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President's Message
de Marilyn Melhorn, AF7MM
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Hello to all YLRL members. I do hope you're having a good summer doing all the things you enjoy doing. I assure you I am. We've done travelling with our kids and grandkids and have our grandkids over spending a few nights. That's always lots of fun.

As you'll notice in my signature at the bottom of this article, I have a new call sign. I was AF7BI and now I am AF7MM; as some of the men in the club I belong to say- Alpha Foxtrot 7 Mickey Mouse.

I am assuming you all know that our website is finished. Be sure and check it out. Val, VE5AQ, and her team did a marvelous job.

I've heard nothing but good about Paypal and how much easier it is to pay the dues. Many of our new members are using it as an easier way to pay.

A couple of months ago I had the chance to go to Hamvention. Many of us had a great time. There was a YLRL table and many YLs and OMs came by, we even got some new members. I had a great chance to put some faces to the YLs I know either from the radio or email. Thank you to Anne, WB1ARU, and Cheryl, N0WVB, for setting up and running the booth. It takes a lot of time to stay at that booth throughout the event.

YLRL also received a nice surprise. Dayton Amateur Radio Association, the club that sponsors Hamvention, awarded YLRL with a check as a way of honoring YLRL. It was a real privilege to be honored so by DARA. I was able to meet a number of the DARA board and was impressed with the great group running that club. I'm not at all surprised that Hamvention is the success it is.

33, Marilyn, AF7MM, YLRL President





Vice President's Message de Barbara Yasson, AC7UH

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DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest 2019

The DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest is the last YLRL contest of the year. If you like to make contacts with YLs or like YL-only contests, this is the contest for you. It will be from 1400 UTC October 5 to 0200 UTC October 7. SSB, CW, and Digital modes count in the contest. Single YL operators and YL Clubs are eligible to participate.

DXYLs will make contacts with North American YLs and North American YLs will make contacts with DX YLs. Find the contest rules on the YLRL.org website at Events then Contests. The rules are, also, published in the September-October 2018 Directory issue of YL Harmonics.

Contacts from the contest count toward the YL Century Club Certificate (YLCC), the DX YL Certificate, the YL DXCC certificate, and Worked All Continents YL (WAC-YL). Check out the rules for the certificates on the YLRL.org website at Events, then Working Certificates as well as in the September-October 2018 Directory issue of YL Harmonics.

I want to thank Cheryl, N0WBV, and Margaret, AE7MB, for their tireless work on YL Harmonics.

They do a really good job putting all of the information together that they receive and formatting it to produce a good looking club publication 6 times a year. For years I've enjoyed reading about what I've always called our ham radio experiences. Those ham radio stories represent a connection with another ham radio operator that serves to strengthen the hobby. Regardless of where they take place these experiences are what keep all of us going and staying with our hobby. Reading the stories in YLH inspires us to try new modes, plan new get-on-the-air outings, teach classes to bring new hams into the amateur radio community, and work with fellow club members to help them set up a new radio and put it on-the-air. We are all members of a remarkable community. Keep up the good work!

33,

Barbara AC7UH

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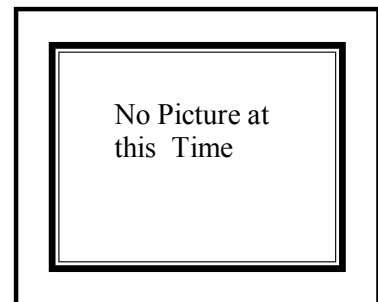
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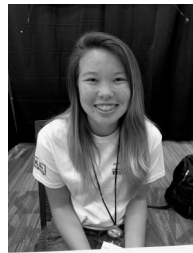
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Christiana holds a General license. She is the daughter of Thuy, KB4LIR.

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

If any information is incorrect in this listing, please let Anne, WB1ARU know.



**Continuous Membership
de Roberta Donohue, W1JX**

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A Certificate for 60 years of continuous membership in YLRL has been awarded to

Barbara A. Neiman, KE5ZI

We appreciate Barbara's many years of loyalty to our organization and hope that she continues to enjoy her membership in YLRL.



**Webmistress Message
de Val Lemko, VE5AQ**

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Hello from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

Well after a few months, I have heard nothing but good comments about the new YLRL website. I am so glad that everyone is happy with the site. I know a lot of you are happy with the PayPal for paying your dues and purchasing merchandise.

If there is anything that I have missed putting on the site, please let me know and I will get it put on. Other than that, there are no problems with the new site. We appreciate all your support.

73, VAL VE5AQ



Scholarship Information de Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

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District News

District 1

Well not an awful lot going on here, but if it's of any interest, here are a few things I've been doing. After having fun getting SSTV pictures from the space station and having to juggle the Arrow antenna, my hand-held, and my cell phone, I decided to put something less heavy and unwieldy together. So I took a camera tripod, made a holder for the radio with rag-tag parts from my workshop, and clamped everything together on the tripod. It works great and now I'm ready for the next time the ISS decides to send SSTV again.

I recently got a Flex 6600M transceiver and am still in the process of learning and gradually doing new things with it. The first thing I did was to get it working with my Elecraft amplifier and auto-tuner. Then I tackled getting everything working with CAT. So now I have Log4OM, my PST Rotator program, the amplifier and tuner all working together seamlessly. Whew! Now planning on getting FT8 going. I've also been doing some QRP work, CW. With the nice weather, I go on my deck or I take a short ride to the town pond and take in the sun and pretty scenery while making a few contacts. For those excursions, I take my KX2. I'm also planning on participating in field day with my club, HCRA (Hampden County Radio Association). Finally, I had the pleasure of being able to check into the Yankee Lassies net after many years.

33, Carol, W1LGU

Hello Ladies, this was my first trip to Hamvention. I would highly recommend putting this on your "things to do" list. It is an awesome venue. Nice weather, nice people and good food. I met lots and lots of amateur radio operators that I have QSOs with all over the world. One of my other things that made me feel good was I had the best roommate – KC9YL. I had never met her but I still felt like I have known her all along.

Field day: I went on Friday to setup the end fed antennas (switch from G5RV). I was with PART (police amateur radio team) K1IG working CW mid morning. It is difficult to tell working CW if you are having a QSO with a YL.

10 meters is cranking right now. Please don't forget that band 28.000 to 29.600.

Lots of FT8, PSK31, FM, and SSB QSOs are there.

Check KA1ULN.BLOGSPOT.COM often for contests, new YL info, antennas, etc.

I hope to see many of you at the local hamfest at www.near-fest.com - Deerfield, NH. and www.Boxboro.org - Boxboro, MA.

33 NIECE, KA1ULN

I'll be spending almost all of Field Day at the radio club my OM, N1YLN, and I belong to (Meriden Amateur Radio Club - W1NRG). Ed's the Station activation coordinator this year.

I have to go to a baby shower first, but will be there from about 1900 UTC on. bI'm slotted for 0100 UTC to 0200 on SSB as W1NRG, but I'm sure I'll be on more.

Clare O'Lena, KB1TMC

Anne, WB1ARU went to Hamvention with OM, Tony, WA1ENO. She was in charge of the YLRL booth which was well visited by YLs from across the country and around the world. She also assisted Marilyn, AB7MM, with the YL Forum where the guest speaker was Yukiko Maki, 7K4TKB, from Tokyo, who spoke about the mentoring that her club is doing to encourage new YL hams. Several new members joined YLRL at the booth and many others rejoined or renewed their membership. Anne is looking forward to Field Day, operating as WA1ENO/1E/EMA on SSB along with Tony.

Anne operated as WA1ENO/1E/EMA on SSB for Field Day along with OM Tony. They made over 950 contacts mainly on 20m. Highlights were working many YLs including Ruth, KM4LAO, and

Joanne, KB1CYO, also working a New Zealand ham sometime Saturday night.
Anne plans to attend the Northeast HamXpostion at Boxboro in September. She is planning a YL Forum, time to be announced.
Anne, WB1ARU

Marie Beaulier, East Hartford, CT, would like to join the YLRL Sunday, June 23, at 8pm for the QSO. This will be my first QSO. I have to take the plunge.
73, KC1BXXB, email kc1bxb@arrl.net.

Enclosed photo of me operating the June VHF contest from the top of Mt. Kearsarge, NH
Leandra, AF1R

(photo by Mark Sangillo)



I haven't operated much for quite a while except to check in to the Sunday night net, so I used the GOTA tent and Andy's kind assistance to practice, and ended up with three contacts in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Gotta start somewhere!
Ann, W1SRW

Field Day activity here was in Livermore, Maine at FD site W1KX. My daughter, Jordyn, W1KXJ, was also here for a quick trip home and joined it too. She just graduated from MIT with a degree in Computer Science and Engineering and was a recipient of a couple of YLRL scholarships. Returning there for her Masters degree now. We had a great time with Field Day as always!
Michelle, WM1C

I spent Field Day at Providence EMA EOC with my husband, N1YKH, operating two Foxtrot RI. Call-sign KK1PMA.
I operated on 6-80.
I also became a grandma to a beautiful boy Friday night.
LeeAnn K1YKH

The Spring of 2019 ended up being very busy for me in terms of amateur radio with our club sponsoring a General Class Course, my second session of level 2 CW Academy (CWA), MRC trainings, our club pot luck, a GOTA station at a Scouting Camporee, and Field Day. For the past four years Field Day has been my favorite amateur radio event because I ran the GOTA station. This year my OM/Elmer helped me to build a new GOTA station using my own Kenwood TS-590 radio, Cobra Ultra Lite Junior dipole, SDR, Panadapter, 2nd monitor, N1MM, and filters. After frustration in 2018 due to interference from the CW station, our efforts paid off and we had no problems with interference in 2019. Digital was successfully added to the GOTA station. Logging was offered to visitors either on paper or computer. Visitors, who were unlicensed or newly licensed hams, were able to get on the air using SSB, PSK31, and FT8. We used solar power for several hours and a generator for the rest of Field Day. Our FD experience will help our future GOTA stations as well as preparation for emergency services. The most valuable lesson was that while my GOTA station was awesome, we had just finished its completion the day before field day, I had not practiced enough using my new tools. Due to my own lack of confidence I encouraged visitors to operate in my comfort zone and therefore we did not get as much use of all the bands/filters we had available. I also had not realized how much more susceptible to fatigue I had become as I aged. When my antenna fell down due to a broken rope with 2 and a half



Photo by Rob Solosko

due to a broken rope with 2 and a half hours of Field Day left (after being awake 30 hours straight) rather than being resilient and putting it back up, I cleaned up my station.

I am thankful for the support and hands on training I have received from my Elmer/OM KU1N and the other members of my club. Finally the spirit of volunteerism seen in CWOPS CWA allowed me to study CW with the awesome support of several different teachers. I was able to benefit from the diverse teaching styles of the instructors in my CWA courses. Please remember to thank your Elmers/Elmiras. Anne Kring N1YL

The Franklin County Field Day, I was able to participate for a few hours both days. (I'm recovering from a stem cell transplant so it is taking quite awhile to build some endurance). But, Anne, N1YL, took part in set up, break down and ran the GOTA station for the whole 24 hours!
Jeanne A. Dodge, KC1DCQ

District 5

Busy times in District 5.

Hamvention

Check out Mary AE6Q's article on her trip to Hamvention

District 5 Meet Up

While a lot of YL's were visiting and enjoying Hamvention, some of us YLs who stayed behind had a meet up. Despite the band conditions and the wild storms, we all enjoyed ourselves.

Susan, K5YNC and her OM, Denis, KG5UBD, invited us to their QTH in Saint Jo, TX. Wow, there are not enough words to describe how beautiful it is. Rolling hills, horses, chickens (and roosters), cats, dogs and lots of open sky. Susan has a restaurant on the property, Ancient Ovens. The pizza is all cooked in outdoor ancient ovens, all built by Denis. There were so many varieties of pizza, you could not taste them all!!

We set up the radios and antenna, then storms moved in! We originally planned to stay in a tent on the grounds, however when the weather got a little wild, we ended up in Susan's basement. In the morning, with the rains still coming down, we enjoyed some pressed coffee and breakfast. We all joined the WWYL DMR net on Saturday. It was the first time on the DMR radio for a lot of the ladies. We had great conversations with YLs from Israel, Canada and a few states in the USA.

A few hours later the rain finally stopped. So, we took to the air waves. Band conditions were almost non-existent but that did not stop the ladies from trying. The cats loved that we were hanging out in the barn! We called CQ all afternoon with no success on HF. We did make a few contacts on 2 meters. In the afternoon it was time for a little break. The girls fed apples to the horses and took in the scenery. That evening we had another opportunity to try some more flavors of pizza at Ancient Ovens, then off to bed in the tents. We set up next to the barn and the antennas. Of course, I really didn't think things through, it was also right by the chickens, ducks and roosters. I realized my mistake at about 4:30 in the morning.

We had another great breakfast with Susan and Denis, then it was time to pack up and head out. Many, many thanks to Susan and Denis for hosting all of us. Hopefully, next time the bands will cooperate.

~Michelle Carey, W5MQC

HamCom:

It was so nice to visit with so many YLs. We had a great forum where we talked about where the YLs are and all checked into the WWYL DMR Net. We had YL's who were not licensed yet, a young YL, Vidya who is 9 years old, passed her test and YLs who have been licensed for 60 years. It is always so nice to have eyeball QSO's.

Field Day 2019:

The Field Day air waves were filled with CQ calling by many District 5 YLs.



Susan Moody and friends

Susan Moody, K5NYC, was working the CW station again this year and got her club, Montague County Amateur Radio Club, double points. Fun times. Bands were good!!! She and her Elmer Bill, K5EAG showed a new ham and two soon to be YLs the radio ropes!! They totaled the numbers for the club: CW=76 QSOs, PH= 102 QSOs all powered by the sun (solar).

Becky Elam, KI5AHF, worked 20 meters at the Williamson County ARC Field Day Station in Leander, TX.



Becky Elam

Leah Ohse, W3LEO, reports; Well our Field Day has been quiet, except now that now the storms have arrived. We had a lot of club members out and we did peak interest in some passing through the park. I've made about half of the contacts, so enjoy playing...Right now we are "sweeping" out water from our tent! We had two take tests yesterday. One upgraded to a General and we have a new YL with her Technician!



Leah Ohse and friend

For her birthday, Beth Pearce, KC5RWW, spent the day mentoring on the W5NOR GOTA Station with Michelle Carey, W5MQC. We also had the City of Moore's new Mobile Emergency Command vehicle operating Data, CW and Voice in the local Red Building. We had a testing session where Donna Dutton, KF5SKN, passed her General test along with 7 OMs.

We had two take



Beth Pearce and mentee

Upcoming:

So, what's next for District 5? First up is Ham Holiday in OKC, OK July 26th-27th . It will be held at Oklahoma Community College. Carole Perry will be the keynote speaker. We will have a booth and a YL forum. They are expecting a big youth outreach, so hopefully there will be many young YLs. Next up is another visit to the USS Batfish. The YL's will be calling CQ in Memory of the 75th anniversary of the sinking of USS Seawolf. The USS Batfish was flooded in the recent floods to hit Oklahoma. Hopefully, everything will be restored before our visit.

District 7

Sylvia, KG7DPN, writes:

1. I want to thank who ever invited the luncheon speaker. It was very refreshing to hear about one's "mistakes."
2. I am a care taker of my elderly uncle. Because of this I can only go to events on a day basis (no over nights, unless there is something for the men.)
3. I am the "Fearless" leader of the Warrenton-Hammond CERT. We are a small group that gets out the word that there will be no help for (we are guessing 4 weeks.) when the big one comes. We are passing out home stuffed packets that give information on what to do and what to expect, and encouraging everyone to take the CERT course. You don't have to join CERT but this helps you, your family and your neighbors.
4. We are getting ready for our 2nd annual Disaster Preparedness Event September 21. I am in the process of looking for speakers. So far we have the Emergency Manager Tiffany Brown from Clatsop County, a Veterinarian to talk about how to take care of animals, and Bob from the City of Warrenton, to talk about how to stabilize your home. Chief Workman of Warrenton will explain that "we will not be there" (taking care of our families, inaccessible roads because of trees, bridges) and basically saying take care of yourself first. (If you're down, no one is getting help.) Last on my list, yet equally important, Don Hillgartner will talk about radios.

5. As a member of AUXCOMM and CERT, this last Monday I was able to help with the US Navy. This was a practice run on getting machinery on a hovercraft, landing, and offloading on Sunset Beach (North of Seaside). My job was to stop traffic from driving on the beach when the hovercraft was coming, on, or leaving the beach. That was a lot of fun. (Yes I know. I'm sick.) So, this is what I do in my spare time.

Margaret, AE7MB, writes: The MINOW Net is a Pacific Northwest YL club. We have an annual meeting each year in early May and I was the hostess this year. After our meeting we have a gift exchange and a silent auction of "items looking for new homes," which is our major fund raiser of the year, followed by dinner with our OMs at a nearby restaurant. MINOW stands for Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. Currently we have members in three of those states and a few members in other parts of the U.S. We sponsor two DX members in YLRL.



Vanessa, KE7UBB; Robin, KJ7BI; Shirley, W7SAF; Margaret, AE7MB; Barbara, AC7UH; Martha, KI7MEO; Marilyn, AF7MM; Kathleen, KJ7CXY

Robin, KJ7BI, writes: Today is the hottest day, so far, in 2019 - 96 degrees - and there are four hours of daylight remaining! To make it a little worse, this morning my backyard hose, which is supposed to be non-bursting, BURST! I patched the hose with purple (my favorite color) duct tape, but didn't do such a great job as the hose still leaked. Luckily, my close friend, Jane, returned the hose to the hardware store and brought a new, replacement. All this when she was on her way to John Day for some R & R. Cherish your good friends! BTW, my partner, Stephen, comes home tomorrow!!!

District 8

On May 3, Annette, KC8SQM, and a friend Eva planned a brunch at Miss Hickory's Tea Room to celebrate the birthdays of Bruni and Dawn, KC8SQN, who both had birthdays in April.

Verline, KI8V writes: I have a new great-grandson. He was born May 20th. His name is Jaxxon Cooper, weighing in at 9lbs 7oz. I have another one due near the end of July. So far, 6 great-grands. The oldest is a girl. She will be 10 in January. All the rest are boys.

Carol, W8CSH, made the Dean's list for the Spring 2019 semester at Bowling Green State University.

Nancy, KC4IYD; Dawn, KC8SQN; Annette, KC8SQM, and 2 other friends got together for a scrap-booking weekend on June 7-9. On June 13, Nancy, KC4IYD, gave a talk on NASA's Apollo 11 mission at Ritter Public Library in Vermilion, OH. This year is the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11 so libraries across the US are hosting programs. She hopes some of you will be able to attend.

Nancy, KC4IYD, wants everyone to know that the various NASA amateur radio clubs will be on the air making contacts with the public at various times during the timeframe covering the launch and splash-down of Apollo 11 which runs from July 16-24, 2019.

Finally, to all District 8 YLs, the following emails have bounced when I tried to send them. If you recognize your old email, please email me which one of these are incorrect as well as the corrected email, otherwise I will not be able to ask you for news and get news back from you:

dshelly211@sssnet.com; edk8mdv@yahoo.com; jhermann@columbus.rr.com;
ka8iwb@outlook.net; melgruhm@gmail.com; vg55vm@yahoo.com.

District 9

I am happy to say that I have been more radio-active lately! I continue my FT8 adventures, learning as I go along. Last month I made a contact on 20m with China - I rarely heard/see stations from Asia, so that was quite a thrill!

I try not to let FT8 distract me from my regular CW practice, and I do practice on Skype once or twice weekly with my CW ops buddy Cathy, W4CMG, which helps keep the code fresh in my mind.

The month of May was crazy-busy! I drove to Hamvention again this year and rooming with Niece, KA1ULN, added to the fun! With her encouragement, I had brought a radio along on the trip and I was lucky enough to make a contact with the Netherlands from my 11th floor hotel room! 12w SSB on 20m with my KX3 and an Alex Loop antenna got me a 33 signal report, but that was good enough for me! Hamvention was as awesome as my first trip twas last year. It's a treat to meet and greet all my YL friends and put a "face with a callsign" for those whom I had not yet met in person. An extra special surprise this year was meeting my YLRL adoptee Yuki, 7K4TKB, who also made the trip to Ohio and presented at the YLRL Forum.

A road trip to Chicago with my daughter to see two musicals and our USS Cobia (WW2 submarine) activation for the Museum Ships Weekend rounded out a busy month. Our ARES/RACES radio club brat fry, Field Day events and attending the Oneida Pow-wow will keep me busy in June.

I have also started playing Mah Jongg at the local senior center and volunteering at our local Historical Society every Tuesday. I'm pretty busy being retired!!!

33 to all

Anne Dirkman, KC9YL

My husband's (Carl, K9LA) and my Field Day activities were limited this year due to having our grandkids from Iowa for two weeks around FD weekend. Ryan is 14 and Alexis (Lexi) is 11. In spite of this, we did visit the Ft Wayne Radio Club W9TE Field Day site at the Old Fort here in Ft Wayne.

W9TE was a 6A effort, and we enjoyed visiting their operation. We finally ended up at the 20m SSB station and Ryan and Lexi got a chance to do some operating. With Bob, KB9MEA, as the control operator, Ryan and Lexi tuned in stations under Bob's direction. Only Lexi made the actual QSOs - Ryan had 'mic fright'.

When we arrived home, Lexi wanted to make some more FD contacts. She did so under Carl's direction using K9LA.

From Vicki, AE9YL



Ryan, Lexi, and Carl, K9LA

Another Hamvention in the books. It was great to see old friends and meet some new ones. On Friday evening we toured the DARA club house. That was well worth the trip, they have quite a set-up. Next came preparing for field day. My OM Dave, KC8OBH, and I were with a group in Shelby, IN. I was the GOTA coach. Despite all the rain we have here in Indiana this year, the rain gods held it off till after field day was over.

Linda, KC8PKY

District 10

Greetings from District 10!

Field day—some of us participate from our home station, for some it is a time to set up outdoors with generators or other large power supplies and for some, like me, it usually means making a couple contacts on battery power. Most years recently, it has occurred the same weekend as our Colorado MS 150, which is supported by amateur radio operators. I have, therefore, in the past set up a station at a rest stop, and made an HF contact (that's right, one!) between the event communication needs, as well as an APRS contact. Other years we (my OM and I) have worked with Ellie VanWinkle, N0QCX sk, to provide opportunities for BARC Juniors to use APRS and ATV, in addition to voice communications. This year, it rained. With lightening! Between that and other activities, it was not the year. Maybe next year.

Our first biking event of the season, is this weekend, near the end of June. What do you need to do this, besides your license? The main answer: A willingness to get up early (around here, bicyclists like to start early and finish early, before the heat of the day or afternoon thundershowers) and to work cooperatively with the event staff, both other volunteers and the core staff. You need to be able to use a radio, but there is usually equipment to borrow if you don't have the specific kind needed. You need to be able to take a message, and pass a message; and you need to be able to participate in a net.

Funniest thing, it turns out that the skills needed are the same ones needed for emergency situations—what a great, generally very low pressure, way to practice! If you are fuzzy on how to participate in a net, there are a variety of local (and national and international) ways to practice. Start out by just listening, so you will know what the practices of that net are. In fact, anytime you try a new net, the first time just listen.

Taking messages is important. Write out the message you plan to transmit, so that you have the words clearly in your mind. When you receive, don't hesitate to ask the sender to slow down or repeat—a few seconds delay is much better than an error or unclear message.

Last, if you think you might like to participate in an event but are unsure, ask to be paired with someone experienced. And have fun!

33,

Doshia, KB0NAS

Did you know YLRL is on social media? Yes, we are!
Follow us

On facebook, find us here: <https://www.facebook.com/www.ylrl.org/>

On Instagram, find us as ylrlhamradio

On twitter, find us at ylrlhamradio.

Please like us on these accounts. If you have news like hamfests, working DX, etc. send them to Nancy, KC4IYD, to promote to other YLs and the public.

District KL

Hello from Council, Alaska. We got here and the road wasn't open so we had to fly down with friend in his 180. It finally opened week after we got here. Most other residents drove in that weekend. The Neukluk River is still very high from all the snow this winter, only boat travel so far. Our 20 meter just got better for morning Alaska Pacific check in. Of course, it helped when I discovered 12.292 was NOT the correct frequency. 14.292 worked much better!

In other news from up North, our oldest Granddaughter, Sydney, KL4DG, graduated from UAA (University of Alaska, Anchorage) with a degree in Aeronautics and hoping to get an Air Traffic Control job. Our second oldest Granddaughter graduated from High School and is set to go to UASE (University of Alaska, Southeast) in Juneau. She's planning to go into Marine Biology. Our youngest Granddaughter, Olivia, graduated from 8th grade and will be going to High School next year. So it was busy with all of the graduations.

Our Great-Granddaughter, Nevaeh, 7, lives in Nome, so she went to Council and helped open camp, plant the greenhouse, etc. etc.

Busy times ahead. Hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Claudia, KL0HI

Notes:

Youth

A Tale of Four ARC s coming together Supporting a Lawton Fort Sill area Community Event – “The 2019 Annual Tour De Meers Bike Ride”

By Eva Knapple, N5EVA



First, I want to thank all of the volunteers that supported the 2019 annual Tour De Meers Bike Ride that was held on 25 May, 2019. Without the support of the volunteers this event would not / could not had taken place.

The Tour De Meers Bike Ride supports the Meers Oklahoma Volunteer Fire Department (VFD). As with many volunteer fire departments, Meers VFD financial situation mostly hinges on donations. This year was the 30th such bike ride to help support the Meers VFD. This year’s routes had three of the four routes running through the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. The

one route being the 10-mile route doesn’t make it into the refuge, but is still a very nice scenic loop and as with the 22-mile, 36-mile, or 60-mile loops there are plenty of places to pull over and take wonderful pictures of the wildlife, lakes, mountains, flowers etc. The Tour De Meers Bike Ride also allows tandem riders, and riders with trailers for children to include all styles of bikes (trikes, supine etc)

The Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge was established in 1901 and encompasses 59,020 acres and is the home of more than 50 mammals which include bison, longhorn steers, elk, white tailed deer, prairie dog, and the river otter just to name a few. When it comes to birds there are hawks, owls, turkey, road-runners and many more species which make up the 240 species of birds living within the Wichita Falls Mountain Wildlife Refuge. On to everyone’s favorite the reptiles and you won’t be disappointed because there is reported to be 64 reptile and amphibian species on the refuge. Rounding out what is on the refuge there are 36 different species of fish with 806 varieties of plants on the refuge.

Even with many storms the weeks prior to the annual 2019 Tour De Meers Bike Ride, there were still over 450 riders that pre-signed for the event with over 250 attending the event. This demonstrates that there are many returning riders and the reason for the returning riders is due to this being a great event, a worthy cause, and a fantastic ride!

The storms also had an impact on the local amateur radio operators. Many hams couldn’t comment because of recovering from the storms and rain or trying to get ahead of the next storm the evening of the 25 May. As many hams are known to do, when the word went out for volunteers, we had 11 hams volunteer for communications and sag wagon support (being one and the same for this event) which represented four different amateur radio clubs. There were representatives from the Frank Phillips Repeater Club, Family Amateur Radio Team, Chisolm Trail Amateur Radio Club, and the Lawton Fort Sill Amateur Radio Club.

Ron Grossman the trustee of the Frank Phillips Repeater Club organized the communications support for the Tour de Meers Bike Ride and offered up one of his repeaters which was the 147.39 repeater that provides the best coverage possible for the wildlife refuge, hence needing hams and not cell phones out in the refuge. While the Lawton Fort Sill Amateur Radio Club allowed the volunteers to use their emergency communications trailer to run net control and the formal net that was initiated for the event. Their calls respectively are AB5J and W5KS. Thanks to both clubs for supporting this great event with not

just operators, but with material support as well.

As mentioned, cell phone usage out in the refuge is spotty at best. We have almost 100 percent coverage using the 147.39 repeater. If you lose the repeater coverage just move a few yards and you will be back on the air. You also don't have to do that often. I can only think of two places toward the back side of the refuge where you are at the bottom of a "small depression tightly surrounded" by rock, but a few yards fore or aft and you are back on the air.

Well one might say you can find places with cell reception if you try. Yes, but out of 14 transports four were for medical reasons. There was one rider that had medical issues and wanted to finish. This person we tracked and confirmed made it back to the finish point. If these would had been life threatening or even severe injuries, a cell phone would at best delayed much needed emergency services. As the saying goes "When all else fails amateur radio prevails". The hams also were the ones that updated the personnel working the rest areas and we conveyed information through net control to the organizers as required.

If you cycle, want to take some great pictures, hike, hunt, fish, or visit a museum, the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge is a good place that provides those activities. During the Tour De Meers Bike Ride you can cycle, have a great lunch, then partake in some of the other activities provided by the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge.

A few good links for the Tour De Meers Bike Ride and the Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge.

<http://www.tourdemeers.org/bike-routes/>

<https://www.travelok.com/listings/view.profile/id.18246/event.22051>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/641166982575718/>

https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Wichita_Mountains/about.html

<https://www.travelok.com/listings/view.profile/id.8525>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wichita_Mountains_Wildlife_Refuge



VE News

I was very pleased to learn the "VE" District has 2 new members!! They are Abby Goodrum, VE3UXD, who lives in Waterloo, Ontario and Kelly Kienleitner, VE7KQW, who lives in New Westminster, BC. On behalf of all the members of YLRL, I want to welcome you both to our organization and hope you both enjoy your membership in YLRL.

Summer has arrived on Vancouver Island and, along with it, the start of a flock of summertime visitors. Fran and I had a lovely visit for 4 days with two friends from Lincoln in the UK. We visited one of them last May so it was nice to be able to reciprocate.

Grandson, Liam, has arrived home in Victoria with his degree in Science from the University of Southern Utah. He had a successful time while there, not only getting his degree, but also achieving many of his goals in Track and X-Country. He no sooner landed in Canada when he took off with 3 friends for SE Asia -Thailand, Cambodia, Laos and Viet Nam !!

I have been enjoying Skype contacts with Sarla, VU2SWS, and Ann, VE3HAI, on Sunday mornings and EchoLink contacts with Rose-Marie, KB4RM, and Pat, K7DUC, every 2nd Tuesday. Staying in touch with friends is a great joy and a great way to start my day. I contact the EchoLink Nets whenever possible.

I hope everyone enjoys the lazy, hazy, crazy dayz of summer. Stay safe and enjoy each and every day...
33 Suzanne, VE7IM

We had a great time in Dayton this year. We stayed at the Comfort Inn in Fairborn, which is not too far from Xenia.

I have attached some pictures.

I also completed my level one CWOPS course that I took in April and May and have signed up for level 2 course for September. I have looked at a Bengali Key but couldn't justify the \$130 US price tag !

Hope this finds you all well. Looking forward to some warmer weather

33 Carole, VA3WHU



Carol, VA3WHU; Katie, WY7L; Ruth, KM4LAO; Sharon, KM4TVU

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: That she was so sorry to read about the hurricane that devastated Dayton. The gas station in the news was one she and Barc stopped at during their trips to Dayton more than once. Mother Nature is very unpredictable these days. Fortunately, Ann's daughter, Janet, N9ZKU who lives in Ft. Wayne (part of tornado alley) had to endure the warnings, but thankfully no follow-through this time. The warnings are scary enough. They remind Ann of the war time sirens. Just try watching a TV show as the red "crawl" streams across the bottom of the TV screen telling you to take cover.



33 de Ann, VE3HAI

For those of you who love Basketball, how about those Raptors? Toronto went wild through the whole series. The "welcome winners" parade is on Monday June 17th and the whole city will be there; Ann included. Our last parade for winners was in 1993. So, now we have all those years to make up. We are primed and more than ready. Ann lives on a corner lot and entertains the neighbourhood children with her garage window displays which look out on a busy street. . Ann wishes everyone a happy, safe and a fun summer. Until next time,

Helen, VA1YL, writes: We had a wonderful time on Field Day even though it rained 3 and a half inches on Friday night !! Our SSB station made over 700 contacts. I was impressed with how many YLs I worked. Afterwards, the FD coordinator told me lots of people like to work YLs. We are off to Amsterdam to see our daughter, VE2WHO, who will be leaving Amsterdam in September to go to Newcastle, UK for a job. We will be on Bon Portage, IOTA NA 126 for the IOTA contest. Listen out for VB1D the last weekend in July. I usually only log on the DXpedition but the FD coordinator thinks I should operate more because people like to work YLs. Funny, I remember when I started working on the air, OMs would try to drive me away - but they didn't manage to do that to me! 33 Helen

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: We are finally getting some summer weather, nice and warm with very little humidity so far. The rain has come just at the right time for the garden seeds that I planted. Everything is coming up so we should have a good one this year. Had to put up chicken wiring to keep the bunnies out. We had a good Field Day weekend, - beautiful weather (first time in many years that we haven't had rain sometime during the event). Our trailer was used for 40M CW and we made 490 contacts, not as good as last year (over 500) but close. Going to Ottawa next week to celebrate Doug's Mom's 99th birthday, a huge family party planned. She's still going strong and very active and her mind is excellent .

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer.

33, Heather VE3HQH

Val, VE5AQ, writes: Well the gardens are done, and now we just wait and see if we are going to get some heat. I have planted potatoes, which are coming, abet slowly. I also planted some carrots, corn, nasturtiums and some wildflower seeds. I am out watering every day and if we don't get some rain soon, the two 250-gallon containers will soon be empty. The weather is not co-operating. They keep promising some rain, but so far, we have had nothing since April 27th. Oh well, as my dear friend Yvonne always says, "it is what it is". I guess the rain will come one of these days. (OOPS---thank goodness Suzanne lost my first copy—we had a solid week of rain, it was awesome...both barrels are now full. Suppose to get a bit more rain this long weekend.)

I am waiting for some heat as I have said. The temperature goes up to a nice 70-75 F but with nasty cold winds from the NW it is definitely not beach weather, more like I think I will keep my long pants on and also put on a sweater.

Please take care out there girls, as I know a lot of you are living in tornado alley, and Prayers have been sent heavenwards for you and your family's safety.

Thank you girls for taking time to read the YHL and also your articles. We could not carry on without you.

Till next time, 33/73/88 as the case may be Val, VE5AQ

DX News

My very first Dayton Hamvention

Yukiko Maki, 7K4TKB

I had always been dreaming about attending the Dayton Hamvention for many years and finally this year I got a chance to experience this exciting event. It took almost a day to get there from Japan and I got sleepy during the day because of jet lag, but once I received so many warm welcomes from YLRL members at the booth, my sleepiness instantly disappeared.



I was so delighted to meet many members that I had known through the net via Echolink and especially it was a happy moment that finally I was able to meet my YLRL sponsor, Anne, KC9YL, in person! All the members I met at Hamvention gave me the feeling that I surely belonged to this club and that I was part of this festivity, which I enjoyed very much.

I felt greatly honored that I was given the chance to talk about the newcomer mentoring system which my Japanese YL club, Japan Ladies Radio Society (JLRS), put into practice last October. I would like to thank Marilyn, AF7BI (now AF7MM), and Anne, WB1ARU, for giving me this precious opportunity at YL Forum.

With so many nice memories and nice meetings and chats with YLRL members which I would like to cherish, two days of this memorable event passed very quickly. I will definitely come back to Hamvention in a few years to meet them again! Thank you very much!

I asked my DX ladies to share a memorable QSO or QSL card, or other item of interest. Enjoy! Anne, KC9YL

Dot, VK2DB - [I had mentioned that Wisconsin is having trouble welcoming in spring. ed] Ours has cooled or colded. Your weather has warmed. We just jumped from hot summer to winter in a few days. In shorts and t-shirts one day and fleecy trackies the next. I am taking the ALARA table to the Port Macquarie field day this weekend so must go and pack.

33, Dot

Liz, M0ACL -

I don't get on air much, but your email came in whilst I was having a bed-time cup of tea in my campervan at a special event site. On June 6 we will operate GB75JF from Lepe Beach, Southampton UK as part of the commemoration of 75 years since the D-Day landings. We are set up a few hundred yards from the beaches used for the momentous event. Two local clubs have joined together to put on the special station for the day and we are overnight security. Hopefully I'll get to make some contacts in the morning.

Attached is a photo of the beach area.

Regards, Liz



Marietjie, ZS6CEZ (South Africa)

We are in winter and it is quite cold here and the temperature is dropping each day. On 21 June the sun is turning back to summer. I am a summer girl and Abra (guide-dog) is also well. Enjoy your summer.

73, 88, 33 Marietjie, ZS6CEZ, and Abra

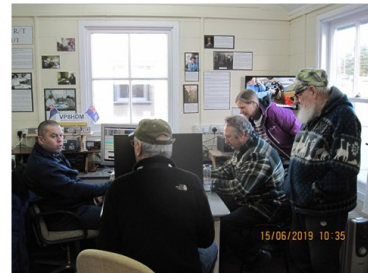
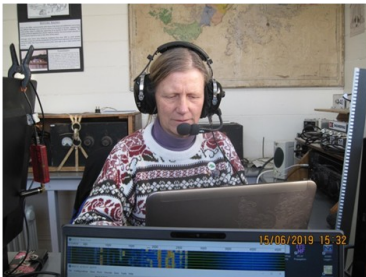
Tina, DL1ICB (Germany)

You can see here the QSL from XR0Y - Easter- Island, which is unique to me. The QSL was very elaborately manufactured in 3-dimensional design, thus one sees in the QSL different motives. I find it a rarity in the collection. I succeeded the QSO on 11.11.2009 on the 17m band in SSB with 5:9, and rare was also nice that a YL (SV2KBS) was actively involved in the expedition. So a nice memory. Maybe you have this beautiful QSL in your collection. So it is always worthwhile to participate in this beautiful hobby.
vy 33 TINA



Janet, VP8AIB (Falkland Islands)

I thought you might be interested in a couple of photos of our station, VP8HDM, celebrating International Museums Weekend (15/16th June 2019). We set up two radios amongst the display of old equipment in the Radio/Telephone Hut at the Museum here in Stanley, Falkland Islands, and operated from 10am-9pm UTC on Saturday and Sunday. Both radios ran on the one coax to a fan dipole on 18, 20, 30 and 40m, passing through a quadplexor and filters for those bands supplied by DXEngineering, working over 600 stations on SSB and FT8. Six operators took part, and there were a lot of visitors to the shack - a great weekend.
33, Janet, VP8AIB



Unni, LA6RHA (Sweden)

SYLRA (Scandinavian Young Ladies Radio Amateurs) are having their meeting from 5th to 8th September this year in Lillestrøm - southern Norway. There will be YLs from all the Scandinavian countries (Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland and Norway. In addition YLs from Germany, Switzerland, Australia and Texas USA.

This year it is Norway which are hosting the meeting (www.sylra.is) and on Friday 6th of September there will be a day's outing to Morokulien, the famous border amateur radios tation on the border between Norway and Sweden.

The YLs will activate the calls LG5LG (the Norwegian call) and SJ9WL (Swedish call). This is first time so many International YLs have been up there at once. So we hope YLs around the world will listen in. They have among others a 10 element beam antenna, so long way contact should hopefully be obtained.

Friday (6th September) YLs will really be on the air from this border station.

33 de Unni LA6RHA es Ingrid LA8FOA (we are the organizers)

Jenni, M0HZT (England)

Watch out for the call sign GB40BYL - the last 2 weeks in August, September, October, and December, the year is moving on, we will be on 80m- 3.688; and on 40m- 7.157, hope to hear you all!

Rosel, DL3KWR (Germany) –

I have celebrated my 80th birthday with my family in Nuernberg. On a guided tour we [toured] this very interesting historical city. It's also the birthday of Albrecht Duerer, the world famous painter of the 16th century. My OM Hardy and I visited after this in Friedrichshafen the HAMRADIO, the most important amateur radio fair of Europe. It was a great pleasure to see so much OMs and YLs, which we know from the bands and contests. Now we have also a face to their call sign in our remind [us]. In July, we both will again activate the call sign DL0SOP for the award Rosel, DL3KWR (Germany) – I have celebrated my 80th birthday with my family in Nuernberg. On a guided tour we [toured] this very interesting historical city. It's also the birthday of Albrecht Duerer, the world famous painter of the 16th century. My OM Hardy and I visited after this in Friedrichshafen the HAMRADIO, the most important amateur radio fair of Europe. It was a great pleasure to see so much OMs and YLs, which we know from the bands and contests. Now we have also a face to their call sign in our remind [us]. In July, we both will again activate the call sign DL0SOP for the award "SOP" (Sea Of Peace - www.dl0sop.darc.de).

33 Rosel, DL3KWR

Kiyo, JL1XWR (Japan) - This is one of my favorite QSL card. I made this one to use a part of my quilt work.



Judith, G4IAQ (England) -

Dave and I are happy to welcome our first grandchild, a dearly loved granddaughter, into the world. River Jean Brooks Kinsella was born on 31st May at 5.56 am. weighing 6 lb 12 oz. She is a happy and content baby, who giggles in her sleep. Best regards to all, Judith (G4IAQ)



A Trip to Remember by Mary AE6Q (May 30, 2019)

Virginia NV5F and I went on a memorable trip to Ohio in May of 2019. We had such a great time that I decided to share the highlights of our adventure.

National Museum of the US Air Force



Our first stop right off of the airplane at Dayton International Air- *Mary AE6Q, Virginia NV5F*
port was at the National Museum of the US Air Force. If you have not already been to this museum, it is most definitely worth the trip. Admission is free. (Check out the virtual museum tour at www.nmusaofvirtualltour.com.) The museum had four humongous hangers chock-full of aircraft – many of them hanging aloft and appearing to be airborne from below. The aircraft were carefully arranged in historical sequence, allowing you to travel through time as you progressed through the museum.

- We started with a replica of the Wright 1909 Military Flyer, invented by Orville and Wilbur Wright. This was the only Army airplane model used for almost two years.
- The museum had many airplanes that were used for reconnaissance and dog fights during World War I.
- The World War II gallery included Bockscar, the B-29 bomber that dropped “Fat Man”, the second nuclear bomb ever dropped, on Nagasaki, Japan, ending World War II. (The Enola Gay, the B-29 bomber that dropped “Little Boy”, the first nuclear bomb ever dropped, is located at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia.)
- We got to walk inside the colossal C-124 used for heavy airlifts during the Korean War.
- There was a huge B-52D Stratofortress, a long-range heavy bomber from the Cold War era that was used in combat in Southeast Asia and also in North Vietnam. B-52 bombers are still in use today.
- The B-2 stealth bomber was my favorite aircraft. I recently got to see a B-2 bomber in the air near Abilene, Texas and was thrilled beyond measure.
- There were four presidential aircraft that you could walk through. They were used by Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, and Kennedy (and the eight Presidents after him).
- There was also a NASA space shuttle exhibit and a room full of missiles that make you feel as small as an ant.

National Voice of America (VOA) Museum of Broadcasting (also known as Bethany Station)

Next stop was the National Voice of America (VOA) Museum of Broadcasting (also known as Bethany Station) in West Chester, near Cincinnati, Ohio. Admission is free. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to this museum. (See www.voamuseum.org.) There were all manner of interesting old gizmos: an 1843 style telegraph key, an antique phonograph, a Crosley living room radio from 1939, a World War II Signal Corps Radio, and lots of radio broadcast equipment. There were also pictures of the famous entertainers who broadcast from the station in its heyday.



Voice of America started out in 1942 as a radio program that explained America's policies to

allies in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa during World War II. Hitler was aware of the broadcasts and called them "fake news" coming from "those Cincinnati Liars".

During the Cold War, Voice of America was instrumental in sending broadcasts about the American way of life into the USSR.

Over the years, radio programs were broadcast in forty-two languages.

Although Bethany Station is no longer operating, Voice of America news is still available at www.voanews.com.

Did you know? The West Chester Amateur Radio Association has its radio station set up at the museum and it's great! Stop by and say hello to these friendly amateur radio operators and check out their fun activities at www.wc8voa.org.

Dayton Hamvention 2019

Virginia, NV5F, and I had a super time all three days at the Dayton Hamvention on May 17-19 in Xenia, Ohio. When they say Ham Radio is a small world, they really mean it!

I would have to say that the best part of the Dayton Hamvention was the friendship. I ran into friends I've made in Texas since becoming a ham in August of 2017 and also made a bunch of new friends that I hope to see again at future amateur radio conventions. There are too many friends to name here, but I would like to make a special shout out to our friends at the Ten-Ten International Net and the Young Ladies Radio League.

The Dayton Hamvention is also a great place to learn all you could ever hope to know about new products and old. The best part is that you can touch the radio station equipment before you buy it, instead of making a selection from a website or catalog. My big dream in going to Dayton was to try out a bunch of keys and make a special selection. I decided on the Begali Sculpture, although I also liked the N3ZN Keys and Vibroplex keys that were at the convention.

In summary, I've got to say that every amateur radio operator should go to the Dayton Hamvention at least once in a lifetime! It is the largest amateur radio convention in the United States and is a wonderful experience. We were told that there were 30,000 visitors to the convention this year, which is the greatest number of visitors since 1995.

Sadly, several communities in the Dayton, Ohio, area were inundated by a series of tornadoes about a week after our return home. If you are interested, the American Red Cross is accepting monetary donations to help these communities. Donations may be made at redcross.org or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS

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