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President's Message de Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI

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I have heard that there are many of you going to different ham fairs around the country to promote YLRL. I hope you realize how much of an impact those tables have for YLRL. We got back from SEAPAC (at Seaside, OR) a while ago. I man the table there. I do the same thing at Field Day. It's amazing how many women and also men are interested in knowing more about YLRL. We're getting good publicity through those of you that set tables up. Thank you for manning the tables and letting so many others know about YLRL.

Don't forget the DX/NA YL contest is coming up in Oct. I'm going to be on and see how many contacts I can make! Go to the website and check out all the information on the contests we have. You may just find you're a real contester.

I want to welcome our new Youth Chairwoman, Eva Knapple, N5EVA. She is from Oklahoma. She has agreed to be our youth chair and I'm very pleased to have her part of YLRL. Welcome Eva!

SEAPAC 2018 (the Northwest's largest ham fair) is the first weekend of June and is held in Seaside OR. I have the honor of being there every year at the YLRL table and I get to talk to all the women, and YLs that come by to find out about YLRL. We have a YL Luncheon every year with a speaker. This year Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI, YLRL President, spoke on the history of YLRL. There were 28 YLs present to enjoy the luncheon and listen to Marilyn speak. Besides the luncheon there was also a YL forum, with speakers Barbara Yasson, AC7UH, YLRL Vice President; and Linda Ford, AA6MR. They spoke on their experiences with county hunting.

So if you're on the west coast somewhere and would like to come to SEAPAC check out SEAPAC.org. You have a year to plan for the next event.

33, Marilyn, AF7BI



*Marilyn, AF7BI
Barbara, AC7UH
at SEAPAC*



Vice President's Message de Barbara Yasson, AC7UH

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2018 DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest

The second YLRL contest of the year will be the DX/Monday October 8. Plan to get on the air and participate. It is a YL-only contest, so you will be calling to make contacts with other YLs. DX YLs will be looking to make contacts with YLs from North America and the North American YLs will be looking for contacts with DX YLs. Check out the YLRL.org website for the contest rules under Contests and DX Awards / DX/NA-YL Contest.

If you like to contest, this is a good contest to make contacts with YLs on the air. For those of you who prefer working YLs, this is the contest for you, as all of your contacts will be YLs.

If you like to get on the air to earn awards, this contest is a good opportunity. Any YL working the contest can get contacts for the YL Century Club (YLCC) by working the YLs in the contest. The DX YL Certificate might be one you can earn just working the contest with 25 DX YL contacts. The YL DXCC certificate would be tougher in the contest as it is 100 countries; if you have not started work on YL DXCC this is the contest to get started.

If you are part of a YL club or group of YLs who like to get on the air, the group- or club can participate in the contest using the club call or one of the call signs from the group of YLs. There is safety in numbers as well as fun when you are part of a group participating in a contest; any individual from the group can get on the air, but does not have to make all of the contacts.

Put that first weekend of October on your calendar then get on the air and find the YLs in the DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest.

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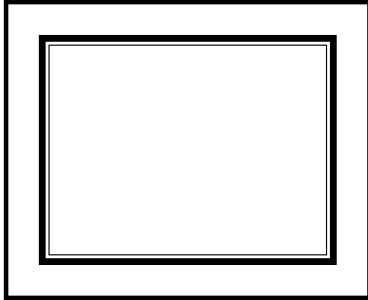
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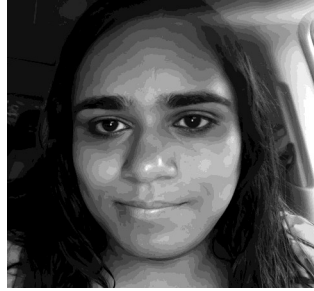
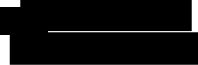
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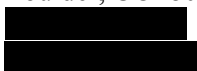


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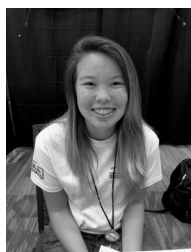
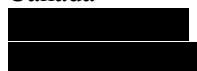
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New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WB1ARU

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Thanks to the YLs who promoted YLRL at Hamvention, Sea-Pac, and Ham-Com, we can welcome all these new members! We are glad you joined us and hope to make a contact with you soon.

DISTRICT 1

Elaine Hohmann NQ1H

[Redacted]

Elaine holds an Extra license and is a PM. She is somewhat active on all bands. She is called "New Hampshire Queen" on the air. Dave, NR9T, is a family member.

Alisha Clark AC1EW

[Redacted]

Alisha holds an Extra license. She is active on 40 and 20m. Karen, KC1JUL, is a family member.

Karen Sullivan KC1JUL

[Redacted]

Karen holds a Technician license and is a family member with Alisha, AC1EW.

DISTRICT 3

Pamela Saalbach KC3LCX

[Redacted]

Pamela holds a Technician license and is studying for her General. She wants to be able to work DX.

DISTRICT 4

Shirley McCauley KC3FHJ

[Redacted]

Shirley holds a General license and is Retired. She is somewhat active on 2 m. She heard about YLRL from Fionnbarra, EI4GOB, OM of Ceallach, KG7GPC.

Linda Fox KM4GSF

[Redacted]

Linda holds a General license and is a Retired Science Teacher. She is a member of York County ARS and is active on uhf/vhf.

Hillary Ramsey KN4KCE

[Redacted]

Hillary holds a Technician license and is a Paramedic. She is a member of York County ARS and is active on 2 m.

Karin Anne Johnson K3UU

[Redacted]

Karin Anne holds an Extra license and is a Retired Electrical Engineer. She is active on 40 through 10 m and likes to contest, most ARRL DX contests and CQWW. She enjoys homebrew projects and old equipment.

DISTRICT 5

Becky Elam KI5AHF

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Becky holds a Technician license and is a Disability Coordinator. She just got licensed and is active on 2 m. She joined at Ham-Com.

Heidi Boutwell KG5ZAU

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Heidi holds a Technician license and is a Civil Designer. She is a member of Denton Co. ARA where she is a net control and net logger. Madison, KG5ZAO, is her daughter.

Madison Boutwell KG5ZAO

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Madison holds a General license. She is the daughter of Heidi, KG5ZAU.

Mary Peters KG5DLQ

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Mary Holds a Technician license and is a Medical Librarian. She is a member of Keller CERT. Rick, KB5EG, is a family member.

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Joann holds an Extra license and is a Retired TV Cast Member. She is a member of the Ham Association of Mesquite. She is active on most bands and likes to contest and DX.

Barbara-Mary Elaine Forrest KG5ZNI

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

Elaine holds a General license and is Retired. She is a an active member of Denton Co. ARC.

Allyson Wells KE5JBW

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Allyson holds a General license and is a Music Professor. She is a member of ARES and is active with a hospital Em-Comm team.

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Katie holds a Technician license ans is in Telecom. She is a member of Richardson Wireless Klub and is active on 2 m.

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Dee Dee holds a General license and is a Design Engineer. She is a member of South Canadian ARS. Kent, K5NTW is her OM. Her former calls were KG5YRM and K3DDW.

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Vickie holds a Technician license and is a College Student. Although she is not currently active, she has been licensed since she was 9.

DISTRICT 7

Barbara Robertson KI7BR

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Birthday: August 2

Barbara holds an Extra license and is a Social Worker. She is active in ARES and emergency prep. She is a member and Trustee of Oregon Valley ARC. Every other Monday she is net control for the World Wide Friendship Net.

Sylvia Stephens KG7DPN

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Birthday: January 16

Sylvia holds a General license and is Retired. She is active with Clatsop Co. EOC and Warrenton CERT.

Britney Cawrse KI7CZW

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Britney is a stay-at-home Mom. Her hobbies include sewing and cooking. Matt, KF7DVN, is her OM

Rosalyn Rich AE6WT

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Rosalyn holds an Extra license and is Retired. She is a member of Sierra Nevada ARS and QCWA. She is active on most bands and enjoys CQWW and Field Day as well as other contests. Former calls are WN6FDO and KC7ZGO.

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Carly Sabella KE8HSR

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Carly holds a Technician license and is a College Student. She is active on 6 and 2m and is a member of Canton ARC, W8AL.

Rhonda Partin-Sharp KE8IFV

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Birthday: January 8
Rhonda holds a Technician license and is a Writer/Author. She is a new ham, mostly on 6m. She is a member of OH-KY-IN ARS and Queen City Emergency Net. Family members include David, NU8H, and Earl, WE8M.

DISTRICT 9

Emily Ray N9MLE

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Emily holds a Technician license and is a High School student. She is active on 40 and 80m. Her father is Marty, N9SE.

Claudia Hogan KC9MRA

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Birthday: September 20
Claudia holds an Extra license and is Retired. She is a member of Red Cedar RA and TriCounty RA. She is active on 20 and 40 m and enjoys QRP while camping with OM Pat, N9VGT

Avigail Laird W0AVI

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Avigail holds a Technician license and is in Social Services. She is a member of Champaign Co. ARES, Twin City ARC, and participates with SKYWARN and CERT. She is active on 10 and 2m and enjoys Field Day. Chris, K0SIN, is a family member.

DISTRICT 10

Cathy L. Reed KE0RCL

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Cathy holds a Technician license and is Retired. She is active on 2m. She is sponsored by Barb, KD9WAU.

Charlene L. VanWallenghen N0UBR

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Charlene holds a Technician license and is Retired. She is a member of Wichita ARC. Her OM is John, N0UBQ.

CANADA

Carole Ann King VA3WHU

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Carole is a Retail Manager. She is active on 20 and 40m and is a member of Hamilton RC. She enjoys her 4 different radios, including a Flex 3000.

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In Memorium

Former Orange Section Manager, Veteran ARRL Volunteer Sandi Heyn, WA6WZN, SK

Well known former Orange Section Manager Sandra Mae "Sandi" Heyn, WA6WZN, of Costa Mesa, California, died on April 28 after a lengthy illness. An ARRL Life Member, she was 75. Sandi Heyn was the wife of ARRL Honorary Vice-President and past ARRL Southwestern Division Director Fried Heyn, WA6WZO, who relied on her as his trusted assistant. The couple often appeared together at ARRL and other Amateur Radio functions and Sandi Heyn said, "We were joined at the hip". Married 57 years, the Heyns continued as Amateur Radio ambassadors even after their official League service concluded.



In addition to her service as Orange Section Manager from 1983 to 1985, Sandi Heyn served as a member of the ARRL Planning Committee during Vic Clark's, W4KFC, administration, was Orange Section Emergency Coordinator, and President of the Young Ladies Radio League in 1983. She was Orange Section ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator from 1987 until 2003, and she chaired the Orange County Council of Amateur Radio Organizations in 1991 and the Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs in 1992. Sandi Heyn received the ARRL Southwestern Division Meritorious Service Award in 2001.

She was also a US Army Military Affiliate Radio Service (MARS) volunteer, a member of several Amateru Radio clubs in California, and was a Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) Life Member. She regularly volunteered at the ARRL booth and in the Amateur Radio reception during the annual National Association of Broadcasters conventions in Los Angeles.

In accordance with her wishes, Sandi Heyn's body will be donated to science. Services are not planned at this time.

Mary Christian, N8EZL, SK

Dear YLRL President,

Mary Christian, N8EZL, passed away at the end of April, 2018. At the time Mary was Vice-President of TASYL (The Auto State YLs) and I believe she was a member of YLRL. Over the years Mary has been TASYL President and Secretary also and faithful participant of our TASYL Net on Thursday mornings.

We have enclosed a check for \$25.00 to your scholarship Fund at YLRL in honor of Mary Christian.

73, Sylvia Hutchinson

Member News

YL Forum Saturday April 21 at 2018 International DX Convention in Visalia

The YL Forum was held at the 2018 International DX Convention in Visalia, California on Saturday April 21 at 1:00 pm for all YL amateur radio operators and members of YL clubs and groups.



Individual YLs and representatives of YL clubs and groups shared at the forum. The forum was open for all who attend to discuss their interests and activities and ways that we can network together.

A panel of Linda Souder, W6QE, Joan Sieber, N6KIM, Vjolica Belagu, Z61VB, Vicki Zumwalt, N6KLS, and chaired by Gayle Jacobs Olson, K6GO, entertained audience questions. There were interesting questions on a range of issuers such as: historical background infor-

mation and current achievements, issues and challenges that women face in the amateur radio community.

A video of the forum is posted in the YLRL Facebook group and a photo album is posted at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/MCosA8pMfDLziyGF3>

Ladies of the Net Museum Ships Weekend Activation aboard the USS Lucid

On June 2, 2018, Ladies of the Net, hosted by the Stockton Amateur Radio Club, activated the USS Lucid Museum Ship in Stockton, California during Museum Ships Weekend. The participants were Janet Fisher, KK6RXO, Emilia Seiferling, KI6YYT, Jim Seiferling, WA6BET, Carol Milazzo KP4MD and Roger Cain, KI6YYT, who operated CW, SSB and FT8 digital mode on 20, 30 and 40 meters using the USS Lucid Amateur Radio Club call sign N6MSO.

Photo album at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZB6SXCtwAJ7VLSJ62>



The USS Lucid is MSO-458 (N6MSO) is a 173 foot wooden Mine Sweeper “Ocean-Going” that served from 1953 to 1976. It is currently undergoing restoration as a museum ship while anchored about one mile west of the I-5 freeway, on the San Joaquin River in Stockton, California.

At the digital mode station.

Left to right: Jim Seiferling, WA6BET, Carol

Milazzo, KP4MD, Emilia Seiferling, KI6YYT and Janet Fisher KK6RXO

At the 20 meter position. Left to right: Janet Fisher, KK6RXO and Carol Milazzo, KP4MD



Ladies of the Net at May 27 Carmichael Elks ARC Swap Meet - Photo



(Left to right) Ladies of the Net: Sue Mayoff, WA6AGP, Janet Fisher, KK6RXO, Carol Milazzo, KP4MD, Emilia Seiferling, KI6YYT, and Michelle Lynn Wyman, AA6MW, at the ARRL/YLRL booth at the May 27, 2018 Carmichael Elks ARC Swap Meet in Carmichael, California

Photo album at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/7vTL8k3xB7izz6bs1>

Robin, KJ7BI, writes: I requested “Who are you’s?” from the members in my section (7). By asking, I elicited information that all of us might have missed. The first response I received is from Amy, AG7GP, and follows my ‘report.’ We finally had a city-wide (Portland, OR) Neighborhood Emergency Teams disaster exercise to test our skills. I am my team’s designated ham, so I maintained the flow of traffic between myself and an inter-mediator (an amateur who communicates directly with the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management <PBEM>). We ended the exercise on a high note: all traffic reached its destination, we had no “casualties” and there was minimal structural damage in our neighborhood! I attended the annual meeting of The MINOWs (YLs from Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington), which was graciously hosted by Margaret, AE7MB. Margaret lives in Battle Ground, WA, (as does YLRL President, Marilyn, AF7BI), a lovely, rural locality about a 45 minute drive from Portland. I was very happy that I was able to attend the meeting, thanks to Claudia, KL0HI, and her OM Doug, KL0HH. Sadly, public transportation does not yet link Portland and Battle Ground... Doug also made sure that Stephen, my partner, got to attend the MINOW dinner at The Mill Creek Pub in downtown Battle Ground. All of the MINOWs were extremely pleased with the pub’s ambiance and menu, and as a group we vowed to return. I know that many of you are planning your Field Day. I will be joining Multnomah County ARES at a high foot/bike/auto traffic location (hopefully attracting potential new hams) on the Western shore of the Willamette River.

Amy, AG7GP, writes: (Girl Power): Getting licensed and involved with amateur radio has a few layers for me. My husband Robin, N7HAP, and I have been meaning to get licensed for quite some time but life always got in the way. We frequent our family ranch that is off grid with no cell service and needed to be able to have a way to communicate out. We have wildlife, trespassers, wild fires, landslides, and at times just one of us being up there meant we needed to have better communication. Some others in his family were already licensed partly for this reason. We took a class that focused on passing both the technician and general in one sitting. I had the basic concept and question pools down and got sick the week before and took advantage of my time home to look at the extra question pool too. I ended up passing all in one sitting and became licensed 5/3/2017. However, it is mainly due to good memorization. I still struggle with understanding and have yet to find an Elmer that has the time to sit down and help me learn in a manner I can truly understand and absorb the knowledge. That takes me to another layer. Due to years of seizures during my childhood into adulthood I suffer from some learning disabilities. Advancement in medicine led to proper diagnosis of a brain tumor after many years of struggling with daily seizures. This ended the seizures after a 2 year recovery, but I have a poor audio comprehension and memory. I have to do it or see it to process and retain anything new. When I got my ticket, it was life changing. Becoming licensed was a personal feat for me. Even though it had a lot to do with memorization, it still gave me confidence to keep going and not give up. Currently, I try to use the hobby to have fun but to also improve my brain function. I am currently learning CW on my own. A huge challenge with the audio deficits I hold, but the accomplishments I have made so far tell me not to give up. I strongly believe we can always improve our brain function, but until amateur radio I only focused on the

portions of my neuro regions, not so much the weaker points such as auditory. I have been quite surprised how many I have met who have similar stories with certain disabilities such as dyslexia, stroke recovery, Parkinson's, low vision and hearing, etc. This is what I love about it. No matter what your abilities, there seems to be something for everyone. 2017 Field Day with our two local clubs was an amazing event for me. Getting me hooked on HF, meeting some great people, contesting, and it gave me the radio bug. I immediately started getting an HF set up so I could keep it up. My set up is still modest but honestly I enjoy the challenge. I like the 100 watts and a wire style so far, although it's all I have and know! I am getting a little of this and a little of that down several different avenues of radio, still discovering what I enjoy the most. I do local 2m simplex and repeaters, contests, DX, community clubs, etc. So far I enjoy HF phone over everything else. I especially have enjoyed some of the contests as it gives me a script to go by! As a newbie it is sometimes hard to come up with something to say. I am on the Cascade Amateur Radio Enthusiasts board and active as well with Rogue Valley Amateur Radio Club, and a member of W7PRA and of course, YLRL. Outside of radio I am an outdoorswoman. I love the beauty we have here in Oregon especially the forests and high desert. I like to go camping, ranching, bird and wildlife watching, hunting, or just taking it easy. I am a self employed home care/hospice worker, with the intention of helping elderly and disabled stay in their homes as long as possible. I look forward to making contacts with all you amazing YLs out there!

Marianna, W7WFO, writes: Every year on May 18 I make a pilgrimage up to Mt. St. Helens (it is magnificent even with its top blown off). This is the 38th anniversary. About a week before the top was blown off (May 13th) the Clark County Amateur Radio Club sent us up to a "camp" seven air miles west of the volcano to report any activity we saw via 2m. No activity except on the big day. When the unexpected happened, my OM, Ty, W7WFP (now a SK) took seven photos and then we fled in our camper-van. Above us a huge, black, boiling cloud flashed continuously with lightning. Obviously, we made it out but our fellow ham operator, 10 air miles from us, did not (Jerry, W6TQF). Although I'm not on the air anymore, and radio has meant so much to me. Barbara, AC7UH, used her computer to get our story in print. 73 and 33 P.S. I can't make the convention, but made the last one in Vancouver, WA.

Jeanne, KC1DCQ, writes: I've heard from many women who are excited to be/become Radio Operators, who would like to meet others, perhaps become an Elmira....

So, I'm organizing a pot luck picnic for this summer. I have reserved a pavilion on July 21st for the day- (see the attached flyer).

This is meant to be a fun, low key chance to meet, support, learn with other women.

I realize that there is no perfect day/time for everyone and I have not got an exhaustive list that I am emailing to, please share the info, if this doesn't interest you, just let me know and I'll take you off of any future mailings.

I haven't really planned on a lot of organized activities-many had told me that they really wanted to socialize. I will arrange to bring our club's fox/transmitter, so that if some women would like to have a small fox hunt they can. I was thinking that perhaps we could arrange to set up a station (G.O.T.A.) for getting on air. Basically, if anyone would like to do anything special it's fine. We have access to the pavilion from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm, so lots of flexibility for coming and going as folks would like.

Field Day for Franklin County, MA will include our popular G.O.T.A. station run by Anne, KC1CRS. I will be doing hospitality with the intention of having pamphlets and information for the public and we can spend time talking/educational new folks.

I look forward to getting the newsletter, I didn't get the last one.

Anne, WB1ARU, writes: OM Tony, WA1ENO, and I made our annual road trip to Hamvention in May. The weather was warm and a little wet (as usual), but we had a great time. I spent the majority of each day in the YLRL booth which was inside, close to ARRL. It was a high traffic area which gave YLRL more visibility than in many previous years, especially last year. Twelve YLs joined YLRL at Hamvention, including 2 college students and a high school student. One new member is from NH, Elaine, NQ1H.

The YL Forum was held on Friday afternoon and was well attended by around 70 YLs and a few OMs. The featured speakers were Val, KV9L, and Nancy, KC4IYD. Val talked about her time in Puerto Rico after "Maria". Nancy spoke about Girl Scouts and ARISS as well as the NASA Operating Award. There was a bonus presentation by Dave, W8AJR, from the Foundation for Amateur Radio, Dave spoke about the Scholarships that FAR administers, including three funded by YLRL. We also promoted the YLRL Convention in OKC.

The Wednesday Night YL HF Meet-up on Wednesdays at 0100 UTC (summer) has had some participation. We have been only on 14.288 so far, but are thinking of adding a 40m frequency as well.

Field Day is how we celebrate our anniversary weekend, using WA1ENO as 1E EMA with our trusty generator cranking away in the back yard. We will be using our new Flex 6600, as we traded in the 2 year old 6500 at Dayton.

Our next adventure will be a road trip to OKC for the Convention, with stops to visit friends and sight-see along the way.

Brenda, KW1YL, writes: I did not attend Dayton/Xenia. I do plan (hope?) to attend Boxboro. I also plan to attend the fall Nearfest so one way or the other I will meet you before 2018 is over. Summer is really busy as we have all sorts of commitments, but if for some reason both Boxboro and Nearfest go by without us having met we'll have to figure something out at that point.

Rich and I talk every day about our roof. He has made an opening so we can enter the roof through the attic. Today we were figuring out the best way to get a long pole up there considering numerous options with various pros and cons. Some days are action, other days are talking and planning, but we make progress every day towards our goals. I will continue to report significant steps, with pictures if possible.

Every day I work on LCWO. I start each letter at 12 wpm and increase to 20, then add a letter and go back to 12. I'm letting them feed me the letters in the order they think best, and so far I've worked with 23 letters, 6 numbers and 5 punctuations-just 7 more lessons to go. Then I'll start increasing the speed. I still can't read most of the supposedly "slow code" W1AW transmissions or nets on WebSDR. I did hear you transmit your call sign once or twice some weeks ago, because I was listening for call signs I knew.

I am net control on the 442500 SPARC repeater net the first Wednesday of every month at 8pm.

I participate in various UHF nets 4 nights a week, mostly on the SPARC repeater. And of course I participate in the YL net on Echolink on Thursdays.

Rich and I are also working on our project at the local maker space, Make Haven, attempting to run feed lines through a shaft in the 5 story building. There are all sorts of considerations and obstacles to overcome there too: a great challenge!

Those are the highlights of the ham portion of my life right now. Put anything you want in harmonics.

Niece , KA1ULN, writes: Well we finally got through winter. It has been absolutely beautiful here in the Northeast. Fresh, cool air. I need to make sure YLs know where all the YLs are on Amateur Radio. Check out this website: <http://ka1uln.blogspot.com/2018/04/where-to-find-yls-amateur-radio.html>. YLs are VERY active. If you know of any other YL activity please send me information.

Ka1uln@arrl.net.

I did not go to Xenia and this was the year I should have. All the YLs I needed/wanted to be with were there. Maybe next time.

For field day I am planning on working mostly CW at night with PART. (police Amateur Radio Team of Westford MA). I am hoping to do some FT8 at the digital station.

For Vacation I am hoping to do 2 camping trips. I hope to do 1 short 3 night vacation in the northeast and in November I need to be somewhere warm for about 10 days. I look forward to my November trip. Other than vacation and field day, I truly enjoy my ham shack and improving my antennas and building new antennas. Meet me on 28.390 (10 and 6 are ALIVE).

Amber Cole, K4TAC, writes: We recently received this letter from the husband of Janet O'Brien, KB2NNS.

Dear Ms. Laferty,

I am writing for my wife Janet O'Brien who has languished with health issues which preclude her ham involvement. Quite a shock after 53 years but time goes on. Thank you all so much for the good work you do.

Fondly,

Dr. Edward T. O'Brien, Jr. Psy.D., KB2LUG

Such sad news. Her address is correct on QRZ if you would like to send Janet, KB2NNS, a card or letter.

Susie, N8CGM, writes: Pleased to read Rhonda, KE8IFV, is now in YLRL. We both belong to the same Cincinnati amateur radio club and have met there, if briefly. This calls for more contact between us! May/June Harmonics came late last week; last 1/3 of transcription will e-mail to my sole vision restricted client. OM Brad, WD9HDZ, and I are called once more to work a music education event that overlaps Field Day. When music events are better staffed, we hope to return where we belong (hi).

Annette, KC8SQM, was in Hawaii a few months ago with her son. They visited the Pearl Harbor Memorial and several other sites including Kilauea, two days before it started erupting. She was able to leave safely and is back at home.

The Buckeye Belles has a net at 9am every Monday morning on 3.946 Mhz. Please check them out. Doris, WD8IKC, is net control. Nancy, KC4IYD, continues to work the NASA On The Air event with club members at the NASA Glenn Amateur Radio Club. Listen for NA8SA on the air or contact Nancy to schedule a contact. NA8SA will be on the air for Field Day, operating class 1A.



YLRL booth at Clark County ARC Field Day

*From left Pat, KF7MKG,
Margaret, AE7MB
Marilyn, AF7BI*

Changes and Corrections

Niece, ka1uln— New email address: KA1ULN@ARRL.NET

Roberta, w1jx — Corrected email address: BERTDON78@GMAIL.COM

VE NEWS

33 Suzanne, VE7IM, writes: I had a wonderful holiday in England in the month of May. Super weather. England is truly a most green and pleasant land. Wisteria bloomed and cascaded over walls and around doorways. Clematis and Honeysuckle were doing the same. Hawthorn bloomed in the hedgerows turning them white with their flowers. Cow parsley and daisies bloomed on the verges, carpets of bluebells everywhere and brilliant yellow fields of rape being grown throughout the countryside. Breathtaking.

Fran and I flew from Vancouver to Manchester. Friends were there to pick us up and we were whisked off to North Wales. We recovered from our flight and within a day or two were settled with a car and off to start our list of "Things to See and Do". We had a list of Cathedrals we wanted to see which also included historic sites in and around them. Our little Mini Cooper was just the thing and a nippy little car. Fran drove and I navigated. We visited 17 Cathedrals and even added a few Abbeys. We took in sights such as Stonehenge, Woodhenge, Avesbury, Leeds Castle, Lincoln Castle, the Norfolk Broads and the Suffolk Fens.

The Cathedrals we visited were inspiring and in all cases overwhelmingly beautiful. Enormous buildings engineered and erected in the 11th and 12th centuries. Beautiful beyond belief with soaring columns, intricately carved choir stalls and alter screens and walls of stained glass windows. Outside flying buttresses held walls and spires secure and reaching heavenward. They were surprisingly light and airy for such massive structures. We viewed pages of the Magna Carta, saw the 800 year old Winchester bible and, after much searching even found the Lincoln "Imp". Visited Jane Austin's and Edith Clavel's resting places. Explored the crypts and climbed the towers. We arrived at one Cathedral just as an organ recital was about to begin. What luck !! And were lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time to hear a visiting choir, The choir was from Alabama !!! Acoustics were superb, of course...

We visited Fran's old school and also spent 3 days with her sister. Touched base with old friends and relatives along our route. While on the Norfolk Broads we passed through and stopped in the village of Snape !!! An interesting place. Very artsy with a large and busy concert hall. This, of course, warranted the buying of yet one more fridge magnet and sampling some Snape Malting !! We made meals of pork pies bought at stalls in market squares. Light lunches in dainty little tea shops. Indulged in large and tasty pub dinners and had a jolly time chatting with the locals and sampling their favourite brews. It was a delightful trip and one I thought, at my age, I would never make. Some photos attached... I hope you all have a super summer... Suzanne, VE7IM

Merle, VE1VCI, writes: We enjoyed a very mild winter, only two small snow storms but lots of wind. We welcomed our 26th Great-Grandchild in March. Thirteen boys and Thirteen girls. The tie will be broken this coming October.

The strawberry crop looks very promising this year. The farm will feature a corn maze, this year, which should be fun. Farm markets are very popular in Nova Scotia so my son is part of the market with peas, beans, rhubarb, strawberries and low bush wild blueberries.

I am having a tough time getting on any of the YL Nets. My 440 Kenwood is having a difficult time tuning up on any band and propagation is so poor !!! I am discouraged.

I will celebrate my 95th birthday in August. Just finished my 312th Tied Comforter !!

Enjoy the summer. 33 Merle, VE1VCI

Carole Ann, VA3WHU, our newest "VE" member writes: I am an active member of Hamilton Radio Club. And, yes, I have a Yaesu FT DX 1200, Kenwood 450s and Flex 3000. I enjoy cycling, walking and I am still working. I am manager of a family owned delicatessen called Denningers. I have worked for them for over 32 years. I live in Hamilton with my OM and our Cats. Look forward to meeting as many YL's as I can. Check out ONTARS website for upcoming Club events. 73 VA3WHU

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: Hi everyone, glad Winter is over, Spring was short but nice weather now. Today, May 30th, it is 33C probably higher with humidity but I'm not complaining. Hope everyone is well and ready for a lovely Summer. All the trees are in full bloom and the flowers have come up, actually the tulips are dying off.

Well, our dancing has come to an end until the Fall except for a few summer weekend dances and two conventions.

Mother's Day went very well with lots of deliveries and lots of happy mothers. I went to Dayton, Ohio, for the Hamvention and had a great time. OM Doug, VE3VS, Don (cousin), VA3NC, and myself went and met up with a lot of folks we knew. I went to the YL forum, very interesting, didn't see as many YLs that I knew but met some new ones. Weather was a little damp, at times, but it didn't stop us from doing a little geocaching as well. I still need some more "Favourite Songs" for the YLRL challenge, hope to get some before the end of the year.

Last weekend Doug was calling for a camping square dance group near Ottawa and had a great time meeting up with friends we hadn't seen since last year. While down there, we visited with Doug's two sisters and his Mom who will be 98 in July. She's still very active, knits, reads and until last month did quilting. She says the hole in the needle is just too hard to see now.

Not sure what the rest of the summer will hold but I'm sure it will be enjoyable. End of June is Field Day weekend, try and get out and take part. Lots of fun. 33, Heather VE3HQH

Helen, VA1YL, writes: The OM went away in April and toured the Lincoln Highway with a friend. I had a week by myself and a week with my sister. Other than that it has been a quiet spring. Frost threats have been scary - I planted things too early! I think there is no risk now. I have heard that when the lilacs come out it is okay to plant. The lilacs came out this week.

July will be a busy month for us - going to visit our daughter on Round Island, Alaska. We hope to be able to activate the island NA-121. When we get back we need to pack up again to go to Bon Portage Island NA-126 for the IOTA contest. 33 Helen VA1YL

Val, VE5AQ, writes: We had a marvellous time in Fresno, CA. Can't get over the number of flowering shrubs-awesome. Went to Pismo Beach and, yes, do have a picture of me with my feet in the Pacific Ocean. Will put it on the website later.

Right now, packing up the camper so that we can go camping before coming home and starting home renovations

Won't be able to make it to Oklahoma City, not enough time to save up for airfare and hotels etc. Sorry friends. Hopefully the next one will be much closer to home.

Have an absolutely wonderful summer girls. All the best for Convention 2018.

33 Val, VE5ACJ/VE5AQ

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: Spring just whipped by and we are looking at June and Field Day. Our club sets up in a park near the mouth of the Fraser River and I am looking forward to doing some CW operating.

This morning I came face to face with a baby Hummingbird! Have never seen a bird so small before. It was on the golf course and sitting beside the flag on the 8th green. So very tiny and in the line of fire of a golf ball so I took a towel and picked it up and put him/her on the grass close to the green - a friend and I stood looking at it and in came Mum and proceeded to feed it. Mum went off and the baby flew off and followed Mum. Totally amazing and even beats working a new IOTA or new country! Sorry not to have worked Mio or Kay in Bhutan but if you don't hear the station you can't work them can you?? Looking forward to ready about their trip. 33 Elizabeth VE7YL

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: That her life has been a series of amazing adventures recently, proving you are never too old to have fun. In July, she will celebrate her 83rd birthday with the family which is always a wonderful time. This year, the Canmore gang are coming for a week while Janet and Steve will stay for a long weekend. Ann says her family is amazing and always there for her. Barc would be proud of them.

Ann hopes everyone at the Convention has a wonderful time and goes home as reinvigorated, as the CLARA members did from Winnipeg. She wishes everyone a safe and happy summer.

33 Ann ,VE3HAI

DX News

Rose-Marie, KB4RM, writes:

We are having thunderstorms every day here in Houston, glad no antenna to worry about; my portable station is safe inside. Dot has analyzed the chances to get hit below, as she has been hit. Kay has been on a DX expedition, don't we wish all to go on one. I wish you a wonderful summer and winter and don't forget to send news to me or to our editor direct.

Dot, VK2DB, writes: Last year we had one damaging lightning strike on our land and were damaged by a strike on the neighbor's property. I was doing some pondering the other day - what are the chances of our house taking another lightning strike. I sometimes think about this as I await the "third strike", especially when I hear thunder. I decided to try some numbers.

The world has been around for a long me, give or take a few years, about 5 billion years. And, I think it is safe to assume lightning has been around for much of the same time. I'd say it's safe to assume in that period, it's highly likely that every spot on the earth has already been hit. Despite the myth that lightning doesn't strike in the same place twice, I think that what goes to ground will come to ground again. All those spots will be hit again. The world is a big place; in fact it is a bit over 510 million square kilometers. But, hang-on, not everywhere on the earth has lightning strikes, for example, the Polar Regions may have wild storms but lack the conditions to form thunderclouds. There are probably other similar regions. So let's say 110 million of the 510 million don't have any strikes, that round down the strike area of the world to around 400 million square kilometers. Now, assuming that every square meter area of the world has been hit during the life of the world, if I divide them by the area, I should come up with a statistic of the chance of a strike in any one square meter.

$$5,000,000,000 / 400,000,000,000 = 1 / 80,000$$

I interpret this as being a one in 80,000 chance of a strike to any one square meter of my home in any one year. What does this mean? Well, a one in a million chance of anything happening is a real possibility. This is the sort of chance of winning a Lolo or lottery prize. It does happen and it could happen tomorrow. You don't even have to buy a ticket in the lightning lottery. To make it a bit more frightening, if the average block of land is 500 square meters then my figures suggest the possibility of a strike at your home is 1 in 160. Now that is really a real possibility.

The chance of a second strike would be about one in 26,000. That's about twice the chance of being run over by a bus but on the other hand; you are about five times more likely to be involved in a car accident than have a second strike.

The chance of a third strike is in the order of 4 million to one. That is a small chance and I'm four times more likely to win the lottery than have a third strike. As I said before, I'm certainly not an expert in statistics and the above analysis clearly demonstrates that.

So I decided to consult the great oracle of all things - Google. Google came up with some interesting facts. Based on US figures:- The chance of being a lightning victim is one in 700,000. The chance of being struck in your lifetime is one in 3,000. 1 out every 200 houses will be struck each year; I just hope it won't be mine again.

YL Picnic Saturday, July 21, 2018

Northfield, MA



Are you a woman who is also an Amateur Radio Operator?

Are you a woman who is interested in becoming an Amateur Radio Operator?

Come to a picnic and meet each other. This is meant to be a chance for women to get together and meet, support each other and have some fun in the process. We know that there are many

women who are (or are interested in becoming) Amateur Radio Operators.

Did you know that a YL (Young Lady) is a single female operator and an XYL is a married female operator? There is a lot of history to explore.

Many women are taking part in contest, volunteering for Community Events, volunteering with Disaster work....come share how and why you are involved.

We have use of the pavilion at Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center all day (8:30 am to 7:00 pm) on Saturday, July 21, 2018.

Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center
99 Millers Falls Rd.
Northfield, MA 01360

<http://www.h2opower.com/recreation/northfield-mountain-recreation-and-environmental-center/>

If you are interested, have questions-please contact: Jeanne Dodge, KC1DCQ at j.anndodge@gmail.com

MUSINGS

Have been thinking of the right shoulder replacement surgery I went through a year ago. Shoulder is doing great and I urge anyone with shoulder problems to have them evaluated. I'm glad I had it done and didn't put it off.

Also thinking about the 1989 YLRL Convention in Kauai, Hawaii - The 50th Anniversary in the 50th State. At that time there was some volcanic activity going on down on the Big Island and I took a side trip down there to check things out. In college I ended up getting a minor in Earth Sciences. I am fascinated with volcanoes. I had been on the Big Island in 1977 with the OM and wanted to see the changes since then. With the current eruption, and all the photos and maps available via computer, it has been interesting to keep an eye on the situation, look at places and think - Gee, I've been there. The USGS Facebook page has good information and people have been asking questions I hadn't thought of yet. They're answered in a fairly timely manner, too.

Speaking of the OM, even though we divorced back in 1987, we maintained a friendship through the years. It was sad to lose him back in Dec. 2017. Hal Shaberly, WA8LSS, is now a silent key. I think he had let that license expire.

I still feed my birds and photograph them. I've recorded seeing 76 different birds in my yard. I had 2 new ones this spring. My pond is almost an acre in size and brings in migrating ducks in spring and fall. In March I had yard bird # 75 / pond species # 16 - a male Common Merganser with a harem of 6 females. Male mergansers in spring breeding plumage are always a treat to see. A couple of weeks later I was delighted to see species # 76, a Brown Creeper. They're obviously brown and hug the main trunk of a tree, so they don't stand out like a nice bright red male Cardinal! They do like suet, so I had put a suet feeder on the trunk of a tree where I could watch it. It took 3 years but it finally worked.

I also volunteer with Tom, a local master bird bander. Banding birds has been a fascination since the mid 1960s. Being able to hold a bird in your hand, examine it up close, give it a leg band with a number unique to that individual bird, and then let it fly away. Gives me a thrill just to think of it. Only something like 10% of the millions of birds banded worldwide are ever recaptured alive or recovered dead, but the few we do retrieve give us useful data. A couple of years ago we recaptured a male Cardinal that Tom had banded 10 years earlier. That helped reinforce what habitat the Cardinal liked and how long they can live in the wild. The real thrill comes when we capture a bird that someone else has banded. Earlier this spring we caught a thrush that was originally banded in Costa Rica. Now there's a bird that's done some traveling. Tom was beside himself with excitement. He has banded over 39,000 birds at the Springville Marsh State Nature Preserve, South of Fostoria, Ohio, over the past 35 years. He also bands at other locations.

Had been thinking of going to Oklahoma but have now decided to attend the Federation of Genealogical Societies convention to be held in late August in nearby Fort Wayne, Indiana. Some of my former co-workers and genealogy library staff from Arizona will be attending. I haven't been back to AZ in a couple of years so looking forward to seeing some old friends.

August is also the month of the local county fair. Our genealogy club always has a booth and I've volunteered every year except last year. I was still recovering from my surgery and not driving much. We have the books our club has compiled available for sale and other items to explain how to hunt for our ancestors.

It's now been 8 years since I moved back home to Wood County Ohio. Never regretted the move although moving from Phoenix, Arizona to South of Toledo, Ohio has caused some people to question my sanity. It's now been 8 years since I moved back home to Wood County Ohio. I never regretted the move although moving from Phoenix, Arizona, to South of Toledo, Ohio, has caused some people to question my sanity. However, with the reappearance of a couple of skin cancer spots on my face earlier this year, it reinforced why I left the sunny climes of Arizona

Being back in Ohio has also allowed me to reconnect with some cousins, male and female. Being an

only child, it's been nice to have some relatives around. Daughter, Sheri, comes down from Michigan. With the shoulder problems I haven't driven up to Michigan much recently. That might change next year. I found out that in January 2019 I'm going to be a great-grandma! Might wait for better weather in the spring before I drive up there, but I'll have an incentive!

Best wishes to all.

Lee, KB8RT

CERT

I attended the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Community Emergency Response Team also known as CERT Basic Training course. The class was conducted 3-5 May 2018 for a total of twenty hours of combined classroom instruction, hands-on and practical application.

You may be asking about now what is CERT? Well, the CERT concept was developed and implemented by the City of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) in 1985. They recognized that citizens would very likely be on their own during the early stages of a catastrophic disaster. Accordingly, LAFD decided that some basic training in disaster survival and rescue skills would improve the ability of citizens to survive and to safely help others until responders or other assistance could arrive.

Implementing community-based preparedness planning allows us all to prepare for and respond to anticipated disruptions and potential hazards following a disaster. As individuals, we can prepare our homes and families to cope during that critical period. Through pre-event planning, neighborhoods and worksites can also work together to help reduce injuries, loss of lives, and property damage. Neighborhood preparedness will enhance the ability of individuals and neighborhoods to reduce their emergency needs and to manage their existing resources until professional assistance becomes available.

All subjects covered were informative and presented well. Some of the topics that I most enjoyed were Fire Safety and Utility Controls (Ch 2), Disaster Medical Operations (Ch 3) and Light Search and Rescue Operations (Ch 5). The Disaster Simulation was a huge eye opener and learning experience (Ch 9).

During Fire Safety we learned about different types of fires and fire extinguishers then everyone using the team method taught in class put out their own fire. A couple of things that stood out was some fire extinguishers are very large and heavy. Fire extinguishers I learned especially the smaller ones do not have much fire fighting capability.

In chapter 3 the Disaster Medical Operations taught us the importance of Triage with the different categories of injured. It became readily apparent that you will have only a minute or so for each of the injured before you have to move to the next injured person and chances are likely you will find those deceased. It was a hard lesson to learn but one that must be followed to be able to save as many as possible.

The Light Search and Rescue was interesting but also one that was very important because if you are not careful you can become injured or trapped in the debris. Also learning how to properly mark a building that you are searching or had searched is very important in case you get trapped or to save time so others don't waste time searching the same building others had already searched.

The Disaster Simulation even though was only role playing and an exercise was fast and furious with multiple problems to solve. We did have two real world issues (a child got sick after having flashlights and head lights shined at it, possible eye related – we hope not) and nearly a second that got headed off in time before it became serious (one of the students an instructor saw was having problems and appeared to be overheated which they pulled to the side and got the student cooled down).

The CERT Basic Training 20-hour course should be mandatory for everyone in high school. It is that good of a course and that important so you can assist not only during a disaster, but in many everyday situations that you may find yourself involved in.

Note: Two of the instructors were YLs one which was a Fire Chief. There is nothing much harder than being a firefighter not to mention being a Fire Chief. Ladies just put your mind to whatever you want to do or be and make it happen.

33, Eva, M5EVA
Youth Chair

DX-PEDITION TO THE KINGDOM OF BHUTAN



In October, 2017, I received an email from my friend Kyoko “Mio” Miyoshi, JR3MVF, who told me she was going to Bhutan with two OMs from her radio club and asked if I would like to join them. Of course, I answered “Yes!” immediately! It was the right decision because it turned out to be the trip of a lifetime!

This was the seventh trip for the two OMs, Junichi Tojo, JH3AEF, and Jusei Kitai, JA3IVU, and they had already found a perfect location to operate, on the top of a mountain. They brought all the equipment needed, including the antennas. They were licensed as A52AEF and A52IVU, and Mio and I were issued A52YLM and A52YLE,

respectively, as well as the club or group call A52YL, which we could both use.

The only way visitors can enter Bhutan is to work through a government licensed travel agency. Since the two OMs had a long-standing relationship with an agency, making all the travel arrangements and decisions was very easy.

Essentially, our plan was to meet at the Bangkok Airport about 5:00 a.m. for our 6:50 a.m. flight to Paro, Bhutan, on Sunday, April 29. We would arrive in Paro about 10:00 a.m. that morning, where we would be met by our tour guide Ugyen, and our driver, who would be with us throughout our stay. We would then drive to Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan and do a bit of sightseeing and then drive up the mountain to our hotel, where we would stay and operate until May 5.

Landing at Paro is an experience to remember because there are mountains surrounding the airport, and the terminal is unique. My first emotion when I came out of the plane was just pure joy because the air was so fresh and clean and the scenery was breathtaking, in every direction.



Ugyen soon got us and all the equipment and luggage loaded into our van, and we headed for Thimphu. Along the way, he told us that the population of Bhutan is 700,00 and 100,000 people live in Thimphu. What he didn't tell us, but I had already begun to see, is that the people of Bhutan are very kind, friendly, and exceptionally helpful to others. English is taught from elementary school onward so there was no language barrier.

As soon as we reached the hotel, preparations to get on the air started immediately. The only band that was open for SSB was 20 meters, and our first QSO was at 1201 UTC. Asia and Europe were strong while there was propagation, and we also worked several North American stations, with some difficulty. Three Brazilian stations were worked, but no one else from South or Central America was heard. We worked steadily until the band closed, and this became our regular routine. Even though we only had

propagation from 3 to 5 hours each evening, we were very happy to have that, with the current state of affairs!



We didn't hear as many YL stations as we would have liked, but I did work two CLARA members, Diane, VE7XYL, and Bobbie, W1JX! I was so happy to hear them calling in the pile-ups!

During the daylight hours, FT8 was the primary mode used on 6 meters through 40, and there were 10 CW contacts on 17 meters—8 with Japan and 2 with Europe. Our total contacts numbered 2,217, and over 800 were on SSB. It was a wonderful time and place to be on the air! Bhutan is listed among the 100 most wanted countries in the world, and while we didn't do much to change that fact, we did have a good time trying!

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style, and the food was always good. On the last night of our stay, the staff surprised us with a party, including a delicious chocolate cake, with our call signs on it!

The weather was pretty cool as we were over 10,000' up on the mountain, but we were expecting this and had brought warm clothes. At times when there was no propagation, we would gather around a big stove with a roaring wood fire that was in the restaurant.

We were the only guests staying in the hotel most of the time, and the manager and his staff of seven young women and a young man took very good care of us. All our meals were served family style, and the food was always good. On the last night of our stay, the staff surprised us with a party, including a delicious chocolate cake, with our call signs on it! I only saw one small slice of Bhutan, and there is so much to explore there. It is the only country in the world that has a negative carbon imprint as it absorbs three times more carbon than it emits, which is due to its exceptional environmental policies. It's especially notable because of the pollution in countries that border it.



Tourists were not allowed into Bhutan until the 1970s because such a high value is placed upon maintaining their own unique culture. I would encourage you to look into Bhutan's history and maybe consider a trip there in the future. It is truly "The Happiness Kingdom in the Clouds"! And don't forget your radio!

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1. Check to make certain you are sending logs to the CURRENT Vice-President.
 2. Logs must be postmarked no later than 30 days after each contest ends.
 3. Scoring:
 4. Phone and CW contests will be scored separately. Separate logs must be submitted for each contest.
 5. One point is earned for each different station worked on each band. The same station may be worked on different bands. In the YL-OM contest only, YLs count OMs and OMs count YLs.
 6. Multiplier will be the ARRL sections and/or DX countries, whichever is appropriate. Canadian provinces are counted individually. Multipliers are used only once on all bands when figuring the score.
 7. Contestants running 5W or less will be considered QRP and earn a power factor of 3. Contestants running 5W to 100W will be considered low power and earn a power factor of 1.5. Contestants running over 100W will be high power. If no transmitter power is listed on logs, no power factor will be given.
- Total scored claimed is calculated by multiplying the points times the multiplier times the power factor.

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1. All logs must show the operator's ARRL section, VE province, or country to qualify for awards. Where applicable, logs must state whether or not the operator is a member of YLRL. For each QSO, logs must also state the power output. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet.
 2. Please type or print. If you print a log from a logging program or photocopy your log book, be sure they include all the required information.
 3. Logs must be signed and show claimed score. No logs will be returned.
- Entries in log must also show time, band, date and transmitter power.

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Station worked, QSO number given and received, RS(T) given and received, and section/province/country.

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