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## Scholarship Information De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

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### Certificate Custodian WAS-YL , YLCC , YL-DXCC , WAC-YL. DX-YL de Carolyn Donner, N8ST

#### Basic Rules Applicable To All YLRL Certificates

1. Contacts made through repeater devices or any other power relay method cannot be used for any YLRL certificate confirmation.
2. All contacts must be made **FROM** the same country.
3. **DO NOT SEND QSL CARDS TO THE CUSTODIAN!** Two other Amateurs must sign the log verifying that the QSL cards are in possession of the applicant .
4. No charge is made for a certificate, but sufficient postage for first class mail or a stamped legal-size envelope must accompany the application to cover the cost of mailing the certificate.
5. For the order in which the contacts must be listed, please check the rules for each certificate.
6. All inquiries should be addresses to the appropriate custodian.
7. Decisions of the custodians regarding interpretations of the rules as here stated or later amended shall be final.
8. Certificate custodians and their addresses are listed in each issue of *YL Harmonics*.



## President's Message de Doshia Kretke, KBØNAS

Wow! I returned from my first trip to the Dayton Ham-vention just in time to finish up the school year (I am a physical therapist in a school district) and finally have a moment to catch my breath.

Thanks for the efforts of Anne Manna WB1ARU, who arranged for the booth and the needs of the YLRL contingent remotely from Australia (where she was in early May, for the International YL Meet in Adelaide), and of Susie Scott, N8CGM, who was our local contact and spent many hours at the booth along with Linda Metz, KC8PKY.

The YLRL booth was situated near a corner, where we could hail many passers-by. We asked YLs and potential YLs to sign in, and we signed up and renewed not a few, including some brand new hams as yet without a call sign.

The topic of the YL Forum was "YLRL—Past, Present, and Future." Cheryl, NØWBV reported she has found articles



*President Doshia, KBØNAS speaks at the YL Forum.*

from the 1920's with early mentions of women hams, including a 1924 statement that all female amateur radio operators are Young Ladies (YLs) no matter what age.

Current activities of interest were reviewed, and then we took the opportunity to hear from YLs who were present about what was important to them, ranging from looking at our logo to our presence on electronic media.

Dayton is as amazing as I have heard. My OM registered over 15,000 steps on his pedometer on Friday, even though he went to a couple

forums and he didn't go everywhere. It was probably good that I didn't go around shopping—I got things from 2 of the 5 booths right around us!

Cheryl, NØWBV, who spent more of her time than I did at the booth, expressed the same thought.

I took an afternoon off and, being in that part of the country, my OM and I drove across the Ohio River into Kentucky and then went for a walk in the woods of an Ohio forest preserve.

It was really nice to meet so many YLs, and I look forward to going next year. Then, the following year, it will be time for our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with a convention in the northwest, where the YLRL began. Like us, the organization is moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I urge everyone who hasn't to check out the website, [www.ylrl.hfradio.net](http://www.ylrl.hfradio.net). It keeps growing, and the blog is looking for your comments. 33, Doshia, KBØNAS

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## Vice President's Info De Linda Metz, KC8PKY

## YL Contests, Nets and Hamfest Booths

October brings our next contest. The **NA/ DXYL Anniversary Contest** is October 5-7.

The modes are CW, SSB and digital. The contest is open to YLs in North America and all DX entities. If you have never worked DX before now was a good time to try. I can tell you from personal experience that there is a real thrill when you make that first DX contact. It is great fun to talk to YLs all over the world.

YLs with a tech license to have some privileges in the HF bands just check the band plan to verify where they are as it is always important to operate within your privileges. So why not give contesting a try?

The rules are listed below. I am looking forward to receiving many logs with lots of contacts.

### **DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest**

**Oct 5-7, 2012**

SSB/CW/Digital

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 5W or less will be considered QRP and earn a power factor of 3. Contestants running 5W to 100W will be considered low power and earn a power factor of 1.5. Contestants running over 100W will be high power. If no transmitter power is listed on logs, no power factor will be given.
  - Total scored claimed is calculated by multiplying the points times the multiplier times the power factor.
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. If you print a log from a logging program or photocopy your log book, be sure they include all the required information.
  - 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.
6. Entry categories:  
Single operator and YL clubs/groups.



## Youth News de Emily Bishop, WE4MB

Congratulations to Erin King, AK4JG.

This YLRL member was named 2012 Young Ham of the Year. This 17 year old from Columbus, GA was recognized for technical prowess and the promotion of Amateur Radio in *CQ Magazine*, August 2012.

She is on [qrz.com](http://qrz.com), which lists her profile and pictures.

Erin is a member of the Columbus Amateur Radio Club and the Russell County Radio Club.

She is also the Founder and President of the Columbus High School Radio Club.

She enjoys contests including Field Day and the School Club Roundup and using radio for high-altitude balloon missions.

Erin says she is a part of the DREAMS high-altitude balloon program at Columbus High and has participated in six flights so far.

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Erin conducted her own balloon launch. The payload was her MIT tube (the container in which MIT sent her early-action acceptance letter), which contained two APRS trackers and a GoPro HD video camera.

The mission was for MIT's "Hack the Tubes" project for the class of 2016's early admits.

*(Way to go Erin! We look forward to hearing more about your radio experiments!-Ed)*

### **YLS 17 and under, Emily needs to hear from you!**

The youth column is based on Youth YLs who are actively involved in Amateur Radio. Do you contest, DX or go on DXpeditions? Do you participate in Field Day or your local school's Ham Radio club? Let Emily hear from you! We need to know what the next generation of YL Operators are doing!

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of the highlights of the trip.

Thursday we traveled to the west and saw some of the chasms in the West McDonnell Ranges and visited a wildlife park.

The historic Telegraph Station, the School of the Air, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Alice Springs Reptile Centre were on Friday's itinerary.

We traveled by coach to Uluru, also known as Ayers Rock, on Saturday. We took a walk around Kata Tjuta before viewing the sunset at Uluru and were up very early on Sunday to see sunrise there as well!

We then traveled on to King's Canyon for the evening.

Monday we drove back to Alice Springs and boarded The Ghan.

The train trip from Alice Springs to Darwin took about 23 hours, including a stop in Katherine Gorge to see Nitmiluk, a national park. Wednesday included a tour of Darwin and free time.

Tony and I flew out of Darwin for Cairns early Thursday, so were unable to attend the lunch hosted by the Darwin Radio Club at their club rooms.

We continued to Cairns for 3 days and then flew on to Sydney for 2 days before flying back to Los Angeles, Detroit and Boston!

Our 2 weeks in New Zealand were wonderful too, more on

that part of our trip later! -Anne, WB1ARU

My OM, Tom, and I enjoyed attending our Pine State Amateur Radio Club Hamfest on June 2 in Hermon, Maine. We had a great time seeing all our old friends. At first it looked like it might rain and spoil everything, but the rain held off until later in the day and the Hamfest went on without any problems. There was even a high altitude balloon launch with a cross-band repeater that was fun to track.

Until next time,  
33, Bobbie, W1JX

*(Check out pictures and more information in the center section and the DX column. -Ed.)*

# District One News de Roberta Donohue, W1JX



Hello to all. Summer has finally arrived in New England. For a while there, it looked like it was never going to come. But now, the flowers are in bloom, the trees are filled with leaves and the sun is nice and warm.

WRONE, Women Radio Operators of New England, held its spring luncheon meeting at DiMillos on the Water in Portland, Maine. It was a beautiful day with blue skies and warm temperatures. It was beautiful down on the Portland waterfront.

DiMillos is a floating restaurant, which was once a car ferry. It has been converted into a beautiful restaurant with excellent service and outstanding food. Everyone had a great time.

Hennie, KA1JVN, and Walter, KU1Q, returned to Connecticut from Florida in time to attend and everyone was happy to see them again.

Anne, WB1ARU, and Tony, WA1ENO, have returned from their "once in a lifetime" trip to New Zealand and Australia where they attended the international YL convention in Adelaide.

Anne writes:

My OM, WA1ENO, Tony and I traveled to New Zealand and Australia this past spring. YL International Meet 2012, a biennial event for YLs from around the world, was held in Adelaide from May 3 – 8. This was the springboard for our trip.

The YL Meet was followed by an optional 8-day tour that included Alice Springs, the Outback and Darwin.

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VK5TMC Tina and other ALARA members from the Adelaide area organized the Meet. There were over 70 attendees in Adelaide and 26 took the optional tour.

We flew into Adelaide through Melbourne from Wellington, NZ.

VK5CTY, Christine and VK5RG, Rob took us on a drive on Thursday. That evening the Meet began with an informal meal.

On Friday we went to Cleland Wildlife Park to see kangaroos, koalas, emus, dingoes and many other wild animals found in Australia. We also visited an historic village for lunch.

Saturday began with the YL Conference. Several YLs spoke, bringing greetings from their clubs and countries.

OZ7AGR, Inger invited all YLs to attend the SRYLA meeting in Denmark in 2013.

VK2GWI, Anjes spoke about the upcoming ALARA meet on the Gold Coast in 2013.

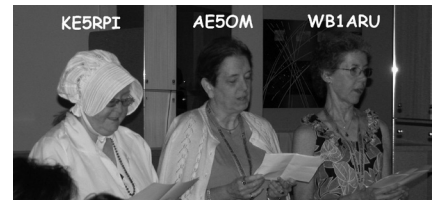
I brought greetings from YLRL and encouraged YLs to plan for the YLRL 75th Anniversary Convention in 2014. There were also greetings from several others. In the afternoon we took a tour of Adelaide.

Sunday we traveled to Port Adelaide and had a lunch cruise on the Port River where we saw dolphins then afterward we toured the National Railway Museum.

The highlight tour was on Monday - the Barossa Valley Progressive Lunch Winery Tour.

The final day of the YL Meet had no activities until the Gala Dinner.

The program for the evening was great fun as we all participated. YLs (and some OMs) from each country and each Australian state presented some entertainment. There were costumes, songs, skits, poems and lots of laughter.



It was a memorable event followed by farewells to those who were not taking the optional tour.

Wednesday morning our flight to Alice Springs, known as the Red Centre of Australia. But, there have been 2 years of unusual rainfall, so



the desert is actually quite green!

That evening we were driven to a location in the East McDonnell Ranges set up like an old time cattle camp. We were able to experience the history, entertainment and delicious food of the Outback under a star-filled sky. It was one

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# District 2 News

## de Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF



Greetings, Ladies –

Hope you all are enjoying the summer. It's been a bit hot here in the east, but now is a little cooler as we approach August/September months.

I did get to make the rounds at Field Day and had a great time touring Long Island, NY this time. It is lovely out there.

One of my favorite spots was Horton Point Lighthouse in Peconic, NY. What a nice place for Field Day.

I was there in time to help the Peconic ARC put finishing touches on their Tribander and also I raised the ARRL Flag!



*Joyce, KA2ANF*

Thank you to N2RBU – Roberta Keis, who also helped me with the beam!



*Roberta, N2RBU with Jim, W2NSF*

Sadly the BARA BABES, sadly are losing one of their members to 5-land.

Heidi, W2MLW is relocating to Texas in about a month. We will be sad to see her go, but I'm sure she will be on the air from time to time and of course the YLs in Texas will take good care of her. Heidi's OM, Steve, W2ML became a silent key on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. He will be missed so very much.

I have heard from my friend Nancy, KS2YL who shares news about Field Day – Here is what she writes:

Hello Joyce,  
I know this is long overdue, but welcome to being the District Two news person!

I would rather read about other YLs than write about myself, but having just received my issue of YLH and reading of the requests for pictures and news from Field Day, I decided I would send along one of mine.



*Nancy, KS2YL*

KLARA (Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Association) held Field Day at their usual site in Jasper, NY, a group of about 20 hams camping out on a hilltop, enjoying the perfect weather and camaraderie, not to

mention great food!

We were 6A WNY, myself being the lone CW operator, with 2 new YL hams participating for the first time operating SSB. They loved it! Hopefully we can interest more YLs to get their license and join us.

Last year was my first time to Dayton and it exceeded all expectations. An invitation to tag along with the group did not need to be asked twice! Finally, I was able to put faces to callsigns after all these years at the YLRL booth and the YL forum. I brought home many fine memories from the experience, plus a new Kenwood TS 590.

Well, I felt I needed an update from my TS 830s from the early '80's.

The couple that I rode out with were wonderful. Jerrilyn, KE2YB became a YLRL member while in Dayton, and unfortunately her husband Ralph, AA2CJ passed this year in March. None of us made it out this year but hope to again soon.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer and stay well.

33 de Nancy, KS2YL

Thanks Nancy, I do appreciate your news! Hopefully, I will get to Dayton next year, as well. Well, that's all the news from me...hope you all have a great summer!  
33, Joyce KA2ANF



## District Three News de Cecilia Bastone, KB3VEN

***No News Received. Please send news  
and Photos to your District Chairwoman!***

### HISTORY OF HAYLARC

By Jan Sturbois, WB4RIV

In early 1977 some licensed amateur radio YLs decided they would like to form a club. The idea soon became reality as the group met in February of that year to organize. It was decided at that time to call the group HAYLARC (Huntsville Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Club).

The group was formed as a service club and one of the first projects was a directory of "hams" in the North Alabama area.

Another project, which continued for many years, was the school program. Because there were teachers in HAYLARC, it was not difficult to offer the program and for a number of years ladies from HAYLARC went regularly to schools in the Huntsville area. Students were shown videos about amateur radio and demonstrations were given using Morse Code and someone would be contacted on 2 meters. This always was exciting to the students and frequently one of them was allowed to say "hello". The HAYLARCS also presented programs to HARC and other radio clubs in the area. There eventually was no longer a demand for the school program due to school schedules and technology.

Some of the other projects of the group included providing communications for different events--especially the annual Christmas Parade, participation in Field Day, local nets including one of our own, and the Hamfest.

In recent years the group has published a cookbook, helped with the annual Angel Tree of the Salvation Army, helped with SVHFS Convention in 2003 and hosted the YLRL International Convention here in Huntsville in 2008.

Books and other amateur radio materials have been donated to the local library as well. The annual Huntsville Hamfest registration is still one of the main projects of the group as well as having a breakfast for YLs and guests on Sunday morning of the Hamfest.

It is our understanding that HAYLARC is one of the few groups of YLs who have been in existence for this length of time. We remain active but small; however, we are always looking for new members in the North Alabama area.



## District Four News de Joan Jones, W4JMJ

Greetings 4-land YLs:

Here's hoping this copy finds everyone in good health and enjoying their summer.

Mary Moore, WX4MM, writes: "YLRL Forum [at Huntsville Hamfest]: will have one YLRL's outstanding youth YLs presenting the program this year.

Kaitlyn Cole, KS3P, will be showing pictures and telling about her experiences with the 2012 Youth DX Adventure on July 26-30 this summer.

The Youth DX Adventure takes 6 youth hams down to Costa Rica to operate from a contest station. The youth are skilled on how to "be the DX" and how to handle pile-ups, working as a team with other youth.

Kaitlyn was the 2011 Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year and the youngest ever to win this honor.

We also will be showing a video of Erin King, AK4JG's, MIT project. (We hope to have Erin with us but cannot confirm at this time.) "

Mary is also having a YLRL booth at the Milton, FL Hamfest.

Thanks for this exciting news Mary; it sounds like the Huntsville Hamfest will be a lot of fun and informative for all amateurs.

Alice King, AI4K, has moved to a retirement home in Gainesville, GA and hopes to be able to erect an antenna in the near future.

Good luck in your new QTH Alice, and we hope to hear you

on the air soon.

Kay Craigie, N3KN, writes: "I'm going to be at several ARRL conventions during the summer and fall months. I'll be at the Oklahoma Ham Holiday in late July, the Huntsville Hamfest in August, the Ohio ARRL Section Convention in Columbus also in August, and the ARRL Great lakes Division Convention at the Cincinnati Hamfest in September. Any YLs who are at these events, please come to the ARRL booth and say hi."

Well Kay, you certainly have an exciting summer schedule!

That is all the news this time ladies. I hope you all have a great summer and hope that you will send me some news and / or photos for the next Harmonics.

73, Joan W4JMJ

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She gave us some interesting insight into how she handles his 'ham obsession'. She did a great job and we really enjoyed her.

Dan, my OM, and I had to leave Sun morning early to get home so Barbara, AC7UH, and Sandy Newsome, KF7MKC-James' wife, manned the table.

Get this! On Sunday when they had the drawings my name was called for a mobile unit.

I was already gone and lost it. My OM really wanted one too. Oh well, maybe next time.

Now our club, CCARC, in Vancouver, WA, has Field Day

the end of June and CCARC Ham Fest, the middle of August. There's also a club picnic in there too!

It's going to be a fun summer!

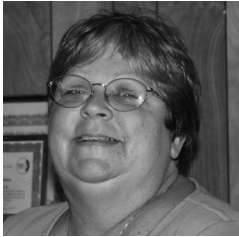
I hope you all are staying busy during the summer and having a marvelous time!

33, Marilyn, KE7WEN



**Did you know the November 1940, YL-Harmonics named the winner of the YLRL slogan contest. Anita Bein, W8TAY, submitted the slogan "QRV-I am ready". Which is the YLRL's official slogan.**

*Marilyn, KE7WEN our new 7th District Chair and Sara, AB7PS our former 7th DC.*



## District Five News de Betty Jo Byrd, KB5CSQ

Hello to all,

Hope you all survived Field Day and made a lot of contacts. I wasn't able to make the International YL convention but I did the next best thing Ed KA5VFU and I flew in for the Dayton Ohio Hamvention®.

Nice weather the whole 5 days we were there seen a lot of old friend and even made a few news ones at the YLRL Forum and booth.

Had a nice visit with Rick Roderick K5UR at the ARRL Booth had to pick at him a little about DXing also met the group that will be going on the Swains Island Dxpediton later this year.

Lots of people and lots of walking and you should have seen the line for the test session it was very long. One of our special friends Cindy Novak passed her tech test and now studying for her General.

HamCom in Plano TX was June 8-10, 2012 and wouldn't you know it Ed & I will be on vacation in Florida.

Thanks to one of our new YLRL members Cindy Downes, K5CED who agreed at Dayton to attend Hamcom and set up the YLRL booth and YLRL Forum for the weekend.

This will be the first time the YLRL has attended and we thank Fred Varian WD5ERD of the Texas Interconnect Team for the invite. Be sure to read Cindy's HamCom report below.

The radio has been very active at my house with the DX lately 7O6T Yemen, 6O0CW

Somalia and 1A0C Sov. Military order of Malta sure hope you all were able to work them, nice to have a new country to work for the DXCC count. I was able to work the 7O6T on SSB 10m, 12m, 15m, 17m, and 20m tried hard but could not break the pile up to work them on RTTY. Somalia is in the log both SSB and RTTY 1A0C is in the log on 15m RTTY, and 17m phone.

Field Day was hot as usual at the Hooterville Field Day site, Gulfport, MS we raised 3 towers all with beams antenna's, set up a vertical with all the radials, and of course the 4 square for receive.

Lots of hams came to set up and operate our K5MDX- 3A MS, on CW, RTTY, PSK and Phone. We operated from Air Conditioned communications trailers that were nice and cool.



**Hooterville GOTA Station**

The GOTA station did well this year also we had 3 ops make their 20 contacts which gave us extra points. All stations were operated around the clock even though the bands were not very good.

**De Soto, TX-Joyce, W5WMK**

I'm feeling fairly well. It is very HOT in TEXAS.

Mike, KJ4PWY, our son who

lives in MD lost power in a storm.

He lost all his freezer and ref. items. Had no water for 4 days and had to get water from the Potomac River to flush com-modes. Luckily he had 40 gallons stored so it helped a lot.

Jim, W5MWO-the OM has really been working in the yard and his square foot garden and been giving tomatoes, onions etc. away as we just cannot use them all.

Not much radio, I still miss getting on. Everyone have a great summer. 33, Joyce

**Carencro, LA-Karen, KE5RPI**

Hope all are well, busy and enjoying a wonderful spring I am.

I operated the 2 meter radio at the Black Bear Festival in Franklin, LA, on Sat., April, 21, 2012.

Our BEARS ham club of Morgan City, LA, enjoyed talking on 2-meters and Echolink at the Festival food and activities.

73, Karen



**KE5RPI at Black Bear Festival**

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# New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WB1ARU-Secretary



## New Members for July/August 2012

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

### DISTRICT 1

**N1DGD** Laura Lucas

Laura is licensed since 1984 and holds a General class license. She works as a financial coach. Her OM is KA1CVF Ed.

**AB1IC** Deb Carleen

Birth day: April 29  
Deb is active with many clubs including WARA, BARS, MMRA, and GEMOTO. Her favorite bands are 440 and 900. She has been licensed 1986 and holds an Extra license.

**KW1U** Marcia Forde

Marcia holds an Extra class license. She is the ARRL Section Traffic Manager for Eastern Massachusetts. (EMA)

### DISTRICT 3

Birth day: March 8  
Jafa holds an Extra class license. She is primarily active on 2 meters, but also participates in the PA QSO party and other similar events. She is a member of Radio Association of Erie, Forest Amateur Radio Team and Radio Association of Corry.

### DISTRICT 4

**K4VPZ** Kelley Vann Johns

Birth day: January 11  
Kelley has been active on 2-meters and is looking forward to getting on HF soon. She has a General license and is active with HAYLARC, HARC and MARC. She is a Thermal Protection Systems Manufacturing Lead. W4VPZ, J. Wheeler Vann is her dad.

**K 5DG** Denise D. Ganucheau

Birth day: October 28  
Denise is active on 20 and 40 as well as with ARES. She holds an Extra license. Denise was the lucky winner of her YLRL membership at the Huntsville Hamfest.

**Bonnie DeLeon**

Birth day: August 23  
Bonnie is a new ham who has not received her call yet. She is a member of Columbus ARC. She is on active duty with the US Army and interested in meteorology. Her OM is KG6NZP, Carlos.

### DISTRICT 5

**KF5LMJ** Sheree Horton

Birth day: November 5  
Sheree is a teacher and accountant who has a General license. She has checked in on the Thursday Night YL Net. Her OM is KF5LFL, Ron.

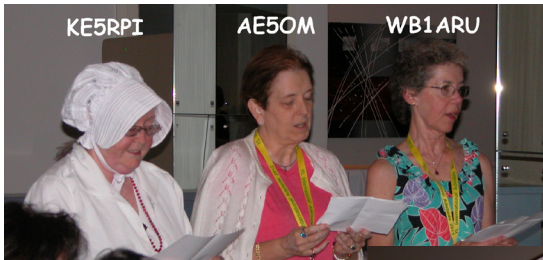
**K5NLM** Nancy McCain

Birth day: November 9  
Nancy is very involved with Emergency Management and holds a General license. Her biography on QRZ is interesting!

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# The YL International Meet & YLs at Fredrichshafen



# YLs at Field Day & Hamfests



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**KB5VBR** Penny Richardson

Penny has a Technician license and works in real estate sales. She enjoys gardening, traveling and quilting. WB5JJA, Ray is her OM.

Birth day: July 15  
Joyce is looking forward to earning her license. She is a published poet. Her OM is KE5WXL, Clifford.

Dorothy Sue Griffith

Birth day: November 30  
Sue learned about YLRL at the Plano Hamfest. Her OM is W5XP, Jim.

### DISTRICT 7

**K7BJL** Barbara Lewey

Barbara holds an Extra license.

**KF7MKG** Patricia A. Zwer

Birth day: January 12  
Patricia is a retired nurse with a General Class license. She is active on 2-meters and a member of Clark County ARC. KF7MJY Floyd is a family member.

**NL7NI** Shawna Lee Ross

Birth day: December 8  
Shawna is a sonographer and holds a Technician Plus license. She is active on 2 meters.

**KF7UVD** Corinne Civish (CeCe)

Birth day: October 30  
CeCe holds a new General license. She is looking forward to becoming active on the radio. KD8LCN, David is a family member.

### DISTRICT 6 REJOIN

**KE6RIN** Marilyn Jordan

Marilyn is retired and holds a General Class license. She is active on VHF, UHF, 20 and 40 and is a member of 10-X.

## DISTRICT 8

**N2 LC** Jill R. Schaumloeffel

Birth day: January 25  
Jill is a college professor who is currently active on 2m and satellite and recently earned her Extra license. She is teaching Tech/General classes and starting a new club. Her OM is WA3BOQ, Art. She was DA2GZ while stationed in Germany.

## DISTRICT 9

**KC9SST** Mary Joan Rose

Birth day: November 29  
Mary Joan is retired who has a Technician license. KC9QEC, William is her OM

**KC9VIM** Helena Patricia

Birth day: July 23  
Helena has a new Technician class license and is part of a ham family. Mom is KC9URR, Carolyn; Dad is KC9VIL, Plato; and KC9UUS is her brother Pdraig. She is active with Bloomington High School Ham Radio Club and participates in School Club Roundup, She also belongs to Bloomington ARC

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





## District Six News de Jennifer O'Connell, KI6OIL

Greetings, DE6!

By the time you receive this Harmonics, the 2012 Amateur Radio Event Summer will be officially over (sigh). The June 23-24 Field Day pretty much signifies the apex of the Season.

I was happy to get reports from Teri Bloom, W6TRB, and Donna M. Hinshaw, AG6V on their Event Summer happenings.

Teri had a date with Dayton!

"Another exciting and fun event! The annual Hamvention is growing in popularity. There were lots of forums, new products, new ideas, old and new contacts, and especially old and new friends!

"Hams were there from every State in the U.S., and from all over the world.

The best to see were all the young people. So many new to ham radio, so many already advancing; a great addition to the hobby, and these kids are smart!

I spoke with a 12-year-old in line for license testing. He was testing for his General. Later, I found out he passed! The line for testing wrapped around the building.

ARRL had many new exhibits this year and announcements. They had a 'DIY' stage showing the makers and hackers using Amateur Radio as a tool, and new kits for the Project Building Booth.

They also announced the 2012 YL Harmonics July/August 2012

ARRL National Convention at Pacificon, October 12-14 in Santa Clara, California.

If you haven't been to a Dayton Hamvention, or if it has been awhile, this is an event that needs to be on your bucket list."

Teri is also active with the Museum ships around California, and had the great opportunity to participate in a special contest for Museum ships around the world the weekend of June 2-3.

Teri had quite a time bouncing between the USS Midway and the USS Dolphin, both berthed in San Diego, California.

"When I arrived on Saturday, the USS Midway had enough people to work the radios until early afternoon, so I was sent over to the USS Dolphin, a submarine. She is berthed next to the Star of India.

The USS Dolphin's radio room makes a closet look large! Chuck (OM friend) was already in the closet—I mean radio room—and in order to grab the seat next to him, he had to get up and come out, then let me in, then climb back in himself! We didn't have a computer so all logging was by hand.

With all the metal between the radio room and the 20m dipole antenna, there was a lot of noise and picking any call out of the speakers was a job well done.

Plus there were tourists on

the submarine and there was lots of kids squeaking when they spotted people on the radios!

We still managed to grab 5 or 6 other Museum ships, and we had a lot of fun talking to everyone we could. In 3 hours we had about 175 contacts and then we lost the band."

And speaking of Museum ships, here's some exciting news of an addition to Amateur Radio and Naval history for our great state of California!

The USS IOWA gives California another Museum Ship!

Field Day 2012!

My OM Lynn, KG6DNY, did his duty in helping out our San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club (W6SD) with Field Day.

I, unfortunately, could not get on the air this year, but I'm glad my fellow YLs were there to represent!

Our own Clara Woll, KJ6CNO and Roz Clifton, KG6TRT worked the ARES Field Day site at Pierce College in Woodland Hills, California.



*Clara Woll, KJ6CNO and Roz Clifton, KG6TRT CQing and Logging Hard*

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# District Seven News de Marilyn Melhorn, KE7WEN



Hello all the YLs out there reading your Harmonics today!

I'm sitting in my recliner typing this article with one dog on my lap and the other on the couch opposite me. The sun is just getting ready to set and it's nice and quiet out.

We're planning a vacation to San Francisco, which is my favorite city to go to.

(One bit of information you may find interesting—San Francisco is the only city in the US where you can get free city tours done through the city library. They are free except for donations and are as good as any of the ones you pay for.)

My OM really wants to go to Hawaii. You see one of our sons is a pilot so we get flight rights!! That means we can fly standby anywhere in the world for free! Believe it or not we haven't used the rights yet. But we do plan on it. If I know my OM has the final vote Hawaii will be the first!

I wasn't able to make it to the MINOW conference but Barbara Yasson, AC7UH, did. She's the secretary of Clark Co Amateur Radio Club, and a mentor to me.



They had a great time and did some really interesting things.

The conference was in Pullman, WA on Sun morning, but everyone got there Sat so they could get together and see the sights.

Elizabeth Simon, KK7VO, and President of MINOW and hostess, planned a great time.

They went to the Appaloosa Museum in Moscow, ID. What an interesting museum to go to. I had no idea there was a museum for that breed of horse.

They also went to the Dahmen Barn in Uniontown, WA. It's a craft gallery where people work on their crafts and then sell them. A great place for a women's group to go!!

Sunday morning they had their meeting at the Hilltop Inn, in Pullman, and then they had lunch and came home. What a fun time to get together with more YLs and see the sights. I sure wish I could have gone.

Then after the MINOW Conference was SeaPac, one of the Northwest's Ham Conventions held in Seaside, OR the first weekend in June.

*Sitting (l to r):  
Robin Resnick KJH7BI,  
Elizabeth Simon KK7VO and  
Barbara Yasson AC7UH  
Standing (l to r)  
Rose Rybacheck KL7FQQ and  
Sandi Newsome KF7MKC.*

My OM and I went and had a great time.

We arrived Fri late afternoon and checked into our hotel. Right from there we went to a Spaghetti Feed put on by two of the Seaside clubs—SEARC and STARS. They do such a good job and the food was great!

We met many new people and even spent time talking to a YL from Germany. We will definitely eat there again next year.

We had a YLRL table at SeaPac and had 60 women sign our guest list.

Barbara Yasson, AC7UH, and I manned the table.



*Barb, AC7UH and Marilyn,  
KE7WEN at SeaPac*

Unfortunately during the YL luncheon we had to have an OM man the booth.

Oh well, he did a good job in spite of being an OM! Thank you James, KE7ZAC, for filling in for us!

The YL luncheon was just great. The speaker, Holly Roderick, a non-ham wife of her husband Rick, K5UR, a major ham!

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## District Eight News de Annette Wood, KC8SQM

**Annette reports that there was No News Received! Please send news and Photos to your District Chairwoman!**

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**Beth, KC5RWW,**

On June 22, my 55th birthday, I made 2 random 6M contacts in the eastern U.S. On field day from my home on commercial power I made 16 contacts on 15, 20, 40 and 80M all in the U.S. I observed a field day set up for about 1/2 an hour in a nearby town but didn't have time to get on the air.

On June 7 I could hear Saudi Arabia but couldn't break through the pile up.

July 2, I got a new one; Barbados on 15M.

The OM and I are still working on the outside of the house.

People keep asking when we'll be finished so he chose a random date: June 14, 2015. It's been too hot outside for me to help him much.

No more snakes lately. I guess the third one was a charm.

Yuck.

Beth

**Broken Arrow, OK-  
Cindy, K5CED**

HamCom was successful. I had 83 ladies sign our registration book and 42 ladies in the YL forum!

I gave out ALL the newsletters and brochures by 1 pm on Saturday. I had to leave at 1:00, so Sallie Howard AE5OM

offered to sit at the table the remaining part of the day.

At the Forum I talked on how and why I got into Amateur radio; Vicky Lutzel Schwab, AE9YL talked about awards; Sallie Howard, AE5OM talked about traveling with YLs; Jo Ann Keith, KA5AZK talked about Traffic Nets; and Jenean Thomas, KE5NFQ talked about storm spotting.



*YL Booth at HamCom*



My friend Penny, KB5VBR and I have planned on practicing Morse code when things were quiet but we were too busy at the booth.

It was a great time and I'm so glad I got to meet a lot of new friends! 73 Cindy

**A Huge Thank You!!** to Cindy for stepping up and representing YLRL at Ham-Com, checkout Cindy's web page about Amateur Radio from a Feminine Perspective! <http://www.pinkhamsters.com/>

**Cypress, TX-Sheree,  
KF5LMJ**

Sheree just upgraded to Extra Class and would like to meet some of the YLs in or around the Houston area

Let her know about any activity or nets you have in her area at [shereehorton@sbc-global.net](mailto:shereehorton@sbc-global.net).

**Manor, TX-Susan, K5DU,**

My husband finished chemo and radiation and felt well enough for us to attend Ham-Com in Plano. Further tests showed him now cancer free.

We celebrated by putting up a 6-meter beam. I worked two new countries on 6-meters last week. Susan K5DU

Hope you all have a safe summer and find time to operate your radio and stay cool. Remember the YLRL contest and YLRL nets check in we would love to hear from you.

BJ KB5CSQ



## District Nine News de Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Happy almost Fall ladies. I'm back.....mostly.

I want to thank Cheryl, NØWBV, and Rhonda, WS9H, for all the help they gave me in my recuperation.

The Harmonics would have been without a 9<sup>th</sup> District this year without their assistance.

You really don't know who your friends are until you are in a situation like me.

You all know by now, that I have had huge problems this year with my balance; I didn't have any for a while. The cure was not fun.

I had two shots in my left ear. I really don't know what hurt worse, puncturing the eardrum or the injection of the serum in to get to the balance center. All I can say is that it was worse than childbirth!!!

I am so fortunate to have the husband I have and I thank God every day for him.

I was in bed for 3 months (doctor's orders but I didn't feel like I could be anywhere else).

Al took excellent care of me plus laundry, cooking, cleaning, errands plus all of his own things. He is my angel.

I haven't driven since the beginning of February and don't know when I will be able to, so he is still carting me around to wherever I need to go.

Also, my friend, Anne, KA9YYI, has been my chauffeur every Thursday for the past month or so to Weight Watchers

and shopping. I am publicly thanking both of you.

I have been so fortunate to get many e-mails, cards, and phone calls from friends from high school, the amateur radio community and of course, the wonderful YLs.

Thank you all so much for your thoughts and prayers; you will never know how much it all meant to me.

To add to my distress, January 23, our Beagle, Bailey passed away. He had congestive heart failure for the previous 10 months. We had him 2 ½ years and we don't know how old he was as we rescued him from a shelter.

On August 6, we adopted a 10-month-old Cairn Terrier mix from the local shelter. We named Spike because he looked like he had a Mohawk all over his body. He is a real snuggle bunny.



*Carole, WB9RUS and Spike*

I missed most of the Fox Hunt season so my scores are

REALLY low this year, but that's o.k.

Our Wednesday YL net is still going strong.

On a regular basis we have Linda, W9LAN; Anne, KA9YYI; Susie, KB9WWO; KA9DOS; Pat, KC9PXC; and Christy AE9P.

Barb, W9WOZ hasn't checked in for a while, but we always listen for her.

We have some interesting conversations, and I know for a fact, that quit a few OMs listen to us and chuckle.

I guess that is all for this time. Again, thank you all for everything and for being my friends. You are all the greatest.

33 and 88

Carole, WB9RUS

### Where does it come from?

### 33

**"33" was originated in 1939 by Clara, W2RUF (ex W8KYR) and adopted by YLRL for exclusive YL use. It means "Love sealed with friendship between one YL and another YL". With this background and meaning, it is very understandable that "33" is not only exclusive with YLs but is NEVER used in the plural. We sign "33", never 33's.**

# District Ten News de Cheryl Muhr, NØWBV



Well it has been quite a summer. Lots to do and some days it seems as if there is never enough time to do everything you would like to do!

Well a few YLs managed to work Field Day into the busy schedule.

Cheyenne, NØCKS tried her hand at Field Day and found it to be quite something.

Marte, KØEPE and her OM Pete usually work Field Day with two clubs near Liberal, KS. This year Marte reports that the clubs planned to do their own thing instead of working with each other.

She and Pete figured that

meant Field Day was out for this year.

I managed to make Field Day in another state. This time it was Washington with the YLRL District 7 Chairwoman, Marilyn, KE7WEN and her group in Clark County.

So far I have done Field Day in CO, AZ, CA and WA.

Haven't missed one yet, even if we are out of town...or state!

I hope some of YOU are able to get on the Thursday night YL net!

We have taken down the antennas for the summer-both because of lightning and be-

cause we have verticals and wire antennas and the sun just beats on them at our high altitude.

As a result, we have to take things down at least once a year for maintenance.

The good news is we usually get better results when we put things back up after racing season in fall. We also seem to put up something "new and better" as well.

Next issue is the Directory, but that doesn't mean I don't need news!!!

Please write in and let me know what is going on in District 10.

33, Cheryl, NØWBV

While Donna M. Hinshaw, AG6V related her adventures from that day with her Amateur Radio Club in Petaluma, California:



*Donna  
Hinshaw,  
AG6V*

"I had a lot of fun helping the guys (mostly guys) set up the antennas and run coax. This was my second year helping setup, and now I'm familiar enough with the club's antennas to be able to receive a direction like, 'put that STEPPIR together over there' and be able to get off and do it.

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There are always guys hanging around who are ready to do the heavy torquing of bolts, and they gravitate to any activity, so I never have to do anything all by myself.

Then out came the antenna analyzers. This year I was able to do some up-close help on that task, and of course I picked one of my elmers to 'help' him—which means he explained what he was doing as he did it.

My 'help' for this task consisted of trotting back and forth between the two guys who were doing the analysis: one at the antenna end, and one at the radio end. They couldn't hear each other shout out directions.

So, for me, it was a fun and rewarding Field Day!"

The next planned excursion for this YL is the PACIFICON 2012 in Santa Clara, California.

This year, the Pacific Division convention also has the honor of serving as the ARRL National Convention!

From what I hear, the organizers are working hard to increase the Youth and the YL presence this year, and hopefully YLRL will have a booth.

If any of you have pictures or reports from Dayton, Field Day, AC100 or other Ham Events, please send them along! It's never too late to share your Ham-happenings.

Perhaps I might see a few of you YLs at Pacificon—feel free to eyeball me either at the YLRL booth or around the Convention. Here's my best for a wonderful Fall.

33 & 73,

Jennifer Oliver O'Connell,  
KI6OIL



## KL7 District News de Marilyn Melhorn, KE7WEN

Hello to all the KL7s in Alaska. This is your 2<sup>nd</sup> official article for YLRL.

Actually it's as official as it can be with my living on the 'mainland'. But seeing so many people from the northwest US live part of the year in Alaska, I figure it's all right for me to do this.

The weather in Alaska seems quite mild for where they are- in the mid 40 degrees. There's been rain lately but Washington gets a lot more.

At this point it looks like a beautiful time of year for Alaska. The days are long, the weather is mild and everyone can get outside after their self-imposed exile during the winter months. I met a lady from Alaska who went to college in Oregon.

She told me how her roommates were always so surprised that she could sleep anytime, dark or light. She said when you're from Alaska you get so use to sleeping in the light that it becomes a life long habit.

Honestly I'm quite surprised how many clubs are in KL7-land.

There's even one in Prudhoe Bay, which is about

as far north as you can get.

The name of it-Borealis Amateur Radio Club. It has 4 members, no YLs.

They specialize in Digital Modes, DX, General Interest, Public Service/Emergency, VHF/UHF.

There is also a newsletter but I wasn't able to find it on the Internet. They do Tech, and General licensing classes too. And out of the 4 members 3 are ARRL members.

I wonder how many other clubs we know of can quote 75% of the members belonging to ARRL! :) Wouldn't Prudhoe Bay be a fun place to visit!!

I've had the joy of emailing a few of you already and am looking forward to meeting you face to face someday.



*Betty, KL1XL*

Betty Carrington, KL1XL, has been most helpful in getting me Internet sites to research.

Betty is on the board of Matanuska Amateur Radio Association (or MARA). They're in Wasilla, which is outside of Anchorage.

Betty, I look forward to meeting you someday face to face.

MARA had licensing classes coming up. You can contact

**Ken.Slauson@gmail.com** to be put on the roster.

Don't forget the PARKA YL net on Thursdays, 1900 hrs (7pm), on 147.300Mh plus, 141.3 Hz PI tone.

There's also the ARES net on Thursdays, 2000 hrs (8pm), on 147.270Mh plus, 103.5 Hz PI tone.

This is the main emergency net. If there are any problems in the area, quake, fire, flood, civil unrest, this is the net to go to.

It's an informal net but if it's being operated under an emergency it's very formal.

I hope your summer is an eventful one and all you YLs are able to accomplish much!  
33, Marilyn, KE7WEN



## VE News de Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

Well, spring has turned to summer. I was pleased to receive a note from Merle, VE1VCI, and to hear she is managing on her own after suffering several strokes this spring.

We all hope Merle will be able to re-activate her station as many people as well as the YL-DX Net will be very happy to hear her voice on the air, once again.

Take care, Merle, enjoy your growing family, get well and on the air again soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Now we just have to hope for good weather and not another season like 2011 when summer never really did happen.

Val, VE5AQ, always likes to tease me about our rainy west coast weather. It really isn't all that bad. Of course, unlike Val's Saskatchewan, everything on the coast remains lush and green throughout the summer but you have to remember to keep active, as moss does tend to grow on anything that does not move.

I am beavering away on my Grandmother and Favourite Animal logs and hoping to have them completed soon so that I can start looking for Great-Grandmothers. My very best wishes to one and all for a safe and happy summer. 33 Suzanne, VE7IM

**Ann, VE3HAI, writes:** She, her OM, Barc, VE3HAH, and YL Harmonics July / August 2012

her daughter, Janet, N9ZKU, enjoyed Dayton again this year. Ann was pleased to attend the YLRL forum.

President, Doshia Kretke, KBØNAS, presented some interesting things to think about; chiefly, where did we see YLRL going in the future? It's always good to have a vision to work towards.

Good luck achieving it gals.

Ann felt that there were more hams at Dayton this year, than ever before; certainly more than the last few years that she has attended.

Lots of folks seemed to be buying things. She hopes that's a sign that the economy is moving ahead.

One of Ann's special Dayton treats was to visit with Kay, WAØWOF. Kay and Ann have been ham friends for many years.

Ann brought an early copy of the Buckeye Burr with her. It had been found in the estate papers of Thelma, VE3CLT (sk), who was a long-time member of the Buckeye Belles.

Ann gave it to Susie, N8CGM who still publishes the Burr, although the Belles no longer meet. The Belles may find the articles interesting. Ann wishes everyone a very safe

and healthy summer. 33 Ann

**Merle, VE1VCI, writes:** Greetings from beautiful Lochaber, Nova Scotia on a gorgeous day in May.

It was great to be on Rose-Marie's Net (YL-DX Net) these past few months.

I could hear almost everyone on both 20M and 15M. I still have not got enough contacts for the contests we are currently taking part in.

I was doing well when a series of small strokes hit me starting on March 18<sup>th</sup> and the last one on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

My Doctor put me on Plavix and I have had none since but I am very tired and snooze a lot in the daytime. I am still at my comforters but much slower.

We have welcomed a new great grandson into our ever-growing family. We now have a total of 57 with another "great" expected in August. We are truly blessed, for sure.

Hope everyone enjoys a wonderful summer.

Many thanks for all the get-well wishes and prayers.

I have had problems with water getting into my shack. My radio set-up is all apart. I may never get it set-up again - have to wait and see.

73 & 33 Merle, VE1VCI

**Val, VE5AQ writes:** Hello Everyone from Finally Sunny Saskatchewan.

For a while there I honestly thought that I lived in British Columbia with Suzanne VE7IM. 14 days straight of rain.

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## DX News & DX Treasurer de Rose-Marie Battig, KB4RM

Dear YL friends,

Summer is here and winter for some and I hope everyone is having a wonderful time.

DXing has its problem in the summer months and the conditions are not the best. Monday DX-YL net on 14.288 at 15:00z, we go to 21.400 after calling on 20m for short time. Signals are much better on 15m for DXing, but not good to hear your own country YLs.

DXing is best to Europe for us in USA at 21:00z and 0300z which means you have to stay up late and Europe has to get up early.

Do check in and if you don't hear us on 20m wait and listen on 15m.

I hope many of you got to work Yemen 7O6T, I did and waiting for the QSL card to confirm it. I still have thirteen more to reach the top.

I haven't got very much news from you and I haven't been to any ham events so I will let you know what I learned about my station.

For my station I have an FT1000D, amplifier Alpha 9500 and a 14 element three band Force12, beam, at 70 feet.

The amplifier is fairly new and is fully automatic which is good for me as I am not very technical and call for my OM as soon as anything is not working right.

One Monday the amplifier shutoff as it believed it was getting a higher line voltage than it should. It automatically shut down, to prevent any damage.

We contacted Molly at RF Concepts, who then guided us in connecting a usb cable between the amplifier and our computer.

She then was able to run a diagnostic program and determine that the amplifier was misreading the ac line voltage.

With her remote link to our computer and amplifier she was able to recalibrate the amplifier line voltage circuit. Problem solved with modern technology.

We have come a long way, not to have to send the radio back to be fixed.

Anne, WB1ARU went to Australia DX-YL meeting and gave this report:

My OM, Tony, WA1ENO and I traveled to New Zealand and Australia this past spring.

The YL International Meet 2012, a biennial event for YLs from around the world, was held in Adelaide from May 3 – 8. This was the springboard for the trip.

The YL Meet was followed by an optional 8 day tour that included Alice Springs, the Outback and Darwin, by air, bus and train.

The Meet was organized by VK5TMC, Tina, as well as other ALARA members from the Adelaide area.

There were over 70 attendees in Adelaide and 26 took the optional tour.

It was wonderful to meet and spend so much time with all the YLs and OMs.

*(Check out District 1 News and the center section for more information and pictures for the YL International Meet. -Ed.)*

Hello Girls,

I have put a few photos of the YL Meet in Adelaide up on the web.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/grannybee/> I have not named anyone in them but if you are in a photo and want me to take the photo down, let me know. The Meet was really good, so much fun.

Thank you to the DX girls and their OMs who were able to come. I hope you enjoyed it as much as John and I did.

33, Dot VK2DB

Christa, DJ1TE, went to the Ham Fair in Friedrichshafen June 22-24<sup>th</sup> reporting they had beautiful weather and many OMs and YLs attended.

The YLs meet in the "YL-Garden" and get served coffee and homemade cakes the German YLs made.

It is a place to gather and look at pictures from other meetings and get news of what everyone does on the radio.

At two a clock on Saturday all YLs meet in Bistro Florence, a quiet open place and listen to speaker Anette, DL6SAK-daughter to Sigrid, DL3LG.

Anette spoke of DARC (Deutschland Amateur Radio Club) same as ARRL here, where

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she is on the board.

Anette welcomed 120 YLs and 20 of which were DX-YL from 15 different countries, who all introduced themselves.



*20 YLs from 15 Countries!*

We were so happy to meet Kay, WAØWOF, after ten years again and went through pictures and memories from previous YLRL times.

Ilse, DL5FM gave us a beautiful photo show about the International meeting in Australia.

Christiane DL4CR gave report about the high activity in the VM-fuss ball contest.

Inger, OZ7AGR, invited all to SYRLA (Scandinavian Young Ladies Radio Amateurs) meeting August 22-25, 2013 in Roskilde, Denmark.



*Christa, DJ1TE; Kay, WAØWOF; and Elfriede, DK6FM*

Non-members are welcome so bring friends. SYRLA was founded ten years ago in Sicily at a DX-YL meeting, so it is an anniversary.

More information is coming later on their home page.



*Christa, DJ1TE and Inger, OZ7AGR*

Sigrid, DL3LG, was at the meeting and sent some pictures taken by the Bodensee in the rain together with Kay, WAØWOF; Gertrude, DL8LQ; and Friedle, DK6FM.



*YLs at Fredrichshafen*

I will come to the SYRLA meeting next year in Roskilde. I hope many of you

A reminder, next Harmonics after this is September issue the directory. Please e-mail or post any changes in your addresses either post or e-mail to me [chas2rm2.va@embarqmail.com](mailto:chas2rm2.va@embarqmail.com) so we get it correct in the directory. I also need it for sending you, your membership card for next year.

Good DXing,  
33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

### Corrections & Changes

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Also if you send dues or address corrections to the return address on your envelopes, they will be delayed. The permit is held by the Editor who has to then send the information on to the correct parties. *Thank you -The Editor*

### Changes and Corrections

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# Continuous Membership de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ



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The following have achieved milestones in their continuous membership in YLRL:

### 55 years

Janice O'Brien K6HHD

### 50 Years

Mary Card, VE3FEB

### 35 Years

Ruby Byrd, KF4N; Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ; Anne Manna, WB1ARU;  
Edith McDade, WA4SRD; Barbara Ann Murnane, WB1EHS;  
Jeanne Parker, WA6UVF; Sharon Toal, W9RNF

### 30 Years

Byrness Haworth, W8LE; Sally Taylor-Gardner, W8LE

### 25 years

Joan Borngraber, WC2G; Stephanie Fox, KA0ZIA;  
Mary Wagner, KA8MPH; Hiromi Hishiki, JJ1CAS

### 20 Years

Deborah Porter, KE3FY

### 15 Years

Ann Nutter, VE3HAI

### 10 years

Zenda Benton, KD5MD; Elaine High, W0HEM; Maya Kastilia, OH1MK;  
Wendy Chang, BV2RS; Inger Lundin, OZ7AGR; Eine Mattila, SM0UQW;  
Susan Till, M3EYL; Noriko Tokura, 7K3EOP

### 5 years

Joan Jones, W4JMJ; Cecilia Rongey, W0CMR;  
Frances Doyle, AJ4JQ; Robin Resnick KI7BI

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Now in that time I got 2--45 gal barrels filled with lovely rainwater, and I also emptied them cause they were overflowing. We finally got a 250 gal barrel up, and then in a space of 2 days it was filled to overflowing and also the other 2 barrels are also now overflowing.

Oh well, at least I am stocked up on rainwater just in case that's it for us. (Yea right).

This issue won't be lucky enough to see me relaxing at the campgrounds but will put that one in the next issue. Also in the next issue will be some pictures of our Saskatchewan Hamfest.

I am working like a dog trying to get it all together. Some folks are really slow at getting back to me for tables, but as always happens, the day of, and they will all be clambering at my door wanting a table.

The website is up to date, and Cheryl, NØWBV, has sent me some wonderful pictures, and when I find time, (like an extra 20 hours in a day) I will be putting more of them on.

If you have any stories that you would be willing to share, please send them to me and I will make sure to put them on.

Also keep sending the pictures and if you are checking the website and you know any of the gals please send me the names to go with the pictures. Just put as an example: Dayton 2011, picture #3, back row..... Cheryl NØWBV; and no, don't think Cheryl is in that particular picture.

*(If you haven't checked out the YLRL website, please visit: [www.ylrl.hfradio.net](http://www.ylrl.hfradio.net) and check out all the great work our webmasters are doing!. -Ed.)*

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Other than that, nothing else to report.

I am fine, and trust me; I kept my OM away from ladders this year when we went camping.

33 Val VE5AQ

**Elizabeth, VE7YL writes:** I was in Calgary late last week for the High School Grad Ceremony for my granddaughter. Lots to do and see and cheer about.

Just over 540 students in the grad class and well over four hours on a very hard chair watching the presentation of certificates - how I wished I had taken a cushion!!

Still, a wonderful time for all those graduates.

Field Day is coming up and hopefully the weather will be kind.

The Richmond Club is setting up near the mouth of the Fraser River and I look forward to doing my shifts working CW.

The weather can do strange things on the River as I have discovered when the tent I was working in caught the wind and blew off toward the riverbank leaving me sitting in the rain.

There was a mad scramble to get all the gear under some sort of cover before it was damaged.

We certainly did learn a lot about how to set up our tents!

West coast weather has been cool and very wet and the local mountains still covered in snow.

20 meter openings to VK and ZL during the late evenings have made it possible to check into the 222net.

To those taking part in Field Day I hope you have fun. Have a great summer.

33 Elizabeth VE7YL

**Jeanne, VA3WX, writes:**

She looking forward to a few birthday luncheons in July and also her and her OM celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary in July as well.

Not expected to do any travelling but picnics and trips down to the marina at Oakville will be enjoyed.

The month of May our evening CLARA net was a challenge so hopefully come September the band will be greatly improved.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer.

33s, Jeanne

**Linda, VE1QT, writes:** I just got back from Alaska and the Yukon and thought I would share with fellow Amateurs some of my experiences.

It was a fabulous trip and unbelievable scenery, I simply can't describe the countryside for you or anyone else so I am sending you this list of places and things that I saw.

The top 7 are the most important:

The Zuiderdam - cruise ship, Mendenhall Glacier, Denali National Park and Denali Mountain, Top of the World Highway aka Mile High Highway, McKinley Mountain and McKinley Explorer, White Pass & Yukon Railway, Alcan & Taylor Highway and Hurricane Gulch.

Other places we saw were: Chicken, Alaska, Polar Creek, Alaska, Minto Landing, Moose Creek Lodge and North Pole, Alaska.

33s Linda - VE1QT

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