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President's Info De Linda Metz KC8PKY

It's hard to believe it is already 2015. I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season. Dave and I spent Christmas in Indiana with family. We stayed home for New Year's and let the amateur drunks have the roads.

I have been enjoying the Thursday night YL Echolink net. If you haven't checked in please do. If you have Echolink go to "area 4", and find the NF4GA-R link. Thursday nights at 8 PM eastern time. Catherine Todd KK4UBQ is an excellent net control. She has come up with some very interesting topics for discussion and is always open to ideas from other YLs. So let's keep this going. We usually finish in time to catch the YL HF net at 9 PM. I have managed to check into that a few times it just depends on conditions and how well my antenna system is performing. It's hard to get a good antenna in a postage stamp lot.

The conditions were pretty good on 10 meters for the 10-meter contest this year. I managed to make 130 contacts most of which were DX stations. I even managed to work South Africa. I listened for Niece, KA1ULN but we just never heard each other.

I've been playing around with some digital modes in particular "Olivia" but recently that's been on hold since the computer I was using for that was stolen. I use the Signal link box and it has another advantage. It copies CW, we used it during November Sweeps. CW weekend was not good for us but the box worked well. I still have to download fldigi on my new computer so I can get back to it.

It won't be long and we'll be planning Dayton. I hope to make it this year. Hopefully we'll get a better time for our forum this year. Hope to see a lot of YLs there.

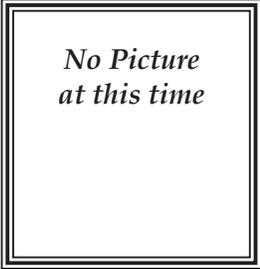
33, Linda KC8PKY



Vice President's Info De Bobbie Donohue X

It has been 30 days since the YL-OM Contest and I have received only one log from Mary Moore, WX4MM who made 100 contacts and racked up a total score of 6300.

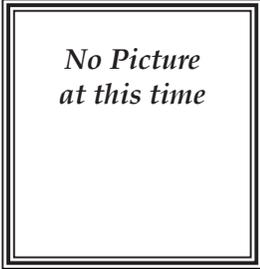
I can declare her the winner. Congratulations to Mary.



District One News
de Niece Ha KA1ULN



District 2 News
de Diane Ortiz, K2DO



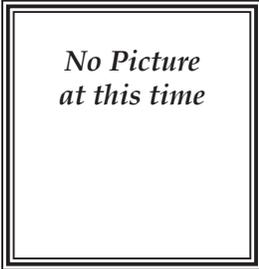
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de Open Position



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de Mar WX4MM



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de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ



District Six News
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de Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI



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New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WB1ARU-Secretary

New Members for January/February 2015

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

DISTRICT 1

KC1CPS

Bernard

VFW Post 201 Ladies' Auxiliary. N1YLN, Ed is her fiancé.

DX

VK5YL

Tregellas

Birt day: December 18

Ashley holds a Technician license and is a student at Bridgewater State University. She is studying communication and special education. She is a member of Massasoit ARA. Ashley is active on 2m and 70 cm and has been on the Thursday night Echolink net.

KB1TMC

Birt day: January 18

Shirley holds a Full Call-Advanced license and is retired. She is active on 80 and 20 m as well as Echolink. Her clubs are ALARA, CLARA, BYLARA, WARO, SYLRA and the Adelaide Hills ARS. She also teaches bobbin lace making. VK5JST/VK5TR, Jim is her OM. She has held calls VK5TRE and VK5JSH. She is sponsored by KK4UBQ, Catherine.

She is a Technician license and is in customer service. She is studying for her General license. She is an artist, avid reader and a member of the

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

The Definition of a YL

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

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

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

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

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

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

District 1

I wish everyone in District 1, a Happy, Successful and more PTT New Year.

Hennie is in FL, Bobbie is in Hawaii, Anne will be in CO for February.

We have 2 new members to welcome:

Ashley Bernard, KC1CPS: Ashley holds a Technician license and is a student at Bridgewater State University. She is studying communication and special education. She is a member of Massasoit ARA. Ashley is active on 2m and 70 cm and has been on the Thursday night Echolink net.

Clare Haney, KB1TMC: Clare holds a Technician license and is in customer service. She is studying for her General license. She is an artist, avid reader and a member of the VFW Post 201 Ladies' Auxiliary. N1YLN, Ed is her fiancé.

Anne Manna, WB1ARU writes that received her YLRL 2014 Friendship Award - Favorite Hobby this past week. She finished up the last 2 contacts on New Year's Eve.

Niece Haynes, KA1ULN Invites all YLs to utilize her blog. All information is there for all hams. It is updated daily. You are also welcome to add to the blog. KA1ULN.BLOGSPOT.COM.

I have also contacted all the District chairs about keeping in touch so that we can keep our members informed.

I have made a 10 meter dipole which is spot on 1-1 and works beautiful on 10 meters. I have also found an incredible mode, which consumed most of my December and January—WSPR: Weak Signal propagation Reporter network.. if you are curious check WWW.WSPRNET.ORG

I am excited about recruiting new members and chatting with our fellow YLs.

33 all Niece Haynes

District 2

Many YLs from the 2nd call area attended the sixteenth annual Ham Radio University on January 4th. It was held on Long Island and more than 350 people attended from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. There were 25 forums covering all aspects of Amateur Radio. My forum, "Ham APPs for mobile devices" was a new topic for the event and it was well received.

My apologies for not having more news. My mom passed away in late February. She was 96 lived with us at the end and those of you who are caregivers understand the commitment it requires.

33 to all.

Diane, K2DO

District 3

Open Position

District 4

Jan Sturbois WB4RI and I talked last night and I am sending you the HAYLARC report for us.

The Huntsville (Alabama) Area Young Ladies' Amateur Radio Club celebrated 38 years as an active club at our Anniversary Dinner on February 12. Members and their guests brought a total of 16 diners to visit around the table at Wintzell's Oyster House in Huntsville.

In the past year, we have added five new members, and we are looking forward to more the coming year. Our biggest activity will be selling the admission and raffle tickets at the Huntsville Hamfest in August. Find more information about HAYLARC at www.haylarc.org.

73,

Kelley, W4VPZ



Derek Johns; Kelley Johns, W4VPS; and guest.

Jan, WB4RIV; Joe, WB4RIU; and Glenda, WB4NFZ



*Guest and Lynda,
WB4TJE*



*Johnny, WR4F and
Melanie, N4HIX*



Lisa, N3WQL

Gladys, KC4CUI



*Tabitha Jones and
Doshia, KI4VFU*

Marilyn, N4PCW



Ladies, Mary, WX4MM has "retired" as District 4 Chairwoman and Catherine, KK4BUQ was appointed by Linda as the new DC for District 4.

Many of you already know Catherine from the Thursday Night YL Echolink Net.

Welcome Catherine! We will be learning more about her in the March/ April issue of *YL-Harmonics*.

Many thanks to Mary for all her hard work. She has been a longtime member of YLRL and had held many officer positions along with being the Chairwoman of District 4.

Please send Catherine your District 4 news!

District 5

Hello All,

Hope all had a nice Christmas & New Year Holiday! Remember your YLRL dues are due in January so get the year started off on the right foot as they say.

I have had a lot of fun working the ARRL Centennial W1AW stations I was trying to work all states on Digital mode did not make it missed Alabama, Nebraska, and Montana.

Our 11-year-old Grandson KF5NYQ Brandon received his ARRL DXCC award in December at the Great Southern DX Association.

For those of you who work DX be looking in late January for #1 most wanted K1N Navassa hope to hear you in the pile up.

Ed KA5VFU and I will be attending the Orlando HamCation in February this is a very nice Hamfest maybe we will see some of you there?

Garland, TX, W0JJ, Judi,

On September 20/21 our Texas Young Ladies Round Up Net gathered for our 60th Birthday Party at the home of Dave W0VX and Judi W0JJ of Garland, TX. Those in attendance were Linda Hynan, AC5QQ; Dorothy Jones, KA5DWR; Sallie Howard, AE5OM; Lynn Jennings, N5IYW; Beth Pierce, KC5RWW, and Judi, W0JJ.

We had 2 members who could not attend but joined us by the technical age of Skype. We even put the 2 laptops face to face so Evelyn, N5BOT and Ann, WA5GLM could talk to each other-Skype to Skype. It was a wonderful meeting full of laughs and reminiscing as we talked about our 60th year.

The TX HamCom June meeting has been moved from Plano to Irving. We have a YLRL table that will be donated for us. If you will be attending, please volunteer a few hours at the table.

Seminole, OK, KC5RWW, Beth,

My daughter eloped Nov 3. We had told her a few months ago that would be alright with us. Wedding plans were getting out of control. I've been substitute teaching at school. Yesterday I was in the

Career Tech classroom 5 hours with lunch in there somewhere. The students didn't need me at all. At 1:00 I was moved to 8th grade American History. That class needed extreme supervision. I don't know their names but they have assigned seats. I made a seating chart and started taking notes had to move one student to an empty desk at the front of the room.

As for radio, I continue to check in to the Texas Young Ladies Round Up net on Thursday mornings.

Gulfport, MS, KB5MZ, Southern Mississippi YL,

The group received their Field Day results and they are very excited for their first field day in 1A they placed 1st in Mississippi, 3rd in USA and 3rd in world. The ladies are planning to operate again next year.

Congratulations to KF5KDL, Anna, who won the 10-meter radio at the Great Southern DX dinner.

BJ, KB5CSQ

District 6

open position

Look for information from the DX Convention in Visalia, CA next issue.

District 7

Winter is here and it sure is getting cold! B-r-r-r!! With all the rain it feels even colder. But I fly out to Orlando, FL tomorrow morning for a week so at least I can get some sun that way. It's supposed to be in the high 70's there compared to the high 30s here in Battle Ground, WA. Winters here in the NW can get pretty cold but all in all they aren't that bad. Of course we do get all the rain but we call it 'liquid sunshine'! And if we didn't get all the 'liquid sunshine' we wouldn't have all the gorgeous shades of green. Give me that any day.

We're going to DisneyWorld with our son, daughter-in-law and two grandkids. Then another son and his son will fly in a couple days later. It will be a fun time. I'm really looking forward to it. So now I have clothes, suitcases, and everything else I think I need scattered all over the floor in the bedroom just waiting to be organized. I'll probably finish it all tonight after our club meeting, which means I won't get any sleep. Our flight is at 6am so we need to be there by 4am. Oh dear, I hope I can sleep on the plane!

We have a club meeting tonight with Clark County Amateur Radio Club and my OM, Dan, KF7BHM, and I are going. I haven't been able to go for a couple months so I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. We're also starting the planning for Field Day and the Ham Fair that we, as a club, do every year. The first Field Day organizational meeting is Saturday but I'll miss it seeing I'll be gone.

I have a YLRL table at each event to promote YLRL. It's amazing the number of men and women both that don't know about it. And it's even more surprising how many men take information home to the women they know to try and get them interested.

Our club also puts on classes for women only. Barbara Yasson, AC7UH, organizes them and they are very well received. The YLs teaching are Barbara; Linda Ford, AA6MR; Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB; and Kathy Walker, AF7CJ. All of these fine ladies are members of YLRL and all were at the convention last August. The classes will be in March and October this year. Having two YL only classes is really good. It shows how many women are interested in amateur radio.

I'm still working on CW but not being as successful as I would like to be. I've had a hard time getting it down. When I get back from our trip I need to put in more time than I have and get this down. I don't know if you remember or not (I mentioned it in another article) that I set a goal to have it learned CW well enough to get on the radio during Field Day this year. I really thought I was putting in enough time but obviously not. So I need to ramp it up. If you have any ideas of what I can do to get this down I sure will appreciate it. :)

Don't forget to check out the YLRL nets. They're listed in the Harmonics and also on YLRL.org.
33- Marilyn, AF7BI

District 8

Karen, KM8O sends us this news:

While I have been a ham for 37 years it is not until fairly recently I have been into DXing. I love it. My husband and I have been busy remodeling our basement so we can expand our ham shack. My husband tends to be into digital, satellite, ragchewing and the high tech end and I mainly stick to contests.

I have not done any YLRL contests yet but plan to as soon as our station is up again and operational. I am active in DARA (Dayton Radio Amateur Association) and a local club in Urbana. I hope to get on some nets soon as well. I am a bit interested in doing a DXpedition in the future.

I hold an Extra Class (with code) license. I also participate in the local ARES which to date has not been very active. I am a VE and assist with testing locally. The last DX country worked was Navessa Island, which is quite rare. I recently participated in Sweepstakes, Ohio Worked all counties, CQ worldwide, Ohio State Parks On The Air.

I guess this is about all I am able to offer for the column. I hope to get to know more YLs and talk to more of you on the air.

73 KM8Q

Hello 8-land YLs

This year my husband, KB8RJ and I, WD8KUR, are traveling on another holiday-style DX-expedition. We will be active on the islands of Montserrat, at Gingerbread Hill, from Feb 7, 2015 for about a week, give or take the time to set up and put away the station at Gingerbread Hill. We then move on to the island of Dominica, Sea View Cottages, for three weeks, Feb 15 to March 8, 2015, same caveat with set up and packing.

Gingerbread Hill, on Montserrat, is a wonderful ham location. It is located on the side of a mountain with wonderful views to the west from the veranda in the Heavenly Suite. This suite contains all the equipment anyone could ever need, from radios, linears, power supplies, and the assorted odds and ends that all hams seem to collect, including tools you might need to fix or rig whatever you may require.

There is a 55' tower with a Mosley CL 33 that although a bit "mature" works exceptionally well. We have clear horizon from the Northeast through West, to the South. There is a mountain in the way to the East. The kitchen cupboards are "stocked" with dipoles for all manner of frequencies as well as wire and assorted equipment to make your own antennas, not to mention all the other stuff that hams donate to this site.

The Heavenly Suite is on the top floor of a three-floor rental villa, and generally all three floors are booked for various contests throughout the year. It really is a spectacular location for a retreat and an exceptionally wonderful ham location. The hosts are extremely helpful and do not mind when long wires and dipoles are strung up in their trees.

My call on Montserrat will be VP2MUR and my husband will be VP2MRS. He wonders how he got that call--says I should have it instead--go figure?! We will be active on 10 meters through 20 meters.

On Dominica--no calls assigned yet--we have a cottage in Sea View Cottages, on the Northeast Side of the island. We have not been there before so this is a new experience for us. The owners are ham-friendly and tell us that we can put whatever wires we require up in their trees. For this location we need to take all our own equipment. We are taking our Icom 7000 with power supply, our Buddi-Pole as well as assorted dipoles. We took our Buddi-Pole with us last year when we traveled to St. Marten and Saba and found it fairly easy to use, although it takes a bit of finesse to get the best performance from this system. We are new Buddi-Pole users and are still learning how to make optimal use of it--something about the learning curve--we are on the curve somewhere. Listen for us. We will only be running 100 watts.

We will be active on Dominica from Feb 15 through March 8, give or take the time it takes to set up and then pack up our station; frequencies, 10 meters through 20 meters. We return to the USA on March 10.

I look forward to working as many of you as I can. I hope to check into the DX-YL on net on Mondays and reconnect with some I met there when on Montserrat in 2013.

73, Crissie Staats, WD8KUR

Ed. Note: Hopefully you got to work Crissie on her travels. We look forward to hearing how they went! Sorry this news was so late Crissie, my apologies.

District 9

Happy New Year!!!! Christmas is over for another year and we are into January and all the fun of frigid temperatures and snow. January is not my favorite month. But, back to Christmas, the Fort Wayne Radio Club hosted the Christmas Party on December 12. It is always a pot luck with the club providing grilled and fried chicken. Club awards are also given out that night.

Kim, KB9DOS and her sister, Deb, KB9DEB called Linda, W9LAN and me to the front of the room. They presented us each with a gift bag. I was really confused since Linda was awarded a plaque for all the work she does in the club, so why was I up there? It seems that Linda and I are in an informal competition to see who can get injured the most. My latest was a broken wrist in August and hers was a sprained ankle in September. They have been threatening us with bubble wrap. So, Linda got a boot made out of bubble wrap, and I got a glove!!! Both were made by Deb. They were very ingenious.

Our Wednesday night YL net took December 24 and December 31 off. We got back on the air the first week in January. It will take us a couple of weeks to get back in the habit of net again.

Our family Christmas was a busy day, as usual. Our daughter, Kelly, and her girls were here. Our son, Michael, N8VAN, and his XYL, Loann, KC8BDV and their children were here, including Sean, KC8OAV and his XLY, Jen, were here from Pittsburgh.

So on that note, I will wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2015. Please let me know how everyone is surviving the winter weather. It is hard to write this column with some help. And please don't think "somebody else" is writing, I can tell you, they aren't!

Blessings to all. 33 and 73, Carole WB9RUS

District 10

Greetings from District 10.

I hope you all have had a good year, and that this one is even better.

I would like to take a moment to recognize all our elder mothers, who, like our World War II veterans, seem to be rapidly passing from our midst. A special salute to Marie, WBØHUC, and her family and friends.

I had a fun Christmas. I (we, my husband and I) got a new toy—a digital TV transmission and reception set. We have been doing ATV (Amateur Television) for years in the analog mode, but just recently a local group has started experimenting with a kind called DVB-T high definition, ham digital TV. It is a European variety of signal that seems to have the ability to pull a perfect picture out of a P2 (on a scale of 0 to 5) picture—one that is barely readable in the analog world. We assembled all the pieces, and got a signal on the air, and received one from a friend across town.

Ah, Yes. Assembled all the pieces. Let's see. The power supply gets connected to the amplifier, the amplifier to the transmitter, the receiver to the TV, and both of them have their antennas... and all of them have spaghetti.

Does anybody else have a thing about spaghetti control? I consider Velcro to be one of the great discoveries of the twentieth century. In our house, we have a small non-mobile station, consisting of a couple radios and the computer. Most of the rest of our equipment lives on shelves in the garage in mobile packaging, ready to go out. In a permanent installation, you can usually adjust cable lengths and cord lengths so that there is little extra; in a portable installation, we need to have flexibility for a variety of set-up layouts. When we use a set of equipment in the house, we usually arrange it on a card table, or else the kitchen table. I find that trouble shooting (usually a loose connection somewhere) is much easier if the spaghetti is well controlled. Not only that, I feel much better organized!



Doshia, KBØNAS

Cheryl, NØWBV writes: Well we finally are getting things back together. Buried radials and hidden coax are now the norm. Need to be able to let the nieces and nephews run around the back yard. Colorado has a lot of spring and fall lightning, so that was the next thing to work on and so we got a lightning box. Cross your fingers we got things hooked up the right way! Still have the vertical and don't forget the loop and SALA so we can hear things. It doesn't help if you call and can't hear them call you back. HI HI

Here's the biggie though we finally have a beam. Hopefully I can remember the nets in time so I can try it out. And I actually helped not only with the building, but also the installation. Kinda fun actually. Got to get on the roof and we have two stories.



Cheryl, NØWBV helping put up the new beam.



The funny thing is that most of the neighbors haven't even noticed it up there. Of the only two who did, one said "Cool" and the other, "Oh, that's the antenna you were talking about putting up."

I have also been hunting for YLs for my YLCC, YL-WAS and just to see how many of us are out there! Been finding them, too, so very happy about that.

I am also excited to see how many YLs are coming to the International DX Convention in Visalia, CA. Not just the YL of a licensed ham, but many of us with our own callsign! Look for more on Visalia in next issue's District 6 column!

33 & 73

Cheryl, NØWBV

What are you doing for the year to come? What makes you crazy, and what satisfies you? Please, Please, PLEASE send me anything you would like to share with your fellow YLs: dkretke@msn.com or kb0nas@arrl.net .

33 and 73,

Doshia, KBØNAS

District KL7

Hello to all YLs in Alaska, I hope you all are doing well this winter, and the weather doesn't keep you down too badly. Today isn't too bad though, I notice its around 31* in Anchorage. Honestly I can handle that. Anything below zero though would be a little much for this NW mainlander. I should try a winter up there someday though and see how I do. This though would be a great time to get on the radio and see what contacts you can make. You're indoors anyway. After all, this is the cold time of year for you. Following is a list of some of the HF nets. Why not try and get on one of them?

- Alaska Sniper's Net: 3.920 MHz 6:00 PM daily
- Alaska Bush Net: 7.093 MHz 8:00 PM daily
- Alaska Motley Net: 3.933 MHz 9:00 PM daily
- ACWN (Alaska CW Net): 3540 kHz, 7042 kHz, 14050 kHz Non-directed, CW calling and traffic watch for relaying NTS of other written traffic.

AL7N monitors continuously. Receivers always on WL2K. (RMS connection available (AL7N@winlick.org)

- Alaska Pacific Net: 14.292 MHz 8:30 AM M-F
- ERC HF Net: 3.880 MHz—Sunday 8:30PM



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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.
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CERTIFICATE NUMBER 001

Carolyn Donner
YLRL CERTIFICATE MANAGER

01/07/2015
DATE

2015 YLRL FAVORITE LOCATION CERTIFICATE RULES

The 2015 YLRL certificate will be called the **2015 YLRL FAVORITE LOCATION HOBBY CERTIFICATE!**

For this certificate you will need to have a QSO with 15 YL's and find out what their all-time favorite location in the world is. I'm asking for a city and country / state / province here. It doesn't have to be in your own country, but can be. It can be where you live now. It could be some place you visited as a child, or as an adult. For instance, did you spend part of your summer vacation from school on your grandparents farm outside of London, England? Did you once visit Paris, France and loved it? Did you live in Cleveland, Ohio? It can be anywhere from Berlin, Germany to Berlin, Kentucky (yes, there is a Berlin, KY). Anywhere you think of as your favorite place in the world. How do you determine if a place was your favorite? Well, it might be some place you lived; or someplace you went on vacation; or someplace you passed through while going someplace else. It could be a place that had beautiful scenery; or a place with no scenery at all. It could be a place where you felt at home because the people were friendly; or a place where there were no people and you enjoyed the peace and quiet. I can't tell you what would make a place your favorite. It might just be where you live right now. Any place you feel is your favorite is fine. You don't have to explain why it is your favorite, but I think it might be fun to share those memories if you feel comfortable sharing over the air. It's not necessary to share why to get the certificate, but it might be fun to hear about others impressions of the world around us.

Here are the rules for this new award ...

1. You must pick a location you would say is your favorite.
2. Talk to YL's and tell each other what your favorite location in the world is.
If you don't have a favorite location, just choose a location you have been to. You don't have to be specific other than to say a city and state or country or Province.
3. You will need to collect 15 locations. All 15 locations must be different.
4. You will need one YL for each location. You can only use a location once. You can also only use a YL once.
5. All contacts must be made during the 2015 year (January 1 - December 31, 2015).
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 locations 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 LOCATION.
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).

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My OM and I have our 40th anniversary coming up in a couple months. :) Who would have thought!! :) :) We're going to San Francisco for a week. That's a real treat for me because it's my favorite city. I love going and walking all over. I also love the tours we can do through the city library. Volunteers do the tours. You get people showing you things that do it just because they love the city. Very cool! So I'm excited to go.

We are working on getting a new antenna up. It's exciting because where we live I have a hard time getting on. I'll be ordering it in the next week or so and hopefully get it up in a month or so. Once it's up I should have a much better chance of getting more contacts. I really want to start up again and this is the time to do it.

Happy 2015! 33, Marilyn. AF7BI

Youth Column

Dear YLs,

Brandon, KF5NYQ, emailed me about the K1N Navassa DXpedition. He is a new youth ham and a pilot who wants more youth to be working this DXpedition. This DXpedition starts on January 29th 2015 and goes until February 16th 2015.

Going on the K1N Navassa website, www.navassadx.com, I found some wonderful information about this great opportunity. Their whole goal is to work with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to access the Desecheo and Navassa islands for this Amateur Radio DXpedition. This is a once in a 32-year opportunity and this is a number 1 most wanted entity! It has been 22 years since the last K1N operation and they will not operate there in Navassa for more than 10 more years.

I believe getting more youth (and more YLs) to work these different and most wanted DXpeditions is such a great thing to publicize.

Thank you,

Maria Lysandrou, KD9BUS

ED. Note: Make sure if you are 17 or under that you send Maria news to let us know what the YL Youth are doing!

VE News

Long range forecast for the west coast of Canada this winter is for "Warmer and Wetter" weather which is just fine with me. No shoveling and no icy roads to navigate. Just getting into my winter wood supply and enjoying the warmth of my wood stove in the afternoons and evenings. Been browsing in the local library and have several good books to read. Art Gallery has several shows this coming winter and our little theatre is in full swing. Christmas season is over and winter is settling over Vancouver Island. Time to sit back and arrange QSOs with friends and contacts with YL Nets.

Pat, K7DUC, has stepped into the void left when Martha, KØEPE, became a SK and is doing a super job of keeping the Tangle Net on the air for us all. Hopefully, propagation will improve and many more YLs will find the time to check-in.

Grandson, Liam, came home from Southern Utah University to participate in the Canadian Cross Country race on the mainland. He is well on his way to being selected for Team Canada again this year. He returned to SUU to hit the books, write exams and then we saw him again at Christmastime. Young people, these days, are so fortunate to have so many opportunities open for them. My very best wishes to one and all. I hope 2015 will be a super year for everyone.

33 Suzanne, VE7IM

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: Had the whole family here in town for Grey Cup (our Canadian Football finals) this last weekend so we had a great family gathering. The game was a good one too. An early snow fall in mid November but only a couple of inches which has stuck around longer than I expected. The bird feeders have been busy. Not sure where the family will gather for Xmas. Golf Golf finished

for me in late October so now, until spring, it's the gym for a bit of exercise. Hope everyone enjoys their Christmas holidays and may the New Year bring peace.

33 Elizabeth, VE7YL

Helen, VA1YL, writes: It has been quite calm and peaceful around this QTH since September. No trips further than the city (60 miles)! I have been able to get on to the CLARA Nets pretty regularly. Conditions have varied from wonderful to dreadful but I think more often good.

Meanwhile, the OM has been doing some upgrades in the ham shack. We have a new linear, an Ameritron AL80B, replacing the home brew he built in the 80s. It works fine and we have been testing it out by working quite a few «new ones».

I worked the YL in the Falklands on several bands. When we put the addition on this QTH, we put the radio room on the main floor, not far from the kitchen. As a result, I can hear the OM in the background when he is on the air. I can tell when he is after a new entity, and I drop what I am doing to give it a try. I love having the station above ground. In the old QTH when someone asked what the WX was I had to stand up and move the curtain to peer out. Our station now has 4 windows. I often see eagles soar overhead while I talk on the radio and I can easily tell what the WX outside is! All the best for you all in 2015!

33 Helen VA1YL

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: Just a little note to let you know how our year is drawing to a close. September saw the wrap-up of our camping square dance season and the beginning of our winter dance season (Sept to May). On Friday the 26th of September, the weather was beautiful so Doug, VE3VS; Bev, VA3DBQ; and I set out on Bev's houseboat to try and Activate»Fox Island«, a small island in Lake Simcoe, the only one in the lake not yet activated.

It took us an hour to get there and we were set up shortly after noon. We made 10 contacts on 20m and 31 contacts on 40m, for a total of 41 contacts. It takes 25 contacts to activate an island, so we had no trouble. This was my first time doing this and it was great fun. Doug and I did all the operating since Bev was mic-shy. We took her out to dinner to thank her for letting us use her boat.

October 18th was our Fall Fantasy square dance which was well attended and fun was had by all. The following Friday (24th) was our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We held an open house on Saturday 1 to 2 pm, family dinner and an evening square dance with about 125 dancers joining in our celebration—great party and a memorable celebration. Also had a great visit with friends and relatives that we hadn't seen for a while.

Saturday, November 1st was our Club's Hamfest in Markham. Another good day but the attendance seemed down a little from last year.

May all your wishes come true in 2015. 33, Heather VE3HQH

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: Her daughter Janet, N9ZKU, came to Toronto on December 10th to celebrate an early Christmas, in spite of a major snowstorm that was only in Toronto that day. How could that be? Well, I can't explain it but they had a clear highway until half an hour outside Toronto. Then, it was blinding snow, no visibility and a million cars traveling slower than you could walk. But, they got here and we are having a wonderful time as I write this.

This year, I decided not to send cards and donated instead to a *Breakfast for Learning* program that feeds elementary school children breakfast in areas of need across Canada. I hate to think of children going to school hungry. So if you expected a card from me, please think of the children who are being fed instead.

I do hope that each one of you had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy and Healthy New Year. 33 Ann, VE3HAI

Well, I'm late as usual. I sometimes think that the forgetter is getting slower. Either that, or ---no won't go there.



Elizabeth, VE7YL (2nd from left) and Family.

Here in Moose Jaw, we have had some nasty weather, temp wise it's been fine, it's just those nasty Northwest winds. So, my new favorite saying is "The best part of winter is when it's over". Hopefully sooner, rather than later.

We had a lovely quiet Christmas, with only our eldest son over. New Year's Eve was just Harv and I, and the days of getting dressed to the nine's, staying out until all hours of the morning, getting up early, early on Jan 1st to watch the Rose Bowl Parade are long gone. Instead, I had a lovely long soak, got into my warm fuzzy jammies, put a good movie in the DVD player, had a glass of wine, and was in bed by 11:30, said good night and Happy New Year to Harv, see you in the New Year. Yep, works for me.

So this year I am "trying" to work out on the treadmill and the stationary bike every day except Saturdays as that is the day I do baking. I've done pretty well, only missing 2 mornings on the treadmill. Trying to get my girlish figure back is a no-no, but trying to maintain my matronly stature is about all I can do. Besides, we are not the party animals that we were when we were younger, and we really don't stray far from home in the winter. So as long as the sweatpants and old jeans still fit without getting into bigger sizes, then I am doing ok. At least I am walking in the winter which if done on the outside can be very painful, and inside, I can watch The View and be comfortable.

Ok, they say spring is supposed to be March 20th. I will believe that when I see green grass starting. With my luck we will get a big dump of snow on the 17th. Oh well, not much we can do about the weather, except talk about it.

That's it from the frozen north. Take care and stay well.

33 to all.....Val VE5AQ

DX Column

Dear YL Friends,

Out with old in with the New Year and we hope for good health, happiness, adventure and excellent conditions for our radio contacts. I thank you all for the many contacts and mail you given me. My DX has been DX-YL net and my Swedish net and Andaman Island VU4KU and V84YL Ruth in Brunei with the YL team.

I got on Echolink in December something I had said I wouldn't do, was not Ham radio. Then as I looked into it and know only Hams can be on it and it gives a way to stay in contact for many who can't have antennas and radio at home.

Also there are nets to check into here in USA and in Canada and I will today check in for first time the Canadian VE3TTT at 21:30 UTC every first and 3d Wednesday.

I have to say it was complicated to get on and without my Oms help I might not be on. Google ECHOLINK and there they take you step by step how to get on. Do try it; we want to be connected anyway possible.

It will not replace DX-ing on the radio but it will keep me connected to many of you who otherwise can't be on the radio and even when conditions are bad we can continue on echo link.

I check the list for upcoming DX on NG3K.com regularly and Heard Island Nov.14-Dec.22 will be on a new for me. I remember working DX with a dipole hanging in the ceiling in my living room and with 100w; I worked many new DX country, just rolling dial looking, no computer then. That was working radio and a thrill that I was heard.

The Brunei DX- expedition, V84YL, with Walli, DJ6US; Evelyne, F5RPB; Ruth, IT9ESZ; Mio, JR3MVF.

Last year, an old dream of mine came true: The idea of making an YL-meeting in Brunei.

During the SYLRA-meeting 2013 in Copenhagen, I told Mio, JR3MVF about my idea and I was surprised that she knew lots of BDARA members in Brunei.

She was fond of the idea, too, and went on to ask them in Yokohama, at the Sea net Convention. The joy was great when she got back to me a couple of weeks later with an invitation; we were to be QRV over there.

Mio, Ruth, Evelyne, Walli





V84YL et SEANET 2014 BALI

and I came together in Kuala Lumpur where we stayed two nights and enjoyed some sightseeing. From there, it took only two hours to fly to Bandar Seri Begawan.



V84YL antenna

At the airport, we were surprised and enlightened by a very warm and handsome welcome from members of the BDARA who took us to the hotel. The shack was in close distance, just about a hundred meters away. It was a caravan with air conditioning named "Porta Cabin". The ground belonged to the local youth Center; it was surrounded by the parking lot of a big supermarket. Furthermore, the station offers a 23 m tower featuring a 3-element-yagi, Mosley and Yaesu FT950 receivers 100 watts.

You can imagine that Mio, Ruth, Evelyne and me wanted to activate V84YL as soon as possible. As luck would have it, the joy didn't last long, of course: Just after an hour, torrential rain brought all our efforts to a halt. As a result, the station had to be shut down. A shutdown was to happen a few times, due to rain and

lightning.

Being QRV in Brunei, you'll mostly hear Japanese stations. Receiving Europe and the USA are difficult, but when we did, there was a huge pile-up.

Besides all that radio talk, we had a great time. The Brunei OMs and YLs took care of us all the time. We were invited to their homes, and we also joined them for a nice water-cruise around town. It was a pleasure to visit Johnny, 9M8DB at his house in Miri, Malaysia. His XYL brought us to a special longhouse 3 hours away.

The time in Brunei passed quickly. Concerning the Sultanate of Brunei, most "regular" people don't know it's a very small place on the Northern coast of Borneo with a population of around 409,000.

We're certainly happy that we got the chance to get to know it. The people made it an unforgettable experience for all of us.

On November 12, we went with a group of around 25 Brunei people to join the SEANET Convention in Bali.

Walli, DJ6US writes: I wish you HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015, good health and pleasure with our hobby.

The trip to BRUNEI DARUSSALAM was very interesting, we were a good team and the OM's and YL's from there were very kind. Walli, DJ6US has 2292 QSOs in the log

After the week in Brunei we went with 26 persons from Brunei to the SEANET 2014 Meeting in Bali, where we have met some YLs from Japan (Noriko and Ton) we had nice time in Bali.

Evelyne, F5RPB sends us this: A New Year and I thank you for renewing your membership for 2015, as I send out membership card via e-mail, do respond with some news from your country and also let me know what you like to see in this column. Any changes in addresses or e-mail send it.

I thank the Sponsors and let me know if you can sponsor a DX-YL there is always YLs who need sponsor. Many have lost their sponsor to SK.

Friendship starts right away if not via radio it can be via e-mail or now echolink.

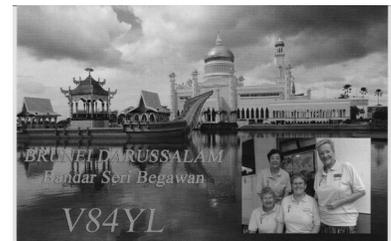
It certainly wasn't easy to schedule the time-frame, since we wanted to participate at the SEANET Convention afterwards. But anyway, the date we settled on was November 5. Meanwhile, each one of us acquired her V8/ home call sign. The special call sign V84YL was given to us in October.

Some members of the group were Evelyne, F5RPB; and Ruth, IT9ESZ.

After the Malaysian airline disasters, we tried to change the reservation for our flights. Evelyne had no luck. Ruth, Evelyne



*F5RPB JA1HLZ DJ6US
IT9ESZ*



The V84YL QSL Card

I wish you a Happy Valentine and a Happy Easter and good DXing.
33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM chas2rm2.va@embarqmail.com

Website Report from Webmaster Val, VE5AQ

On behalf of Yvonne ZR6TBL and myself we want to wish everyone a Very Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

The website is doing well, and I am a bit slow at getting more photos on. I have 1 page of photos of the 2014 Convention in Vancouver, WA, and I am hoping I can put a couple more pages on. I have the CD of the pictures, it's just finding time to do it. I also have the CD's from Cheryl of other Dayton years, and other DXpeditions, but before I put them on, I had to change all the pictures that were on from .png to .jpg. I know the boss told me that pngs took too much space, and I didn't listen to her. Bad mistake. Anyways, the pictures that are now on the YLRL site are all .jpg so now I can start putting on more.

Other than that, nothing else to report, please keep your article and photos coming, it's what keeps the website fresh.

33 to all

Val, VE5AQ

Where will you be in 2015?

YLRL is looking for news! Send us your information on YL Tables, DXpeditions and YL events. Already in the calendar are YL events, tables and forums at the Dayton Hamvention®, SeaPac, Boxborough and many more.

Do you need Brochures and Harmonics for your event? Just let the Editor know about six weeks in advance to allow for printing and mailing. Requests for lots of 25, 50 and 100 include Brochures, Back issues of *YL-Harmonics* and Membership Applications.

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Scholarship Information De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

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Changes and corrections

Evelyn, F5RPB: address change 575, Chemin de Saint Jean
Same place just new address she said.

My mother **Lafonne (Foncey) Taylor NØFT** is now living in Assisted Living in Laramie, Wyoming, but I want to maintain her membership in YLRL. We had to sell most of her equipment, but she still has a small hand held and a 2-meter rig in the corner of room where she can connect to the local repeater and check in on the net the local ham group does each week.

Katie Morgan

The Tuesday Buckeye Belles net has the wrong Net Control. The NCS given W8RZN is an OM. They are working on getting us the correct NCS.

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