held on Lochaber Lake in October 2015. Three hundred athletes gave me a standing ovation and then I presented the Award. Western Ontario University in London, Ontario, won it.



*Merle's Team Spirit Award*

Crops were very good on the farm this past summer. We think due to the heavy coverage of snow last winter. Another great-grandchild is on the way in April. Another boy. So now I will have 13 boys and 11 girls and that, no doubt, will keep growing. Propagation is so bad I could not copy the 40M Net on Tuesdays and the Monday night 80M Net is useless. On Mondays I do copy the YL-DX Net and Rose-Marie very well so that is good. I hope 2016 finds everyone in good health.

33 Merle, VE1VCI

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: Breathed a sigh of relief when I got my Xmas cards (or nearly all of them) in the mail yesterday - groaned a little when I thought about the price of stamps! Still have email

letters to put together and away but I keep telling myself that I have time - don't panic! Having patted myself on the back about working S79 a couple of weeks ago and having checked the On Line log to be sure I am now struggling to work an IOTA I need off Brazil. THAT skip should be easy! Oh sure! No idea what plans the family have for Xmas day - with 2 people working shifts it is difficult to put things together. But celebrate we will! My granddaughter and her fiancé have set August 20th next year for their wedding. It will be at a resort near Osoyoos. They drove up there and spent a few days checking on all the different resorts and the packages they offer. Were amazed at how far ahead people book and what little was still available. Still it is now a 'go' and I look forward to seeing people I don't see too often and meeting people who will now be new relatives! Seasons Greetings to all and above all - PEACE in 2016. How desperately we need that.

33 Elizabeth VE7YL

Val, VE5AQ, writes: Hello Everyone. Moose Jaw has about 1 inch of snow, and if that is all we get this winter, I will be grateful. We received our first snowfall on Dec 10, 2015. So ok, now we will have a White Christmas just like Bing sings.

My first eye surgery in September went extremely well, and now just waiting for the next phase which will be the removal of the cataract in the right eye. I am then told that there maybe 2 more surgeries in order to fix my eyes properly, but I will be fine. I must stay positive especially in light of all the negative things that are going on in the world. Being positive and happy make all the difference.

Yvonne in South Africa is doing so much better lately, and she thanks everyone for their prayers when she was so sick back in late November.

They had a very "HOT" December with temperatures reaching into the 115° F area, and along with that severe drought. The drought was so bad that a lot of their water reservoirs were running out of water. In her area, they still had some water and like she said, we did have our bottled water which is much nicer to drink. I guess when we as Canadian and American can understand, we can deal with those high temperatures if we have air conditioning, but just try living with that heat and no air conditioning. Yes, I think we should really count ourselves extremely privileged. We have furnaces to keep us very warm in the winter and air conditioning to keep us cool

in the summer. She has neither of those, but she counts herself as very lucky to have what she does have.

Ok, other than that, Yes Christmas and New Years is over, so I hope and pray everyone had a very Blessed and Happy Christmas, and that the start of 2016 finds you all very healthy and happy.

That is, it for this time around. Will keep trying to get onto the nets to check in once in a while. I keep trying some of the other nets besides the Tangle and CLARA, but propagation has not been coming to my QTH. May 2016 will be much better for all of us.

33 Val Lemko VE5AQ

## *DX Column*

Dear YL friends,

The holidays are over and we had mild weather but today we had our first winter storm and got almost 50cm snow over two days a record set for sure. We are snowed in but, not to worry we have food to last us a week. When you read this hope winter is over as they are short here in Virginia.

Sandwich Island, VP8STI is on and I worked them on two bands so far, next is S Georgia, VP8SGI and I hope to work them there to. These are new entity for me and I hope you worked them too.

My wish for the New Year is that you write me with news, any news, so we all feel connected and we love to hear what you are doing.

Do check out Echolink easy to get on, we have a great net every Thursday at 0100Z on ALARA node and we have many checking in USA, England, Australia, Japan join us you learn a lot it is very well organized.

Do check our YLRL web site for more information.

I am planning to go to the International YL meeting in Milton Keynes GB and hope to see many of you there.

Thank you for this news:

Thanks for mail, I had sent an email to Anne WB1ARU with a copy of my YLRL renewal also and with a TNX for best Xmas season wishing's from the WRONE YLs. We had met face to face Anne and her OM in Reykjavik 2014 at the IYL Meet. So I know one of the WRONE YLs.

It is fine that you and Charles plan to attend the International meet in this year. We have also never been to England so we will come and do the optional tour and the RSGB convention.

The year 2015 was with its jubilees (90 years IARU and 65 years DARC) very challenging. Especially for me, I look back on 40 years Amateur Radio now. For such reason to get a personal special call is not possible in Germany. So I have activated in contests two YL club call signs: DLØYLV of our district Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and DAØYL, the Club-/Contest call sign of the DARC YL-Referat.

On our Denmark holidays in September I brought again OZ6SYL on the air. Of course we took CW part in the SAC contest - at first time as Scandinavian - what was for us a new experience. For my 485 QSOs came as a great surprise to me a trophy which was sent from Ulf SB3W for the best Scandinavian YL. In the WWDX CW Contest I had represented DA0YL with 458 QSOs. To my great delight the Romanian Professional Radio Operators CW Club has recorded me in honor as DX member #103 and as the second YL. So I started at first time in their Tops Activity Contest as «profi». My 265 QSOs under DAØYL reached for the third place of the club stations - that was also great enjoy. By the way, Hardy and I have now also a common trophy: «RUSSIAN DX CONTEST Winner CT9/DL3KWF CT9/DL3K-WR Contest Expedition World 2014».

I got altogether 9,866 QSOs in my log. This is too much to handle in paper, but with computer no problem, hi. To reach that category I would not dare to dream about 40 years ago.

One more highlight for the year 2015 for us: our grandson Tim is a Boy Scout and had have the enormous luck to take part in the World Scout Jamboree in Japan. Ten years before we both had visited radio friends in Okinawa, Kyoto, Tokyo and taken part in Osaka in the first Asian Pacific DX Convention. These pictures and impressions are to us still in lively memory. Now we could live through Internet

the opening and conclusion ceremony. These 33,000 young people from all over the world (1000 from Germany) to see peacefully combined and to feel their enthusiasm, was very magnificent. We saw our Tim and also Vala, TF3VD with her daughter, Odny. And Truus, VE3MRS has written that her grandson James was also attendee. I would like know how many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of radio amateurs were there at the Jamboree.

We look forward to seeing old friends and make new one at IYL meet in England.

33, Rosel,

For the third time, we organize with the DARC, the women's day activity, on Sunday, March 6th 2016, from 08:00 (7h00Z) till 12:00 (11h00Z) on 40 / 80m in CW and SSB.

This year we wish to widen the YL French-German activity to all the YL of the European continent (LA, LN, OH, OF, SA, RA, ES, YL, LY, UA, SP, OM, HA, HG, YO, YH, LZ, SV, GI,, EI, OZ, HB, 3A, CS ....) to spread our friendship connections.

The OM and YL from the other countries can obviously participate and are welcomes.

Have a look: <http://yls.r-e-f.org/en/jdf-en-2016>

73/ 88 Sophie - F4DHQ

Wish you Happy New Year with health and happiness. Thank you for YLRL membership card 2016. It is warm winter in Japan. I am sending you my New Year photos with my granddaughter.

88, 7K3EOP, Nori



*Nori and her Granddaughter  
for New Years.*

Dear friends

This year has gone by very quickly because we had to find a good senior high school for my 15-year-old daughter to enter next spring. Fortunately, she was accepted by a nearby school, just 15 min train ride and walk from home, which emphasizes on global education.

I was registered as a disaster volunteer, interpreter in Tokyo, and have been trained to help foreign residents in case of natural disaster. I appeared in a TV program during our annual training event.

I wish you a Happy New year.

Yukiko, 7K4TKB

I wish you a Happy Valentine's Day and a Happy Easter!!

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

## *Youth Column*

Donna, KM4FMW gave us a heads up about one of the teenage YLs in her local club.

Ruth Willet, KM4LAO, one of the teenaged HAMS in our local GARS club, thought other YLs would like to see posted in Harmonics her recent birthday cake baked and designed by her mom. It is truly one detailed cake!

Ruth became an amateur operator last summer and recently passed her General class exam.

She will be heading to college this fall.





*A gorgeous Yaesu birthday cake!*



*Happy Birthday, Ruth, KM4LAO!*

My birthday was January 7th and my mom always makes and decorates a cake! This year, per my request, she made me a pretty accurate version of my newly working HF radio, the Yaesu FT-757GX! She even put the mic on top and a Morse Code key in front! Both modes I have used. I thought you all might enjoy seeing it. :) It was such a fun (and delicious!) cake: the perfect representation of all the delight ham radio has brought me this past year.

33, Ruth, KM4LAO

*(Ed. Note: Looks delicious and very accurate on the Yaesu! It is wonderful when our hobby can cross into other areas of our life. Happy Birthday!)*

### *Website Report*

All the websites are working the way they should. I have had no problems what so ever, as Dirk in South Africa, keeps the server in the best of working order. For that I am really grateful. Yvonne and I look forward to all your news and photos so that we can keep the site current and up to date.

33 to all - Yvonne ZR6TBL & Val VE5AQ



## **New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WB1ARU-Secretary**

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### **New Members for January/February 2016**

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

*I leave for CO on Monday, Feb. 1 and will be home again on March 3. I can be reached by e mail, but will not be able to process new members while away. I will send an e mail to any new members to welcome them and follow up with a letter later.*

*33, Anne WB1ARU*



## Scholarship Information De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

### Scholarship Information

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## Continuous Membership de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ

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