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President's Message de Barbara Yasson, AC7UH

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From time to time, I hear about someone who has written a newsletter article and put in a “ringer” just to see if anyone noticed. In my last President’s Message, I mentioned that our June Board Meeting was the first of 2021, because that is what I remembered. Sometime after the beginning of the meeting I realized we had met in January. It seems nobody noticed, which is not much of a surprise. Those details do get lost in the shuffle and I am sorry I did not have the details correct for my last message.

The item from the June meeting to remember is that there was a report from the Directory Committee, appointed at that January meeting, and who met to decide if we were going to do a membership directory this year. The committee met and forwarded their decision to do a directory for 2021 to the board. The directory is always a lively topic of discussion, and there was more discussion during the meeting. After the dust settled, the agreement was to publish a directory in the November/December issue of YL Harmonics. It will have brief entries, as part of the effort not to expose your personal information to the online digital environment with password protected access for those of us who usually receive YLH via email. Those of us who receive a printed version of YLH will receive their November/December issue in the usual manner.

The other item of note from the meeting is that the board received the results of the membership vote on adding a 3-year membership renewal option to the existing 1-year renewal; it passed. The 3-year option must be added to the membership form and the website, so there is work to be done between now and the end of the year. It is a work in progress and you will see more about it later.

Earlier in the year I mentioned that Cheryl, N0WBV, indicated that it is time for her to retire from printing YL Harmonics for us after so many years. Over the years Cheryl made improvements to our newsletter/magazine to maintain the quality and improve the overall product. This issue of YLH is the last one she will print. We can’t thank Cheryl enough for all that she has done for the YLRL organization and for YL Harmonics. Cheryl wants to stay on as Publicity Chairwoman, so we will have to come up with some ideas for publicity to keep Cheryl busy.

The new YL Harmonics printer is Peak Printing, Inc. located in Colorado. Our contact is Amanda Alden, K1DDN, who is a YLRL member. Cheryl was always of the opinion that with a member printing YLH she would take better care of it, and watch out for it as it went through the printing process. Thanks, Amanda, for agreeing to print YLH. I’m looking forward to the September/October YLH, the first issue from Peak Printing.

Here’s hoping you were able to get on the air for Field Day and that you had a great time doing it. I’m looking forward to reading your stories. My Field Day story is pretty short. I signed up for the Sunday 5 a.m. – 7 a.m. shift on 20M, and the 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. shift on 40M with our local radio club. Due to the time of those shifts I got to hear both bands come alive, but did not make many contacts. It was fun all the same and maybe next year I’ll sign up for a better shift.

33 de Barbara AC7UH



Vice President's Message de Rita McConnell, NE0DB

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There is an old saying; "I heard it through the grapevine". Rumor has it that the thousands of miles of telegraph wire installed across the United States during the 19th century, strung together by telephone poles, resembled the strings used to train grapevines ... hence, "heard it through the grapevine" was born. And, we can attribute all that wire to our good friend, Samuel Morse.

With grapevines no longer relevant in today's high-speed communications, we look at other venues for information. "I heard it through one of the YL Facebook pages" that a few of our newest members and newly-licensed ladies have asked, "Why isn't there a contest exclusively for YLs"? Well, there is! In 1939, our founders initiated the DX/NA YL contest. It has evolved a bit during the years; but basically is known as the League's anniversary party. 2021 marks the 82nd running of this exclusive YL only DX contest. DX YLs call "CQ North American YL". North American YLs call "CQ DX YL." Rules can be found at YLRL.org. Dates are: 1400 UTC October 8 - 0200 UTC October 10

41st ALARA Contest – alara.org.au/contests

0600 UTC August 28 - 0559 UTC August 29

Oceania DX Contest - oceaniadxcontest.com

Shirley, VL5YL, VP of ALARA shares the following:

Phone: 0600 UTC October 2 - 0559 UTC October 3

CW: 0600 UTC October 9 - 0559 UTC October 10

The aim of the contest is to promote HF contacts with stations in the Oceania region, i.e., 9M6, DU, KH6, VK, ZL, YB, Pacific islands and all other Oceania entities.

*This year ALARA (Australian Ladies Amateur Radio Association) is sponsoring two awards for YLs for the first time. The **Florence McKenzie (Mrs Mac) Award** is for the YL ("young lady") Single Operator entrant from **inside Oceania** with the highest combined score in the Phone and CW sections. The **Austine Henry YL Award** is for the YL Single Operator entrant from **outside Oceania** (i.e. the rest of the world) with the highest combined score in the Phone and CW sections.*

These awards recognize two women who have made significant contributions to amateur radio in Australia.

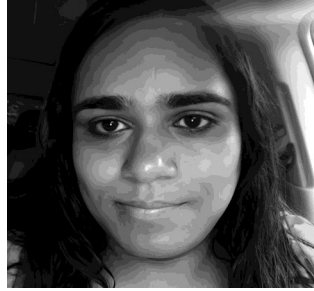
Florence McKenzie is the first known licensed lady amateur in Australia. She established the Women's Emergency Signal Corps to provide a morse code training facility and became known as Mrs Mac. Austine Henry was first licensed in 1930. She constructed her own transmitters, for which she won prizes. You can read more about them on the Oceania DX Contest website.

Note: Shirley reminds the participants to make sure to "tick" the YL box when entering to assure eligibility for the new awards.

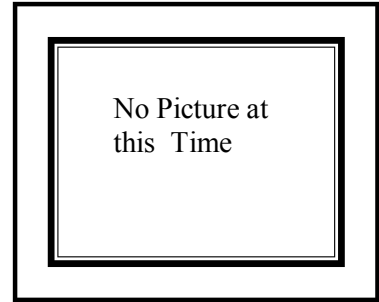
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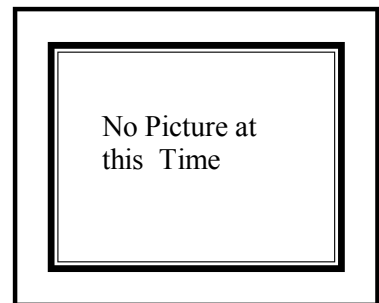
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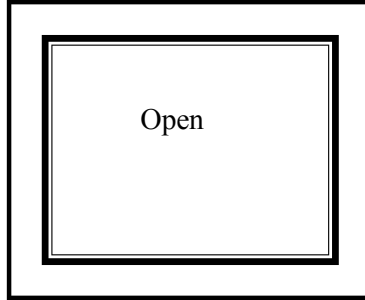
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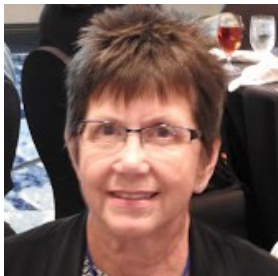
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Fay holds an Extra license and is a former
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**Use QRZ to learn more about our new
members!**

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

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<http://www.farweb.org>

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District News

District 1

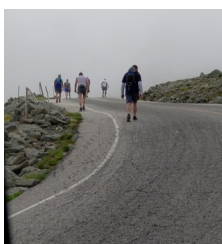
Anne, WB1ARU, and OM Tony, WA1ENO, operated on Field Day as 1E EMA using his call. Although we got off to a rocky start on Saturday afternoon due to some microphone issues, once we got going, it was a constant roll on 20m. Later we switched to 40 and tried a little 15 on Sunday morning. I worked several operators who could have been YLs, but only one that I knew - Dawn, WA4YL. The only states that we didn't make contact with were Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Rhode Island?! We worked most of the provinces too, except Alberta, BC, and NWT. Even though we had to take a break for our granddaughter's dance recital on Sunday, it was a success.

From Kathy Savage KB1LPW:

Kathy Savage, KB1LPW writes: So glad to see enough people are getting vaccinated and the number of Covid cases have dramatically decreased!! (If you have not been vaccinated please consider getting vaccinated!!) Because numbers have gone down, very happy to see events starting up again and in-person this year; myself and Rick, KB1LYJ, have already assisted in communications for two Multiple Sclerosis events (Ride the Rhode in Rhode Island, and the Cape Cod Getaway in MA). Also have helped with the Annual Mt. Washington Road Race, this year 2 days; also a training bike ride on Mt. Washington.



Looking forward to the other events this summer, including Subaru Climb to the Clouds, New England Forest Rally, MS Challenge Walk on Cape Cod, Boston Marathon, and Head of the Charles Regatta, and any others that will come up in our area. In September we will be traveling to California to help with the Multiple Sclerosis Society Waves to Wine Ride.



Mt. Washington Road Race



Cape Cod Getaway



Mt. Washington Road Race

From Barbara Irby KC1KGS:

Busy couple of months—Field Day was a great event, with at least 15-20 people showing up—and grand reopening of our club. I was a jack of all trades, helping with antenna raising, providing some of the food, touring visitors, chatting with many, enjoying FT8, and helping clean up at the end.

I was thoroughly engaged in the 13 Colonies Special Event this year---I got a clean sweep, plus the bonus stations; a few on SSB, the rest on FT8 and FT4. Some stations were especially challenging—e.g. the French station. But I finally got him after my OM spotted him.

I am regularly tuning in to the Yankee Lassies Net on Wednesday mornings—nice to hear fellow YLs

on the air and find out about their activities. Otherwise, ongoing VE sessions (in person and remote), additional nets, and a nice in-person meet-up (about 13 hams) at a local eatery-first time in over a year, last weekend.



Barbara at Field Day



Barbara with 13 Colonies documentation

From Leandra MacLennon, AF1R:

I've been busy with contests, 13 Colonies, POTA and running two local nets on 10 meters. I wandered around southern New England during the January VHF contest and for my effort earned First Place in Limited Rover in New England Division, and placed 10th overall nationwide in the Limited Rover class. I wandered around again for the New England QSO Party in early May, and made a run up to Vermont to activate rare Orange County. On my way up and back I activated 7 more counties in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. I've been having fun doing digital contesting, participated in six different RTTY, two PSK-31 and 3 Hellschreiber contests. I had a blast chasing after the 13 colonies stations. I got 12 of them on SSB and one on RTTY (using my RTTY skills learned from contesting!). I squeezed in some Parks On The Air (POTA) activations when I was not contesting. When a block of new POTA sites became available, over a 24 hour period from Friday afternoon to Saturday afternoon, I was first to activate 6 POTA sites and during two of those activations I worked an Alaska POTA "hunter" on 20 meters with just 100 watts and a hamstick on a mag mount on my car. On Thursday evenings I run a 10M SSB net to encourage 10M activity. On every other Thursday evening I also run a 10M digital net, where we try out all of the other digital modes, such as RTTY, Olivia, PSK-31, Domino and Hellschreiber.

District 4

My club, YCARS (York County Amateur Radio Society) hosted a 'Ladies Night' in early June. Several of the female members decided we wanted to get to know each other better, and thought we would use the recently increased time the club was available for in-person meetings to plan some activities.

We did so at the end of May. Our first activity was to make sure that all of us knew how to operate the clubs' HF stations (all of us are Generals). We did, with the assistance of a few of the Elmers in the club, along with one of us learning how to call a Net.

The next meeting will be July 30 – Learning about Raspberry Pi. We will bring in our Pi's, if we have them, and learn to set them up for Radio operations. I've used my Pi for some time, but I'm looking forward to learning more from others. We have some members with particular expertise, who are eager to get more of us on the RP Bandwagon!

Some of us volunteered to bring raspberry desserts that day.

Future plans include learning Morse Code, building antennas, and much more.

Hillary Ramsey ,AB1CD; Vicki Carnes, KO4QNX; and myself – Linda Fox, KM4GSF, are the core team that are having fun with this.

From Bonnie Greenfeld, KC4JVS, Boca Raton, FL

At a Zoom meeting today our newly formed Welcoming Committee discussed how our club could encourage more women to participate in our hobby.

Apparently, there have been past discussions of us having one of our licensing classes be held by a woman for women only. This was only one way I could see BRARA becoming more female friendly than it already is.

While I thought of this group immediately, I am not yet a member. I would like to remedy that issue as quickly as possible so I can properly connect the BRARA leadership to the YLRL organization. I currently am traveling, so can send an application by email, but how would you collect my \$15 dues?

73, Bonnie Greenfeld, KC2JVS
Treasurer, Boca Raton Area Amateur Radio Association

From Dot Timmerman, AC4HH, Chattanooga, TN

My OM decided we should change apartments at the Senior Living Facility where we have been living for almost three years hoping to be able to make some HF radio contacts. We had a 2-bedroom apartment on the second floor of a large building, with a large balcony from which we expected to be able to get out with our antennas. We had a 10-meter long-wire, a magnetic loop antenna and a Buddypole. However, numerous fluorescent lights in the hallways (or something else) caused so much RFI that we only talk to others through the repeaters. However, on the perimeter around the main building are some duplexes built all on one level. So, after testing for electrical interference at one of those, we decided to move and put up our antennas behind the unit. As you know, it takes as much work to move an eighth of a mile as to move across the state. I packed for a week before the moving company came and unpacked for ten days after that. So far, we do not have the radios or the antenna set up.

Hopefully, in the next “Harmonics” I’ll be able to report many contacts from our new location.
73, Dot Timmerman, AC4HH, District 4 Chairperson

District 5

Leah Ohse, W3LEO, reports that she and her club will be activating W6J in September for the Route 66 event. They will be stationed by the Rock Cafe in Stroud, OK.

Ann Hargrove Beadel, WA5GLM, went with her son Allen ,KB5AB, and his wife on week-long “small ship” cruise in Maine. Beautiful green countryside, lots of good food, interesting people —did I mention the food? Lots of great seafood, including several meals of lobster, whole huge lobsters! All in all, it was a great trip!

Susan King, K5DU, participated in NU1AW/5 multi op. Operating 160 meter CW.

Allison Hollier, KG5BHY, participated with her club Mansfield-Johnson Amateur Radio Service (pictured)



Allison Hollier, KG5BHY

District 7

Barbara, KI7BR writes: I've been keeping busy. Still serving as co-assistant net manager of the World-wide Friendship Net as well as one of their rotating net controls, and recently set up a Facebook page for this net as the website lapsed shortly after our net manager, Keith AB8K, became a silent key this Spring. We miss Keith, but found an able replacement manager for the net to keep things going. Now that my j-pole is restored after it was downed in an ice storm, I'm back serving as one of the net controls for our club (OTVARC - Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club) net on Wednesdays. At the same time, I'm trying to branch out locally now that I live in Polk County and get more active with amateur radio here. I was not active for Field Day. OTVARC's Field Day activities were cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, and it was during the ghastly heat wave any way! But I did end up being much more active in the online Sea-Pac than I expected to be. I've been on the Sea-Pac planning committee as the lead for Vendor Hospitality for a while now, but there's not much vendor hospitality in an online convention, so I offered to assist with the online logistics. I am familiar with how Zoom works from my daily use of it, so I was able to provide support behind the scenes with the running of the online Sea-Pac meeting and helped with doing some introductions and leading Q & A between attendees and presenters. Most people who participated said it went very well. But I'm looking forward to seeing folks live and in person back at Sea-Pac in Seaside!

33 to all, Barbara KI7BR

Editor's Note: I "attended" Sea-Pac for the first time this year and Barbara and the rest of her cohorts did an excellent job of making the presentations interesting and keeping everyone on time. Well Done, Barbara!

Robin, KJ7BI, writes: I'm so happy to be back amongst you! I wasn't sure that I would have my new laptop ready to go, nor did I know if I could get our two rooms in order sufficiently to take back my Section 7 responsibilities. Well, I did, but the sad news is that I had to sell/give away all of my radio equipment. I can't even put up a "stealth" long wire antenna! This place is wonderful, though! I'm letting you, Section 7 members, that I really need your help now by letting me know what is happening radio-wise in your worlds!

Thank you and 33/73, Robin KJ7BI

District 10

Greetings from District 10.

It is hard to believe, but thanks to a vaccination (actually lots of vaccinations), my world is returning to a semblance of normal.

Last year, Field Day mostly took place from homes and a couple people on a windy hillside. This year it took place from within shelters—which was good, because it was pouring rain, (over and inch and a half) at my house.

And last weekend, there was the Courage Classic, a bicycle event fundraiser for the Denver Children's Hospital. It was scaled down, fewer than half the participants and only one day, but it happened! I was in a SAG Wagon (Support and Gear 12 person van). For the week prior, we checked our equipment, checked the programming on our radios and computers, and tried to remember what all we might need. Somehow two years seemed like a very long time ago. We use a lot of APRS on that route, which runs through mountain canyons and over high passes with only cell coverage sometimes—and when there is, it is rarely enough for 500 or a thousand extra people.

Also, our local ARES board meetings are now occurring in hybrid mode—in person, but with a Zoom link for those who, for whatever reason, are not able to attend in person. We have always had a call-in mode for those who might be out of town or otherwise be unable to be physically present, but Zoom is

really much more satisfactory, with the ability to see any presentation materials. I am thinking that this may be a permanent addition, Covid or no. I hope the infection level permits us to continue this. One of the biggest problems with the easing of health precautions is the backlog of things to be done. All the places we have not gone, all the events that have not been held...how far ahead can we plan, now? At some point, we will be wanting to have the YLRL convention, which generally happens every 3-4 years. That means we are about due. Check out the past conventions on the newly revamped YLRL pages. Go to YLRL.org, look at the banner across the top and find "Past". You will find a surprising variety of events.

While you are on the site, explore the other tabs, too—and don't forget to send in your information to be included. Do you have an event, or a YL net, especially a wide area one? Contact either your district chair or the webmistress in the "contact us" tab.

And, please notice the number of vacant district chairs. What chairs need more than anything else is to be in contact with you, to know what is going on in your area. Let them know!

Wishing you all a wonderful, healthy summer.

33, Doshia, KB0NAS

A Message from the Receiving Treasurer

Hello YL's,

I want to give you an update and information about renewals. On December 31st your subscription runs out. Hopefully, you have renewed by that time.

Renewals can be done via PayPal or personal checks. I am the Receiving Treasurer for USA, Canada and Puerto Rico.

I send a PayPal Report and a Check Report to the Disbursing Treasurer as often as needed. When I receive a personal check, I stamp the back of it and send the check to the Disbursing Treasurer. She is the one that cashes your check. She sends it to the bank we use. Sometimes, this process can take a couple of months.

If you want to know if I have received your check, please do not hesitate to email me at receiving_treasurer@ylrl.org or ae9ylradio@gmail.com. If you are still receiving YL Harmonics, then I have received your payment.

Anne Dirkman, KC9YL, who is The DX Treasurer, and I are in contact regularly about membership.

She is the contact person for YL Harmonics.

PayPal sends me a notice right away when you have used them to renew. I make a separate report for PayPal, and then I send it to the Disbursing Treasurer.

I know that filling out a privacy policy / membership form is not convenient, but believe it or not, I do receive new information sometimes that you forgot you had changed throughout the year. Examples are address changes, upgrades in licenses, cell phone numbers, and etc., and we can't remember to do it all!

73, 33,

Vicky Luetzelschwab AE9YL / ZF2YL

Youth

Hello everyone! This past month was very big in terms of youth and YL activities here in YOTA Region 2. Through the week of the 11th-16th of July, YOTA hosted the first-ever Region 2 camp for 23 youth at the Voice of America Museum in Ohio. The camp was full of activities that were both fun and very educational for the youth in terms of amateur radio. They were learning about all sorts of niches found in amateur radio by utilizing hands-on experimentation and building. These activities ranged from making contact with the ISS to kit-building for a fox-hunt to going to Dave and Buster's for fun!



One of the most impressive parts of the camp was the ARISS contact. These contacts are often difficult to schedule and sometimes not go to plan due to difficulties. Although, with the help of YLRL member Ruth Willet, KM4LAO, and camp director Neil Rapp, WB9VPG, it was made possible! Via telebridge, campers were able to ask questions to the astronauts about their training and lifestyle on the ISS. Ruth also led an activity teaching the campers how to work satellites with an arrow antenna, a fun and useful skill to know! From personal experience, I can say that it was quite tedious at first, but in the end, it was so much fun being able to work contacts just standing out in my backyard. Overall though, the satellite experience was some of the camper's favorite part of the whole week-long camp!



As I mentioned earlier, my brother Jack led another very interesting part of the camp. They launched a High Altitude Balloon with the help of fellow campers! The balloon went about 100,000 feet, popped, and landed perfectly in the middle of a soybean farm just north. Essentially, it is a large 6-foot in diameter latex balloon carrying a payload of beacons, sensors, and other pieces of equipment to aid with locating and tracking the device. Overall, it was almost a perfect launch, and the campers thought it was also one of the most interesting and fun parts of the camp.

If you'd like to know more about YOTA and the camp, please visit <https://youthontheair.org/cincinnati-2020/>.

VE News

Helen, VA1YL, writes: I got my second shot on Saturday! My Fred has got his on several weeks. Our Anne got her second shot in the UK this week, our Margaret got her shot (one shot) in Alaska in April. We did our Canada Day Amateur Radio on the Day. We got four amateurs and we got Points 761,771! Here in Nova Scotia we can get out!

My sister is in Montreal and she can come down here, but her friend is in hospital. My sister is in Ontario, but she can't come here before she gets her children! Lois can come up from Bedford.

Our Anne can't come from the UK as she has to teach in the fall and the winter.

Oh my on Echolink! It is so nice that we can get hams on Echolink! Ha! on the Echolink from all over the world, lots of YLs have their call signs with YL!

33 Helen VA1YL

Ann, VE3HAI, writes that she finds it difficult to find good news these days. So many crises and such sadness. Canada Day was awash with sad news to the point that for the first time ever she could not watch it all. So she spent some time thinking about things to be grateful for and here are four from her list:

1. America's birthday Capitol 4 ceremony: Americans really know how to take pride in their country even as it seems to crumble around them.

2. Staying connected: Roberta, VA3RMW, continues every Monday on Echolink to give a few of us an opportunity to connect. Ditto WE4THR, David, who is net control every second Wednesday on Echolink.

3. Motivational sayings like: "Believe in your Dream"

4. Comic relief like: "You can't fix stupid, but it turns out that you can't quarantine it either."

So as she sits in her garden under cool trees and soft grass, life passes by and it is mostly good (sic) 33 Ann, VE3HAI

Carole, VA3WHU, writes: Nothing much to say just that I have installed JTDX and been enjoying FT8. Using Ham Radio Deluxe and Dimension 4 as my time keeper. And my Birthday is on July 17th. I will be 58. Hope this finds you well

33 Carole VA3WHU

Suzanne, VE7IM, writes: The summer heat has descended upon the whole of North America and it is only the first week in July, as I write this !!! An unusual "heat dome" arrived over the Pacific Northwest bringing with it pressure cooker conditions, appalling temperatures, lightening storms and an early start to our forest fire season. The Jet Stream ignored us and left us sweltering. Lytton, a little town in the interior of British Columbia broke Canada's highest temperature ever recorded with a +49.6C reading (122 F). Two days later a forest fire swept through the valley and Lytton was totally destroyed as well as a 1st Nation's land and village. Residents only had minutes to evacuate and scatter. Some not only once but twice as the 300+ fires rage out of control !!! In Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands they have had dreadful flooding and enormous damage from heavy rain storms and many people have lost their lives or are missing... Mother Nature is sending us all a message we would be wise to pay attention to... This is going to be a summer to remember...

On a happier note the Covid vaccines in Canada are being administered at a rapid pace and many have now received their 2nd dose. We will soon feel much safer but, hopefully, everyone will continue to be most careful when out and about. Restrictions are slowly being lifted. Everyone have a good, safe summer...

33 Suzanne, VE7IM

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: Hello everyone, hope you're all enjoying this summer weather now that things are opening up. Doug and I and all our family have had both vaccine shots and things are getting better here in Canada.

I wasn't able to take part in the YL/OM contest this year as the date conflicted with Valentine's and I was busy doing flower deliveries. I'll try again next year. Our Field Day weekend was also a no-go except if you wanted to work from home.

We've had a very windy and cool spring but now the heat and rain have come to get the grass and crops growing. Last weekend we went to Chesterville to celebrate Doug's mom's 101st birthday. She is still keeping well and as active as possible with knitting, sewing, reading and always ready to go for drives. Attached is her picture taken at her party. It was a gorgeous day and 24 immediate family members were on hand, ten others were not able to make it. Take care and get your shots.

33, Heather, VE3HQH



DX News

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Join with me in wishing hearty birthday greetings to our newest YLRL centenarian! Lúcia, CT1YH, - who hails from Portugal. Her daughter, Rui, CT1CFN, said that they were unable to celebrate as they had hoped, but were able to gather with a very close group of family members.

Dot, VK2DB (Australia)

Dot has been enjoying her winter sunsets, awaiting spring, but not looking forward to the weeding and pruning. A gum tree will be trimmed, but the trunk saved to make a home for birds.

“Roger drove me to 2 radio field days, a rather quiet one in Wyong (it’s usually quite a noisy crowded one but Covid flattened it) and second one in Port Macquarie which is always bright and friendly with a large gathering of country folk. It’s held in the Wauchope Show Ground so after Roger set up my ALARA table he went sight-seeing with his latest camera and tripod.

I was able to meet my Lord Howe Island friends who always fly over for the Meet. I talk to Des on the radio when he is on the Island - it’s usually always about the weather and the ability of planes to land or leave. The second day of the Meet there was a gymkhana at the Showground.”

Dot has also been enjoying watching the Tour de France, enjoying the scenic views that are televised from the helicopters. Dot planned to return to the Bordeaux area, where she and John enjoyed a River

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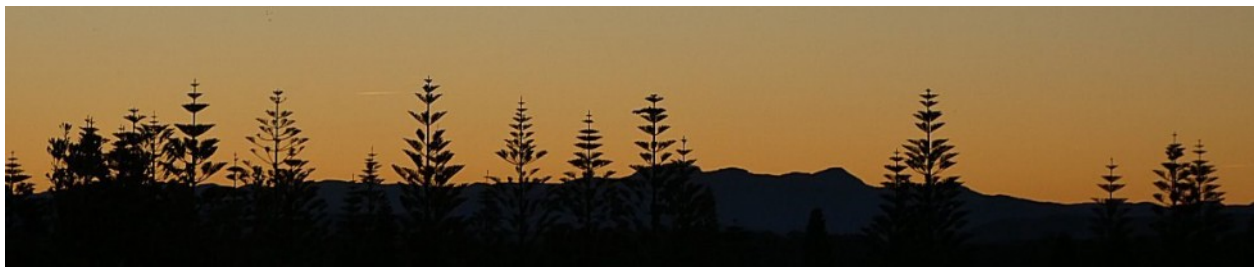
Cruise. Dot is enjoying her new rechargeable hearing aids and spends spare time helping out neighbors, visiting with friends and family and baking tasty treats! Unfortunately, her QTH has gone back into COVID lockdown until the end of July.

Cheers, 33,
Dot VK2DB

Rosel, DL3KWR (Germany)

In the June my OM, Hardy, DL3KWF, and I started our holiday trip to the Lake Constance. It was the first trip since September 2020. It was our plan to visit the HAM Radio in Friedrichshafen – unfortunately this was cancelled again how in the last year because of COVID, but we had a lovely spontaneous meet in the house of Zita, DL4GA, with a group of six radio amateurs. Zita was for many years with her team the good spirit of the YL meeting point at the HAM Radio. So, we hope in 2022 can to be held the HAM Radio again.

Have all a nice time and stay safe against all COVID mutant!



33 Rosel DL3KWR
Winter Sunset Port Macquarie

Ngaire, ZL2UJT (New Zealand)

What a time we have had in New Zealand these past few months, COVID is forever lurking in the background and threatening to cancel activities and disrupt lives. Lock down here last year 2020 for us personally was not a problem as we live close to a beach and part of our “Bubble” included a walk past the cliff overlooking the beach which was so relaxing. Also, it gave us time to spend relaxing at home instead of going to meetings of the many clubs we belong to, and also the lunches out with friends, which in turn saved us heaps of money. We have been very fortunate since then with very few disruptions to our lives, and now in the process of everyone able to get their COVID vaccinations.

During Lockdown, Amateur Radio excelled and people came on the air and chatted. All our radio nets were busy and people used the airways as never before. Interesting events like the backyard Summit on the Air, the ZL2AL activity event with trying to maintain 4 contacts per day and the upper HF bands starting to open up made for interesting and fun Ham Radio days. On top of that we had fabulous weather.

Unfortunately, during this time *WARO*, our woman’s amateur radio organization went into recess, as many of our members were unable to go on the air any more due to their OM’s passing away, old age, or developing other hobbies with members being reluctant to form an active and dynamic committee.

We have recently held our NZART Conference in Napier and during this time held a WARO AGM. Thankfully it was agreed to continue WARO as a CLUB with a Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer - no other committee. We will hold an AGM once per year at NZART Conference.

Our Bulletin will continue, also our Monday night nets.

It will be run similar to our Old Timers Club over here. I have been nominated as Liaison person for ALARA and I would also be happy to pass any information on from your group.

Ngaire ZL2UJT

Marianna Kearney, W7WFO (SK)

Mariana was born as Marianna Sinclair in Highland Park, Michigan on Oct. 3, 1923.

She attended a one-year art school in 1941, then worked at the Jam Handy animation studio in 1942 and later did illustrations for the War Department at General Motors in 1943-44.

Her family moved to Portland, OR in 1944 where she worked as a commercial artist in from 1944-47 for Leland and House Advertising and other companies.

In 1948, she married Ty Kearney (W7WFP – SK 2001).

Marianna volunteered for the Powder Horn Fire Lookout east of Woodland, WA, between 1960 and 1966. There she had a “Sixer” (6 meters) small Ham Radio where she would call after hours on Thursday nights and order the food for the next week. Ty would shop for the stuff, then drive up on Friday night, where they would talk to Hams and other friends on the weekend.



A hiking enthusiast and a member of the Mazamas mountaineering club, Marianna climbed Mount Hood, Mount St. Helens, and other Cascades peaks. She was a member of a hiking club that went on monthly hikes.

Marianna was best known for the time that she and Ty were on Mount St. Helens when the volcano erupted on May 18, 1980. The local hams were on volcano watch that week and Ty and Marianna quickly drove out of the danger zone. Several others weren't so lucky. Another ham, Reid Blackburn, KA7AMF, who also worked for the Columbian newspaper as a photojournalist, lost his life during the explosion.

Marianna was a long-time member of the Clark County Amateur Radio Club and was given a life membership in 2005 for her many contributions to the club.

She is the designer of the club logo, the original QSL cards and the 75th and 80th anniversary logo/pin designs. She was, also, a member of the Young Ladies Radio League and designed the logo for the 75th anniversary convention held in Vancouver, WA in 2014. She was particularly fond of YL get togethers and attended several in Vancouver over the years.

Marianna died on July 8 with family nearby. Marianna is survived by her son Alan.

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

Logs

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

Exchange

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

Entry categories

Single operator and YL clubs/groups.