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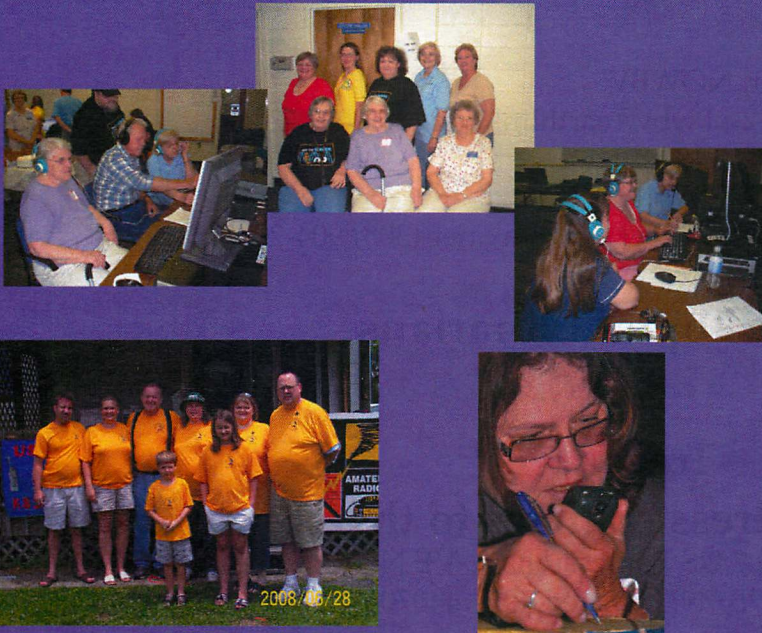
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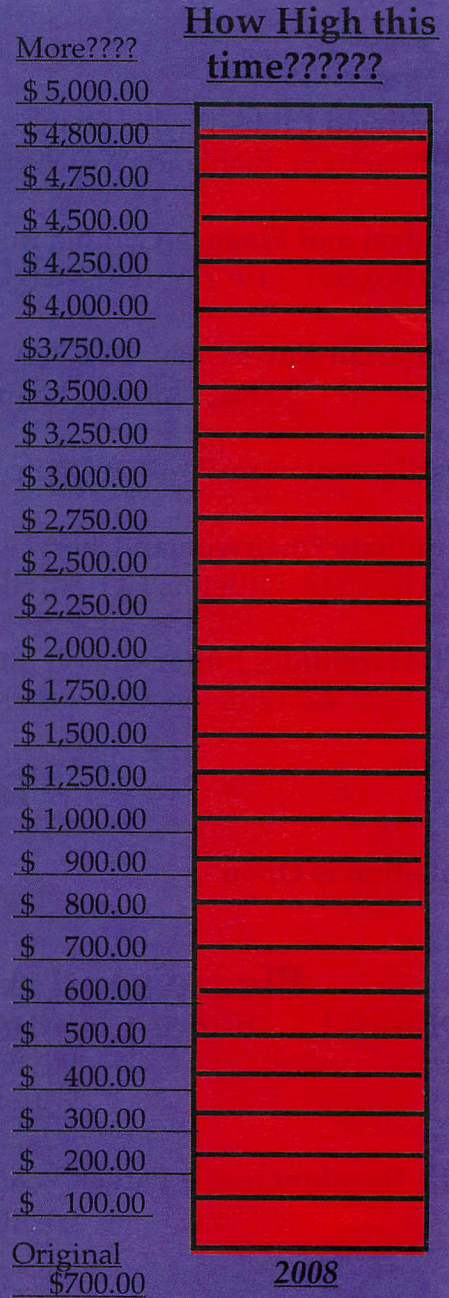
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From:
Marte Wessel, KØEPE

Dear YLs:

When you read this you will be at convention "having a wonderful" time. I really wish I could be with you...but remember my thoughts and love are sent to each of you along with my "SINCERE THANKS" for all your help with the YLRL 2008 Scholarship Drive.

I will be mailing the tickets, plus other information to Mary, WX4MM. She will bring to convention. Not sure who will be in charge of drawing or possibly will be selling tickets but I know everything will be taken care of properly, so I have no worry. Other than the box of tickets getting lost..Oh me! HI In the Nov-Dec YL Harmonics I will have complete financial report of the scholarship drive. So proud of all of you...you mean so much to me..always, 33,

Marte KØEPE

THANK YOU TO YLRL

To the YLRL a Thank you from last year's scholarship recipient HaoQi Li, KI4LJD.

I apologize for not writing this note one year ago when I received the Mary Lou Brown Memorial Scholarship. But I am writing to say how grateful I am to your help on my studies at MIT. I enjoyed my freshman year very much and my favorite class was "Physics: Waves and Vibration". I learned a lot about how radios work. I declared Biology as my major because I hope that I will help cure cancer in the future.

This summer I have been learning about Psychology, Computer Programming, and Chinese texts such as The Analects. I have also kept some silk worms and ant farms. You can read more about them and see some pictures on my online blog: <http://www.mit.edu/~haoqili/blog/>

Keep in touch and thank again for the scholarship! 73! HaoQi KI4LJD

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President's Message de Anne Manna, WB1ARU

It has been a very busy spring, but I think that I am beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel - and it is summer sunshine! Here in New England (District 1) we jumped from a very cold spring to summer heat overnight. There was one good thing about the cool spring; the spring flowering bushes and trees lasted for a longer time than usual.

Welcome to all the members who have joined or rejoined recently. I am glad that you want to be a part of YLRL and look forward to meeting you on the air or in person soon. I encourage you to make contact with the District Chairwoman for your area and tell her a little about yourself and your interests. In each issue of YL Harmonics the District Chair writes a column with news and information that she has received from members. YLH is one means to keep us in touch. As you read the columns in this issue, you will see what a varied group we are.

Speaking of YLH, we are still looking for someone who can provide tapes (or other audio media) of Harmonics for our sightless members. If you are interested in taking on this responsibility, please contact me by e mail, phone, or mail. My contact information is in the front of this issue. Anna K9RXX (SK) did the job for many years using tapes.

My first Dayton Hamvention* was a great experience. I had a chance to meet some of the YLs that I have communicated with on the radio and via e mail, renew acquaintances with YLs I had met before and meet many new YL friends as well! I can certainly understand why so many hams return each year, I didn't begin to see all that there was to see. I was lucky in the final drawing on Sunday and brought home an M2 440-6SS, a 6 element beam for 440. So far it has not jumped out of the box, but one of these days it will. I have never been on 440, and there is not a lot of 440 activity nearby, but I'll give it a try.

At the YL Forum, Jeanie WA6UVF gave a nice presentation of pictures from the VU7 DXpedition that she participated in and Nancy K4JD gave an overview of the upcoming Convention in Huntsville. A drawing was held for all the forum attendees with two prizes. Sandy Ores, KA9GMB, won a one year membership in YLRL and W2JAN won a YLRL pin and note paper.

I spent most of my time at the YLRL booth which we shared with the Buckeye Belles. Many thanks to the dedicated crew who helped work the booth, it was great to have a chance to visit with all of you. It was a lot of fun seeing everyone who walked by and chatting with so many YLs (and OMs) who stopped for a few minutes.

I hope you read the DX News in the May - June issue of YLH that told about Yamini VU2Y-AM's award which was presented at Dayton. Yamini came to the booth and had several pictures taken with the YLRL banner as a backdrop. It was very exciting to meet her and learn about her experiences on the DXpedition that she organized.

If you have not made your reservations for Huntsville yet, please do it today! The committee has a wonderful time planned for us and I am looking forward to meeting you there. One event at the Convention will be the drawing of the prizes from the Scholarship Fund Drive. Tickets are still available from Marte KØEPE. Returns should be back to Marte before the end of July. Let's push this year's drive over the top so we can continue to award our scholarships for many years to come.

This is the last issue of YLH before Convention. The next issue will be the Directory Issue. If you have any corrections to your information, get them in to the Database Manager and Secretary right away. Their addresses are listed inside the front cover. The November - December issue will be our next news filled issue where you will read all about Convention!

33, Anne WB1ARU

Contest Results & Upcoming Events!

Vice President
Annette Wood, KCSQMPO

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at this
time

With only 1 entry from the DX-YL to North America YL contest submitted, the YLRL board has decided to look at some of our contesting options. The single entry sent in by Cheryl Muhr, NØWBV only had one single DX contact, though she spoke to a number of North American YLs also looking for DX in the contest. Look for more information on YLRL contests in the Directory issue and learn more at the YLRL Convention in Huntsville, AL August 2008!

Also don't miss the **ALARA Contest** information in the center section of this issue.

YL Nets info

Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ reminds us, "If you are in Mississippi, check out the Southern Mississippi YL (SMYL) 2 meter net on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm local time. OMs are allowed to check in as well." For more details contact her at: bettyjbyrd@aol.com and her information is under District 5 as Chairwoman.

Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL writes, "On Wednesday nights I run a 2m YL Net under our club call (WA3COM -- Washington Amateur Communications). This is on the K3PSP repeater -- 146.790 Mhz. Fairly good coverage in the SW corner of PA. So far we have two regular YLs check in, and in hopes of stimulating general conversation we allow anyone to check in, and get a number of "regular" OMs as well. It starts at 7:30 PM local time."

*New YL Net
Just Starting
Evening HF Net*

If you are interested in an evening HF net for YLs, please contact Cece KCØULG or Anne WB1ARU either by mail or e-mail. (Anne's information is under the President's page and Cece's e-mail is kc0ulg@sbc-global.net) Initial efforts have been to get on the air at 0100 UTC (9 ET) for about an hour. The first week, July 10, we met on 20m 14.288 and there were 9 YLs. July 17, we started on 40m 7.245 and then switched to 20m 14.292 at about 0130 UTC. The Plan is to alternate 20m and 40m in the general section to get as many YLs on as possible. Of course the frequency is dependent on conditions! An evening net has been talked about before, but this time let's make it happen! Any input and advice would be appreciated.

Changes & Corrections

District 6

From Elisabeth Thomas-Matej, KI6IMV:

"Madelaine KI6IMW is the daughter of Elisabeth Thomas-Matej, KI6IMZ and it was mistakenly listed the other way around in the last issue. [New Members]

Elisabeth is the Southern Area Leader for RACES/ACS of Marin Operational Area Office of Emergency Services (MOA/OES), Marin County, CA. Madelaine is also a sworn member and is a great help to me, but at 14, she is not old enough to hold a leadership office--much to her annoyance!

"Along with OM, Harald KI6IMZ, we also belong to Marin Amateur Radio Society, through which we enjoy helping at public service events."

Corrections & Changes

If someone you know is not getting their YL-Harmonics please send corrections to the Nancy, KC4IYD our Database Manager (See front cover for info) and let us know which issues were missed. Sometimes the issue comes back with either "Unknown" or "No Forwarding address" and we have no way of knowing how to contact the member. Our best hope is to list someone in "Missing in Action" and hope someone can help with updates. Please update your records and those of any YLs you sponsor each year to stay current. *Thank you -The Editor*



Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB

First of all let me introduce myself to everyone. I'm Emily Bishop, WE4MB, Extra Class from Cleveland, TN. I've been a member of YLRL since becoming an Amateur Radio Operator at the age of 8 and I just turned 13. I was ARRL Assistant Section Manager-YOUTH Tennessee appointed in July 2006 and resigned that appointment in January 2008 to accept the appointment of ARRL Assistant Director-YOUTH Delta Division. The Delta Division includes Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. My email addresses are we4mb@arrl.net or we4mb@yahoo.com

If you have any news or stories about young YL's please send it to me and I will include it in coming articles.

Now with all that said, let me tell you about my adventures this year during the Dayton Hamvention. This was my 3rd year of working with ARRL at the Youth-Lounge. The Youth-Lounge is where young people can come and hangout during a hamfest. Believe it or not we have more YLs than guys stopping by. We show the young people how much fun Amateur Radio can be and we encourage the young hams that stop by to share their stories and help out if they wish. I enjoy talking to young people with an interest in Amateur Radio. Amateur Radio is a hobby the entire family can enjoy together. On Saturday night DARA (Dayton Amateur Radio Association) allowed us to have the Youth Dinner at their clubhouse. It was

a fascinating place. We have about 100 people in all show up. They allowed us to operate the radios and gave us the grand tour.



Emily at DARA

After the Dayton Hamvention my dad, WM4RB, and I traveled to Indianapolis, IN. I had been invited earlier in the year to be a guest operator of the Special Event Station W9IMS (Whiskey Nine Indianapolis Motor Speedway). W9IMS Special Event Station operates each year celebrating the Indy 500 Race.



Amanda (front) & Emily

Another YL from California had also been invited. Her name is Amanda, AF6YL. This would be Amanda's 3rd straight year as a guest operator at W9IMS. Amanda was first licensed at the age of 7; she is now a 12-year-old Extra Class Operator. Amanda and I quickly became friends and

helped each other operate the Special Event Station. While I called CQ and made contacts Amanda logged for me and I did the same for her when she was operating the radio. We operated mainly on 20 and 40 meters. We had a blast; the members of W9IMS made us feel right at home and took care of all our needs. Amanda and I were not the only YLs operating the Special Event Station. There were a total of 6 YLs and on Saturday night before the race (Indy 500) from 5pm-8pm it was YLs only operating the radios. It was deemed "The Chick Factor," a phrase coined by Heather KB9ZLB. Since then Heather has started "Chick Factor International" W9YL is the call sign for the newly formed organization.



Lots of YLs operated!

If you know of any young person interested in becoming a ham please help them out and become their Elmer. Share the joy of Amateur Radio. I wouldn't take anything for my experiences since becoming a ham. I have made many new friends young and old and cherish them all.

Until Next Time!
73 & 88 Emily WE4MB

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at this
time.

District One News de Jane Oliver, N1PVT

It seems that writing this column gets away from me, but a friendly reminder from our editor reminded me that time has passed quickly, and it is time to report on the District One YL's. Most of my news comes from the WRONE Spring luncheon and the Yankee Lassies' Net, which is held each Wednesday at 1230 Z on 3.912. Hope to hear more of you ladies on this net so I have more to report!

Attendance at the WRONE luncheon, which was held on the first Saturday of May at Warren's Lobster House in Kittery, Maine, was fairly low, but a good time was had by all, and the food was excellent. We sure missed some of the 'regulars', especially Anne [WB1ARU] and her OM, Tony, who were away due to a death in the family. We also missed Arline [W1LIO], who was experiencing some health issues and could not attend. Arline missed a few of the 80 meter nets, too, but she is back at the mike now and seems none the worse for wear! Glad you are feeling better, Arline!

Among those in attendance at the WRONE luncheon were W1JX [Bobbie] and her OM Tom [W1QU]. Bobbie is also a regular on the YL net, so that means there is news to report! She and Tom have upgraded their tower to 90', so now their two off-center fed windoms [used for 80 meters] are higher than previously, and they seem to be working well. They have acquired a new kitty, Phineas [Fin for short], and Bobbie has the scars on her hands to prove it. In recent weeks he has calmed down some, putting YL Harmonics July / August 2008

most of his energy into growing, which is a good thing. Fin is a Maine coon tabby cat, and having one of those myself [15 year old Leo] I can attest to the fact that they have large paws, thick claws, and know how to use both [especially if you are indiscreet enough to mention the V-E-T!] Tom and Bobbie will be attending the New England Amateur Radio Convention in Boxborough, MA in August.

Hennie [KA1JVN] and Walt were in Maine for the luncheon, although I don't know how she found the time! Hennie is as busy as anyone I know, and that included myself! She is active in the local historical society and does many special events there with both school kids and adults, and she and Walt are active in their local ham club. As editor of the Chatter [WRONE's newsletter], Hennie manages to keep us all informed about the doings of the New England YL's. She recently spent a day working on both the Historical society [giving a presentation] and Ham radio [participating in an ARES training session]. Hennie, please sit down and put your feet up!

Betsey [KA1VAX] was unable to attend the luncheon, but is a regular on the Wednesday net. She has been busy keeping an eye on the local bird population, getting ready to do some serious boating this summer, and recently learned that she has attended 25 Elder Hostel events... good job, Betsey! She and Bob are always off on some interesting trip, usually involving both birds and water, and it is fun to

listen to her report on the increase of her 'life list!'

Vera [WA1JYO] was unable to attend the luncheon and has not been heard much on the net recently. Vera had some health problems that required hospitalization, and her rig should go to the hospital, as well! Hopefully her son will be able to put her back on the air. I just had a letter from Vera this week, and she reported that she is at home and feeling fine again, but misses getting on the radio. On July 14, Vera celebrated her 90th birthday! Many happy returns of the day, Vera!

Others attending the WRONE luncheon were our president, K4IJK [Janice] and her friend, Carol, WB1FIQ [Betty] and her daughter, Christine, KA1ZEL [Helen] and her OM, Sigurd, W1UBM [Norma] and her OM, Walter, and yours truly [N1PVT] and my OM, Kris [N1LSM]. I apologize if I forgot anyone, and that I can't remember all the calls of the non-members. Give me a few years!

This seems to have gone on quite enough, so I won't produce a play-by-play of the growing season here in New England. Suffice it to say, I am up to my eyebrows in flowers, herbs, vegetables and fruit, and we have just gotten started. Since I've worked on this farm every year for the past fifty, I am quite sure I shall survive. Hope you all have a wonderful summer, and sure wish I could join everyone in Huntsville....maybe next time!

33 de Jane [N1PVT]



District 2 News de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF

Greetings all,

Well, we are in a bit of heat wave these past few days. The weather has been a bit warm for me. We've even seen a few thunderstorms and had a few SKYWARN nets.

In the NNJ and New York area, there have been a number of SKYWARN Basic training classes over the past month. The Advanced SKYWARN Training Class will be in NNJ this year on June 11th. It's interesting to see the number of organizations sending their members to SKYWARN training...from CERT Teams to NJ Search and Rescue. Also, there are a great number of non-hams at these classes. I hope you gals have taken part in SKYWARN Training. It's fun, and informative.

If you have access to NOAA Weather Radio (162.55MHz) or

the INTERNET (weather.gov), keep informed during these active weather events.

I heard from Nancy, N2TKA in Long Island, NY today. She is attending the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club (LIMARC) picnic today. I hope they have a good turnout despite the heat.

The Bergen Amateur Radio Association recently had a Fox Hunt. They had quite a few participants and the winner was Kelly KC2SKL (yes, a YL)! Kelly had a little help with two other club members. A video on the Fox Hunt is on YOU TUBE - under 'BARA Fox Hunt'.

The BARA Babes were in full force at the BARA Hamfest last month. The weather held out and provided a great day for an outdoor hamfest with great attendance. Heidi,

KC2LEQ is still planning on a YL luncheon sometime in the upcoming months.

I heard from Barbara, VK3AGU the other day. She is planning a visit to the states during Thanksgiving. It will be good to see her again.

Clubs are busy planning for Field Day and I will be on the road this year, hoping to visit a few club Field Day sites, representing the ARRL in my role as Vice Director. I hope to see a great number of YL's participating in Field Day this year, by not only helping with the food preparations, but also by operating. Hopefully, the weather will be cooperative and the bands will, as well.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer.

33 - Joyce, KA2ANF

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this was her first time on HF. Barbara KE5QHZ made her first contact on HF on 10 meters and was so excited she was jumping around this concerned us deeply she just recently had major surgery we were afraid she was going to pull something loose. The Smiles attended a morning breakfast sponsored by the Magnolia DX Assn. where they learned helpful ideas on DXing and QSLing from Floyd N5FG, ideas and helpful hints on improving your QSL return rate from a QSL manager Randy W5UE, and shown how to check your logs on the Log Book of the World from Vic N5YY.

Thank you for sending in your information looking forward to hearing more from you real soon. Hope to see you in Huntsville at the YLRL convention.

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Betty Jo, KB5CSQ



District Three News de Jacqueline Gosselin, N3ZEL

[Editor's note Please note that most of the District 3 column was missing last issue due to an editorial error. The picture and caption were only a part of the column. Thanks to Jacque for a great on time submmital and keep sending her news! Apologies to District 3! -Cheryl, NØWBV, Editor]

Hello to all from Three-Land-

It's hard to believe that summer is half over, we've been so busy here that time is passing without notice. We just got through Field Day, and it was a stormy one! We set up the Washington Amateur Communications (WACOM) event at the Washington Sportsmen's Association again this year. It's on one of the highest hills in the area, and that group has been more than generous to us in allowing us use of their facilities. High winds and violent thunderstorms rolled over us causing us to shut down at least three times. However we were dry and unscathed, and grateful for it. I had literature out on our information table and think that we will get at least two new members from the event.

We have had some additions to our group lately. Lynnette Evans, W3GZZ, has rejoined the YLRL. Lynnette is active on 2 meters, 440, and the digital modes. She is a member of PAARC and joined at Dayton.

New members include Susan Robishaw, KB3JHQ. Susan is a member of WACOM and I've been encouraging her to join for some time. I heartily

endorse Susan, she is a credit and an asset to any organization. Susan holds an Extra Class license and has gotten her VE credentials. She and her husband Gene utilize their radio skills by providing communications at car races.

Larocca (Rocky) Jones, KC4UXO, is retired from the US Government and is active on 2 meters and on 80. She belongs to Montgomery ARC, QCWA, OOTC and the Old Buzzards. She is our other new member in this area and endorsed by Cheryl, NØWBV.

Welcome, welcome! I look forward to hearing from everyone, old and new members alike. Please share whatever you are doing with us, we enjoy hearing from you.

Lois, WB3EFQ, writes: Well Tom and I are back from our trip to Scandinavia and we had a wonderful time. We traveled to Estonia, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway. One of the highlights was the opportunity to meet my adoptee, Maya OH1MK. She met Tom and I in Helsinki and we spent an enjoyable afternoon walking around the city. This is an aspect of membership in YLRL that I truly love as I have now personally met all 5 of my current adoptees,

including 2 in Australia, 1 in New Zealand and 1 from India. I know Jeanne is looking for more sponsors and I would love to see more of the members get involved as it sure makes the world smaller.



Maya, OH1MK; Tom, W3BZN; and Lois, WB3EFQ in Helsinki.

We are looking forward to the convention in Huntsville in August.

How wonderful Lois, to be able to meet your adoptees, and what a terrific trip. Thank you for sharing the experience with us, The next event to look forward to is the gathering in Huntsville. Safe journey and best wishes to all attending, and be sure to fill us all in on the fun.

Until next time, 33 to you all.

Jacque, N3ZEL



District Four News de Carol Laferty, K4SAF

Hello District 4 YLs and Everyone,

Let me welcome some new members to YLRL. Evelyn Hockersmith is now KJ4EXB, having passed her Tech in June. At age 85, she's now studying for her General. She also just happens to be the mother of our former YLRL President, Mary Moore. Way to go, Evelyn!

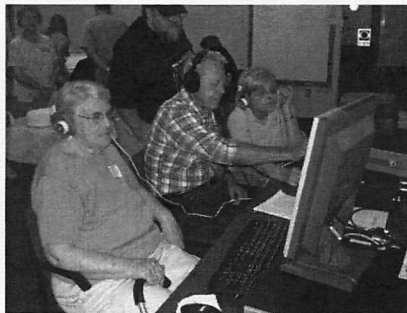
Rosemarie Shiver, KI4TIE, of Florida has joined us. She is active in ARES and enjoys operating during bike rallies providing communications for safety. Lara Coutinho, KI4PHG, of Fairfax, VA, joined YLRL during the Dayton Hamvention in May. She is a member of the Alexandria, VA Radio Club and works as an environmental consultant. April Birchfield, KI4WUT, of Chattanooga, TN, also joined us at Dayton and works as a Director of Cardiopulmonary Systems. And last is Sue Sabin, KJ4DLP, of Seneca, SC. She is newly licensed and anxious to get involved with nets and DX. Congratulations to all of you and we look forward to meeting you on the air or at other YLRL meetings.

Penny Bonnema, WB4BON, writes she has no news except that she received her 40-year member recognition from YLRL. That sounds like great news to us, Penny. A big congratulations to you.

Field Day Activity. Many of our YLs participated in Field Day this June. Rosemarie, KI4TIE, and her hubby Norm helped out the Highlands County ARC of central Florida. The weather wasn't real

cooperative with thunderstorms in their area, but isn't that half the fun? In the south, it always seems to storm on Field Day weekend.

Mary Moore, WX4MM, says the East Alabama Radio Club had a great YL turnout this year. She got to operate with both her mom (mentioned above) and her dad. She sends pictures of the YLS and I'll include as many as there's room for.



*The East Alabama
Radio Club*



Mary is going to the Alaska Convention. If you will read her biography on QRZ.com, you will

see that she and her hubby have a long history in Alaska.

They met and married there and lived there for quite a few years. Very interesting story. Mary says she also thinks she made the high score for single operator in the Alabama QSO Party. That's great, Mary!

Nancy Morris, K4JD, took part in the Huntsville Amateur Club's Field Day operation. YLs were involved in every aspect of the endeavor, including operating, tower raising, and setup/take-down. That's what we like to see. They operated as K4BFT, and I, K4SAF, was one of their contacts. Due to severe weather in northeast Kentucky, I wasn't able to operate much from home during Field Day. On Sunday afternoon, I did manage to work 28 stations on cw and fone, and K4BFT out of Huntsville was one of them. Nancy is looking forward to seeing all of us in Huntsville next month.

Youth YLs. We want to congratulate Emily Stewart, KC0PTL, who has been named 2008 Amateur Radio Newline Young Ham of the Year. Licensed since 2003, she is 17 years of age. The award will be presented to her during the Huntsville Hamfest.

We also want to welcome Emily Bishop, WE4MB, of Cleveland, TN, as our Youth Column Editor. Emily continues to be extremely active in amateur radio and all of its possibilities. You can read much more about her on QRZ.com also.

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District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello from District Five,

Summer is here and that mean outside activities, travel and Field Day. Hope you all are planning on helping out with a Field Day function in your area.

Now for all the news- we are proud to welcome a new member to YLRL Sandra Felder KE5BKU of Albuquerque NM. Sandra is active on 2 meters and has run several morning nets, active on 20-17 meters, member of Lighthouse group and IOTA.

Joyce W5MWK from Texas reports that she is doing fine and life is great for her and OM Jim. All the kids and grandkids are fine and her great granddaughter will be one year old in June. Joyce shares that her OM Jim has planted a 4 X 8 garden and they are producing enough onions, peppers, tomatoes, leaf lettuce and etc. for them, 2 neighbors and her son's family. Good job Jim, you win the green thumb award, home grown always taste so much better. Her grandson Jason has a new job in Denison TX- Children's preacher and Youth minister and Mickey will be a junior at Texas A & M this fall.

Dee KF5OZ from Oklahoma sends news of all the flooding all around them but they have been spared her daughter's house was flooded about 3 am. Dee is counting down days till retirement and at the printing of this article Dee should be enjoying her retirement. Best wishes on your retirement, now you have YL Harmonics July/ August 2008

time for your radio activities.

I received an email from Alverta K5MIZ of Texas she tells us she meets every month with the ladies in her neighborhood and they keep up with all the latest news and happenings in their section. Alverta and OM Fred K5MJA belong to a small banjo band and this time of year they are asked to play at different organizations. She has been active in YLRL for some time.

I had the pleasure of meeting with the ladies Ham group in Houston (formerly the Gaylark) they call themselves the Lady Hams and meet once a month for lunch.

Ed, KA5VFU my OM, and I met this special group of YLs and OM's for lunch on Sunday at Café Adobe between Houston and Sugarland while we were in Houston on business. Thank you to Alverta K5MIZ & Fred K5MJA, Gerri WD5HNG, Betty Jo & Jim WB5PNL, Vivian & John K5LKJ and Burnette K5JGC & TP K5EYN for a great time it was nice meeting you all. Please see the pictures taken from the luncheon.



*Lady Hams of Houston
Left to right
Burnette K5JGC, Gerri WD5HNG,
Alverta K5MIZ, Betty Jo
KB5CSQ, Betty Jo, Vivian. (Betty
Jo & Vivian are not Hams)*



*OM's -Houston Left to right
TP K5EYN, Jim WB5PNL, John
K5LKJ, Ed KA5VFU, Fred K5MJA*

Southern Mississippi YL (SMYL) have been busy the bylaw committee presented the bylaws and constitution for a vote the YLs approved by 100% and have applied and received their incorporation papers and federal Vin #. They now have 4 net controls for their Thursday night net Dee WB5OHN, Gene AE5FB, Mary Ann KC5VBZ and myself Betty Jo KB5CSQ.



*SMYL / MDXA Breakfast on DXing
& QSLing*

*Left to Right back row
Floyd N5FG, Vic N5YY, Randy
W5UE, Karen KE5MVR*

*Left to Right front row
Betty Jo KB5CSQ, Sue W5MSW,
Gene AE5FB, Marsha AE5GN*

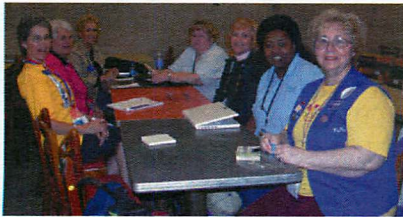
Congratulations to Sue W5MSW on upgrading to General and she has made HF contacts already. Marsha AE5GN worked the prefix contest and she is hooked on ham radio

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Dayton Pictures 2008



YLRL/Buckeye Belle Booth



YLRL Board Members had a Mini Meeting



At the YL Forum



AUSTRALIAN LADIES AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION INC.

28TH A.L.A.R.A. CONTEST

PLEASE NOTE: Contest is always on the last FULL weekend of August.

ELIGIBILITY: All licensed operators throughout the world are invited to participate. Also open to SWLs.

OBJECT: Participation: YL works everyone, OMs & Clubs work YLs only.
One contest (combined phone and CW) run over 30 hours.

STARTS: Saturday 30th August 2008 at 0600 hours UTC

ENDS: Sunday 31st August 2008 at 1159 hours UTC

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES: Bands to be used are 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz only. The following are suggested frequencies for easier location of contacts: 28.380 to 28.410, 21.170 to 21.200 and 21.380 to 21.410, 14.250 to 14.280, 7.070 to 7.100, 3.560 to 3.590

OPERATION:

Every individual phone or CW contact may be counted.

There must be an interval of greater than 1 hour between contacts with any one station on any one band and in the same mode.

No net or list operations, No crossmode operations, No crossband operations.

All contacts must be made in accordance with operator and station licence regulations.

PROCEDURE: Phone: call "CQ ALARA CONTEST"

CW: YLs call "CQ TEST ALARA"
OMs call "CQ YL"

EXCHANGES: ALARA member: RS or RST, serial no. starting at 001, ALARA member, name.

YL non-member,

OM or Club: RS or RST, serial no. starting at 001, name, and whether Club station.

OMs, Clubs & SWLs work YLs only.

SCORING: Phone: 5 points for ALARA member contacted

4 points for YL non-member contacted

3 points for OM or Club station contacted

CW: **All contacts made on CW count for double points**

OM, SWL, & **5 points for ALARA member logged**

CLUB: **4 points for YL non-member logged**

LOGS: Single log entry. Logs must show date/time UTC, band, mode, callsign worked, report & serial no. sent, report & serial no. received, name of operator of station worked, whether it is a Club station, and points claimed.

Sample Log:

Date UTC	Time UTC	Band MHz	Mode	Callsign	RS(T) & Serial No. Sent	RS(T) & Serial No. Rcd	Name	Points
30/08	0135	28	SSB	VK6DE	59001	58028	Bev	5
	0141	21	CW	VK3KS	599002	599045	Mavis	10
	0600	14	SSB	FK8FA	59025	59011	Aimee	5
	1100	3.5	CW	VK7LUV	599129	599004	Susan	10
	1103	3.5	SSB	VK3BSP	59130	59006	Joe (Club)	3

LOGS MUST BE SIGNED. Logs also to show full name, callsign and address of operator, and show final score (points claimed). Logs must be legible. No carbon copies. No logs will be returned. Decision of the Contest Manager will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

Logs must be received by the Contest Manager by: **30th September, 2008.**

CONTEST MANAGER: Mrs. Marilyn Syme VK3DMS

99 Magnolia Ave.

MILDURA. 3500

VIC. AUSTRALIA

OR: alaracontest@wia.org.au

CERTIFICATES will be awarded for the following:

Top score overall, Top score phone only, Top score Australian YL CW, Top score DX YL, Top score ALARA member in each country and VK call area, Top score YL non-member in each continent, Top score OM in each continent, Top score SWL in each continent, Top score VK YL Foundation Licence holder, Top score overseas YL CW, Top score VK Club station

A TROPHY will be awarded to the following:

Top scoring Australian YL and Top scoring Foundation Licence Alara Member

CLUB STATIONS: Operators of Club stations may use the Club call only for contacts, and **MUST** identify each contact as with a Club station. Use of personal callsigns while operating as a Club member is not permitted. A Club station will be recognized as such whether operators are YL or OM. If the Club call is used, the score will be as a Club station.

FROM PARADES TO VOTING, YLS GET INVOLVED

By Marcia Brannon KI6IZA

KI6IZA@soara.org

New YLRL member Marcia, KI6IZA, has news to report from Orange County California. She and Nancy, KI6IYY, were in a radio class and took the test for their Tech licenses at the same time, receiving them in April 2007. Earlier this year they participated as support team members for Tri-Cities RACES during the California Presidential Primary Election. The team included four OMs, one of whom was the radio operator for their location in the coastal city of San Clemente.

Stationed outside the San Clemente City Hall on a chilly night with cold air off the nearby ocean, surrounded by city staff, election officials, and law enforcement officers, Nancy and Marcia spent four hours watching, learning, and running errands.

Amateur Radio Operators were used county wide in conjunction with OCRACES to assist with communications after the voting polls closed during the collection and transportation of ballot boxes and voting equipment.

A receiving area was set up in the City Hall parking lot where over 40 volunteer drivers arrived with boxes and bags of ballots and equipment from their precincts which were loaded into vehicles and driven to the Registrar of Voters headquarters in Santa Ana. OCRACES net control, a dispatcher, precinct verification team, and charting person operated in Santa Ana from a Command Post inside a special Sheriffs Department tractor trailer. The truck is named Samantha II in memory of little 5 year old Samantha Runnion and is the official OC Sheriffs Department public safety communications vehicle. Samantha I and Samantha II were purchased just a few months before Samantha's disappearance and were used for the first time as the command centers during the search for her in 2002. They are full of TVs, computers, and radio equipment with enough room for entire teams to be together in one place.

Nancy and Marcia were also members of a six person Amateur Radio team which assisted with communications for the 50th Annual San Juan Capistrano Swallows Day Parade. The parade is part of a series of events celebrating the legend of the return of the swallows to Mission San Juan Capistrano and surrounding areas each spring.

It was an exciting day for the team as it was the first time Amateur Radio operators were involved in the parade.

Upon arriving at their assigned location along the parade route next to the announcers' booth, and after a quick discussion to find out what the announcers needed, Nancy and Marcia quickly assessed the situation and decided to split up and do a relay.

Each parade entry had a visible number which matched the number in the announcers' prepared script. But sometimes the parade entrants passed by out of sequence, making it difficult to prepare the correct page.

Relaying the entry numbers would allow the announcers time to find the corresponding numbers on their list and in their script.

So with Yaesus in hand, Nancy walked a block away and relayed each parade entry number to Marcia, who stayed next to the announcers booth and relayed the numbers to them before the entry arrived.

The system worked beautifully and the parade announcers were pleased with the results and appreciated the help.

Another Tri-Cities RACES member, Donna, KI6IYZ, was a performer in the parade. She was part of a group of horseback riders all riding double; the women seated behind the men, and wearing traditional white lace dresses with long skirts spread out over the horses' flanks.

But the surprise came when Marcia called out to Donna, and Donna held up her HT which she had been using to monitor the radio team before her performance. So although she couldn't use it while riding in the parade, she kept it with her the entire time she was on horseback.



District Six News de Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL

Memorial Day is the start of the summer for most people, but for Hams it is Field Day (FD.) FD is the last full weekend of June when we come together with other hams and for 24 hours we focus on making as many contacts as we can. It helps us hone our operating skills under adverse conditions at hastily setup operating stations in often remote locations. These are the same skills we need in the case of natural disaster or other emergencies.



AB6YL operating Field Day

Jennifer O'Connell (KG6OIL), her OM Lynn (KG6DNY) and I operated FD with our local club, the San Fernando Valley ARC. We meet at and provide emergency communications for the Northridge Medical.

A few years back we had our own emergency when our permit to use a local park was revoked less than 24 hours before the start of FD because the fire department was using the site as a command post while fighting

a brush fire. Our club officers contacted the hospital and asked and were given permission to operate from one of their parking structures. That first year was a bit rough as we scrambled to mount antennas wherever we could and get on the air. In the event of a true emergency we could find ourselves operating from that structure.

We operated at W6SD, and hosted the Canterbury Elementary School ARC who operated the GOTA station at our site. In addition to SSB stations, we had satellite and ATV demonstrations going, and a CW stations that made over 300 QSOs. While much of Southern California sweltered under the 100F plus heat, our site stayed reasonably comfortable 4 stories up in the parking structure with shade and a breeze.

Dawn Biocca, KB6LHP, and her OM (WB6ZQZ) traveled off CA Hwy 88 to FD site of the High Sierra Field Day Group at 6200ft elevation on a mountain SE of Sacramento. Dawn was the only YL in the bunch of about 20 hams and had a great. Friday night they had thunder, lightning, and rain but the rest of the weekend the WX was very nice. Her OM brought along his new Spider beam that he set-up for the first time ever. Now that is one way to test new equipment. While they were not in any danger from the many fires burning in the area, they did get

some of the smoke. Their team made about 900 contacts. Dawn congrats on a successful FD. The High Sierra FD Group has been getting together to camp and operate FD for about 32 years.

Mary Feryan (KF6QJN) and her OM were traveling on business and missed Field Day this year. Mary holds an Extra Class License and enjoys CW. She is looking forward to getting on the air more often and operating CW. Mary's OM first introduced her to Amateur Radio before she started dating when they were co-workers. Mary says she really started to get interested in radio years later when they started dating. Recently her son who is an EMT surprised her when he became KI6ERG. Mary, mark your calendar now for next year's FD, maybe you can make it a family affair.

I recently spoke with Jeri Haines (KB6USX) who has been keeping very busy volunteering with the Friends of the Theater, a group that volunteers as ushers etc at the La Mirada Theater. Last year she volunteered over 500 hours and was rewarded by getting to see several great live shows. Jeri like many of us miss the YLRC of LA and hope to get together socially in the near future.

On a sad note, Alice Ginsberg (N4MYZ) became a SK the end of April. Alice introduced me to many fun aspects of ham radio.

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District Seven News de Sara Lyon, AB7PS

Hello to all from 7 land! I hope you are having a good summer!

May was a busy month!

May 17 – 18 five members of the MINOW Net and their spouses met at the QTH of Robin Parker-Resnick KJ7BI and her OM Dick KC7DPI with Barbara Yasson AC7UH co-hostess. Attending were Robin and Dick, Barbara Yasson AC7UH and OM Phil AB7RW; Kitty Lingafelter KD7FAS and her OM Dan KB7TTC, Sara Lyon AB7PS and her OM Bob AA7YD; and Elizabeth Simon KK7VO. Barbara and Phil took some of us on a tour of the rose garden at Washington Park, but we've had a cold spring so found only a few climbers just starting to bloom. Peggy Stone KB7SBK and Claire Fillinger K7ZCR - local YLS; and Nanci Hamilton KE7SJB and Al Pion KK7XO, friends of Elizabeth joined us as guests for dinner at DeNicola's Restaurant, after which we returned to Robin's for a roundtable discussion of Nets.



Barbara, AC7UH and Sara, AB7PS

Saturday began with a Continental breakfast provided by the hostesses and was followed by the annual business meeting of the YLS. Lunch at Noho's Hawaiian Café concluded the weekend. Other miles stones of MINOWs – Verda K7UBC celebrated her 90th birthday on Easter. She has moved to an apartment in a retirement home and the report is that she is doing amazingly well, back playing her small piano recorder for nursing homes and is as chipper as a cricket. Elizabeth KK7VO of Keno, OR is receiving her Master's degree. Congratulations, Elizabeth. Barbara Yasson AC7UH began retirement the end of April and Marietjie Coetzee ZS6CEZ of South Africa, our YLRL adoptee wrote that she is also retiring and now on pension. Best wishes to both of you! We were happy to have KA7NCQ Rilla Babits of Salmon, ID check in one Friday morning. Usually only WA and OR have been represented. MINOW Net meets Friday mornings on 75 meters at 8:00 AM and YLS who check into the net twice are eligible for membership. Any YLS interested in membership in the net please contact Barbara AC7UH, the President at ac7uh@arrl.net or myself at ab7ps@arrl.net

May 31 – June 1 was SeaPac, the Northwestern Division ARRL Convention in Seaside, OR. We had our usual YLRL

table with 54 YLS signing our logbook. About 20 of us attended the YLRL Luncheon on Saturday. Our speaker, Kathleen Resburg KE7AJH gave an overview of H.E.A.R.T. the Hospital Emergency Amateur Radio Team organization in Portland, OR which, among other things, enables emergency workers out in the field to make direct contact with doctors for help and advice.



Speaker, Kathleen Redburg, KE7AJH

It was great to see so many new YLS and I especially enjoyed talking with Roxann Holwege AB7HO who has started a YL Net in the Seaside area which is doing great. Roxann has encouraged quite a few women to get involved with Ham Radio. Now the next event coming up is Field Day. I hope you are planning to participate! Please send me the details. I'm always looking for news!

Until next time. 33 from Sara
ab7ps@arrl.net



At the Sea-Pac Ladies' Luncheon

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District Eight News de Jean Ruth, KB8YHN

Hello from eight land, made it back from Dayton and have not stop moving. It was great to see everyone again and I had a great time. My OM got a new radio and has been having fun with it. I am getting ready for the Huntsville doings and the Buckeye Belles picnic on Aug. 9th. I have been studying for my upgrade and hope to have it soon. I am glad to hear the net is up and running, I hope to be able to get in to it.

Carolyn N8ST wrote:

We had Field Day for the USS JURASSIC (Star Trek and Amateur Radio Club) in our backyard this year. It was our 10th Field Day for the club in a row. Besides all the usual things we do, this year we managed to get the bonus points for making a contact through a satellite.

Field Day was hot and it rained, but it was extremely fun. We did two license-testing sessions (one on Saturday and one on Sunday).

Member Shelley Harrell passed the Technician test and is now KD8IYW. She has also joined YLRL. Although her husband John has been a ham for over a year, this was Shelley's first Field Day. We had a great time. Among other things a reporter from the NEWS DEMOCRAT newspaper came out and interviewed us.

The next week to our surprise we found a front page color photo and article in the newspaper. WOW!! Of course they got our club callsign wrong, but everything else was accurate.

Verline KI8V wrote she is on the mend from a toe infection in the bone of my toe. Hubby has been working on his garden and we have vegetables and flowers. It really is nice to have an Urban garden. She didn't make it to Dayton but hope those who are going will enjoy Huntsville coming up soon.

Nancy KC4IYD, Annette KC8SQM and Dawn KC8SQN saw

Walking with the Dinosaurs at the Quicken Loans Arena in downtown Cleveland in June. See:<http://www.dinosaurlive.com/> for more info. We saw 10 dinosaurs that covered the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous period and they all looked very realistic and the narrator did a great job in introducing them and each period in time they covered. Definitely a must-see if it comes to your area.

See you all at Huntsville.

Jean KB8YHN



Here is a picture of our Field Day group: Left to right: Mike KD8Q, Julie (no call-sign yet), Gary K8BE, Trevor (in front), Carolyn N8ST, Courtney (in front), Shelley KD8IYW, and John KD8DFV.

THIS SAYS IT ALL-Origin Unknown

Time passes.
Life happens.
Distance separates.
Children grow up.
Jobs come and go.
Love waxes and wanes.
Men don't do what they're supposed to do.
Hearts break.
Parents die.
Colleagues forget favors.
Careers end.
BUT.....
Sisters are there,
No matter how much time and how
Many miles are between you.
A girl friend is never farther away
Than needing her can reach.
When you have to walk that lonesome valley and you
Have to walk it by yourself, the women in your life
Will be on the valley's rim, cheering you on,
Praying for you, pulling for you, intervening on
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Your behalf, and waiting with open arms at the Valley's end.
Sometimes, they will even break the rules and walk
Beside you...Or come in and carry you out.
Girlfriends, daughters, granddaughters,
Daughters-in-law, sisters, sisters-in-law, Mothers,
Grandmothers, aunties, nieces, cousins, and extended
Family, all bless our life!
The world wouldn't be the same without women, and
Neither would I. When we began this adventure called
Womanhood, we had no idea of the incredible joys or
Sorrows that lay ahead. Nor did we know how much we
Would need each other.
Every day, we need each other still.
Pass this on
To all the women who help make your life meaningful.
I just did.
Short and very sweet:
There are more than twenty angels in this world.
Ten are peacefully sleeping on clouds.
Nine are playing.
And one is reading her YL-Harmonics at this moment.



District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Happy summer 9-land. It took a while to get here, but it is finally here. When summer comes, we know that Field Day isn't far behind. I have successfully survived another Field Day. My contribution to Field Day has always been the food. We have a hog roast on Saturday evening for about 50 people. It is always a good time, seeing some people we only see at Field Day. I also like going from tent to tent seeing how all the stations are doing. Our club, the Fort Wayne Radio Club, operated 5A again this year.

We are still fox hunting as well. Our team was the fox this last month. We have been getting very devious with our hiding

places over the years and the number of hunters is dwindling so we decided to go back to basics and the next hunt will be a simple, find us and you found the fox type of hunt. Hopefully we will get some new hunters involved.

One of the highlights of our summer, so far, was Fort Wayne's annual Three Rivers Festival. We have three rivers that flow through Fort Wayne, hence the name of the festival. Since the festival turned 40 this year, they decided to have a contest for anyone turning 40 this year to write an essay of 1000 words on why they should be a grand marshal of the kick-off parade. Our daughter, Kelly, turned 40 July 2 and I gave

her the information about the contest never really thinking she would enter. Well, she not only entered, but she won and was one of the nine grand marshals (one for every day of the festival). They rode on a float in the parade, got free entry to any festival activity, plus lots of memorabilia. They all had a great time on the float, she said the parade was over much too quickly.

I hope everyone in nineland is having as much fun this summer as we are having. I won't be able to make the convention this year, because family comes first. I hope everyone has a safe trip to convention and has a wonderful time.

33, Carole WB9RUS

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Cruese ARC and is just getting active in the hobby. She participates in the MI QSO party. Joined at Dayton

District 9

Debra Craig N9SJ

Debra joins other members of her family in the ham hobby. She holds an extra class and participates on all bands and looks for DX. She can be found on the sweeps and field day. Signed at Dayton

Sandy Ores KA9GMB

er-ship at the YLRL forum. Just getting back to the hobby and loves CW

Tobi Davis K9TCD
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Woodridge, IL 60517

E-mail: tobidavis@comcast.net

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Another Dayton recruit, Tobi is a member of the Fox River Radio League and is working on her WAS and DXCC

Ann Leininger W9EML

Ann is a member of TCARC, VCARA, \$-LRC and ARES. She has a number of hams in the family and was formerly KC9HVD. She is active on 2 m and 70 cm. Was also signed up at Dayton

District 10

Goldie M. Bosard WØIXI

Goldie joined at Dayton and was licensed in 1996. She is a member of the Mankato ARC and Minnesota Valley Repeater Association. She is active on 2 and 440. Also signed up at Dayton

Shirley J. Clesson, KDØDFY
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Grain Valley, MO 64029-9505

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Shirley is the sister of our President Anne and is newly licensed. She is a nurse and Clinical Emergency Preparedness operations manager.

Rejoin

District 3

Lynnette Evans W3GZZ

Lynnette is active on 2 meters, 440 and the digital modes. She is a member of PAARC and joined at Dayton

District 6

Betty Barch N6VZF

A member of LARA (ladies ARA or Orange county and is active with UHF, VHF, 20 and 40 meters and field day. Signed up at Dayton



District Ten News de Doshia Kretke, KB0NAS

Greetings from District 10!

Well, Field Day has come and gone. Several of the Colorado YL's got together at the home of the president, Mary Cox, KCØMEZ, to make contacts. Cheryl, NØWBV, reports she had a blast at Field Day. She operated with a local group, but wasn't the only YL there. Also there operating were a couple of potential YL licensees.

"Cynthia, KB2UKM, ran one of the SSB stations; logged for others and general was a great help at the whole site! On another SSB station (we were 9E) was Marta Tullis, KCØFXI, keeping the YL voice well represented. Lots of fun!" she said.

Ellie Van Winkle, NØQCX, supervised the energetic BARC Juniors rather than spending time on the radio herself. They had a full tent set-up, with antenna masts and all.

Me, I relaxed in the Colorado sunshine and provided radio communications for a rest stop for the Colorado MS 150 bicycle

event, running two-meter voice and APRS.



Doshia, KB0NAS

Actually, my stop had good cell phone coverage; however, many did not, and the roadways certainly did not. It is amazing how much help just using APRS for messaging and keeping track of where the SAG wagons (Support and Gear, providing help for bicyclists who are tired or having mechanical troubles) are keeps the need for voice down! Hence the time for doing a puzzle.

Having helped with this fund and awareness raiser for the Multiple Sclerosis Association was especially valuable this summer, as we lost Moe Pierce, WBØRTE, who had been severely incapacitated by a rapidly progressing form of the disease. Moe will be missed.

See more about Moe in the In Our Thoughts Section of this issue.

I also had the opportunity to help with the Courage Classic, a 3 day bike event in support of the Children's Hospital in Denver. Two thousand bikers plus hundreds of miles of mountain roads and three mountain passes over 10,000 feet equals lots of demand for amateur radio communications; there is cell phone coverage along the interstate and in major towns, but that is about it. No time for puzzles there. It was nice to be out of the hot plains for a few days.

I agree with Cheryl, who can't wait for Huntsville, and says the convention will be a welcome break from a very hectic summer. I don't know how my summer has been so busy, but it seems it has; going back to work (school calendar) will be busy in a very different way.

33 & 73,
Doshia, KB0NAS

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She encouraged me to get on to the HHH Net only a day or two after I upgraded to get over "mic-fright" and gain operating experience. She was a wonderful gracious lady. Please read the memorial written by her best friend Pat (KM6QF.) Thanks to Pat for sharing your feelings and providing the lovely photo of Alice.

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I'd like to close with one short comment on our upcoming ARRL Southwestern Convention that will be held in Mesa this September. Information about the convention can be found on their website: www.azhamcon.org. According to a recent update, "Programs will include: APRS, Propagation, DX, EmComm, youth... **something for the ladies**, ARRL Forum and other forums." [Bold type added

by AB6YL.]

Did I miss something?

I THOUGHT AMATEUR RADIO WAS "SOMETHING FOR THE LADIES!"

If you feel as I do, then please express yourself to local convention organizers and the ARRL. I suggested the AZ Hamcon use "programs for non-hams" or alternative non-ham events.

33 until next time,
Ginger, AB6YL



Alaska District News de Heather Hasper, KL7SP

The Alaska Ladies have been busy, but Heather still found time to submit photos of the event. Look for more on the Alaskan Convention in the November/December issue of YL Harmonics & for now enjoy the pictures! - Editor

Have you been to [www.ARRL.org](http://www.arrl.org) <<http://www.arrl.org>> recently? They are promoting the W1AW/KL7 as top billing of their website. Thanks to everyone who has helped promote our convention!

We will have a YLRL table that will be attended to by long time Alaskan Rosemary Hanrath, KL7LA. Communications pioneer Augie Hiebert biography Book sales have also been graciously donated by the author (his daughter) to the YLRL Scholarship. Rosemary will be selling those books at the YLRL table. Augie Hiebert was a charter member of both KL7AA and KL7KC.

This is the least we can do in KL7 land to promote YLRL in Alaska.

This will truly be the largest amateur radio gathering in Alaska~KL7 history. Here are some pictures regarding the event.

33's
Heather Hasper, KL7SP
2008 ARRL Alaska State Convention Chair.



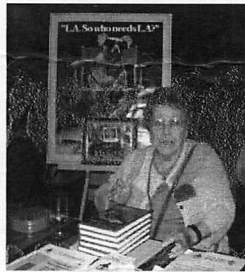
Susan Adkison, KL0IU (purple),
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ARRL KL7 Flag



DSTAR and computer geeks.



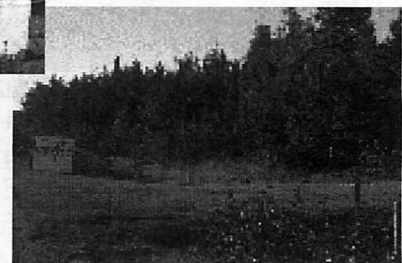
Rosemary KL7LA at
the YLRL Table.



Back Left to right: Anne Rutigliano, KL7TZ;
Mary Moore, WX4MM; Carol Bush, KL2FA
Front: Susan Adkison, KL0IU (purple),
Heather Hasper, KL7SP (left bottom)



KL7BM





VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

It has been a very long, cool spring this year on the "Wet" coast of Canada. Summer just does not seem to want to arrive. This year, because of the very cool weather, the spring wildflowers and flowering bulbs have lasted longer than normal. The flowering shrubs in the gardens seem more beautiful and lush than ever before and things certainly are very green.

The CLARA Net has ceased for the summer season. May 27th was our last net until September and several of us fought dreadful conditions to pass and relay our greetings to one another. One can only hope for better propagation in the fall.

Grandson, Liam, will be coming to visit me in both July and August this summer. I look forward to his company. We hope to do another of our fossil hunting expeditions along the Puntledge River, a trip or two exploring the outlying islands and a canoe trip down the river for lunch with friends.

The September/October issue of Harmonics is the Directory Issue. If any of you have changes to make please notify kc4jyd@yahoo.com.
33 Suzanne VE7IM

Elizabeth – VE7YL writes:

The weather everywhere seems to have been strange this spring – certainly here on the coast – spring was just not spring and now we are into June and it is still cool. Am just recovering from Shingles – what a disaster – don't wish it on anyone. No golf until last week when I was able to start playing again. Propagation still not great – am most grateful for Echolink – a wonderful way to keep up with the ham world. Field Day coming up later this month – that will be fun

– also a trip to Calgary for a family birthday. Happy summer everyone... 33 Elizabeth VE7YL

Ann – VE3HAI writes:

She did get to Dayton this year, on the Friday and had a great time. Her OM bought a few goodies and it was fun to check in with the YLRL gang at their booth. They are always so welcoming. Ann was sorry that she couldn't stay for the YLRL forum, perhaps next year.

Ann wishes everyone a safe and happy summer. She also hopes the convention is a huge success. She's going to two other conventions in the summer, so she won't be there this year.

Paulette – VE7VPE writes:

Summer is sure slow in arriving! My garden isn't growing very fast and the cucumbers rotted out because of all the rain we've had. Sure wish we could send the rain to some dry location that needs water! Have been very busy getting ready for family arriving from Holland. They will be staying with us for a month. The weather better cooperate and the sun better show its' face while they are here. Not much fun sightseeing in the rain!

Had a table to promote CLARA at the Surrey Amateur Radio Swap Meet last weekend. Sold 5 cookbooks and managed to get one new membership too. Was a fun afternoon meeting up with people that I haven't seen in quite awhile. I think there was a lot more talking going on than actual selling. For their first swap meet it was well attended and a success for the club.

Hope this finds everyone well and have a great summer, if it ever arrives...

33's Paulette VE7VPE

Jeanne – VA3WX writes:

Spring has not stayed long but the flower gardens and hanging baskets are done. The Red Cross held an Appreciation and Awards night during Volunteer Week the last week in April in Burlington at the banquet centre called Gerald's. A buffet supper was served followed by presentation of certificates and pins. For entertainment we had The Skyway Harmony Ladies singing some old songs and they were really good. My Meals on Wheels partner gave me an early birthday present by taking me to the One Last Time Anne Murray Concert here in Hamilton. The place was packed and she really can still sing at the age of 62.

Her daughter, Dawn, also joined her and sang several songs and then sang a song she had written herself which was nice. I have also received my 5-year-pin for selling daffodils for the Cancer Society the end of March each year. In January there will be an awards night and I will receive my 10-year-pin.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer

33s Jeanne VA3WX

Val – VE5AQ writes:

Well here it is June already. Sure don't know where the time has gone. I put my potatoes in the ground May 10th, and I put in 158 tubers and to date, 149 have started to grow. These we call a Saskatchewan Cash Crop. I also decided to try my hand at tomatoes again this year, and only put in 6 plants. The reason I say this is that I have not done tomatoes for a few years. The last time was about 4 years ago,

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DX News & DX Treasurer de Jeanie Parker, WA6UVF

Hi Everyone,
It was great to see Dayton Hamvention so well-attended by members of YLRL. The YLRL/ Buckeye Bells booth served as a welcome gathering place, rest area and a very handy storage area for items bought. The number of new YL's joining YLRL during the Hamvention illustrates how important YL exposure continues to be during amateur events. We were very happy to have Yamini, VU2YAM join as our newest DX YL member. Last issue of YLH presented an article about her achievements as a YL in DX-Pedition activities.



Yamini (above) and receiving her award at the YLRL booth at the Dayton Hamvention®



We look forward to seeing many of you during YLRL convention in Huntsville, Alabama this August. In addition, a number of YLRL members will be attending the YL International Meeting in South Africa this October.

Please note correction from the DX YLH column regarding JJ1CAS, Hiromi's achievements as they should read:

"JKA Jukurensa(Expert)" in-

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stead of "all of Japan National" on the 18th line of left block on Page 24, March/April 2008.

This has been a full year already as I just returned from JLRS (Japan Ladies.Radio Society) convention in Kyoto, Japan. What fun to once again attend this convention to renew old and new YL friendships as many members are also DX members of YLRL. JLRS convention is always well-organized even down to receiving the "group" photo just a few hours after taken. We learned how to make "ceremonial tea," which required good wrist action in creating a frothy green consistency before serving to arriving convention guests. You will definitely want to include this annual meeting in your itinerary if you have the opportunity of visiting Japan during the first week in July 2009.

Shortly after the JLRS convention, Mio, JR3MVF and I flew to Hyderabad, India to visit NIAR,

National Institute of Amateur Radio. There we met Yamini, VU2YAM, (please see article in last issue.) Mio and I sent in our renewal paperwork and hoped to operate once again with our Indian call signs, but the renewal process was delayed. However, we will attend the "Niar Silver Anniversary Jubilee" in October 2008 and hope to operate at that time. NIAR is devoted to promoting Amateur Radio throughout India. Mio and I were able to visit with the #1 Parliament Minister in Hyderabad to help illustrate the international scope of support for NIAR in utilizing Indian satellites. These satellites are already orbiting and actively used by other international amateurs.

Hope to see many of you during YLRL Convention in Huntsville, Alabama soon.

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JR3HII Taeko, falling on the street in Kyoto and being taken to the hospital. On April 5th, she suddenly got dizzy while walking to her friend's house. And she fainted and fell down on the street. She sometimes feels dizzy, but on that day she felt well and it came without warning. When she fell down, she broke her shoulder and right leg. She was carried to hospital by ambulance at once and had a surgery. Now she is getting better and is starting small exercise for walking training and rehabilitation. Taeko is sponsored by Lia, WA2NFY

Please keep them all In Your Thoughts

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With the number of Silent Keys, please remember that many of them were sponsors of our DX members. Some of the DX ladies have been members for a long time and we want to help them to keep their continuous membership. Other DX YLs are in need of a sponsor as well. Please consider sponsoring a YL in YLRL!

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New YLRL Members de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ-Secretary



New Members for July-August 2008

We are pleased to introduce these new members to YLRL.

District 2

Heidi Mendelsohn KC2LEQ

Heidi is endorsed by Joyce Birmingham KA2ANF and she is a member of the East Coast DX Association. She is married to Steve, W2ML

Karen Cefalo KC2OPX

Karen holds a general class and is involved with GARC and LIDXA. Her father is N2XXS and she is active on 20 meters. She joined at the Dayton Hamvention

District 3

Susan Robishaw KB3JHQ

Susan holds an Extra class license and utilizes her radio skills at automobile races. She is a member of WACOM and was endorsed by Jacques, N3ZEL

Larocca Jones (Rocky) KC4UXO

Rocky is retired from the US Govt and is active on 2 meters and 80. She belongs to Montgomery ARC, QCWA, OOTC and the Old Buzzards. Endorsed by Cheryl, NØWBV

District 4

Rosemarie Shiver KI4TIE

First licensed in 2007, she holds a general class. Rosemarie is active in ARES, Highlands AM Radio net, West Central Florida Field Day in addition to providing safety and communications for bike rallies and acting as a hurricane shelter operator. Her OM is Norm, KD4GMK
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Lara Coutinho KI4PHG

Lara is and Environmental consultant and was licensed in 2007. She is a member of the Alexandria Radio club and joined while in Dayton

April Birchfield KI4WUT

Also joined at Dayton and works as a Director of Cardiopulmonary System. Husband Joe is KE4WUT

Sue Sabin KJ4DLP

Newly licensed and anxious to get moving with nets and DX. Her OM is WA5KSC

District 5

Gene Byrd AE5FB

Gene was licensed in 2007 and holds an Extra class. She is a member of Magnolia DX Association and Southern MS YL. She is active on all bands and shares radio time with OM, Jerry N5UCF, and stepson Justin, KE5MWA. She is endorsed by KB5CQS

M. Sue West W5MSW

Sue has been licensed since 1985 and enjoys nets, club activities and DX. Her OM is N5YY

Jean Takenake KE5OGC

Jean is a retired pediatrician and

was signed up at the Dayton Hamvention. She has been licensed since 2007

District 6

Dianne Hasemeyer K6GYL

Radio activity includes contests, CW, membership in NoBARC and the Siskiyan County ARC. Her OM Don is K6NOD

District 7

Betsy Townsend WV7Y

Joined YLRL at Dayton

District 8

Laura Sharp KD8CGK

Laura is active on 6 meters and her dad is K8YG and mother is KD8CIT. Became a member at Dayton

Maria Sharp KD8CIT

Sister of Laura and also active on 6 meters. Joined at Dayton

Donna Perry-Wheeler W8DMP

Donna is a member of Lake country ARC, Gemiga ARC and ARRL. She is active on many bands and joined at Dayton

Cathy Chauvin KC8WNL

Cathy is a member of the Lanse

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when I had 12 plants and ended up with only 6 tomatoes. It must have been a bad year, cause most of the other years, I had more tomatoes than I knew what to do with, and gave all of my neighbours fresh tomatoes almost every other day or so.

I put purple and white wave petunias in all of my pots around the yard, and 3 times in May, I had to bring all the pots into the garage because the weatherman was predicting frost. Oh well, this is the Prairies and one never knows from one day to the next what is going to happen with the weather.

As far as radio is concerned, I have taken my summer sabbatical from being a net controller. I do net control on Tuesday evenings, for the Saskatchewan IRLP con-

nected to Reflector 9300 Channel 0 at 9:00 pm Local or 0300 UTC. So if any of you ladies wish to stop in and say hello on Tuesdays, starting once again in mid- September or October 1st, please do. We are on Monday to Friday inclusive. I also am net control for the Aurora Net, but there too, I have taken a leave. With summer here, I usually forget how to operate a radio. The weather is nice, and I want to be outside, working in the garden, or just enjoying the weather out on the patio.

Hubby and I will be going camping soon, and I can hardly wait. By the time you read this, we probably will have been gone and are already back. With the price of gas, we don't go too far, as we have a lovely regional park about 45 minutes

away from home, and it is just a lovely spot, lots of trees, and plenty of fresh air.

We are also planning on going to a couple of out of province hamfests. One in Manitoba and the other at the International Peace Gardens, both of which are exciting as I head back to my old home province and the other I've never been to before.

So that folks is about all from Saskatchewan at this time. Hoping everyone has a wonderful summer, and everyone is safe from all those horrible tornadoes and bad weather. Prayers to all that need them, and also to anyone who wants them, we can all do with a little extra help in the prayer department. Take care and will be looking forward to the next installment of the YL Harmonics. 33 Val - VE5AQ

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YL Activities. Nancy Dluhosh, KE4RTP, made it to Dayton with her hubby. It was very nice to see her once again. She says her time is a little too regimented during the Hamvention, but they did manage to visit the Air Force Museum. Many hams include that in their trip to Dayton. She also attended the Contesting Dinner. Good luck on studying for your General license, Nancy.



Nancy Dluhosh, KE4RTP at the contesting dinner.

Kay Craigie, N3KN, of Blacksburg, VA, is helping ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, host the ARRL's annual Washington luncheon for a group of hams in positions of influence in the nation's capital. She invites any

YLS who are going to the ARRL New England Division Convention at Boxboro, MA, in August, to come to the ARRL booth and say hello. Kay will be speaking at the convention banquet this year. Congratulations to you, Kay, for your very visible involvement in amateur radio.

We wish Ruth Heitfield, WA-4FEY, all the best as she recuperates from lung surgery and goes through chemo. It is good to hear from you Ruth, and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

From the road, we hear from Debra, KI4YZY, who is traveling from Alabama to Vancouver. By now they are no doubt on that Alaskan cruise that was also in their plans. Gas prices were turning out to be the biggest negative of traveling such a long distance. We look forward to hearing more about your trip, Debra.

Our column's most faithful contributor, Ruby, KF4NI, is back in North Carolina for the summer. During the winter months, they live in AZ. She and her

hubby Kent participated in Field Day with the Tri-County ARC in Archdale, NC. She says they had a great time.

Our National Convention is just around the corner now. I can feel the excitement already of so many of us YLRL members congregating in one place. I wish everyone safe travels. Tomorrow I head back to my hometown region in Southwest Virginia for another family reunion. One side trip will be to Meadowview, VA, (near Abingdon) to visit a General Store and Restaurant run by author Barbara Kingsolver. If you are familiar with this well-known author, she and her husband moved to that location a few years back, and run an organic farm with crops and many animals.

Until I see you in Huntsville or through our next column, best 33 to each of you. If you would ever like to schedule a QSO with me, please drop me an email and we'll arrange it. I have Echolink also, if that is your preference.

IN OUR THOUGHTS

WB2YBA Christine E. Haycock, M.D., 84, surgeon, professor, of Newark, died on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, at the Center for Hospice Care at St. Josephs Hospital in Wayne. Dr. Haycock's wide interests included amateur radio, photography, videography, and breeding and showing miniature schnauzers, Manchester terriers and Italian greyhounds. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Bloomfield Animal Shelter, 61 Shelter Pl., Bloomfield, N.J. 07003 or the American Cancer Society, 507 Westminster Ave., Elizabeth, N.J. 07208, would be appreciated.

WA2NFY Lia did not have a stroke as was thought earlier on the TANGLE Net. "I believe that in her confused state, she either took too much RX, or forgot to take it at all." She is at: Crimson Ridge Gardens, 1 Treeline Drive, Rochester, NY 14612

KA2ZKM Marion has moved to an Alzheimer facility where she has adjusted well and is making friends. She enjoys receiving cards and notes. Her address is: St. Mary's d'Youville Pavilion, Marion T. Meyer, Room 321, 102 Campus Avenue, Lewiston ME 04240

WE4MB's Emily Bishop, dad WM4RB had a pretty bad motorcycle wreck on his way to work. "My dad is a very careful motorcyclist. His back tire blew out and went flat while he was traveling between 40 and 45 mph. The hospital said they took over 100 X-rays and did a CAT scan on him. Dad will make a full recovery and hopefully will not have many if any scars. We are still planing to make the Huntsville Hamfest.

KF6MBH Judy Thomas passed away July 6th. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. *Judy*



W6UAJ Marion Russ, my mother, died at age 95 on March 4, 2008 in Mountain View, California. Marion's call was W6UAJ since moving to California in 1974; previously W2BFM (1932-1974) in New York. She was the widow of Benjamin Russ (W2QZ until his death in 1973) a CBS television technical director in the golden age of live television. In addition to being a radio amateur since 1932, Marion was a gifted teacher and poet. Sincerely, Jonathan Russ, Marion's son (not a ham, alas)



N4MYZ Alice will be missed terribly. We met thru Ham radio when I first got my license back in 1993. She loved everyone and always invited everyone to her home for a dinner or lunch. She has two daughters and a granddaughter who are very special like her. She was an avid county hunter doing the award four times and many other awards as well. Her voice will be missed by many folks who knew her on air. May she rest in peace.

WA8YL Carol Hugentober became a silent key. She was a past VP of YLRL. She was very active in the Belles and 10-10 until her OM became a SK. Carol was a past president of OH-KY-IN and served on the board for quite a while.

KAØRTG Naomi reported on her OM, Hogie. He had a heart attack and also had a staph infection at the site of his shoulder surgery and they had to go back in.

KØEPE Marte's OM Pete is doing better after his fall this winter and the pacemaker is doing well.

WAØWOF Kay's OM Mike went in for a Dr.'s appointment which led to the discovery of cancer that was formerly undetected. It has moved through many areas of his body quickly.

WBØRTF Meryl (Smeester) Pierce, preferred to be called Moe.

The world of ham radio became a very important part of Moe's life after becoming licensed in 1980. She was also instrumental in keeping the Evergreen YL Intertie Net going for three years and the Southern Colorado Traffic Net for nine years.

Moe met her future husband, Bill Pierce, working at a Channel 9 Health Fair providing communications before the use of cell phones. Moe and Bill met again at a 'Ham Fest' in '84. Bill bought Moe a plain hamburger and the rest is history. They provided emergency communications for events like the Greeley Stampede.

The couple then moved to Colorado Springs where they would live until Moe's death. In 1998 Moe was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis which, years later, confined her to a wheel chair and ultimately to her bed

After having a massive stroke, Moe passed on July 17, 2008 at Hospice in Loveland, Colorado. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Vessey Funeral Service, 2649 E. Mulberry St A-1, Fort Collins, CO 80524.



Moe

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