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President's Info

De Bobbie Donohue, W1JX

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Hello to All:

My OM, Tom, and I just returned from a wonderful Christmas visit with our children and grandchildren. By the time you read this, the holidays will be well behind us and we will be looking forward to spring.

I certainly hope that the radio propagation will be better than it has been by the time you get this message. Terrible band conditions started here about two weeks ago and they haven't improved much.

The 75-meter band in particular, has been bad. We have a local phone traffic net here called "The Maine Sea Gull Net" for which I am net control on Friday evenings. It starts at 5:00 p.m. local time and the band has been lengthening out just before the net starts so that by the time you are 10 minutes into the net, you can't hear anyone.

An hour later, when we have a CW traffic net called the "Marine Slow Speed Net" it is almost impossible to get through. I am crossing my fingers that by February, that will no longer be the case. In any event, I hope that bands conditions have been better wherever you are.

We are looking forward to going to the Dayton Hamvention® again this year. We attended for the first-time last year at the old location and are looking forward to seeing how the new location will be. Hopefully, we will get to see a lot of you there.

We are also looking forward to the Canadian Ladies' Amateur Radio Association (CLARA) 50th Birthday bash in Winnipeg in July. In addition to that, there are lots of local Hamfests to attend. So, as the new year is about to start, there are plenty of amateur radio get-togethers to anticipate.

Here's to the new year ahead of us filled with all kinds of good radio fun. I hope all of you will have a great year.

33 de Bobbie, W1JX



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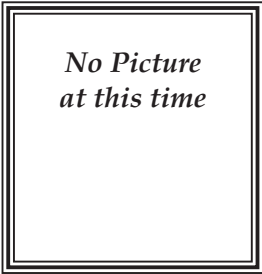
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KM6CIR-Ladies of the Net Monday - Friday 10 AM PST on 7.245. Come join the conversation! We are an informal net dedicated for women with a current Amateur License. Our group meets to discuss topics of interest or just a friendly visit. We plan to do fun activities together and hope to hear from you soon.

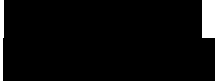
We still need a YL club to host our next convention. YLRL tries to hold conventions every 3-4 years to keep on the 10 year schedule and support anniversary years. The President and officers ask for your help so we can hold our next convention in 2019. If you have questions on what this entails, please contact President, Bobbie, W1JX for more information. Recent conventions have been held in Boston, MA and Vancouver, WA and we would love to move to the mid-west for the next one. Please help us!



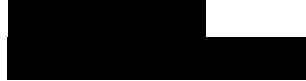
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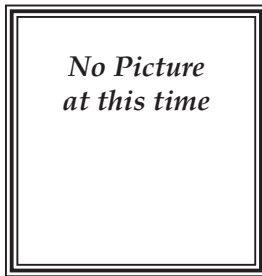
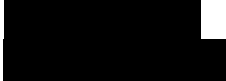
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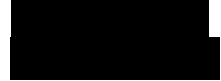
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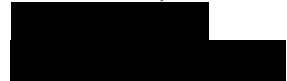
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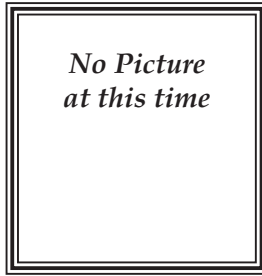


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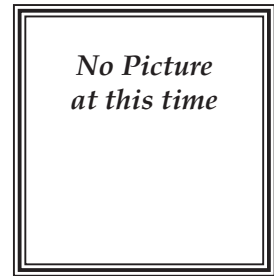
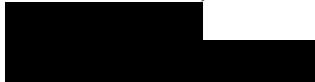




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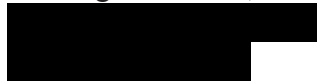
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de The Editor

Hello everyone!

I am behind, I know and have had another Parent fall and fracture a hip, so between that and work, things have been busy. An unusually large work project has had **YL-Harmonics** sidetracked, but moving slowly forward. If all columns are in on time, March/April will be back on track.

Columns for **May/June** are due to me from the District Chairwomen on by **April 30**, so PLEASE send your news to them ASAP so all columns can be included in the issue. Information and photos are always welcome and you may always send information directly to the editor if there is a deadline to be met or a dated event.

Also, don't forget nominations are being accepted for the 2018-2019 term. If you wish to run for an elected position such as District Chairwoman or Vice President, please let us know so we can include you on the ballot! We love having a full ballot and choices!!

Thank you for your patience and remember you can also check the website **www.ylrl.org** or the YLRL Facebook page for more current information.

**Have you checked out the info
on the CLARA 50th Birthday
Bash? Go to www.clarayl.ca
for more information on this
wonderful event being held in
Winnepeg, MB in July!**



New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WB1ARU-Secretary

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DISTRICT 4

Amber Cole W4HAC



Amber holds a Technician license and is in HR. She is a member of Randolph ARC. Amber is active on 2 meters and is studying to pass the General exam

DISTRICT 5

Susan Mood K5YNC



Susan holds a General license and is Self-employed. She served in the Navy and also taught school. She became interested in ham radio to assist in storm spotting. She is a member of Montague Co. ARC and Denton Co. ARA. Her former call was KG5ORM.

Silke White KG5MYV



Silke holds a Technician license and is an Accountant. She is a member of South Canadian ARS in Norman. Family members include Loren, KE5DZE and Eric, KG5BVY.

DISTRICT 6

Margaret Gabil KG6ILB



Margaret holds a General license and is a retired Sr.
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State Biologist. She is a member of River City ARCS and is active on 10 and 2m. Her interest is in packet and ISS. Her late father was a ham.

DISTRICT 7

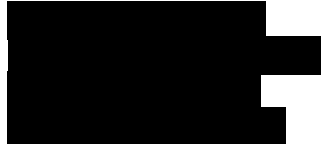
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Skye holds a General license and is Retired. She gets on the MINOW net. Her previous call was KI7IHO.

DISTRICT 8

Christena Holloway KE8ESZ



Christena holds a Technician license and is a Student. She is active on 2 m. Her family includes father, Mark, WD9BDP; grandfather, Roger, W9VBJ; and uncle, Steve, WA9ZVT

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

***Don't forget to send
in your news to your
District Chairwoman!
We need to hear from
you and Pictures are
also wonderful to have.
Welcome!***

District 1

This has been an interesting Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb. I am feeling sense of urgency with YLs on the bands. They want MORE. They want to be recognized. So YLs let go for it this year. Especially since it has been designated as **2017 is the YEAR of the YL Ham Radio Operator**. Let's go for it. Check KA1ULN.BLOGSPOT.COM for updated information.

Niece, I received an award from my club, the Greater Norwalk Amateur Radio Club for outstanding service in 2016! I was so surprised! I participated in the ARRL Rookie Roundup and made my first CW contact. Operated at W1AW December 27. That was a blast! Everyone should go to ARRL HQ if they can. I was on Ham Nation goes YL! It has been a great ham radio year! - 33, Lisa KC1YL

I am already hearing Dayton/Xenia is planning something special for YLs. Let's make this happen... make sure your group, your YLs are recognized.

I personally challenge all YLs and OMs to contact one YL in every state. I also understand there have been very few to have completed this task. CAN YOU GET WAS-YL? *Of course, this also means we need YLs in every state to get on to hand out YL states!-Ed.*

If you are at a YLRL or just a YL table for any of the up and coming hamfests PLEASE contact YLRL to get some information to pass out. especially to the young YLs under 21. Show them the November/December issue with our Scholarship winners. Talk to the visitors not each other at the booth. Please don't Let one YL walk past you without saying and giving her something. 2017 is also a year of recruiting more YLs into this incredible hobby.

Anne, WB1ARU, along with OM, Tony, WA1ENO, enjoyed a trip to England, Scotland, Wales and Normandy for 4 weeks in September and October.

One of the highlights was a week in Milton Keynes, England with the International YL group, hosted by BY-LARA. The IYL is comprised of any YL who enjoys meeting DX YLs along with a chance to travel and tour with them. Every 2 years a group of YLs in a different country plans the event and invites all YLs to participate.

This year, BYLARA hosted and included tours of Bletchley Park and Woburn Abbey. Bletchley Park was where the code-breakers of WWII developed and used the Enigma Machine. Everyone had a wonderful time and many friendships were made or renewed. The rest of Anne and Tony's trip was fabulous; they learned a lot of history and saw many beautiful and inspiring sights as they drove around.

Anne's goal for 2017 is to get on the air more often and work as many new YLs as possible.

Anne also reminds us that The Yankee Lassies Net meets every Wednesday morning at 8:30 (local time). There are usually 5 to 8 check-ins each week from New England, New York, and New Jersey. Net controls include WB1ARU, Anne; W1JX, Bobbie, Hennie, KA1JVN; and N1PVT, Jane. All

YLs are welcome to join us.

PUSH that PTT button YLs

Go get em.

33 Niece, KA1ULN



Lisa, KC1YL and her award

District 2

Ria, N2RJ, delights us with her info on the YL-OM contest

I started this contest as a casual effort between my household chores, namely grocery shopping. It's the first time I seriously took part in it.

Anyway, I made a few contacts on 80m on Friday night, and on Saturday afternoon after I came back and had some spare time, decided to point the beam West and work some more contacts, and why not. Well, I ended up making 338 contacts, mostly on 20m and some on 80m. Lots of people came on and worked us, and loved that the contest was in swing. I also heard NØYL making contacts and we were basically racing neck and neck.

We made a pretty big splash as people were emailing me and asking about it. Here are a couple of comments I received:

“Ria,

I am glad to see a YL get on and be active in the YL/OM Contest. I have 15 cups and several 2 and third place certificates from 1963 to late 1980’s. I tried several times to enter in the 1990’s to once in 2003 but activity from YLs dropped off so much that I quit trying. When KØEPE passed away several years ago I just stopped listening.

In the 1960’s I worked over 100 YLs one year on SSB but the last time I worked all I heard which was 11. Good for third place.

I hope you can give YLRL a talk on getting on for the YL/OM.” - Dave, K4JRB

“Hi Ria!

Just a note to say Hi and let you know; Stephanie NØYL lives in the same town as me, Tonganoxie KS. Her and her OM WØSO are new members of KC Contest Club. She is fairly new, but enthusiastic, earned her Extra, and she works both CW and SSB. Very nice lady.” - Drew, K3PA”

I got a few more notes, mostly saying people are glad this contest is back and that it has potential etc.

I am very proud of the ladies who put forth an effort this year to make the contest active and maybe next year we can push it even further and make the bands busier! We also need to get more YLs involved far and wide. Even if it’s just a few contacts, don’t get discouraged, and come on and make them anyway. Sometimes a crowded band on HF can be unforgiving but rewarding. I am always here to help anyone who needs it.

33, Ria, N2RJ

District 4

Hello District 4 and all YLRL members! Well, we’ve entered 2017. I hope you are fired up and ready to participate in numerous ham radio activities and off to a good start in January!

Previously, I mentioned several ham radio goals for 2017. Another goal many have set is to complete WAS-YL (Worked All States –YL). The YL-OM contest is a great way to start toward that goal! When no contest is occurring and you are looking for some fun radio time, get out there and call CQ-YL and look for YLs. The important thing is whatever your ham radio goals may be, to get out there, get active, and have fun! If you’d like to share your 2017 ham radio goals with the Ladies, please email them to me at ac4yl@arrl.net and we’ll place them in the next article!

I want to take a few moments to talk about one of the gems of participating in this hobby we know as amateur radio – that is the beautiful friendships that are formed. I went through several personal difficult situations the last bit of 2015 and into 2016 and my amateur radio friends were right there at the ready offering support either directly or indirectly.

It is because of my amateur radio friends I am strengthened and encouraged to try new things and have fun doing so. They keep me going when times are tough and help me challenge myself to do more. One example of that was when I told one of my closest YL friends I was interested in getting my Extra, she pushed (kindly but firmly) me to go after it and helped me to succeed by helping me study. I passed on the first try and accomplished my goal thanks to her support. This ongoing support and encouragement from my ham radio friends also helped me keep the Echolink YL Net going when times were tough by taking up roles of Net Control Operator and Alternate Net Control Operator for a few weeks while I worked through my personal struggles on the home-front.

Your ham radio friends can also help you push yourself out of your comfort zone and boost your confidence that you can accomplish something you weren’t sure you could do yourself! Yes – I had that experience too. I was able at the end of 2016 to go out and do a solo activation for National Parks on the Air activating Appalachian Trail TR01 for my local club – North Fulton Amateur Radio League – using the club call NF4GA.

I never thought I’d be able to accomplish something like that – going to a trail head alone, hooking up antenna and radio equipment, and completing an activation. I was hopeful, but doubted my own strength and ability. My



Melanie, AG4YL; Ruth, KM4LAO; Catherine, AC4YL; and Donna, KM4FWH

amateur radio friends have helped me boost my self-confidence so I was able to get out there and accomplish that goal.

I want to take a moment and thank all the ladies who are on the Echolink YL Ham Net every Thursday evening at 8pm ET for your support, encouragement, and just being there. Thank you Lori, K4UPI and Melanie, AG4YL for getting me through some really tough times. Thank you Anne, WB1ARU and Margaret, AE7MB for setting such a fine example for me running the YLRL HF net on Thursday evenings 9pm ET. Thank you to all the members of North Fulton Amateur Radio League for your support and encouragement and for being there to assist with ham radio specialties. Thank you to all of you reading this magazine as I'm sure by being a participant in this hobby, you too have benefited from as well as provided support to others in this hobby when they needed it most.

Yes – it's wonderful to know that just about anywhere you go, there's a few ham radio operators close by you can meet and with whom you can enjoy this hobby and form lasting friendships. Ruth, KM4LAO shares just such an experience with us. She writes:

As amateur radio operators, it's easy to forget that we are part of a larger community of licensed operators. I was reminded of this in December of 2016 when I wanted to operate under my own callsign during the ARRL Rookie Roundup, but I was hundreds of miles away from my home shack. While there are many aspects of amateur radio that can be done individually with good results, operating among friends often creates longer lasting memories.

I began attending Kettering University in Michigan in October 2016. I am very active in my amateur radio club in Georgia, and I thought it would be rewarding to get involved in a local club near school as well. I was certainly right! I contacted the president Jeff, K8KZB who was thrilled to tell me more about the local club, the Genesee County Radio Club, and how to get involved. I started attending meetings in October and have felt very welcomed. In addition, once Jeff and his wife Amy, WA8MY found out that I did not have a radio to operate at school, they graciously offered me the opportunity to use their shack. I have had a blast learning from them and using their radios.

One of my favorite aspects of ham radio is Morse code. I learned CW from the CWOps CW Academy Level One course in the fall of 2015 and have the desire to improve my skills. Participating in National Parks on the Air taught me how to manage CW pileups, since I activated several park units using CW. I have been looking forward to participating in the ARRL CW Rookie Roundup all year. I found out that the event date was December 18, 2016, and, to my disappointment, I realized that I wasn't going to be home since my college finals would end the day before. Then I remembered my new friends at the Genesee County Radio Club. I quickly sent an email to Jeff and Amy asking if I could use their shack to participate in the Rookie Roundup before heading home to Georgia, and they readily agreed.

What a crazy week that was! As my mother Sharon, KM4TVU drove up from Georgia, I was busy preparing for and taking my final exams. She arrived in town just before a snowstorm hit Michigan and we were thankful we didn't have to leave until Sunday giving time for the roads to be plowed before our departure home. After loading our van with my college belongings and checking out of my dorm room by noon on December 18th, we very carefully drove through the ice and snow to Jeff and Amy's home.

We arrived around two o'clock that afternoon and were warmly welcomed by Jeff, Amy and their dogs. In a short time, I was on the air and my mom and Amy were getting to know each other. I decided to start on 20 meters so I tuned the antenna, asked if a frequency was in use and, hearing nothing, started calling CQ. I made a few contacts the first hour, but I was surprised how slow it was. Then Jeff checked in on me and noticed that I was actually on the 40 meter vertical antenna! As soon as we switched to the 20 meter beam antenna, the rate of stations worked per hour increased dramatically. After a number of hours operating on 20 meters, I switched to 40 meters in order to get more contacts and multipliers before Rookie Roundup ended. The contest lasted from one o'clock to seven o'clock eastern time, and I was able to operate most of that time.

Working Rookie Roundup was a good challenge for me and definitely increased my confidence in sending and receiving morse code. During some contacts, I found myself having to explain what I was doing since the station I was working was unfamiliar with CW Rookie Roundup. This gave me a good chance to practice sending and receiving longer sentences. In addition, at one point I wanted to work my friends in Georgia, so I had to learn how to do that with equipment I was relatively unfamiliar with. I saw first-hand that the type of antenna I use impacts who I may be able to contact.



Ruth, KM4LAO

A beam antenna also added a new element to my operating since I had to remember to switch to the correct antenna for the current band and to also ask if a frequency I was operating on was in use each time I turned the beam antenna. I was fascinated by the number of states that I worked right away from Michigan that would have been hard to work from my home shack in Georgia.

While operating in a contest from my own shack is fun, this contest was even more enjoyable because I could experience it with my family and friends. Some of my favorite memories from the day were running CW pileups, talking with friends on and off the radio, and experiencing the camaraderie that developed that afternoon between us all as we spent time together in Jeff and Amy's shack. My first CW Rookie

Roundup was a blast, and I owe a big thank you to Jeff and Amy for the hospitality they showed to me and my mom!

Ruth was also able to have another awesome ham radio experience thanks to encouragement from her amateur radio friends. She and her mom Sharon, KM4TVU were able to participate in the Youth DXpedition to Saba Island in 2016! She writes about her experience. To read it, please visit the **Youth Section** further in this issue (but don't forget to come back here to finish this article. JK)

Thank you so much Ruth, KM4LAO for sharing your experiences with us! We love to hear about them and wish you all the best in college! We're so happy you're able to keep in touch with us through Amateur Radio while in school.

Do you have such an experience you wish to share with the Ladies' here? If so, please email me at ac4yl@arrl.net and we'll be sure to include yours! We want to hear from you!

Now for a few reminders:

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 or Carol at 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://yrlr.org/index.php/application>. It can also be found at the front of every *YL-Harmonics*.

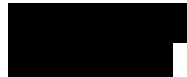
We invite the new YLRL members as well as all YLs around the world to join us on the YL Nets! One of those Nets is the Echolink YL Ham Net that takes place on the ALARA Conference Node 286905 every Thursday evening at 8pm ET (Friday 01:00UTC Winter/00:00UTC Summer). We average about 15 to 20 YLs each week. We would love to have you check in and spend a fun hour with us! We discuss various ham radio topics as well as others including your ham questions, ham updates, contests, and more! If you have any questions about how to participate in this net, please feel free to contact myself at ac4yl@arrl.net, or Melanie AG4YL at ag4yl@arrl.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!

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 and let me know how you can help and if you are interested!

Lastly, please be sure and send anything you wish to include in YL Harmonics District 4 update to ac4yl@arrl.net. This can include ham activities taking place in your area as well as other activities you are involved in. Don't forget to include a picture or 2 if you like! We're looking forward to hearing from you!

See you on the air in **2017 – Year of the YL Ham Radio Operator!**

33 de Catherine AC4YL



District 5

Here's the news from the 5th District thanks to Michelle, W5MQC!

Kelly, K5KTX, has been a net control for Skynet on the Dallas repeater. She recently gave information on next year's solar eclipse. She also did one about all things astronomy and space with a special segment on John Glenn.

Leah, W3LEO, helped provide communication for Midwest City's Veterans Day Parade and is setting up a "Talk to Santa via HAM Radio Station".

Allyson, KE5JBW, is Co-Leader of a hospital relay team

Judy Combs, KC6CUC, set up in a tent and camped during at Quartzsite, AZ Hamfest 2017 is are back at Imperial Dam BLM area camping until Yuma Hamfest February 17 and 18.

Sylvia Cox, KG5PJJ, upgraded to General!!! Is and is serving on her clubs Net Control Team. She is already working on her WAS.

Ann, WA5GLM: Told us about The Texas Young Ladies Roundup Net (TYLRUN) was organized in 1954 and has been meeting on the air every Thursday morning ever since, 8:00 a.m. central time, at 3.947. Even though our name says "Texas", we welcome all YLs that can get on that frequency. We have members in Kansas and Oklahoma, previously in Arkansas and, I think, New Mexico. Once a year we get together for a "birthday" party in the fall---dinner and a Chinese Christmas-type white elephant gift exchange on Friday night, coffee and birthday cake and an inexpensive gift exchange Saturday morning.

We have two new District 5 Members (more to come!):

Susan Moody K5YNC

Silke White KG5MYV

Lots of exciting stuff going on. The YLRL will have a Table/Presentation at the Next OKC Ham Fest in OKC. Hopefully, we will be making a presentation at HAMCOM in Dallas and HAMARAMA in Ardmore.

Also, we have a Facebook District 5 group page were the ladies from district 5 share what is going on as well as a monthly e-newsletter.

Here is the link for the Facebook group page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/327808064246105/>

Here is the link to sign up for the monthly e-newsletter <http://facebook.us14.list-manage1.com/subscribe?u=00c2c0eef671c98e2759aceb1&id=a99d06852d>

District 6



YL Forum Saturday April 22, 2017 at Visalia International DX Convention

Women amateur radio operators of all ages are invited to attend a YL Forum to be held at 4:00 pm on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the **International DX Convention** in Visalia, California. If you're a DXer or interested in any aspect of Ham radio, then IDXC is the place to be.

Top DX operators from around the world will be there. You'll match those familiar callsigns with new faces, and shake hands with the person you have had a sched with for the past 10 years but never

met. For more information about the Visalia YL Forum, please contact Gayle Olson, K6GO.

KM6CIR-Ladies of the Net Monday - Friday 10 AM PST on 7.245. Come join the conversation! We are an informal net dedicated for women with a current Amateur License. Our group meets to discuss topics of interest or just a friendly visit. We plan to do fun activities together and hope to hear from you soon.

District 7

Bringing to all the Readers of **YL-Harmonics** Cheer, Gaiety & Love! These seasonal salutations are brought to you from Portland, OR, where it is an unusual 29°F. Another strange weather fact is that it snowed on December 15th, then because of the below freezing temperatures, many Portlanders (most of my neighbors anyway) are clearing their driveways! I have had some material that I believe you could find interesting and now feels like the perfect time to share it.

I belong to an emergency response group called NETs (Neighborhood Emergency Teams). NETs are Portland residents trained by the the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Portland Fire & Rescue to provide emergency disaster assistance within their own neighborhoods. NET members are trained to save lives and property until professional responders can arrive. These volunteers are specially trained to help others without putting themselves in harm's way. NET members are:

- Prepared to be self-sufficient for two weeks during any emergency;
- Able to provide emergency assistance to their family and immediate neighbors;
- Able to work within an emergency response team to save lives and property in their neighborhood;
- Able to guide untrained volunteers who want to help others during a disaster.

NETs are strongly encouraged to obtain their Ham licenses. The sole point which I dislike is that most of these people get their licenses then never upgrade! A NET Amateur Radio Operator (ARO) is a volunteer who has received basic training on radio principles, has a valid FCC amateur radio license, and has completed radio operations training. Once a NET volunteer has completed those steps, they receive a NET ID with the ARO designation.



Robin KJ7BI

From Rose Rybachek KL7FQQ:

I had a very busy year last year. My oldest Granddaughter got married in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico in January, and I was able to go. A great time. Then, I drove my car to Montana, where a son-in-law flew in from Fairbanks, and drove it to Alaska.

I attended the YLISSB Convention in North Dakota, and then flew to Anchorage, Alaska, where I was able to go to the wedding of my second oldest granddaughter. Then, on to Fairbanks, where I had my first (and hopefully last) kidney stone, 2 major operations, found a delightful house to buy, and got the antenna up, all before leaving in mid-October to come back

to Texas for the winter. Been enjoying our 80-degree weather, and have all my Christmas decorations up. Merry Christmas to all MINOWs... Love, Rose

From Marietjie Coetzee ZS6CEZ:

It was very hot here by us and we could not sleep and look like our Christmas is going to be very hot. Rain is very scarce and we are limited to water just in the houses. The dams and rivers is nearly empty. Abra and I will be alone for Christmas because of the family dogs who wants to eat Abra so I rather stay home and they keep lots of dogs of all the crime and murders on the farms. I wish everybody A Merry Christmas and a great 2017.

District 8

In December, Amy, WA8MY, and her OM, Jeff, hosted Ruth, KM4LOA, for Rookie Round-Up on December 18th, 2016. Not only did Ruth have a complete blast operating all CW for the contest, but she shared her joy in earning 1st Place in 8 District for the contest!!

Ruth's mother Sharon, KM4TU, was with her (and a full van heading back home to Georgia), so we had a YL-filled shack that day. I enjoyed sharing my knowledge with Sharon. Naturally, I was also in sheer awe in watching Ruth competently call CQ-RR while listening (and interjecting comments) in our side conversations as well as continually monitoring spots & texts with friends in other states who were desperately trying to work her for the contest.

Ruth will be back at Kettering in April, so we're looking forward to having her over and we'll be running 3 station ops for the MI-QSO-Party! She's agreed for her log to be counted toward our club's points since we're hosting the site for her to have fun with us.

After all the holiday parties, we had a very relaxing close to 2016 with a lot to be thankful for in our family. Two of my hobby stations have had a facelift, including my portion of the ham shack (shown in the picture). Now that I have a pull-out keyboard tray for the double monitors, Ruth is inspiring me to get on the air more in 2016. As a result, I've decided to use the N3FJP software as my regular shack log. This is the same software company that we use for the Field Day Logs.

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Purpose

1. To encourage and assist Young Ladies (YLS) throughout the world to enter the Amateur Radio Service.
2. Sponsor and otherwise carry out programs to promote YL interest, appreciation and understanding of radio communications and electronics and to encourage them to advance and improve their skills as Amateur Radio Operators.
3. To carry out a program of specialized service to blind and otherwise handicapped Young Ladies.
4. To provide Scholarship funds or other grants to worthy Young Ladies to continue their education, with preference given to those in the academic study of communications and electronics or related arts and sciences.
5. To host foreign YLS during their visits to the United States and to sponsor their participation in YLRL activities.
6. To encourage Amateur Radio competition between YLS by offering certificates, trophies, etc. for demonstrating excellence in such operating competitions.



Participate!



Operate!



Appreciate!



Cooperate!

YLRL

Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc.

Founded in 1939

Women Helping Women in Amateur Radio
Our Motto: QRV-I am ready!

What is YLRL?

...And What can it do for me?

Organized in 1939, YLRL is a non-profit organization of women amateur radio licensees. With an international membership of approximately one third of its members being DX YLs.

The YLRL (Young Ladies' Radio League) exists to encourage and assist YLs (Young Ladies) throughout the world to enter into the Amateur Radio Service. There are a variety of interests to offer licensed YLs: Traffic Handling, Public Service, Emergency Management, Contests, Awards, DX and more on AM, CW, SSB, FM, KITTY, AMTOR, Packet and Satellite. Of course, there are the infinite benefits derived from just plain gal-to-gal ragchewing and the resulting friendships. You are always welcome at any YLRL activity. Come on in; the YLs are anxious to meet you.

Harmonics

YL Harmonics is the bi-monthly publication of the YLRL. Every issue lists all officers and committee chairmen. It includes articles, scholarship information, District information (including DX information), convention information and much, much more! The YLRL offers a program of specialized service to blind YLs through the Tape Topics program. *YL Harmonics* will be sent to the visually impaired members upon request.

Nets

One of the easiest ways for you to meet other YLs is on the local, national and international nets. Don't give up if you aren't heard on your first call! Among the larger nation-wide nets are the; YL Tangle net, Thurs. 1900 UTC and the unofficial YLRL Thursday night net at 200 UTC-varies with Daylight Savings. Remember all frequencies are approximate, so tune around and listen for the YLs chatting away. Plus a new YL Net on Echolink on Thursday nights. Please see the website for more details.

Dayton

Every year at the Dayton Hamvention, the YLRL shares a booth with the Buckeye Belles. Here YLs from all over the world meet face-to-face and catch up on the latest. The YLRL also has a forum at Dayton every year. Check the Hamvention guide for speakers, time and location of the YLRL forum.



The YL Forum is held every year and is very popular.

Convention

Every three years, the YLRL holds their international convention. Meet other members from around the world. Enjoy speakers on a multitude of ham radio topics. Speak up at the YLRL forum. Learn what other YLs are doing in amateur radio.



The 75th Anniversary Convention was held in Vancouver, Washington in August of 2014

Contests

If you love to contest or just want to learn more about contesting, check out these YLRL contests.

- YL/OM Contest in February SSB/CW/Digital
- DX YL to NA YL Anniversary Contest in October SSB/CW/Digital

Awards

If you like collecting awards and certificates, we have some chasing for you. YLs and OMs can earn certificates for:

- Worked All States YL (WAS-YL)
- Worked All Continents YL (WAC-YL)
- YL-DXCC
- YL Century Club (YLCC)
- DX YL
- YL only certificates
- Continuous Membership
- Each year will hold a new special award for YLs to earn. For the current Friendship Award, please check out the new and improved website: www.ylrl.org

For More information on joining the YLRL.....

Contact Cheryl Muhr, NOWEV (Publicity Officer) at (303) 904-2243 or at n0wbv@earthlink.net. You can also contact your local District chairman all information is in the front of *YL Harmonics* and on the website. For more information visit YLRL on the web at www.ylrl.org

In Amateur Radio Every Woman is a Young Lady No Matter What Her Age!



YLRL MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION



Please fill out all sections marked in *red whether a renewal or a new membership
Please check all boxes that apply

*Name: _____ *Callsign: _____
*Address: _____ *City: _____
*State/Country: _____ *Zipcode: _____
*Telephone Number () _____ *Publish in Directory? Yes No

*New Members only please complete red below:

Rejoining:	That is a person who has been a member previously, but their membership has lapsed past the prorata possibility for continuous membership. That is eg. A member who has not paid in two or more years. If you miss one year, you can pay it with the current year to stay continuous, but more than that and you are a rejoin and start all over membership wise.
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How did you hear about YLRL/decide to join _____

*Class of license held _____ *Year first licensed: _____
*e-mail address/web page _____ *Member of ARRL? Yes No

Please complete the following optional information:

Please list any affiliated clubs of which you are a member: _____

Occupation _____ Birthday: Day Month (year not required)

Other hams in family (Name & Call): _____

Any additional information about yourself or station activities is welcome. Please list any former calls if any: _____

Are you active in Ham Radio? Yes No On what bands?
160m 80m 60m 40m 30m 20m 17m 15m 12m 10m 2m

Do you contest? Yes No Which ones: _____

Do you DX? Yes No

*Has any information changed since you joined YLRL? Yes No

MEMBERSHIP DUES: *New? *Renewal? (See definition above for renewal qualifications)

Membership dues are payable January 1st, delinquent Feb 1st, and are pro-rated for those joining after August 31.

Current dues are as follows:

\$15.00 regular member, bulk mail (USA only)	\$
\$15.00 plus \$4.00 for 1st class mail to Canada & Mexico - \$19.00	\$
\$ 3.00 family member residing at same address (No additional YL Harmonics)	\$
\$15.00 subscriber (US only)	\$
Total Amount Enclosed	\$

Please mail completed form and your check made payable to "YLRL" to the receiving treasurer.

IF YOU ARE SPONSORING A DX YL, send YOUR ADOPTEE'S DUES TO THE DX TREASURER! Make sure you use the Adoptee's Form
Please do NOT send US and DX dues together.

If you have questions please contact the YLRL website at www.ylrl.org for more information


Receiving Treasurers

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Carol Laferty, K4SAF

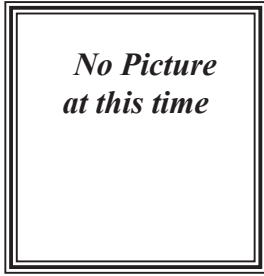
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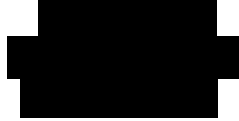
Please help us out by taking the time to fill out all the areas in ***Bold/Red** in full each time you renew. It is so easy to let a change slip by during the year. This will help us keep our records up-to-date and keep you from missing an issue of YL Harmonics. Remember to pay your dues by January 1st of the current year.

If you are a DX-YL Sponsor, please don't forget to renew for your Adoptee! We are always looking for sponsors, so please contact Rose Marie, KB4RM if you are interested in sponsoring a DX-YL!



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

1125 Iroquois St. W
Moose Jaw, SK S6H 5C1



The 2017 YLRL certificate will be called the 2017 YLRL FAVORITE FLOWERS CERTIFICATE! This one should be a lot of fun! In 2017, let's find out what everyone's favorite flower is. Here are the rules for this new award

1. Talk to YL's and exchange favorite flowers. If you don't have a favorite flowers just choose a flower to give out.
2. You will need to collect 15 flowers. All 15 flowers must be different.
3. You will need one YL for each flower. You can only use a flower once. You can only use a YL once.
4. All contacts must be made during the 2017 year (January 1 - December 31, 2017).
5. Contacts may be made on any band the YL is licensed to be on, and any mode including SSB, all digital modes, Echo-link, and repeaters.
6. Favorite flowers must be exchanged over the air. You can not e-mail someone after the contact and ask them for their favorite color.
7. Contacts may be made during nets only if the net control allows it.
8. Report the following for each contact:
Date, time, band, first name, QTH, FAVORITE FLOWERS.
9. Send your list, in color alphabetical order, to the Certificates Manager at any time during the year, but no later than the end of January 2017 to receive your certificate.
10. This certificate is available ONLY to YL's.

A few hints on the flowers ...

1. Be specific in your choice of your favorite flower.
2. A rose is a rose. If they then give you pink roses or blue roses, that's all right. BUT, you can't ask them for a specific color of a rose.
3. If you don't have a favorite flower, go to a website and look at all the different flowers. Then choose one that is unusual.

Applications may be submitted by:

e-mail to:  or

mail to:

Val Lemko

1125 Iroquois St. W.

Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Canada, S6H 5C1

You can download our Annual Award Application in PDF format at www.ylrl.org

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*.



Young Ladies
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AWARDS THIS

YLRL 2017 FAVORITE FLOWER CERTIFICATE

TO

Recipient's Name & Call

FOR SUBMITTING SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF HAVING CONDUCTED TWO WAY RADIO
COMMUNICATION WITH 15 YLS (and collecting 15 different flowers)

CERTIFICATE NUMBER 001

Val Lemko

01/02/2017



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Jeff helped me find my old DBF log file so I could import that into the new log software. I'm all set and ready to operate in 2017! My other hobby station that received a facelift was my sewing/craft room. By trading furniture with another room, I now have a wonderful sewing station that is already inspiring me to catch up on my mending in preparation for making projects in that space. The next step for fully operational creativity is to get the quilting machine oiled up and finish the charity quilt that I started last year. Here's hoping your 2016 was just as blessed as ours. 33's Amy, WA8MY.



Jeff, K8KZB; Amy, WA8MY; and Ruth, KM4LAO

Susie, N8CGM, wrote she paid her own dues plus those of 3 DX adoptees. She tries to make EchoLink nets Monday 0000 (run by Jenni, MØHZT, YLRL/BYLARA member), Friday 1300 (Catherine, AC4YL and Melanie, AG4YL) Saturday AUS YL net 2200 (Ann, ZL3TNT) & 4th Thursday 0500 YL Down Under Net (Shirley, VK5YL) when she doesn't forget or must be elsewhere. "My Feline Owners help me type and often erase message for me, especially the senior 2, Ginger & GG, who like to lie and walk on keyboard." 33, Susie, N8CGM

Nancy, KC4IYD/8; Carol, W8CSH; Annette, KC8SQM; Dawn KC8SQN; and her OM along with 3 other friends got together at Annette's home for New Year's party. It was a lot of fun.

One of my New Year's resolution is to try to get on the air more this year and talk to more YLs. Therefore, I would like to ask the DC 8 YLs to email me kc4iyd@yahoo.com what their New Year's resolution is so I can print it next time. You can list it very simply as lose weight, exercise more, travel, play a new instrument, etc.

33, Nancy, KC4IYD/8

District 9

Hey 2017 everyone. I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season. We had our whole family here for Christmas. Eight spent the night with us, so we had people in almost every room of the house. Thank goodness it is a big house.

I want to apologize to everyone for no column in the last Harmonics. A week after the Fort Wayne Hamfest I had a stupid accident and bruised my entire rib case. I never knew how painful they were and how long they take to heal, 8 weeks!!!! Every move hurt. I know not to do that again. Then January 10, the first real day without pain, we had ice here and guess who fell in the driveway and got a concussion! For someone who doesn't get headaches, I had a real doozy. At the hospital they thought I may have broken a hip, but nope, hips are fine. Thank God. It is now three weeks later and I am pain free once again. No headaches and no big lumps on my head.



Carole, WB9RUS

The Fort Wayne Hamfest was a success and a lot of fun. I always look forward to seeing my friends from around the area and meeting new ones. I led a forum on the history of YLRL. I figured we had a enough new members to review our history.



At the YLRL table in Fort Wayne, IN

Kim, KB9DOS, is a school bus driver in Fort Wayne. She has been doing this for 4 years, God bless her. She was named Driver of the Month for November. We are so proud of her. She has been in Fort Wayne Radio Club 28 years.

Linda, W9LAN, is starting her 4th year as Assistant Swim/Dive Coach at South Side High School in Fort Wayne. She gets to work with her daughter who is head swim/dive coach. Linda also won the 2016 Fox Hunt Award, she beat her OM out by 1 point. Girls rule!

I hope that 2017 is a good year for all of us. Mine is starting off a bit rocky, but I'm determined it will be better from now on.

Please let me hear from you all. I KNOW you are all busy doing something. Let me in on the secret.

Till next time, 33,
Carole WB9RUS

District 10

Hello from District 10!

Let me get the hard thing out of the way, first.

I am sorry to announce the passing of Eleanor (Ellie) Van Winkle, NØQCX. While Ellie was not a member of the YLRL recently, though she was for years. Even if she hadn't been, though, she was a person who we should remember for her involvement in amateur radio. I first met Ellie about 30 years ago, when my husband finally got his license, but before I did. The Boulder Area Radio Club—BARC—held a family picnic in the foothills. Adult hams were partnered with children to complete a fox hunt, with the “fox” hidden in the brush, trees, and rocks around the picnic area. Each child used an HT and his or her body to shield the signal to find the source, and Ellie supervised to make sure they were all safe.

Along with her husband Rip, she was a founding and guiding spirit of the BARC Juniors, an extraordinarily active youth group which over the years has mentored many, many children and youth in amateur radio. Rip took charge of the technical side, with a complete laboratory of equipment for building and analyzing. The club took charge of providing elmers. Ellie took charge of the kid side, with safety, snacks, and socialization.

She also worked with them to make appearances at Dayton every year, in the Youth Forum. Every year, she invited the Colorado YL's to hear the first presentation of the selected youth, so that by the time they presented at Dayton they had had opportunity not just to practice but to improve. She held a tech license, and never felt the need to get a higher one, because it was enough for what she wanted to do. She always had the radio on in the kitchen, and listened for anyone—especially one of her young hams—who wanted to talk.

She was the one who answered when I called to report a not yet big forest fire up a local canyon, where cell service was non-existent but the BARC 2 meter repeater reached well. In recent years, she and her husband passed the BARC Jr. reins on to others, but she never stopped caring.

33, Ellie you will be missed.

Warm, dry weather is holding on tightly in Colorado this year, never mind that the ski slopes are opening. Actually, it is what we call “Indian Summer” for reasons I do not know; after the first frost, when the garden needs drop dramatically, but very mild—even hot—and dry weather. It has been great weather for radio activities outside. This is good, because one of our antennas lost its connection in a bit of wind, and had to come down and the coax replaced. Not the easiest one to get down, of course, because of the tree and another antenna in the way, and we decided to replace the pole with one that collapses vertically, rather than one we have to tip down. It isn't a big antenna; it holds a vertical 2 meter/70 centimeter and a 70 centimeter yagi and only goes up about six feet above the ridge line (covenant), but it is the one we use for the Amateur TV, so having it out of commission was kind of a pain. It is back up now, but I still think a sky hook would be a great idea!

Keeping the weather station up and running is also something of a challenge, from time to time, but it seems to be stable right now. However, we liked the new antenna pole so much that we plan to replace the pole the weather station is on with one just like it, so it will be down for a bit, anyway, when we do that. However, it looks like the batteries need changing (they aren't holding their charge through the night, and that will only get worse as nights get longer).

Is everyone familiar with APRS.fi? (www.aprs.fi). It is a worldwide aprs tracking program which displays stations that have been relayed to the internet on a Google map. You can use it without having a login, or you can log in and use a few more of its features (free). You can usually find our weather station, NORUX-13, there (-13 means weather station). We are transmitting out on two meters, and various people put it on the internet via an I-gate.



The YL Group photo at the Ft. Wayne Hamfest

Cheryl, NØWBV says: I was thrilled to meet up with an ex-YLRL member! She was a member in the 1960's and 1970's and had stories to tell about passing traffic and getting on the air.

Now age 90, Betty, KAØTFH (The Friendly Hussy) has passed along her radio equipment to the next generation of hams in her family, her son.



**Cheryl, NØWBV and Betty,
KAØTFH**

What is keeping you busy? Please let me know, and I will pass it on!
33, Doshia, KBØNAS

Betty was licensed in California in the 1950's and used to check in every Tuesday for the Tangle Net. Her interest in radio came via her OM, Earl, when HIS father told her she wasn't smart enough to become a Ham Radio operator. She took that as a challenge and got licensed on her first try. Earl had been home on leave in 1944 when she passed her test and they got married.

This turned out to be a wonderful thing as her son, Val, went to school on Kauai in Hawaii and his roommate happened to be a Ham. They were able to talk to each other and the rest of the family often.

She also remembers passing military traffic and says "it was heart breaking to hear the kids asking 'Daddy, please come home!'"

She has not only lived in California, but also in Florida and Utah where she gave out those states for YL-WAS and is now living in Colorado.

Cheryl gets to meet her once a year at a company gathering where they are both guests of officers in the organization. "I hope to hear more from her experiences next time we meet," adds Cheryl.

KL7 News

Hello and Happy New Year to all YLs. Christmas was special this year with a visit from our Granddaughter, Sydney, KL4DG-a 2nd year student at the University of Alaska Anchorage studying Biological Science.

We are getting some cool weather from Russia I guess (HI HI) down in the low 30's last week with some hail that looked like snow...not what we moved to Brookings for...back to rain and in the 40's YEA...

Our club here in Brookings (Pelican Bay) ARC has been busy putting equipment in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) downtown Brookings. Several members got the HF up and running for any emergency along our coast.

Our upcoming exercise will be in June 2017 in the Triton 32 Emergency Exercise which will test our communication abilities in coordinating Medical resources in Coos and Curry Counties as they relate to the Cape Blanco Airport. We have learned that Cape Blanco Airport is the only airport that will be accessible for emergency evacuation along the entire coast of Oregon during a Cascadia level event. Cape Blanco is a 5000 ft. WWII runway.

Other HF news that I have is 20m has been so poor with all kinds of Solar Flares, etc, that I cannot check into the daily Net. Hopefully it will get better soon.

All for now.

73, Claudia

VE Column

I hope you will take a few minutes to check out CLARA's website (www.clarayl.ca) and consider coming to Winnipeg to help us celebrate CLARA's 50th and Canada's 150th Birthdays!!

CLARA, to celebrate it's 50th year, has also issued a Challenge!! You could log contacts for both... Kinda like two birds with one stone... As I no longer have HF capabilities I shall be on EchoLink. Try looking for a few of us on VE3TTT-R.

I want to thank all those who have sent me their news for each issue of the Harmonics. It is good to hear from you and I very much appreciate your support.

My very best wishes to everyone. I hope you all had a merry Christmas and the New Year will bring you good health and much happiness. And, of course, much better propagation... 33 Suzanne - VE7IM

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: She has just completed her first issue as editor of the Clarion. It was a challenge, but that's good, right? She feels she is learning lots from Val, VE5AQ, who really was the one that formatted this issue. Learning something new is always a positive thing and Ann is pleased to be doing it. She has great admiration for CLARA's past editor Joan, VE3YL, who did an outstanding job for 20 years. That's a record Ann is definitely not going to beat. Hi (For those of you that don't already know, Ann celebrated her 80th birthday a couple of years ago.)

Ann hopes to get back to EchoLink now that gardening season is over. She has her orchid getting ready to bloom again and her other house plants to keep her thumb green during the winter. Ann hopes everyone has/had a great Christmas season and that all their dreams for 2017 are realized. She also adds, "Don't forget to come to CLARA's 50th in July. All the info in on the CLARA website. www.clarayl.ca" 33 Ann, VE3HAI

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: As I write this we are getting our first, and only (I hope), fall of snow. Unless it turns to rain, which the weather lady says it won't. I will be house bound tomorrow as my bridge will not be passable. All in all, unfortunate as I was to go to a Ladies' Christmas Lunch - the first of the season. The food I can do without but not the fun of singing carols and having someone dress as Santa and come around with a few gifts for lucky people. Will see what the weather gods do tonight. Was grateful for a short opening on 20m when I was able to work the 5T5TI - a new IOTA for me.

I thought that if I missed I might get a second chance today but someone up the road from me decided to speed on ice and took out a power pole leaving me without power for the whole day. Fortunately, I have a gas fire so I was cold but not too cold. Thanks to the HYDRO people for getting the repairs done. My Calgary family are coming for Christmas - only for 3 days but that will be fun as we don't get together all that often. Happy Holidays 33 Elizabeth, VE7YL

Heather, VE3HQB, writes: Hi Everyone.

Well, Summer and Fall are over now and Winter is trying to creep up on us. We've had a great year so far with lots of dancing, traveling, camping and just enjoying ourselves. I've been trying to get my 15 YLs with favorite movies for the YLRL certificate but I'm not having much luck. I've been able to complete every other YLRL challenge but not this one. Oh well, hopefully the next one I'll do better. I still have a month to go and 3 more to get, so I haven't totally given up.

The 50th Birthday Bash is progressing well and we're looking forward to seeing a lot of you in Winnipeg in July. My schedule has worked out in my favour so I'm planning to be there. Since the 50th is so special, as I probably won't get to the next 50th (hi hi) please try and make an effort to be there. Val has lots of neat things planned, and we all need a holiday.

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year to all. 33, Heather VE3HQB

Val, VE5AQ, writes: Welcome to 2017.

Christmas is over once more, and yes, Santa was very good to me as usual. Old Man winter, well, the freeze is still on, but Moose Jaw at this writing still does not have lots of snow. Think all total so far I have 1/2", if that, sitting outside. The green grass has been freeze dried.

Now that the New Year has started, I really must move my buns on CLARA's 50th Birthday Bash. Yes, all the big stuff is done, and it's just the little tiny things that I am doing that definitely need to be finished up. One of the projects that I am working diligently on is getting all of our Provincial and Territorial lapel pins, and also all of our capitol city lapel pins. Still have a few hold outs but fingers crossed I will have all of them in time for the Birthday Bash.

As you may know, I have put the registration form on all of the websites that I maintain. I need to get the word out that everyone, especially YL members, come to Canada. So, if you are planning on coming, please get your money and registration forms off to Heather (will put her address at the bottom) as soon as possible. Also make sure you book your hotel room. All the information you will be able to find on the websites.

This is going to be a busy year, what with camping, the birthday party, trying to get to the Ukrainian Festival in August and my wedding anniversary. A very busy year indeed. But then I thrive on deadlines (just like the editor of the YLH). *HI HI - Ed.*

Also, if you are doing a square for the Quilt draw at the Birthday Bash, please remember: the girls in the USA send your squares to Margaret AE7MB no later than April 15, 2017, and everyone else sends them to me. The ones that come to me, need to be here by April 1st, so that I can send them on to Margaret. Thanks everyone.

I am really looking forward to this quilt, from the ones I have received already, this Maple Leaf design is going to be awesome! Sure wish I could put my name in, but I won't.

Ok, that is the end of my soap box for this time around. Hoping everyone had a Joyous, Healthy, Prosperous 2017. It is going to be a great year. 33, 73, 88's Val VE5AQ

Heather's address: Heather Holmes VE3HQH,

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DX Column

Dear YL friends,

Winter is here even in Houston today it came have +3 C and tonight -5 c coldest so far. Then next week back up to 25 C and sun again. You switch from shorts to winter jacket in one week. I am glad I get to use my winter clothes I had living in Virginia.

I have made some changes to my portable station I bring up to the roof of our apartment building I wrote about in Nov-Dec Harmonics.

We got a Buddy pole neat package weigh 12 pounds easy to set up and take down 5 min. It is a Di-pole and can be rotated by my OM, as he is the one that got me on the air, for ever thankful.

What a difference from the vertical I had which was so noisy picked up all sounds around me. Now it is quieter but of course the conditions so poor, I have not heard any DX, but I work USA, Canada, Mexico, but not Sweden my home or Europe yet. I did read Truus VE3MRS/P49TR in Aruba on DX-YL net on Mondays but not Christine GM4YMM. Do join the net Bobbi, W1JX is calling every Monday 1500 UTC on 14,288.

My plan for this New Year is to buy a house and get a radio station up, so I can get back to do DX again. Then to attend CLARA Birthday Bash 50 year in July hope many will come, heard many going will be a reunion.

SYLRA the Scandinavian YL have their meeting in Sweden my home on September 8, 9, 10, and you can check on their website SYLRA for information just register and they will send you the information.

I didn't get to go to England in October due to moving here, but Nicky has given a very nice report about the meeting and trips, it is the next best to being there.

GB16IYL 2016 International Young Ladies Meeting @ Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire UK

By Nicky MM5YLO

A small party of four (MM5YLO, Nicky; GMØGFL, Tony; MM6YLO, Gail; & MMØNQY, Peter) set off from Shetland on a 'radio adventure' holiday. The journey down took 12hrs by ferry and 12hrs by motorway. This was Peter & Gail's first Mainland Radio outing so all was new to them.

Main YL Meeting

Monday 3rd All met up at Novotel in Milton Keynes We arrived at 17:00 and were greeted by Carol, Hazel, Judith & Jennie in the hotel entrance by the special BYLARA/IYL Stand.

After finding our rooms we met in the restaurant and began to discover friends old and new.

An event radio station was available all week with the call GB16IY1

Tues 4th Free Day We went shopping. This was a bit of a disaster for us, although the shops were in walking distance. We decided to drive...well ten miles of going round and round we did manage to get parked up!!! The shops were enormous by Shetland standards. Some clothing was purchased and then a retreat to the hotel for a rest!

Wed 5th Bletchley Park [WW2 Code breaking]

After a short introduction to the history and layout of the site we set off to explore.

We found the RSGB radio station and display, followed by the many work areas of decoding each having its own animated display. Lastly we ended up with a working demonstration of the remade Bomba.

After a fine meal in one of the decoding huts, we visited the Computing museum in the other part of the site. Here we were shown the Colossus by none other than Mrs. Sale who was 90yrs old (Tony Sales wife)

Evening Talk in hotel~ Shetland DX Holiday Spot (By Tony & Nicky)

Thurs. 6th Woburn Abbey, after the short coach ride, we arrived via an interesting journey through the deer park. It was rutting season and the deer were very close to the coach.

At the house we all went our own ways, either around the house then the grounds or grounds and house.

Evening Talk in hotel~ by Anna TF3VB & Vala TF3VD also Hardy DL3KWF

A wonderful cream tea had been arranged for us in the afternoon.

Fri 7th Free Day ~ we went to Duxford Airfield (Part of the Imperial War Museum) this was a little further to drive (50miles) it was a surprise to us on how big the airfield was. The entrance was via a large gift shop to the site buildings, by two huge hangers', one British aircraft (Concord, Vulcan Bomber) the other for American aircraft (B52 etc.)... The aircraft easily fitted into the hangers. Other Hangers were still in use for repairs and storage, though visitors could walk round them.

Evening Talk in hotel~ WAB by Judith G4IAQ & Dave G4IAR

Again, we found the amateur radio station. Gail & Nicky got into long conversations with the operators who manned the radios [GB2IWM].

YL Meeting & RSGB HF Convention

Sat 8th Both Days BYLRA had a main stand from which we all used as some base in-between lectures.

Gala Meal (at Novotel) Gifts and thanks to the committee and organizers whom were Carol 2E1RBH, Judith G4IAQ, Hazel G7RGI, Maureen G8GKR, Jennie M0HZT (and their OM!)

A raffle was arranged and many fine gifts were won. A pair of Scarecrows was presented to Nicky and Tony from Carol & Robert to remind them of their adventures together in Dorset.

Sun 9th in the main convention lecture room...”BYLARA” Talk by Carol 2E1RBH

Mon ~ Fri we travelled South and visited The Mary Rose (at Portsmouth), and The Chalkpits Museum [<http://www.amberleymuseum.co.uk/>] (at Amberley in Sussex) and our old QTH in Dorset

Here we re-meet Peter Head G4LKW who was manning the Chalkpits Museum radio station GB2CPM

Back to QTH after meeting some wonderful friends (over 44 YLs & OM+ 2 Scarecrows)

Dot, VK2DB asks:

Are you going to CLARA's 50th birthday?

John and I are getting over the long trip to the YL Meet in England and thinking of the shorter trip to Canada now. Getting to Ireland was a 34-hour trip and coming home was about 27 hours and it takes a lot of willpower to get us back into a plane for about two years after doing it. But I was assured that to Canada it isn't as long and we can do it in one hop without stopping.

Flying to Singapore and spending an hour in isolation then having to go through security again to get back on - I'd rather do the lot in one go and take that hour off the end. I read an article that said there are approx. one million people up in airplanes at any one given moment. That is a lot of people off the planet and a lot of planes in the sky.

Ann VE3HAI is also my sponsor and I'd love to get to meet her. We are getting to meet with so many of the Scandinavian hams at the YL meets we've been to, it's great and John loves it too. Of course, problem is distance and cost getting there but we haven't spent all our money yet.

Great we have something to look forward to and hope we meet many of you on the air and email and echo let's not lose the contact. Dot, VK2BD

Vjollka, Z61VB,

Many thanks for my sponsor's generosity. Our YLs will be happy to receive YL Harmonics. I will get their addresses and send it to Rose-Marie.

Things are progressing in Kosovo but quite slowly. Let's see what will be the decision of ARRL Board for the Kosovo membership in DXCC list. The country code for Kosovo as is an encouraging news, but visa matter are still big issues for us here in Kosovo. We cannot yet travel freely outside Kosovo. Last year several missions failed because of visa including Yota 2016 organized in Austria for youngsters, despite many efforts done. Our young HAMs were very disappointed, we as well.

It is very cold these days in Kosovo (- 30 C degrees), very unusual for us and for people to come along with very difficult living conditions and low living standard, especially for vulnerable and poor people.

Hope this will not last long....

Happy New Year and all the best to you and your families in USA!

BEST WISHES TO THE YLs and many DX to all of you.

33, Vjollca Z61VB

I thank all sponsors you make many DX-YL happy. Do let me know if you like to sponsor, we need the young YLs to join us.

I wish you Happy Valentine's day and Happy Easter.
33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

Youth Column

Adventures from Saba as PJ6Y from Ruth, KM4LAO (and her mother Sharon, KM4TUV)

One of the most unexpected and thrilling adventures I had in 2016 was being selected as a member of the 2016 Dave Kalter Memorial Youth DX Adventure. I first heard about the Youth DX Adventure in February 2016 from a guest speaker on the North Fulton Amateur Radio League Youth Net. I was very interested in it and my friends encouraged me to apply, which I did. After a period of waiting I was ecstatic to find out that mom and I were a part of the team.

The Youth DX Adventure (YDXA) is a trip organized by experienced DXers giving youth the opportunity to operate from a DXCC entity. The 2016 YDXA team was selected through an application process and was announced near the end of February by the team leaders, Don DuBon-N6JRL and Jim Storms-AB8YK. Team members included Morgan Croucher, KD8ZLK; his mentor Joe Binkley, KD8YPY from Ohio; Faith Hannah Lea, AE4FH; her father James Lea, WX4TV from Florida; and myself, Ruth Willet, KM4LAO; and my mother Sharon Willet, KM4TVU from Georgia.

Our destination was the Caribbean island of Saba. Saba, known as the Unspoiled Queen because of her unspoiled nature and inhabitants, is the smallest special municipality of the Netherlands at only 5 square miles across. She is only accessible by first flying to St. Maarten and then taking a small boat or plane to Saba. The boat rides offer incredible views of the island while the plane rides are full of adventure as travelers enjoy the views from above and then touch down on the 400 meter airstrip, the smallest commercial airstrip in the world. The team greatly enjoyed the thrill of taking the plane ride to Saba.

We were able to travel to Saba due to the generosity of our host, Jeff Jolie NM1Y, who is an experienced DXer. He has hosted and been a part of many contest winning teams of DXers on Saba. He was a member of the 2015 K1N Navassa Island DXpedition and is on the roster of the 2018 3YØZ Bouvet Island DXpedition.



The PJ6Y team. Back row from left to right: Morgan Croucher, KD8ZLK; Jeff Jolie, NM1Y; Don DuBon, N6JRL; Jim Storms Binkley; and James Lea, WX4TV. Front row from left to right: Jim Storms, AB8YK; Ruth Willet, KM4LAO; Faith Hannah Lea, AE4FH; and Sharon Willet, KM4TVU. Photograph by James Lea, WX4TV

The two objectives of the trip were experiencing and learning local culture and making contacts around the world. Although learning about the island, experiencing the only road in Saba, scuba diving, and exploring tide pools near the airport were amazing, the best part of the trip was operating radio from Saba as PJ6Y.

One skill that the team developed all week long was effective satellite communications. It was a thrill to work though amateur satellites since many members of the team had never done so before, and it took a team effort to make it a success. It was neat to be a part of the effort to put the rare grid FK87 on the air in this way. By the end of the trip we had worked about 10 passes and made 50 contacts through the SO-50 and the AO-85 satellites. The ultimate highlight on satellites, however, was breaking the distance world record on the SO- 50 satellite! It was a several day process that took lots of tweaking of our technique and location, but we were successful on August 7 when we worked WD9EWK in Arizona with stations that were 5,169 km apart.

HF operating from Saba was incredible. We had two radios up and running nearly all the time using a Hustler 6BTV vertical antenna on Jeff's roof and a center fed Windom antenna the team erected. It was a joy to operate from Saba because of the sheer number of people calling. The pileups were absolutely incredible on SSB and CW. No matter our skill levels, the whole team learned and grew as HF operators because of them. The more we operated, the more we learned about how to handle the pileups and soon we were caught up in the thrill of working hundreds of stations - both people we knew and those we didn't.

However, one of the most special things that happened as result of being on the team was that my mom was propelled into ham radio. When I started ham radio, no one in my immediate family was licensed. My mom slowly became interested and I was excited that she was willing to get her license in order for me to go on the YDXA. In fact, we tested together on Mother's Day this past May where I passed the Extra and she passed the Technician



Sharon, KM4TVU operating on satellites while James, WX4TV guides the antenna and Faith Hannah, AE4FH looks on. Photograph by Don DuBon, N6JRL.



Ruth, KM4LAO operating from Saba. Photograph by Sharon, KM4TVU

exam. In fact, she upgraded to a General class license before coming to Saba and it was very special to operate side by side from Saba. We have continued to have a wonderful time together doing amateur radio activities all year long.

Our final contact totals on HF were as follows: 4,261 QSOs in 101 countries, 50 states, 6 continents, and 26 CQ zones, which included 3,843 SSB QSOs and 418 CW QSOs. Because of propagation, over half of the SSB contacts were made on 20 meters with the rest of the QSOs split almost evenly between 40m and 17m. On CW, we made contacts on 20m and 30m, with 30 meters becoming the primary band once contests started up the weekend we were on Saba.

What an incredible adventure the 2016 YDXA was! It was bittersweet when we lifted off from

the beautiful island of Saba and headed home. Although our memory of the exact number of QSOs we made that week may be forgotten, I will never forget the way the Amateur radio community came together

to support us throughout the trip and the amazing experiences we had being on the air from Saba.



Webmaster Report

Saba Island and a town on Saba. Photos by Ruth, KM4LAO

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WEBSITE REPORT:

The website is doing great, please keep sending in upcoming events, and the sooner I get them, the sooner it goes on the site. If there something you want to see on there: Please let me know.

Still trying to find time to change some pictures of the last YLRL convention, yes, I know 2 years late, but like the editor, a voluntary position. So some pictures will disappear and new ones will replace them—one of these days when I get "A Round Tuit"..

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Val, VE5AQ

Continuous Membership de Lois Gutshall WB3EFQ



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My apologies to several I just caught up on including Truus Rosenthal VE3MRS who reached **45 years** in 2016. If you have not received the appropriate award please contact me and I will look into the records. Thank you

Changes and Corrections

Nick Marriot, MM5YLO has information:

[REDACTED]

Bharathi, VU2RBI has a new address:

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Victoria, SV2KBS has a new address:

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Tuulikki Hartikainen OH7XX:

Email is now: [REDACTED]

Confriming **Christine Dons', GM4YMM,**

Address:

Christine Dons

[REDACTED]

Rosel, DL3K [REDACTED] mail in the directory.
It should be: [REDACTED]

Emily Wolfe, WA6YL reminds us of the poem about the definition of 33.

Birth of 33

Clara had her ticket
She also had a rig
Because she was just startin
It wasn't very big
She slowly tuned the crystal,
And watched the meter drop.
Then tapped the key a couple times
To be sure it wouldn't stop.
Now everything was ready,
She called a short CQ
And received an answer
On thirty-six sixty -two.
They chewed the fat "bout stuff and things.
"bout dresses, work and dates.
They finally called it QRT
the girl sent eighty-eights.
Clara thought it might be funny
Whether it be Miss or Mrs.
To end a perfect QSO
by sending "Love and Kisses."
It sounds too sentimental;
Just a little too much "goo"
To be sending "Love and Kisses"
to a girl the same as you.
For an entire week she pondered;
Wouldn't even touch the rig.
She pushed her slide rule by the hour,
Employing "logs" and "trig"
She added and subtracted.
What could the answer be?
To reach a happy medium
Twixt eighty-eight and seventy-three.
Clara finally looked up from her work
All smiles and not forlorn.
Twas July in Nineteen Forty
that thirty-three was born.
There's no real definition
But its meaning is known well.
It's how a YL says good evening
To another friend YL.

ORIGIN OF 33

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

"33" was originated in 1939 by Clara, W2RUF and adopted by YLRL for exclusive YL use. It means "Love sealed with friendship between one YL and another YL". With this background and meaning, it is very understandable that "33" is not only exclusive with YLs but is NEVER used in the plural. We sign "33", never 33's. Reprinted from YL Harmonics, Issue #2, 1980. Thanks to Lea AB5TY for the reference. (Note also that 73 and 88 should NEVER be used in the plural form. You would not say Best Regards's nor Hugs and Kisses's would you?)



Scholarship Information De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

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In Our Thoughts

Hello all:

I just received word this morning from G3ZPF, President of RAOTA, that Sheila Gabriel, G3HCQ, became a SK on January 7. Apparently, she was in her 90's and had been an SOE agent during WWII and had written 2 books on her experiences. She must have been quite a lady. She had been licensed in 1950.

33, Bobbie, W1JX

I am sorry to announce the passing of Eleanor (Ellie) Van Winkle, NØQCX. While Ellie was not a member of the YLRL recently, though she was for years. Even if she hadn't been, though, she was a person who we should remember for her involvement in amateur radio. You can read more about Ellie in the 10th District Column.

33, Doshia, KBØNAS

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