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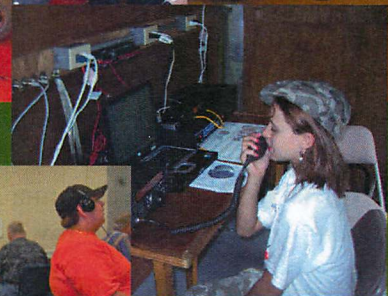
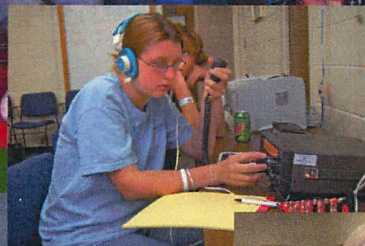
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Thank you Wendy Chang, BV2RS for your friendship donation to the YLRL Scholarship Fund.

We are sorry to report that the YLRC of LA has disbanded. The members voted to donate money in their treasury to the YLRL Scholarship fund.

Sincere thanks to Wendy and to all the members of YLRC of LA for helping with the scholarship fund. It is gratefully appreciated

Be a part of our future! Help support the YLRL Scholarship Fund.

*Marte K0EPE*

Southern Mississippi YLs  
By Betty Jo Byrd KB5CSQ

Southern Mississippi YLs worked their very first field day with the Magnolia DX Assn. The YLs worked the GOTA station for Saturday and Sunday for most them it was the first time on the HF band.

The ladies were all on time for their scheduled time to operate and were very nervous and excited at the same time. We did disrupt the other operators at times with cheers and clapping when one of the YLs would make a contact.

The 10-meter bands were not in the best of conditions but the ladies gave it their best. This group of YLs has only been organized since May 2007, which started as a 2 meter net once a week and a dinner once a month. We started this group with nine ladies we now have twenty-four, seventeen attending field day and ten operated.

The list of operators Gene KE5MVZ, Mary Ann KC5VBZ, Karen KE5MVR, Melany N5UCD, Barbara KD5BXX, Jana Rocker KK5DNA, Candy N5UDO, Sue KA5WLD, Yvonne KE5OFT and Jamie who is studying for her license. We had two ladies that worked extra hard trying for the extra points if worked 20 contacts.

Remember I said earlier the bands were not in the best condition well Mary Ann KC5VBZ was at the controls from 5:20 pm till 11:30 pm and finally got 20 contacts she was calling CQ on 10 meters. Also Barbara KD5BXX called CQ Sunday morning trying for her 20 contacts and we ran out of time with her count being 19 contacts. I being the GOTA station coach can tell you they did a very fine job and I am very proud of all of them. The loggers for the ladies were Gene KE5MVZ and Sue KA5WLD. We also had walk in operator an 8yrs old, 13 yr old, 17 yrs old.

The ladies not only operated radio they also supplied very delicious casseroles, salads, fried fish, baked red fish on the grill, baked beans and desserts for Field day. Thanks to Gene, KE5MVZ and OM Jerry, N5UCF, who fried and grilled the fish. A great time was had by all.

### Certificate Custodian

WAS-YL, YLCC, YL-DXCC, WAC-YL, DX-YL are all being handled by our new Certificate Custodian **Carolyn Donner**, N8ST-PO Box 158, Hammersville, OH 45130-0158  
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**Your YLRL Ballot will be coming separately from this issue. One of the items you will be voting on are proposed certificate changes. The certificates are being redone to reflect their award. For more information on the minor changes, contact the Carolyn, N8ST.**





## President's Letter de Mary Moore, WX4MM

Wow, Dayton was exciting this year. Met so many new YL's. Had 33 (what a nice number) at the Forum on Friday. [and one subscriber]. Nancy, KC4IYD, gave a presentation on the new certificates and talked about YL Contests. I took the opportunity to return the Buckeye Belles' quilt I received from them during a scholarship fund drive back in 2001. I also displayed the PARKA quilt I received when I left Alaska in 1980. I am returning them so they can be displayed and enjoyed by all. I had a short presentation on YL Conventions and invited everyone to the 2008 Convention in Huntsville, Alabama.

One of the highlights for me at Dayton was getting to meet Wendy, BV2RS, in person. Wendy and I had emailed back and forth but had not met in person and still have not met "on the air" yet. We had a lengthy discussion of propagation between our locations and I plan to be looking for her on the air now that I know what her frequency is and the best

times to try it.

Jean Ruth, KB8YHN, and I were taped for a video/voice clip to be shown at the Friedoichshafen Hamfest in Germany next month by a previous DX-YL membership winner, Cornelia Wellner, DF8MN. Wish we could be there. Enjoyed meeting with Cornelia and her OM.

Many thanks to Buckeye Belles, Nancy, KC4IYD; Jean, KB8YHN; Susie, N8CGM, and Carol, KI8IM for keeping things running smoothly at the booth. Must mention thanks to Nancy and Carol's OM's who sat at the booth while we were at the Forum and the other YL's who sat at the booth as well.

I got a couple good pictures at Dayton and if anyone wants a copy, send me an email and I'll send them to you. Check out the new members we picked up this month and welcome them to YLRL.

We had a lot of discussion on how to meet YL's on the air. One sure fire way to find a YL

on the air is to check out the YL Open House Net on Wednesdays at 1900Z on 14288. There are always YL's on the frequency. If you miss that one, the Tangle Net meets on Thursday at 1900Z on 14297.5. I check into Open House whenever I'm at home on a Wednesday. They are ALWAYS there for net.

Elections are upon us. Remember to vote as soon as you get your ballot. Don't put it off until later. If you have not paid your dues yet this year, do it now. Many of you have Continuous Membership certificates or stickers due and they are just waiting on those dues to come in.

Hope I worked all of you in the Alabama QSO party. Don't forget the ALARA contest in August. I'm really looking forward to Huntsville this year as it's the ARRL National Convention and next year when it's also the YLRL Convention. Hope to see all of you there.

33, de Mary WX4MM

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**Howdy Days  
CW & SSB: 1400 UTC September 11,  
2007 to 0200 September 13, 2007**

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**ELIGIBILITY:** All licensed women operators throughout the world are invited to participate.

**PROCEDURE:** Call "CQ YL."

**OPERATION:** All bands and modes of emission may be used. A station may be worked and counted once on each band and mode for QSO points. The maximum power output that may be used at any time during the contest is 750 watts on CW and 1500 watts PEP on SSB. Participants may work only 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest. Operating breaks must be indicated in the log. RTTY will count as CW.

**EXCHANGE:** YLRL member or non-YLRL member? Entries in log must also show date, time, band, call or station worked. **SCORING:** Score two points for each YLRL member worked and one point for each non-YLRL member worked. There are no multipliers.

**SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES:** Try listening around 7.233, 14.288, 14.298, 21.388, 28.433 on voice, basically frequencies ending in 33 or 88. Similarly for CW.

**LOGS:** All logs must show if operator is a YLRL member or non-member to be eligible for awards.

**AWARDS:** Top scoring YLRL member will receive her choice of a YLRL pin, charm, or stationery. Top scoring non-YLRL member will receive a one-year YLRL membership.

### General Rules for YLRL Contests

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:
  - Phone and CW contests will be scored separately. Separate logs must be submitted for each contest. 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.
  - 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.
  - Contestants running a power output of 100 watts or less on CW and 200 watts PEP or less on SSB, at all times during the contest, earn a power factor of 1.5
  - Computation is done by multiplying the points times the multiplier times the power factor.
  - For each duplicate contact that is removed from the log by the Vice-President, a penalty of three additional and equal contacts will be exacted.
4. Logs:
  - 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.
  - Please type or print. Do not send carbon copies of logs. Photocopies are OK.
  - 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.
5. Exchange: Station worked, QSO number given and received, RS(T) given and received, and section/province/country.



# Youth News de Kim Frazier, WX4KIM

ecsdavid@isp.com use Kimberly or WX4KIM in subject line

Hi to all! Around where I live, us Amateur Radio operators, and those that are interested in Amateur Radio gathered at the EMA bright and early on Saturday, June 23, 2007, eager to get started. Field Day finally kicked off at 1:00 PM CST.

We did not make that many contacts to begin with, but after a few hours the bands started opening up. Propagation was not that good. Immediately, we realized that we would not do as well as we did last year. However, we did not let that get to us. We still had just as much fun. This year, I worked the G.O.T.A. station and the SSB/Phone station. I also hopped from station to station helping out the new

Technicians. This year our local newspaper decided to show up at the EMA. That was exciting!

Several of us were interviewed and featured on the front cover of the newspaper the next morning. One of the main highlights about Field Day this year was that there was more youth. We were all glad to see that. Many of us stayed at the EMA for the entire Field Day. Afterwards, we were all give out.

Overall we had a good Field Day. It is hard to believe that 2007 Field Day has already come and gone. I hope that everyone else had a good Field Day too. I am looking forward to see what lies ahead for next year's Field

Day, but I guess we will just have to wait and see!

Questions? Comments? Ideas? Anything youth related? Please feel free to contact me at [ecsdavid@isp.com](mailto:ecsdavid@isp.com). I am always open for new ideas. Thank you.  
73 and 33 for now,  
Kim WX4KIM Frazier

**Our Youth Editor, Kim Frazier, WX4KIM has just been notified that she has been named Alabama Young Ham of the Year and will get her award at the Huntsville Hamfest in August. Isn't that great!!!!**  
*de Mary Moore, WX4MM*



*Group picture of many of the 127 Amateurs present at the Saskatchewan Amateur Radio League.*



*Val, VE5ACJ with the Tom VanNess Memorial Trophy for outstanding contributions to Amateur Radio in Saskatchewan.*

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## STRAYS



*Val's OM Harv, VE5AC receiving the Hammond Trophy for craftsmanship in homebrew equipment. He built a 14V20A power supply, which will be for our IRLP. Val is presenting it to him.*

*Dear Mary,*

*In the last week of month April I received from Lois, WB3EFQ, this nice YLRL shirt. I'm very glad. Many, many thanks for it.*

*You can see [below, left] this shirt makes a nice outfit.*

*In one hour we will start to Berlin, because we fly tomorrow for two weeks to the Isle of Malta in the Mediterranean Sea. My call sign in this time is 9H3RZ and I hope for a lot of nice QSOs most on WARC bands and in CW.*



*Vy 33 de Rosel, DL3KWR*





## District One News

We are having a lovely June week here in New England. We need rain, but it is nice to have the beautiful weather to kick off the summer. I hope the weather holds for Field Day! My OM and I will be operating 1D again this year from the home QTH. Hopefully next year we will be "out in the field" for FD. We'll see what happens.

Arline W1LIO will be participating in the Wellesley ARS Field Day at Needham High School. She is hopeful that some Girl Scouts will stop by the site and learn more about ham radio.

Linda W1MP wrote, "My OM Mark N1MR and I will be participating in Field Day this year with the W1MOO group in South Burlington, VT. Three of our grandchildren, aged 13, 11 and 8 will be visiting from Pittsburgh, PA and are going to help with setup, operate in the GOTA tent and of course help eat the pot luck supper on Saturday. I'm going to help supervise the GOTA operation along with Loyd W1CX. GOTA will be using our family club call sign W1ARF, so we'll have an animal kingdom field day. hihi" (Can you believe - MOO and ARF!! de Anne)

Ann WA1S sent this, "I am taking my Mom back to her birth place for 2 weeks beginning 27 July 2007. She immigrated to the United States at the age of 11 in 1949 with her parents and siblings. She was born on the island of Sao Miguel (Azores Islands)

in the tiny village of Furnas and has never been back since coming to the U.S. We will be staying the only hotel in the village where she was born. Mom really doesn't understand radio but I will bring my IC7000 and Carolina Windom antenna and operate CU2/WA1S from the hotel when we are not busy touring the island. I have never been to the Azores and am looking forward to the trip and experiencing the culture of my ancestors."

"Here are some facts about the island. São Miguel is also known as the Green Island. Due to the abundance of pasture and forest covered peaks, is the largest and most enchanting island on the Azores. On São Miguel you can spend as much time as you have. The nature is so beautiful. In the summer-time the landscapes are full of flowers. The island is about 65 x 12 km. São Miguel would be a natural start on a holiday on the Azores. About 140,000 people live on Sao Miguel. In the village of Furnas you will find several geysers. It is so hot just below the surface, that you can cook your meal in small wells. If you visit the north part of the Furnas Lake around 11:30 a.m., you can see how the staff from local restaurants collect their huge casseroles, where they have been placed since around 4:00 a.m., and bring them back to the restaurant. All ingre-

dients are placed in the same casserole. (Beef, pork, chicken, veal and all varieties of vegetables.) Along with the earth heat it brings a very nice and exiting taste to the dish."

Norma W1UBM let me know that her OM Walt W1YOC had surgery on May 22nd and has been confined to a Rehab facility for physical therapy since leaving the hospital. He had a cervical disk removed, which was pressing on his spinal cord. "We are hoping that he will be able to walk better and will not have any further falls. He also has Parkinson disease so we are not sure if the disk was causing his problem... only time will tell." Norma and Walt attended the WRONE Luncheon on May 5 in West Warwick, RI.

Betty, KA1JKV, hosted the WRONE Spring Luncheon. Others who attended included Hennie KA1JVN and OM Walt KU1Q, Jane N1PVT and OM Kris N1LSM, Janice K4IJK and guest Carol, Judy N1BLR and OM Pat W1HIV, Arline W1LIO, and Anne WB1ARU and OM Tony WA1ENO. During the WRONE meeting, the OMs enjoyed a brief visit to the nearby New England Steam and Wireless Museum, which houses many wonderful collections.

That's it for this time! I hope to hear from many of you over the summer. I'll be checking in to the Yankee Lassies Net on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 on 3.912. Hope to hear you on too!

33, Anne WB1ARU  
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## District 2 News de Lia Zwack, WA2NFY

It is very quiet here, no news from the 2-land YLs. Please let me know what you are doing!  
Lia, WA2NFY

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### Saskatchewan Happenings: by Val, VE5AQ

Well first off, you will notice that I have a new callsign. I wanted this callsign for our Senior's club, but Industry Canada informed me that Radio Clubs are no longer eligible for 2 letter calls. So seeing, as I knew the previous owner of this call very well, first he wanted me to get my license, and then he wanted me on the air, so decided that I would honor him by taking his call. He was a ham for about 60 years. He became a Silent Key about 2 years ago. Next, I became the sponsor for the Pioneer Amateur Radio Club and our callsign is VE5PSC, or Pioneers Seniors Club. So okay, now I can legally use 3 call signs if I really want to confuse folks. I can use VE5ACJ (CEC), VE5AQ and VE5PSC.

The CEC in brackets behind my call is to let all know that I have passed my Certified Emergency Coordinator's exam. All I can say is that I passed with an extremely high mark, but they will not tell you what you got. Now where were all those brains when I needed them in school? I was not the first in Saskatchewan to get it, but I am the Second. The fella that did his at the same time cheated and sent his in by e-mail and I snail mailed mine.

Next, I decided to put my name in as an Accredited Examiner. Industry Canada is now deciding if they will bestow me this honor. Really, girls, I think as I get older, I have either lost some grey matter, or it is working overtime. Really do not know why I am doing this, except to say that our club is going to give classes this fall/winter to potential hams, and rather than having them travel in the winter to Regina to write, they will be able to do it here in Moose Jaw, that is if I get my Examiners.

Lastly, on my list of things that I was railroaded into, I will be on air for the 2007 RAC Canada Day Contest July 1, 2007. One of the big bosses in RAC said, seeing as you are on the air all the time, we think you should represent Saskatchewan. Okay, where did he get this "We" business? Oh well, I am not much of a contender but will try.

Now on with the saga of the seeds, well, it seems that April was too early, (chock one up for the OM), and I had to pull them all out, I waited for about 3 weeks and started again, and once again, it got very cold out, and the seedlings were now about 6 inches tall. Therefore, I pulled them out once more, and waited a week and did a third planting. These ones are finally outside in the pots, and doing not too bad. Now, if only the weather would cooperate and stay warm for more than 2 days at a time, they just might develop into something.

Well as of this date, June 13<sup>th</sup>, I have 23 days left until the Hamfest. I have a spare bedroom that has been turned into Hamfest Central, with prizes, papers, and other organizational tools that will be required July 7<sup>th</sup>. By the next issue of the YL-Harmonics, I should have some pictures to share. Unfortunately, I had to remove my CLARA display as I got more Flea tables than I thought I would and we are only allowed 24 tables in the room, I've cheated, I've got 26, don't know where I will put all of them, but it's too late to say no.

So I will say that is all for now folks. My prayers to all those who need them, thanks so much for the wonderful e-mails, I love them all. God Bless and will say 33 till next issue.

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### VE News from page 23

Val Lemko-VE5ACJ writes:

I passed my Certified Emergency Coordinator's Exam. I needed to get over 90% to pass. This is from RAC/ARES. There are only 2 in Saskatchewan, at

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the moment, and the other fella got his about 2 weeks before I did. Also have decided to get my Examiner's Certificate. It must be all the grey matter that one gets as the aging process starts. I never would have done

any of this if I had been younger. Our Senior's Club is going to be doing classes this coming fall and so far we have 8 interested people. Yikes. Oh well, the more the merrier.  
33 Val VE5ACJ



## District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL

Greetings to the 3-Land YLs. To introduce myself, I'm Jacque Gosselin, N3ZEL from Eighty Four, PA (yes, really) in Washington County. I was originally licensed in 1963, but with college and life getting in the way, I was a lapsed ham. The greatest thing was finding friends who were hams and got me back into the hobby. Once I was licensed again, my OM, Ed, got interested and is now N3ZNI. I am currently President of WACOM (Washington Amateur Communications, a VE and hold an Extra license.

I have taken the column on since Barb is dealing with the health issues she mentioned in her latest article. Please all keep her in your thoughts and send positive healing her way.

WACOM will be quite active for Field Day. We have a number of new hams, so will be running our GOTA station. We have members who are proficient in CW and PSK, so a station will be devoted to each mode, and with 2 stations on SB we will be out there. Do listen for us. I hope to work you all!

Please, be sure to renew and make sure your information is correct. Have you changed your call? Email? Address? Is there additional information you'd like to have listed, such as a phone number? August 25<sup>th</sup> is the cut-off date for renewal to be included in the Directory issue of YLRL Harmonics. So please verify your data and let's keep in touch.

Welcome to YLRL to Laura Schlabach, KB3OGB, a new member from Severn, MD. Laura is a member of the Anne Arundel Radio Club and active on 2 meters. And welcome back to Deanna Lutz, K7DID, rejoining us from Accokeek, MD. and is a member of the Alexandria Radio Club, AMSAT, and ARRL and can be heard on the VA QSO party and DXing.

Lois, WB3EFQ writes that she and her OM Tom, W3BZN, "are busy now that camping season has started." They will be going to Albany, NY next weekend to see a restored WWII destroyer escort. "Tom has an authentic WWII era key that he is presenting to their radio room." Sounds wonderful be sure to send us photos, Lois.

Congratulations to Brenda, KB3ATI for her good news. She writes: "After some time and effort over several years, it appears that I have successfully generated enough interest among the YLs in our club to form an YLRL chapter in our area (call it Annapolis for a simple point of reference)." She asks for help being recognized as an official part of YLRL. I'm sure that information is on its way to you Brenda.

This in from Beverly: "I wanted to let you know that I changed my callsign from KF3BV to K3BEV. That seems to work better for me on CW to get the "f" out of call and to add the "e" separation between the "b" and "v". I am so use to hearing

and sending the Bev it is just natural. I didn't realize at the time all the hassle it would be of changing email at ARRL and QRZ and getting new QSL cards (still had about 25 left from last batch) and letting people know of the change (and having to correct myself when I start to send my old call). Oh well, It is done. Could you let me know who to send the new info to for YLRL--or if not too much trouble and you know who, just forward this email to her.

I am really enjoying the birds this spring. I have 3 feeders up and it is not unusual to see cardinals, blue jays, goldfinches, purple finches, flickers, rose breasted grosbeaks, Rufus sided towhees, chickadees, nuthatches, the morning doves and an assortment of sparrows all at once. OM said it is time to put out the hummingbird feeders also.

The fruit trees and tulips and daffodils are in bloom. Sure is a beautiful sight.

I am leaving on Monday for the city of lost wages (Las Vegas). OM, AA3TH, and I will be visiting my son there. We haven't seen him in over a year and I can't wait.

I will be getting QSL cards checked next month at the Breeze- shooters Hamfest in

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## District Four News de Carol Laferty, K4SAF

Hello Everyone,

First of all, a big thanks to those of you who sent pictures and news. **Please note a change in my email.**

Now to get to your news.

Let's extend a big welcome to new members Shannon Roth, KG4KAW, and her daughter Kristen, KI4QPJ, who joined YLRL at Dayton. Shannon lives in Williams-burg, VA.

Somehow I missed this news from Myra Kitchen, K3PGH, for the last issue. Myra, Betty, KE4BFC, and Louise, KI4LNN contributed 430 hrs. of the 1185 hours worked at the South



Florida Fair in West Palm Beach in January. They also worked at the Antique Radio Museum. Nice going, YLs.

**Reminder:** If you have recent changes in your postal mail or e-mail address, please let us know. We want our new Fall Directory to be correct for every member.

Myra also sends this picture from the Palms West (FL) ARC's Field Day participation.



*L -R: John, K2CIB; Rob, KS4EC & YL; Louise, KI4LNN & OM Hugh, AG4HC, and Jeff, Myra's OM, WA4AW.*



Pictured above is Jan Scheuerman, WA2YL, working Field Day with the Southern Counties (NJ) ARA. Her duties were mainly in the handling of traffic for the group's bonus points. Jan is spending her summer in NJ. She says if you need YLRL stationary, she can't send it until Sept.

Esther Watkins, KC4EW, writes she has had recent neck surgery. Hams in Fayette, AL, are making plans for their tailgating party in October. She is a "DX Hound," having confirmed 134 countries. She and her OM, K4ASF, are members of the DXCC Honor Roll. Congrats to you, Esther, and why does his

call look familiar? Hihi

Rose-Marie Battig, KB4RM, attended the DX meeting in Visalia, CA, for the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive time. You can find her on the DX-YL 20 meters net every Monday @ 1500 UTC, and invites more YLs to join them. She's working on the Clara 40 YL certificate, also.

One of my most faithful contributors, Ruby, KF4NI, writes again to tell us she is back in NC from Phoenix for the summer. She is planning to attend the Shelby, NC Hamfest over Labor Day weekend. I'd like to make that one too. My late dad, K4SAB, used to take us to that one back in the '50s.

Karen Herring, KI4NGX, reports that she, with Columbus (GA) ARC and the newly formed Russell County Radio Club, took part in Field Day. She says they got good coverage from the local Channel 9 TV station in Columbus, GA, which is what we hope will happen during Field Day weekend.

Mary Moore, WX4MM, plans to be at the Huntsville Hamfest in August with the YLRL booth, plus a Forum. She will be handing out HAYLARC and Convention materials. Anyone who can help with the booth, please let Mary know. She will also be promoting fund-raising for the YLRL scholarship fund.

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## District Five News de Carol Noack, KK5L

Hello to all!

This spring, Zenda Benton, KD5MD, and her group have been teaching school children about the War Between the States. The women tell the students about the clothing of the period and the day-to-day life of women whose menfolks were away from home. The men tell the children about the uniforms, weapons and battles. These visits give the students a real appreciation of the sacrifices that were made during this difficult period in our nation's history. Zenda also had good news about her grandsons. Taylor graduated Magna Cum Laude in Honors from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. In July, Zenda and OM Jim, NX5B, will travel to Oklahoma City for grandson Jimmy's wedding to Camela. Best wishes for a bright future for these young people!

Burnette Boyette, K5JGC, reported with sadness that Tom Sellers, K5CNU, became a Silent Key in May. He is survived by his wife Bernice, KA5FDK, a member of GAYLARK, a son and two daughters. Tom was active in working for the rights of the disabled. A number of amateur radio operators, many with disabilities, attended Tom's funeral.

Joyce Kepler, W5MWK, and OM Jimmie, W5MWO, are proud to announce the birth of a new great-granddaughter, Aurora, who was born in June. This sweet baby is already "running the show" with lots of attention from her family. Joyce's health is not good, but lately it seems to have improved a little. She is looking forward to attending a family reunion in Gonzales, TX, in July. Joyce recently learned that her brother Art is moving

back to Texas from Arizona, so now he will live much closer to Joyce.

Cheri, KA5HPI, is attending the National School Nurses Convention in Nashville this weekend returning in time to puppy sit Cognac and Chablis for Beth Selman, K7YGV, while Beth enjoys a cruise to Alaska. Beth says that 100 degree temperatures in Santa Fe make the arrangement sound really COOL.

My OM Marvin, N5COS, and I have a new great-grandson named Matthew who was born in Florida in May. He has two older brothers, so I'm sure his mom is very busy these days.

I hope the summertime brings a break in your busy schedules, with a little extra time for rest and relaxation.

33, Carol, KK5L

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### District 3 continued from Page 10

Butler, PA and figured that I have 278 confirmed entities now. Sure wish that I could get BS7H but probably won't be so fortunate. Just got Jan Mayan today and the Vatican a few days ago. I never expected to be getting new ones at this down part of the solar cycle. The one that I am most excited about getting is the card for the CW contact with Lesotho--what a thrill."

Here's a last minute update from Barb, KA3VXR who wrote:

"Just to let you know that I am going into surgery again on Wed the 18th in Pittsburgh. I will be there at least 5 days. I am still fighting the effects of radiation.

First- they will remove my right jawbone and replace it temporarily with titanium.

Second-When they are sure there is no infection in the adjacent bone, I will go back into the hospital and they will take bone, tissue, and blood vessels from my arm and refashion a new jawbone.

Don't know how long this will drag out or the interval between the 2 surgeries at this time.

Just know I am thankful for the marvels of modern medicine.

I am feeling great physically, emotionally and spiritually."

Okay folks, please remember to update your contact information and be sure to send in news about yourselves. Glad to meet one and all. Until next time, 73 & 33.

## District 4 news continued from Page 11

Remember to watch for those tickets when they become available in November.

Mary also reports that four YLRL members took part in the Field Day activities of the East Alabama Radio Club. Members taking part were: Mary, WX-4MM; Kim Frazier, WX4KIM; Deedie, KI4ERR, and Billie, WB4BW. She says they had a great time together.

It was good to hear from Jo, W4NKO, again. She says her hubby Roy has some heart concerns and may need surgery again. If anyone needs an RV, Jo says they may have one for sale. Best wishes to Roy, and hope all goes well for him through his illness.

Sue Simpson, N8AJU writes, I am the Secretary-Treasurer of Ocala, FL, Chapter 62, of QCWA. My husband, Ken Simpson, W8EK, is President of

ter. He has been awarded the "President's Award" by National QCWA President, John Johnson, W3BE. Since John recently had heart bypass surgery, he asked me to make the presentation to Ken.



*Sue, N8AJU presenting the award to Ken, W8EK*

As for my activities, they continue to be mostly on CW. Right now I'm limited to 40 meters mainly with the dipole I have up. I recently joined the Medical Reserve Corps for our Gateway Health District. Each health department in our

district has installed a ham radio station, and although several workers have gotten their Technician licenses, none seems to have any operating experience. I thought I might lend a helping hand when needed. So far, I've finished two of the MRC courses and two of the NIMS courses. Their preparedness motto could be "Not IF, but WHEN."

I admit in the summer my biggest passion is bluegrass music and going to concerts and festivals. That is me (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) with the extraordinary Cherryholmes Family bluegrass band from TN.



Until next time, stay well.

## District 7 News continued from Page 18

steak dinner. Barbara AC7UH was part of the food acquisitions committee for her club F. D. in Vancouver and Joann KC7LMR of the Burley Club F. D. cooked. She reports that no one went away hungry. Elizabeth KK7VO of Keno, OR reported that their club set up in the local park: "As usual a bunch of people showed up around dinner time....we had a good time." Linda, K6NTZ and a friend visited 4 Field Day operations in the Spokane area and Davina KE7JQV, participated in her first Field Day with the Pierce Co. Medical Services Team at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup. She reports, "A local Boy Scout troop came

to visit and I got seven of them on the air talking to other amateur operators. All who attended had a good time and we are already looking forward to doing the same next year." I hope those of you who have never attended Field Day will put it on your calendars for next year. It's a great opportunity to talk with other hams and expand your knowledge of Amateur Radio.  
*YLRL Luncheon 2007:*



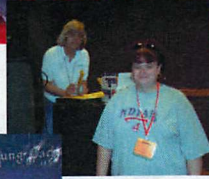
Welcome to KE7MMA Elaine Edwards of Liberty Lake, WA and Rilla Babits KA7NCQ of Salmon, ID – new members of YLRL.

Best wishes to all for a fun-filled summer. Please let me know about your radio activities. I love to receive information and pictures for my column.  
33 Sara AB7PS

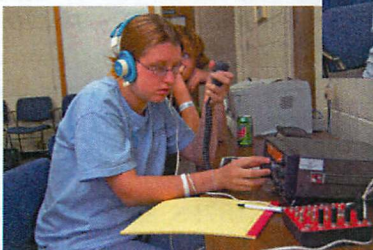
*Standing - KD7TRC, Pat Wingerter; KE7HFY, Sarah Kaarto; KD7CAV, Tally Ryan; W7DNS, Pat Hoffman; KE7CBH, Shirley Fenstermaker; KK7VO, Elizabeth Simon; Karen Barker; W7AYL, Marti Brutcher; N7UXV, Beth Samuelson; KE7HFC, Eliza Pride; KE7FHD, Deb Provo. Seated: AB7PS, Sara Lyon; K7KWT, Kristen Tomson & AC7UH, Barbara Yasson.*



# 2007 YLs Love Dayton



## & Field Day!



### 2008 YLRL Convention Survey

HAYLARC would like to invite you to the YLRL National Convention in Huntsville, AL on August 14-17, 2008.

The Registration Fee is \$175.00. This includes: Lunch and Dinner on Friday August 15, 2008 and Breakfast on Saturday August 16, 2008. **Please do not send any now, wait for the registration in a future issue YL Harmonics.**

There are two Hotels that are available in downtown Huntsville. We have made arrangements with the Holiday Inn to be our Headquarters. The room rates are \$78.00 plus 8% tax and 19% service charge per night. When registering, ask for YLRL Convention to get the special room rates. Here is the hotel reservation info:

**Huntsville Downtown**  
**401 Williams Avenue**  
**Huntsville, AL 35801**  
**1-256-533-1400**  
**1-888-465 4329**

The Embassy Suites is the other Hotel in downtown Huntsville adjacent to the Von Braum Center. Arrangements have not been finalized with them but will be included soon.

Please fill out the survey (the items in bold are required) and mail by Dec. 15, 2007 to:  
**Nancy HJ. Morris K4JD**  
**4008 Gunnison Ln NW**  
**Huntsville, AL 35810**

Or fill it out online (<http://www.ylrl.org/convention/surve2008.html>) and email it to: K4XH@aol.com.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Call:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan to arrive in Huntsville? \_\_\_\_\_

How many will be in your party, if you are bringing children please let us know how many. \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in having a tour on Thursday please tell us. \_\_\_\_\_

We have a few things planned for you to do if you would be interested. Please let us know which activities you would like to attend.

- Huntsville Botanical Gardens. On Friday August 15, 2008 (Handicap Friendly) \_\_\_\_\_
- The Space and Rocket Center. On Friday August 15, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_
- Cathedral Caverns. On Saturday August 16, 2008 (Handicap Friendly) \_\_\_\_\_
- Unclaimed Baggage. On Saturday 16, 2008 \_\_\_\_\_

There are more attractions within walking distance of the Convention.

If you would like to help the HAYLARC's with the convention please let us know. We would love to have your help.

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The Huntsville Hamfest will be held at the same time as our Convention.



## My Trip to Italy By Laura, KB3NSW

"My daughter, who at the time was all of 14 years of age, and I wanted to share an adventure in something that was new to both of us before she went off to boarding school, in Tyrone PA (The Grier School). We decided to learn Amateur Radio because we could continue to share this adventure over our distance of 150 miles and communicate. During the summer of 2006 we studied and passed our tests with the help of Reading Radio Club. These men were tireless with their help, advice and time. I passed General and failed Tech while my daughter Bridget passed Tech. Months later I passed Tech and was so excited about CW that I immediately bought Bridget and I keys. Our adventure into the fascinating and engaging world of Amateur Radio had only just begun.

She with her portable Yaesu and I with my Icom 746 embarked to join a science and a global community that welcomed and started to educate us. Soon we discovered we were only on the tip of the iceberg. We are still astonished by the infinite field of radio that would take life times to fully learn; the possibilities of our choices in its various fields are still so inspiring.

In March we plotted a trip to Italy, we couldn't resist to take Bridget's Yaesu with a 2 meter automobile antennae on our travels for use in our hotel rooms that were reserved throughout Northern and Central Italy. Through Bridget's search for a radio club near her school we met WB3EFQ, Lois, who encouraged us to transmit during our travels. Lois also introduced us to YLRL, which we gladly joined right away on line.

As we sweated with anxiety to get through security at the airport we came up with a secondary plan of purchasing another Yaesu in the event that our radio would be confiscated. After all, I was also prepared with an electronic interpreter to ensure language would not be a barrier. Minutes later we were on board our plane with our radio and antennae and thinking wildly about all the European contacts we were going to make.

As fate had it we could not understand a word being transmitted in our hotel room in Rome. We went to Rome's computer bars to find Radio Associations. We had no luck as the third day gave us no returned emails. To shorten this story I wound up taking a cell phone to a tourist center in Milan and had a clerk speak in Italian to a radio repair shop that I had found online. The shopkeeper knew of several radio operators and assured me a contact after I gave him my number.

Two days later Bridget and I were with IK3RIY, Martino transmitting back home with a HF/50 MHz Transceiver FT-2000 Yaesu (I have got to have one of these!!) with a KLM 4 element in Northern Italy's, Venice's Lido Island. WOW! The radio community is truly global. During my first conversation I told him I had a radio with me. From that point on I spoke to Martino by radio on 2 Meter. Bridget and I are very green and here an operator opened his home and shared his DXing expedition with us without a second thought.

After returning home I had my Extra in one week. Bridget and I had taken ARRL's books for the long train rides throughout Italy so I only needed one week to review. The trip was remarkable and as we passed through Bologna we chatted about Marconi and chanced using our Yaesu once more. Getting a signal on a train was not successful but it did give us an idea of a second trip in 2008. We will trace his achievements in England. Bridget will have some time this summer to get her General and we will make contacts before we leave to transmit. Perhaps we will know enough to take our own radio for CW communication.

We have a summer planned with all sorts of radio kits and antennae ideas. I even ordered a few used solar panels to make us self-sufficient. I can't wait to see her face split when she discovers our nice KLM 6 element!!! Surprise!!!

It's funny how we passed up all the Gucci shops, all the glass art in Venice and the fashion markets in Milan without a second look as we scanned cityscapes to see what type of antennas were being used in hopes of spotting a ham. We could not find a single radio shop because of the language barrier but it meant little to us. We had our trophy thanks to IK3RIY.

We enjoyed Italy's history immensely and we can never think of her with out thinking of who gave us an ear to the world.

I recently found out that in late August I have to take a trip to Hong Kong. As I told Bridget my news with heavy heart because it would mean I would be away. She said, "That is surrounded by salt water". I replied with a nod as we gave each other that familiar smile that every ham wears so well."

73 KB3NSW





## District Six News de Dawn Biocca, KB6LHP

*This issue's District 6 column goes DX with this contribution by Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF-Ed.*

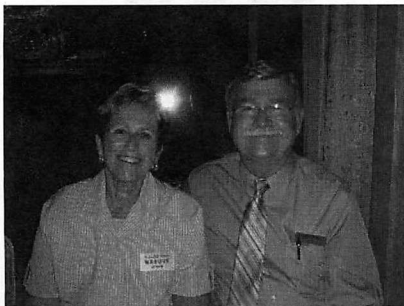
### JLRS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Japan Ladies Radio Society held their 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary on July 7-8, 2007 at the historic Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. In 1957, founding members, JA1AEQ, JA1YL and JA0EC started JLRS in Tokyo.

Retiring President JE1NWB, Yumiko, has been JLRS President for the past four years from the Tokyo area. The new incoming President, JR3MVF, Kyoko (Mio) is the new JLRS President representing 3-Area, from Osaka. For this special event, many members from all district areas were present. Jeanie, WA6UVF/7J1ACN was the only DX member to attend and recognized as the very first DX-member invited to join JLRS in the early 1980's. She carried recognition of achievement certificate to JLRS from YLRL as many JLRS members are also long time DX members of YLRL.

At the convention Jeanie, WA6UVF met many of her old JLRS friends, some dating back to her first visit to Japan in 1978. The Imperial Hotel is located across the street from the Imperial Palace and is definitely a 'once in a lifetime' experience.

For the foreign visitor, transportation with the help of JR Rail Pass allows easy travel access to many areas in Japan. During this visit, Jeanie and her OM, Fred, N6BAE enjoyed once again traveling via the shinkansen, "bullet train" and even stopping to relax at an onsen, "Japanese style bath." She relates how Japan is a beautiful country with many historic sights, etc. but most of all she is drawn back each time because of the people.



*On the left, myself, Jeanie, WA6UVF and Fred, N6BAE*



*On the Right, my JLRS sponsor, Toshi, JF1WMY also YLRL member*

### Changes and Corrections

#### District 2

Phyllis Shanks, W2GLB

#### DX

Susan Elizabeth Till, M3EYL  
(Last name was, Falkington)  
New address:  
9 Barns Way  
Easingwold  
York  
England

#### Don't Forget the Open House Net

Wed. at 1900Z on 14288 and  
the Tangle Net on Thursday  
at 1900Z on 14297.5

These two nets have  
been running since the '60s.  
We

used to have 20 or more  
check-ins on each.

Let's get them back!

After some time and effort  
over several years, it appears  
that I have successfully gener-  
ated enough interest among  
the YLs in our club to form a  
YLRL chapter in our area (call  
it Annapolis for a simple point  
of reference).

For more information contact:  
Brenda  
KB3ATI kb3ati@aol.com



## District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

Hello – Happy Summertime!  
It's time for Hamfests, picnics,  
festivals – or just relaxing.  
May and June have been busy  
months in the Pacific Northwest.

The MINOW Net held their  
annual gathering at Long Beach  
on the Long Beach Peninsula in  
the southwest corner of Wash-  
ington. There were 5 MINOWs  
and 3 OMs this year. We en-  
joyed visiting over tea and  
coffee on Saturday afternoon at  
Robin KJ7BI's beach cabin at



*MINOW Net Annual meeting -  
Robin Resnick-Parker KJ7BI; Sara  
Lyon AB7PS; Kitty Lingafelter  
KD7FAS; Barbara Yasson AC7UH;  
Phyllis Shanks W2GLB*

Ocean Park; then adjourned to  
the Shoalwater Restaurant in  
Seaview for a delicious din-  
ner. The high light of the eve-  
ning was a program by Phyllis  
W2GLB (wearing her Sari) who  
showed slides of her trip to the  
YL Convention in Mumbai,  
India last October. Sunday  
morning's business meeting con-  
cluded with the announcement  
of the results of the election:  
President – Barbara, AC7UH,  
Vice President – Phyllis W2GLB

and Secretary-Treasurer - Clau-  
dia KL0HI.



*Sara AB7PS, out-going president  
handing the gavel over to Barbara  
AC7UH*

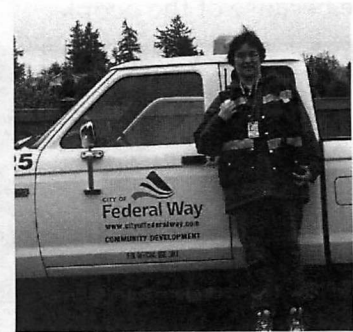
Propagation is still down so  
participation in the Friday net is  
down to 3 but we keep holding  
on and looking for that elusive  
bottom of the cycle.

Two weeks later came Sea-  
Pac. Marti WA7AYL, Barbara  
AC7UH and I greeted the YLs  
as they came by the YLRL table  
and passed out brochures. 48  
YLs (one more than last year)  
signed our logbook, many of  
them new hams. 18 attended  
our YLRL luncheon at the  
Oceanview Motel where Marti  
gave an illustrated presentation  
on EchoLink. Welcome to Sarah  
Kaarto KD7CAV who won the  
drawing for a free membership  
in YLRL!

KE7JQV Davina is a recent  
member. She says: "We and  
other members of our Federal  
Way Community Action Team  
(advanced disaster team) pro-  
vided radio support for Op-  
eration Cover Up on Saturday,  
April 21, 2007. Operation Cover

a city-sponsored event to paint  
over several areas of graffiti.

There were nine other ama-  
teur radio operators besides  
myself. I was asked to be the  
driver for the city manager and  
deputy police chief for the last  
hour and half of the project  
while they finished painting the  
last few utility boxes and light  
poles that had graffiti on them."  
In a later email she wrote: "I  
received a Presidential Volunteer  
Service Award before the Feder-  
al Way City Council on May 1<sup>st</sup>,  
2007 for my work with the city's  
disaster team." Congratulations  
Davina!



*Davina KE7JQV - member of Fed-  
eral Way Community Action Team.*

Evergreen Intertie YL Net has  
had several new YLs check in  
recently.

I hope many of you were able  
to participate in Field Day. Our  
local Field Day site was on the  
campus of the Washington State  
Capitol in Olympia. I took a  
turn at logging Saturday after-  
noon and my OM and I really  
enjoyed the fabulous grilled

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## District Eight News de Jean Ruth, KB8YHN



Nancy Hall KC4IYD, filling in for Jean KB8YHN submitted this report

Hi ladies, this is going to be short as I forgot to remind you to send me news but here is what I know is going on around 8-land. I had a lot of fun at Dayton. Saw many old friends and met some new ones that I hope I will see again.

The Buckeye Belles sponsors a plaque for the highest scoring Ohio YL in the Ohio QSO Party and this year I was able to see the plaque that is given out at Dayton.

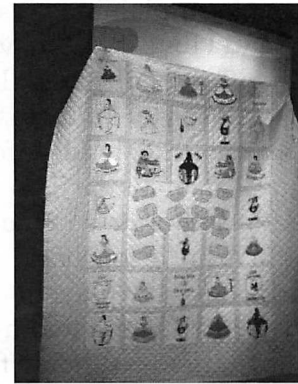


*Here is a picture of Nancy, KC4IYD, showing off the plaque.*

This past winner was Kitty Hevener WB8TDA. If your state has a QSO Party and you belong to a YL club, why not sponsor a plaque or trophy in your club's name. I know the YLs who have won these plaques truly enjoy them.

Annette Wood KC8SQM, Dawn Jenkins KC8SQN and I participated in Field with the USS Jurassic, a correspondence chapter of Starfleet - The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc. This club is both a starfleet chapter and a lot of our members are also hams so its a lot of fun. Carolyn Donner, N8ST is the Captain of the USS Jurassic and we had field day at her QTH. We made 160 contacts, conducted demos on Hellschreiber and APRS for bonus points, ate very well (Annette makes the best cinnamon pan-

cake) and had lots of fun. I hope those of you who participated in Field Day had a lot of fun too.



Finally, Mary WX4MM gave a touching gift to the Buckeye Belles. She presented to me, to give to the Belles, a quilt she had won at a past YLRL convention.

She said it had brought her a lot of pleasure and she wanted someone else to get the same pleasure from it.

Nancy, kc4iyd/8

## Continuous Membership

**Continuous Membership-Mary Moore, WX4MM.**

### 5 Year Certificates

Noriko Tokua, 7K3EOP; Susan Till, M3EYL; Maya Kaistila, OH1MK; Inger Lundin, OZ7AGR; Eine Mattila, SMØUQW; Wendy Chang, BV2RS; Unni Gran, LA6HRA; Zenda Benton, KD5MD

### 20 Years

Hiromi Hishiki, JJ1CAS

### 25 Years

Mary Wagner, KA8MPH

### 35 Years

Ruth Silbaugh, W8VWL





## District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Summer has arrived in Indiana with a vengeance. We have had a LOT of rain, then a draught, then more rain and now heat and humidity. Believe me I am not complaining, this is summer and I love it. We have been going to a lot of baseball games. Most of you know that we are season ticket holders for our Single A team of the San Diego Padres, the Fort Wayne Wizards. We are also a host family for one of the players. That entails taking him to dinner, having him to our home for

dinner, packing him care packages when they go on the road. The fun part, for us, is getting to know the players. They are all very nice young men and our granddaughters will tell you cute too. We are on our second pitcher this summer.

Dayton is history for another year; it is always fun seeing friends and making new ones. I made a purchase this year, a new HT, a Yaesu VX-6. I haven't used it much yet, but it will be very handy for fox hunts because it is small and easy for me

to handle.

Field Day is also history. My usual contribution is organizing the hog roast for Saturday night. I have done this for so many years; I can do it with my eyes shut.

Our oldest granddaughter, Elizabeth will be in her first pageant this coming weekend so we will be in Indianapolis for that.

Since I haven't heard from anyone, this will be a very short column. Everyone stay cool, healthy and safe.

33, Carole WB9RUS

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### PRESS RELEASE-YLRL MEMBERS ELIGIBLE! THE QCWA CELEBRATES ITS SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY!

The Quarter Century Wireless Association has a cake in the oven and the ice cream churn is a-churnin' in anticipation of celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Diamond Anniversary!

Time truly does fly! It was what seems like only yesterday that on November 14, 1947, during a 10-Meter roundtable QSO, the suggestion was made to form an association of ham radio operators that had been licensed for twenty-five years or more. The very next month, with that thought in mind, a group of hams met on Friday evening, December 5, 1947, in New York City. That evening, the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) was born.

In order to celebrate our Sixtieth Anniversary in grand style, the Quarter Century Wireless Association is pleased to announce a new, limited availability, operating Award to celebrate this momentous occasion known as the:

#### QCWA Sixty-Sixty Award

This Award is unique in that it represents the first Award of its type offered by the QCWA. In order to raise the awareness of and stimulate new Membership in the QCWA, the Award is available to both Members and non-Members alike. The basic requirements are simple: Make 60, two-way contacts with 60 different QCWA Members.

The QCWA Sixty-Sixty Award became available with its announcement at the 2007 Dayton Hamvention on May 18, 2007 by President John Johnston, W3BE. The final day for contacts is no later than 2400 UTC, June 30, 2008. All applications for the Award should be post marked no later than September 1, 2008.

There is a fee of \$2.00 USD for applicants (Check, cash, or money order only. No credit cards or stamps are accepted.) Award certificates will be gratis to stations outside North America but donations to defray postage/handling will be gratefully accepted.

Applicants are requested to submit the requested items to:  
W2OD/ Robert Buus / 8 Donner St. / Holmdel, NJ 07733-2004 / U.S.A

Specific Award questions should be directed to the above address or E-mailed to: w2od@aol.com



## District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS

Field Day has come and gone for another year. A group Colorado YLs plus a friend met at the shack of Mary Cox, KCØMEZ, club president. Using generator power, they worked the Water-ton Canyon group as well as several states and Canada. They used Ham Radio Deluxe to log, and report that all had fun. I checked out sunspots to see if there was any possibility that 6 meters might open. If Galileo had seen the sun as it was on Saturday, he might not have gotten into so much trouble! There was not a single sunspot in sight.

Ellie Van Winkle, NØQCX kept busy for the event supervising the BARC Juniors, who diligently worked the air through the night.

Mary has made several road trips recently, transmitting APRS. When she goes, she e-mails a link to various

people to allow them to track the progress of her husband and herself. This is done via a very interesting website, [www.findu.com](http://www.findu.com), where by entering the call sign of an APRS station, the station may be located on Google maps and messages for the stations retrieved. Simply click on the "position reports" or "messages" link and insert the station you want to find in place of "k4gh-8" on the search bar. Remember to include any suffix (such as "-8") with which the station is labeled. For example, I can often be found at <http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=kb0nas&terra=4>

It's been hot these last few weeks, and I am looking forward to a weekend in the mountains doing radio service for the Courage Classic, a fund-raiser for Denver Children's Hospital. Mountains are tricky when it comes to communications,

and for much of the route there is spotty cell phone coverage at best, and the business band they use is of course only line of sight. It's a good chance to really use something besides 2 meter voice through repeaters (although we use that too!) as we track support-and-gear vehicles on APRS and send and receive digital messages, as well as practice our relay skills. Here's hoping you get the chance to try something like that too!

Doshia, KB0NAS



*In the picture, Mary, KCØMEZ, Lorrie, WDØAGY, Livvy-a friend of Mary's, and Naomi, KAØRTG.*

### Missing in Action

Below are members whose mail is being returned to the YLRL and we don't have a good e-mail or telephone number to let them know. If you know any of these YLs please let them know we can't contact them and want to keep their membership up-to-date! Thank you for the help. -The Editor.

**Jasmine Marshall, G4KFP**-multiple issues returned. Post office lists gone away.

**Vita Scaglione, IT9LAC** -returned membership card. Issue returned as person unknown.

**Wendy Change, BV2RS**-membership card returned.

**Found**-We think we are now current with addresses/information for:

**Carol Gaudin, ZL2VQ**-had an incomplete address.

**Heather Pike, VK2HD**-had old address.

**Susan Till, M3EYL**-had old address and name.

**Jessie Buchanan, VK3VAN**-had wrong zip code listed.

**Waltraud Jaeger-Ketterer, DJ6US**-we think we have found the correct address in QRZ.



## Alaska District News de Heather Hasper, KL7SP

Greetings from Alaska.

SUMMER IS HERE! For us, that means antenna and tower work moves into full force. All the snowbirds start returning including many amateur radio operators who return to Alaska during the summer months. The first Hamfest of the year in Alaska was May 5, 2007 in Palmer, AK. The Polar Amateur Radio Klub of Alaska, PARKA sponsored a table on behalf of YLRL to try and increase our local and regional membership.

On July 14, 2007 the Moosehorn Amateur Radio Club, AL7LE had their annual Hamfest.

Thanks to Mary Moore for sending us the PARKA quilt made by



*Diane Olson, KL1MY & Kathleen O'Keefe, KL7KO at the PARKA table for the Moosehorn Amateur Radio HAMFEST, July 14, 2007*

many of our predecessors. We were able to hang this up and demonstrate it to many of the visitors to the Hamfest.

It is a busy time in Alaska with construction and tower installation season short only three

months long, there is a lot to do.

If any of you are going to venture to Alaska this August, or if you are an Echolink user, look up the Alaska State Fair special event station, under KL7CY and KL7AA. We will be operating for 12 days at the Alaska State Fair in Palmer, from August 23 through September 3. The AARC is setting up a booth with a tent and antennas to promote amateur radio. If you are visiting Alaska, hopefully you will have a moment to stop by the booth or any of our events.

Email is the best way, but a good snail mail letter is also great to receive. You can email me at [KL7SP@arrl.net](mailto:KL7SP@arrl.net) or feel free to call me at 907-275-7474.  
33, KL7SP

### In Our Thoughts

Please join me in expressing condolences to our District 1 Chairwoman Anne Manna, WB1ARU on the loss of her mother.

Barb Bender had more surgery in July. Please keep her in your thoughts.  
From Barb-Hi All Ham Radio Friends!

Just to let you know that I am going into surgery again on Wed the 18th in Pittsburgh. I will be there at least 5 days. I am still fighting the effects of radiation.

First- they will remove my right jawbone and replace it temporarily with titanium.

Second-When they are sure there is no infection in the adjacent bone, I will go back into the hospital and they will take bone, tissue, and blood vessels from my arm and refashion a new jawbone.

Don't know how long this will drag out or the interval between the 2 surgeries at this time. I Just know I am thankful for the marvels of modern medicine.

I am feeling great physically, emotionally and spiritually.  
73/33/88 Barb KA3VXR

### Silent Keys

The YLRL has been notified that the following members are Silent Keys:

KU7E, Florence O Reitzel

AB7VL, Ina B Russell

KA6STT, Mildred (Mim) Janssen

Mary Moore, WX4MM received a letter from Paul Maytan, AC2T, with news that his YL, Emily Maytan, AC2V, passed away on March 15, 2007. She was ill for many years with diabetes, had lost her ankle and was confined to a wheelchair. She had just received her 25 year sticker.





## VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

I have just returned from the most fantastic holiday! CHINA! Fran and I visited the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven and The Great Wall. Flew to see the awe-inspiring Terracotta Warriors at X'ian. Attended productions of the Beijing Opera and Shanghai's Acrobatic Troupe. Toured jade factories, silk and embroidery museums and pearl production centres. Shopped at street markets and had fun bargaining for our purchases of silk scarves and pi's. We found the people very friendly and willing to communicate especially if we attempted to speak Chinese. They corrected our phrasing and the whole process produced a crowd as well as hoots of laughter. Weather, for the most part, was hot and humid but we were very lucky as their rainy season is now only just beginning. The cities were unbelievably large and congested. Our drivers were excellent and fearless as they made their way down congested streets, avoiding pedestrians, bicycles, scooters and all varieties of transportation imaginable, including the luxurious kind, such as Bentleys, BMW's and Mercedes. They refer to small centres as places of only 7 or 8 million people! The official count for Beijing is 14 million and Shanghai they believe is about 18 million!! (The entire population of Canada in two cities!!) I felt comfortable  
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jing but words fail me when I try to describe Shanghai. It is massive and still growing. It just pulses with energy. We were on a fully escorted tour but had lots of free time and found the food, tour guides and accommodations excellent. We ate Mongolian Lamb and sampled the wonderful local Chinese cuisine everywhere we went. When leaving we took the Shanghai Maglev which delivered us to the airport at 270 mph in about 8 minutes! Fantastic! At the moment, a kaleidoscope of colors, scenes, sounds and smells are drifting around in my head. A most interesting country with a fascinating history of art and culture that goes back 8,000 years or more. It was a trip of a lifetime, without a doubt.

Congratulations to Val, VE5ACJ, for passing her Certified Emergency Coordinator's Exam with flying colours. Unfortunately, her results were too late to be included in the May/June issue. Well done, Val.

A reminder to everyone that the following issue of Harmonics will be the Directory Issue. Please take time now to send in changes that you may have so that all will be correct when the Directory is printed.

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

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Suzanne VE7IM

Jeanne Gordon, VA3WX writes:

I always read my YL-HAR-

MONICS and especially the Canadian portion, but then I forget to send you my news. I have been a member of YLRL for 30 years and have been sponsored by Kay, WA0WOF, for a number of years.

I participated in the CLARA Family contest in March, but the band conditions were not the best so didn't make a big number of contacts, but had fun. I am working on my 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Challenge and still need contacts so come September will really need to 'pull up my socks' and get more contacts.

I sold daffodils for the Cancer Society the end of March and have been doing this, with a neighbour, for eleven years. I do Meals on Wheels all year, on Fridays, and also have been doing this job for eleven years.

My husband, dog and I are heading to Nova Scotia the end of May to visit with my sister. Her OM, VE1WX, became a silent key in November. I flew down in November to be with my sister for a few weeks, but this time we will drive down. Also will visit my sister-in-law in the beautiful Annapolis Valley where she has a new home. Looking forward to having a few feeds of lobster, as well. Hi

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer.

33s Jeanne VA3WX

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## DX News & DX Treasurer de Carol Hall, WD8DQG

I haven't gotten too much news for this column. There are still some who have not paid their adoptees dues....PLEASE do so, so I can clear my books for 2008.

I received a card from June, VK4SJ who is wandering around Australia in her travel van. She was in Bowan, North Queensland on the way up to Darwin, She says she will come down and across and visit her son in Darwin and his family for a month. On her return trip from the north she plans to travel along the coast and visit the Great Barrier Reef.

Several weeks ago, I received a call from a lady in Livermore, CA, she had received June's membership card in her P. O. Box and wanted to know what to do with it. I asked her to return it to the Post Office so they could send it on. She said the only thing that matched were the P. O. Box numbers.

Marie, WBØHUC, is sponsoring two new members: Crystal and Rachel Hersman, KB8DGJ & KD8BIO Crystal and her husband are Missionaries and Teachers in Goroka, Papua New Guinea.

Christine, GM4YMM writes: I did manage to work Swain Island (QSL card received) and also Scarborough Reef. That one was very hard to get from up here in Scotland, managed on the last afternoon, before they closed down and it had taken days and patience to listen for

the little opening we got. I do not know how Ken survived for so long with me not being quite there.

But a few days later I saw my callsign listed and boy was I glad indeed. This was my last DXCC entity to work. Now they are talking of doing something with P4's or so, and then we have to work more new ones. Tough life!!!!

Ken and I are still doing SOTA hill activations and it is good that you mentioned it in the last Harmonics. G3WGV and others started SOTA in the UK, and it has taken off like IOTA.

You get portable equipment (lightweight) with antennae's etc, a good rucksack, maps and food to sustain you, a pair of walking boots and good weather! And off you go. The Hills are classified by height, regions etc and then you stick to the rules and enjoy yourself. Some of course are easy to access, while others are very difficult and the walks to the beginning of a mountain can be as long as the climb itself. Safety factors when choosing where to go have also to be considered, as some hills are dangerous for inexperienced walkers/climbers with a full backpack of radio equipment too.

We have tackled a few higher ones (1000m +) but both of us are happy with the lower hills. You can be a chaser and work the hams out on the hills or you

are an activator, giving people the chance to get the points of you, when you have climbed the hill.

Hills are classified to height and dips in between them etc., not difficult at all to work it all out. There is a good SOTA web page and some put pictures and video clips on to let you see where they have been, summer or winter. <http://www.sota.org.uk>

Now many more countries in Europe have joined and my geography of hills, mountains etc. is improving a lot. So far G'land and EI, HA, SV, DL, F, OE, OK, ON and HB have classified (graded) their hilltops. Other countries are still working out the finer details too.

With all your mountains in the States it would be something to do as well?????

The other good point is of course that you are out in the fresh air and enjoy the hobby. Take care and best wishes Christine GM4YMM

I do have some DX-YL who need sponsors.

It is very hot in Montana, which means forest fires. I am busy with the yard and animals, also working a few hours a week and will be camp nurse for the Methodist Youth Camp up northwest of here on a beautiful lake...I am taking my fishing pole

I hope you all have a nice summer!

33's Carol

Below is a list of members who are not paid for the 2007 year according to the YLRL Receiving Treasurer's (RT) records as of July, 2007. If you feel you are listed in error, please contact the Receiving Treasurer as soon as possible. If you are not paid by September 15, 2007, you will not be included in the 2007 Directory. If you notice any call-signs for silent keys or members who might be missing in action, please let us know. We cannot remind delinquent members if their information is not current. Also please let the RT know if your information has changed since the last directory. Are your DX sponsorees paid for 2007? Please check with Carol, WD8DQG and make sure! We also have a number of DX members who need sponsorship in some cases their original sponsor is now a silent key. Thank you for your help and cooperation. -The Editor

**District 1**

KB1FVN	KB1KGG	KW1U	N1AQQ	N1EJR	N1LZH	K1IIF	N1VQY
N1WU	W1HOT						

**District 2**

W2YL	AC2V	K2KWB	KC2MQU
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**District 3**

WK3X	KB3KXN	N3KN	N3RBT	N3THS	WA3HJL
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**District 4**

KI4NGX	AA4YL	K4MHG	KI4ERR	KI4JEO	KI4MGF	WB4TJE	KP4MD
W4GXZ	WA4MNU	WB4BW	WB4EVA				

**District 5**

N5DXD	WN4PP	WX4KIM	K5GAY	KA5GIS	KB5VJR	WD5IMQ	N5MUU
N5TGZ	NQ5R	W5RYX	W5RZJ				

**District 6**

KC6TXB	WM5O	AB6YL	KA6TYO	KB6LHP	KB6USX	N6LB	KD6PLY
KF6LAF	KH6OE	KI6ELP	KS6I	N6PBW	N6SBO	N6XAO	W6JEP
W6YZV							

**District 7**

KF7BY	K7SMP	K7SR	KC7TE	KD7FLP	KF7BY	W7QGP	N7GBX
N7HVF	W7COJ	W7HMG	W7OGO	K8ARA	WA7SVV	WA7SVV	WB7CBC
WB7CBC	WB7ULY						

**District 8**

W8FOT	KA8CSM	KB8ZWK	KD8DTT	KG8YL	N8BEI	WA8YPY	WD8DQG
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**District 9**

KC9EKW	N9KVE	N9YDQ	NQ9K	WD9HZG	KL7LH	K9ZVV	KB9HYH
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**District 10**

KB0VVT	K0ANN	KA0GON	KA0ZFI	N0MKN	KC0GMI	AB0SN	NA0V
KC0LSQ	KC0MEZ	KG0UT	N0DBJ	W0MAN	W0OUM		

**Other areas**

**Subscribers**

BARC JR	K9DUR
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AK7YL	NP2C
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# New YLRL Members de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFO-Secretary



## Welcome New Members for July/August 2007

We are pleased to introduce these new and rejoining members to YLRL. Once again Dayton seemed to be a good time to catch up on old and new members.

**Alaska** – The girls up North are doing a terrific job recruiting new members. Congratulations!!!!

is active on 2 meters and with field day. Endorsed by Heather KL7SP

### District 4

**Barbara Reid KR4SJ**

### Diane Hjorth Olson KL1MY

Diane was recruited at the MARA Hamfest and belongs to the Matanusta ARA, Anchorage ARC, Greater Anchorage REACT and Westside Community Patrol. She is retired and active on ham radio.

### District 1

### Emily Cyr KB1OWS

Licensed in May she belongs to WRONE. Emily is a retired nurse and part time reflexologist. She joined at the Lewiston ME hamfest

Barbara was endorsed by her sister Mary WX4MM. She has been licensed since 1989 and holds the advanced class.

### Kirsten Roth KI4QPJ

Kristen is a student. Her mother is Shannon KG4KAW and she participates in Kids Day. She was the membership winner at the YLRL forum at Dayton.

### Judith Keech KL2ED

Judy was licensed in 2007 and holds a tech license. She works as a medical records coder and enjoys trap shooting, hiking, kayaking and dog agility. She is active on 2 meters for now.

### Nancy Medeiros KB1OWR

Newly licensed, Nancy joined at the Lewiston hamfest also. She isn't on air yet.

### Shannon Roth KG4KAW

106 Candlestick Pl., Williamsburg VA 23185-5956  
E-mail: Shannon@rothweb.net  
Birthday: July 21  
Mother of Kirsten, Shannon joined as a family member.

### District 3

### Laura Schlabach KB3OGB

### Kathleen R. O'Keefe KL7KO

Kathleen is a member of the Anchorage ARC and PARKA as well as the Alaska bird club. She

Laura is a member of the Anne Arundel Radio Club and employed as a VM manager. She is active on 2 meters.

### Lydia Morgan KF4TPW

Lydia is a small business owner and is active on 440 and 2 meters mostly to talk to OM WB4OMG

## District 7

**Elaine Edwards KE7MMA**

Endorsed by Sara AB7PS Elaine is newly licensed and holds a general class

**Rilla J. Babits KA7NCQ**

Rilla has been licensed since 1982 and her OM is George WA7HDL. She was endorsed by Marte KOEPE

## District 8

**Mary J. Rhodes-Ellis KD8EIR**

Mary is the winner of the YLRL forum membership from the Dayton Hamvention. She also belongs to ARRL and Ohio Eastern Star, CARA and the Ohio Library Association. She works as an audio-visual librarian. Her OM is Russ N8MWK

## District 9

**Susie Baker KB9WWO**

Joined at Dayton. Susie is a retired pre-school teacher and has 3 other hams in the family. She

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is active on 2 meters and participates in Field Day

**Catherine LaFaive-Markstrom KC9EOW**

Catherine has been licensed since 2003 and is active on UHF/VHF. She is a student and affiliated with ARES

## District 10

**Cynthia Smith KB2UMK**

Cynthia has been licensed since 1992 and works as a caregiver. Her husband William is N6CGY. Her former call was M1CGY and she enjoys field day and is a member of the Waterton ARC

## Rejoining Members

### District 3

**Deanna Lutz K7DID**

Welcome back Deanna. She is a member of the Alexandria Radio Club, AMSAT and ARRL. She works as an office manager and her family all have vanity calls ending with DID...OM Art K7DID, father – Ron K8DID and Bonnie KH8DID. She can be heard on the VA QSO party and DXing.

## District 6

**Adrienne J. Sherwood WA6YEO**

Licensed since 1977 with an Extra class license, Adrienne is a member of the Antelope Valley ARC, works as a Math and reading tutor and is active on all bands. She has been a VE since 1984 and ham instructor and is learning to play the Celtic harp.

## District 8

**Glenda F. Andre N8KPL**

Glenda is a student and computer guru. She was licensed in 1989 and holds an extra license. Other hams in her family are Stephen WB8WSF and Staci KC8WYA. She also serves as an ARRL VE.

## District 9

**Diana Stuckev KB9NPO**

Diana is a member of the Hamilton County EMA and Hamilton County ARC and is self employed. Her OM Steve is N9WNN and they are busy getting their radio station back up after moving.

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