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President's Message de Barbara Yasson, AC7UH

Please help me welcome the newest members of the YLRL leadership team. I would like to welcome aboard Audrey McElroy, KM4BUN, who agreed to be our Youth Correspondent, Barbara Irby, KC1KGS, who agreed to be the District 1 Chairwoman, and Robin Cartwright, W3KAT, who agreed to be the District 3 Chairwoman. I'm really looking forward to working with each of them throughout this year and next.

Great thanks go to Anne Dirkman, KC9YL, and Vicky Luetzelschwab, AE9YL, who worked exceptionally hard to get the transition from mail delivery of YL Harmonics to email delivery right. It was quite a ride. Sending the postcards was a learning experience that several YLs said we should do again, because as a membership renewal device, it was a success. In fact, the whole process of developing the email database that delivers the link to the PDF YL Harmonics was interesting as Anne and Vicky worked their magic with the email list and the YLRL membership database. Anne and Vicky worked hard to ensure that the email addresses were correct and that the membership renewals were up to date so that the May-June YL Harmonics went via email to those members who requested it and that the hard copies were mailed to the correct addresses. The Transition Committee included Anne and Vicky in addition to Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB; Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV; Rita McConnell, NE0DB; Michelle Carey, W5MQC; and me. Without Michelle's understanding of Mailchimp and the process to get it started we might still be snail mailing YLH. Without Cheryl's understanding of the publication and mail distribution of YLH things could have gone differently. Margaret has been the YLH Editor for a few years and really appreciated being able to work on the first "digital" version. Rita and I asked questions throughout the whole process trying to ensure we were going in the right direction with the transition.

Thankfully we have received very positive comments on the May-June PDF version of YL Harmonics that was emailed to most of the YLRL membership. There is something about viewing the YLH PDF file with color photos that definitely makes it worth the effort. Thanks to Editor Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB, who created the file in a way that was visually pleasing and easy to navigate.

The By-Laws direct the President to appoint one of the District Chairs to be the Nominating Committee Chair by July of the first year of her term. Michelle Carey, W5MQC, said "Yes" when I asked. She will ask a couple more members to be part of the Nominating Committee. Then they will go about finding who among the elected officials of YLRL want to continue in their position, who are not able to continue, and to find YLs who want to run for the open offices in 2021. Thanks, Michelle, for taking on this task. I know that next year's ballot will look good.

The YLRL Board met the last full week in June and discussed many items. Barb Bender KA3VXR, Supplies Chairwoman, has been selling our supplies for over 10 years

and needs to retire. The board discussed what supplies we want to continue to have in stock and how we want to do business. Anne, KC9YL, and Rita, NE0DB, volunteered to help with the transition of the supplies, which are located at Barb's QTH, to a new location and ideally a new Supplies Chairwoman. Anne and Rita will work on what to do with what we have, and figure out what our next Supplies catalog will look like. Thanks to Barb for her many years as Supplies Chair, and to Anne and Rita for agreeing to help out with the transition. Vice President Rita, NE0DB, received a contest proposal from a member that she discussed with the Board. Everyone agreed that there was not time this year to plan an additional contest or operating event. Rita has started to form a committee to work on the ideas the Board discussed. Rita will fill you in when she has more information. It is exciting that we may have more opportunities to get on the air.

For those of you who have found FT8, the Board verified that FT8 is among the digital modes for which we accept logs for our contests. I discovered it not long ago and am hooked. Now to finish this article so I can play radio.

With YL Harmonics being distributed via email and a few hard copies via the postal service, there have been many questions about the impact of this move on our membership dues. It is a valid question for which we do not have enough information to make a responsible decision yet. This July-August issue will be the second one sent via email, and I expect it to be easier than the May-June issue, but we need to see it play out. Later this year the Board will discuss the options and begin to make sense of what has changed. Until then we need to be sure all of the I's are dotted and the T's are crossed, and know that the system is stable and will continue to be.

Thanks to all of our members for their support of YLRL as we continue to make YLRL the best it can be.

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Barbara, AC7UH

President's Advisory Committee

Anne Manna, WB1ARU; Roberta Donohue, W1JX; Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

Vice President's Advisory Committee

Marilyn Melhorn, AF7MM; Ria Jairam, N2RJ; Carol Laferty, K4SAF



Vice President's Message de Rita McConnell, NE0DB

CQ YL ... CQ YL ... This is November Echo Zero Delta Bravo calling CQ YL. Although we are in the depth of summertime, we are also in the depth of Covid 19 with no signs of relief. Oh, those pesky masks; but I continue to wear a mask. So many precautions, but we still have our radios and new ventures for exploring and keeping in touch. A good example is "Zoom" which is growing in popularity amongst our league as well as your local clubs. My message to YLs in this issue is the upcoming DX/NA YL contest. It's not too early to prepare for the contest being held October 3 started at 1400 UTC and ending October 4 at 0200 UTC. 2020 will mark the 81st anniversary of YLRL. The club obtained ARRL affiliation in October 1939. Wouldn't it be great if 81 YLs submitted logs this year?

Many YLs take contesting very seriously. Don't let that intimidate you. Everyone has to start somewhere. I do participate in contesting; but I have more success in Special Events. Here are a few tips that helped me become more confident to get-on-the-air:

Turn on your radio and listen to contests ... jot down notes ... when ready, make a QSO.

Then, make another. It doesn't take long to feel comfortable making QSOs. Always remember to view the rules for contests/event. Some differ from others.

Make a contact with "Meet-up-with-Anne" every Wednesday at 0100 UTC – very friendly YL net. Anne, WB1ARU, was my first HF contact. I was scared, didn't know what to say, but she was my guiding light to eliminate my mic-fright fear. I tend to use Anne as an example; there were two other Elmiras that come to mind ... Ria, N2RJ, and Andrea, K2EZ.

Special Events are user-friendly as well and most SEs have QSL cards that you can exchange with one another. It's always nice to exchange QSL cards with other YLs.

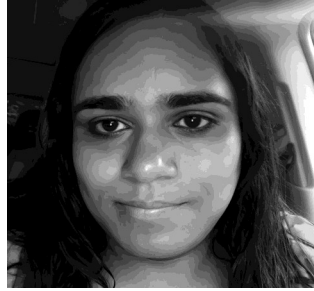
Another good venue is the YL-ISSB (Young Ladies International Single Sideband). This is not to be confused with our league of YLRL. The YL-ISSB was started by YLs and most officers are YLs. The Net Operators allow you to make a QSO to others. It's an excellent way to perfect your skills.

In the beginning of my radio adventures, I set a goal for myself of one contact per day. Just build on that one contact. It's a good start!

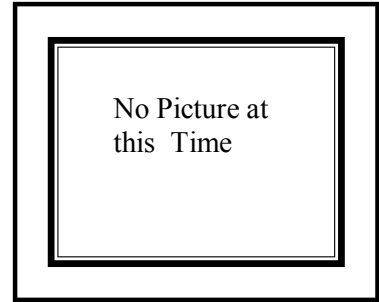
Warm regards



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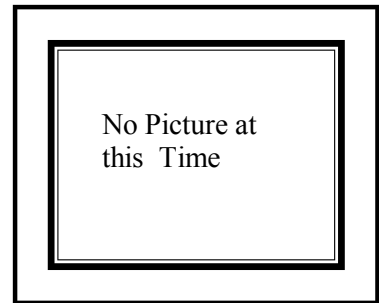
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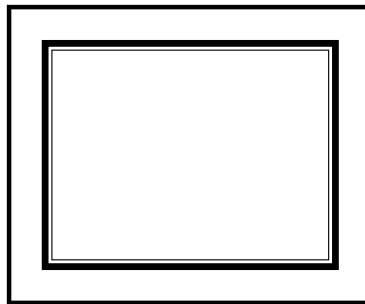
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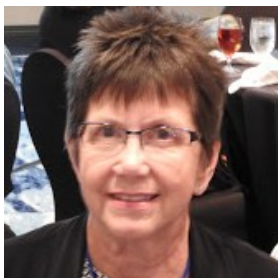
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VE
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New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WB1ARU

DISTRICT 3

Kathy Blosser KC3OSE

Kathy holds a Technician license.

DISTRICT 4

Audrey A. McElroy KM4BUN

Audrey holds an Extra license and is a student.

She is active in many aspects of the hobby and has been around ham radio all her life with parents Jan, K4PRM and Tom, W4SDR. She elmers her friends and runs with Atlanta Track Club.

Jennifer Moore KF4INA

Jennifer holds an Extra license. She is active with AMSAT, enjoys CW and portable/mobile operations. Check out her QRZ page for more,

Janet Caperton KE4TSJ

Janet holds a General license and is a Volunteer with the Red Cross and the Volunteer Fire Department. Other hobbies include camping and crafts. OM is Thomas, KF4LVJ Her parents were Cliff K4CCW (SK) and Dot K4BZV (SK).

Nancy Heinrich N4ZM

Nancy holds an Extra license and is a Retired RN (among other careers). She loves chasing DX and is active mostly on CW. She is the Secretary for Sarasota ARC and an avid Scrabble player. Her QRZ page has much more information.

DISTRICT 5

Kelly Briarton KB2RN

Kelly holds an Extra license and is an RN. She is active on vhf/uhf for now. She is a member of Sun City ARC and El Paso ARC.

Melinda Koster KG5NWD

Melinda holds an Extra license and is a Semi-Retired Music Teacher. She is active on 70 cm, 2, 20, 40, and 80m. She is learning CW to start WAS. She is Secretary and Webmaster for Panhandle ARC. She is active in CERT and ARES. Her OM is Mark, KG5NWE.

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DISTRICT 6

Martha Richards KN6ELO

Martha holds a Technician license. She is a new ham and is eager to contact other YLs.

DISTRICT 7

Deanna Jenks KA7DCX

Birthday: January 10

Deanna holds a Technician license and is Disabled. She holds her late father's callsign and her late grandmother was Joan, KM6S. She is a member of Radio Club of Tacoma and is active mostly on 2m and Echolink.

Marjorie Boulden KJ7JUD

Marjorie holds a General license.

Connie Wright KE7GMT

Connie holds a Technician license.

Alexandria Wolford-Griggs K0PON

Alexandra holds an Extra license and is an Electrical Engineering Student. She is active on 20m and is learning CW. She is a member of Idaho ARC and Young Amateurs RC. Diane, KD7USN is a family member.

Barbara Tower K7GRL

Barbara holds a General license.

DISTRICT 8

Karen Fry K8ZC

Karen holds an Extra license and works with her OM, Jim, WD8CMD in website design and electronic engineering. She got her license when code was required. Other hobbies include piano and crochet.

Joan Caldwell AD8AQ

Joan holds an Extra license.

Danielle Powell KE8OIN

Danielle holds a General license and is a Stay-at-home Momma and Home-schooler. She is active on 2m. Kristopher, KE8OIO is her OM.

Amy Leggiero N8AMY

Amy holds a General license

DISTRICT 9

Kelley Becker KD9LQW

Kelley holds a General license and is a DoD Army Civilian Employee. She is the founding member and Emergency Coordinator of Monroe County ARES/RACES. She is active on 6, 10, 20, and 40m. Her OM is Steve, W9DXE.

DISTRICT 10

Cynthia Tellez Sneller KE0YRU

Cynthia holds a General license. She is a member of Story Co. ARC.

CANADA

Louella Noble VE3LDY

DX

Monique Nuijten-Bakker PD0YL

Monique ia a home worker. She is active with VERON and RFDX. She is active on 10, 20, and 40m. *Sponsored by AE4YL, Madeline*

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.

New Call Sign

Leanne Bulger was KO4BEQ is now W4LEA

In Our Thoughts

Hello Friends,

I learned today of the death of Theresa Korn, K7JGU, of Wenatchee, WA. Terry has been a member of YLRL for 52 years, since 1968. YLRL was important to her. Sometimes I called Terry on the phone to see how she was. It has been a few months since I talked to her. She suffered from emphysema and during the awful forest fires in the NW in recent years, she could not get outside. Terry was always gracious and appreciative when I'd call.

I am putting the link to her Obituary for those who did not see it on Facebook. Please read about this remarkable woman in science and all she accomplished in her life. She was 93.

I always told her when we spoke how honored I was to even know her, much less be able to talk to her. She was most humble.

<https://heritagememorialchapel.com/book-of-memories/4183602/Korn-Theresa/index.php>

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Carol Laferty, K4SAF

New Member's Welcome Letter

Name Call Sign

Address

City, St Zip

Date

Dear Name,

Welcome to Young Ladies Amateur Radio League. We are very pleased to have you join our organization. We hope that you will be as active with our organization as is possible. As you may know, YLRL is a non-profit organization, comprised of women amateur radio operators, founded in 1939. Enclosed is your 2020 membership card. Dues for 2021 will be due in January 2021.

YL Harmonics is published on a bi-monthly basis. You will receive an email with a link. Previous issues have been scanned and are archived here: <http://www.ylharmonics.com>. Recent issues - 2018, 2019 and 2020 - can be accessed in the "Members Only" section and will require a password: **YLRLyh2020**. Please do **NOT** share this password with non-members. Also, to protect your personal contact information, the directory issues will not be made available online. As a reminder, please add ylharmonics@ylrl.org to your address book to ensure receipt of future issues and notices. There is a list of the officers and their addresses in every issue and on the website. If you have any questions or suggestions, please write to any of us. We will be happy to hear from you.

The District Chairman for 2020 is:

District ChairName Call Sign

District ChairAddress

Her e-mail address is district chair email. When you have news of interest to other YL's, please send it to DistrictChairName so she can include it in the District's column in YL Harmonics.

Among the many activities we are involved in are:

YLRL scholarship fund, which provides 2 scholarships to Young Ladies for continuing their education

Contests – you will find these listed on the YLRL website

YL Nets – also listed on the website

Adoptee program – which gives YLRL members the opportunity to sponsor a DX YL and membership is usually reciprocated for her country club. It is a wonderful way to make friends around the world.

YLRL Certificates – found on the website

Website – <https://ylrl.org/wp/>

Again welcome to YLRL and we look forward to having a contact with you. If I can be of any help please don't hesitate to contact me.

73 and 33,

Anne Manna, WB1ARU
Secretary



Webmistress Message de Val Lemko, VE5AQ

Your Webmaster Needs Your Help!!!

Hello one and all,

My Name is Val, VE5AQ, and I am your webmaster. Lately, I have been having a bit of a problem with Silent Keys. "Oh really?" you say. Well the problem is that I don't know when our ladies have become Silent Keys until the Directory comes out. As a result, neither do you.

So, if you know of any of our ladies of YLRL who have passed away recently, or in the coming months, etc. I would really appreciate it if you would let me know so that I can let the rest of the YLRL ladies know when they check on the website. I will also let the ladies who do up YLH so that they can put their names in the magazine. So if you would be so kind if you know any silent keys, please send their full name, and the date of their passing. My email will be at the bottom of my report. If you have the obit and if you can scan it, you could also send that to me.

To those of you who do not do the computer thing, please send your information to your District Chairperson or directly to me.

Thank you so much for your help in this part of the website.

The other problem I have been having a problem with is that every so often, I do make mistakes, be it a spelling error, a link that is broken, or some other little thing that can become a big thing if it is not fixed.

Now if you are on the computer, you have a basic idea of how things work. If you are a computer whiz, then you really know how computers work.

When you want to go to the YLRL website, you type in YLRL.org and it comes to your screen. This is called a URL. You always land on the home page. Now if you go to the menu on top, the first one is "YLRL-Who Who We Are". Once you click that there are 7 buttons that you can click on, if you click on the "Join Us" for example this URL comes up: **yrl.org/wp/join-yrl/**

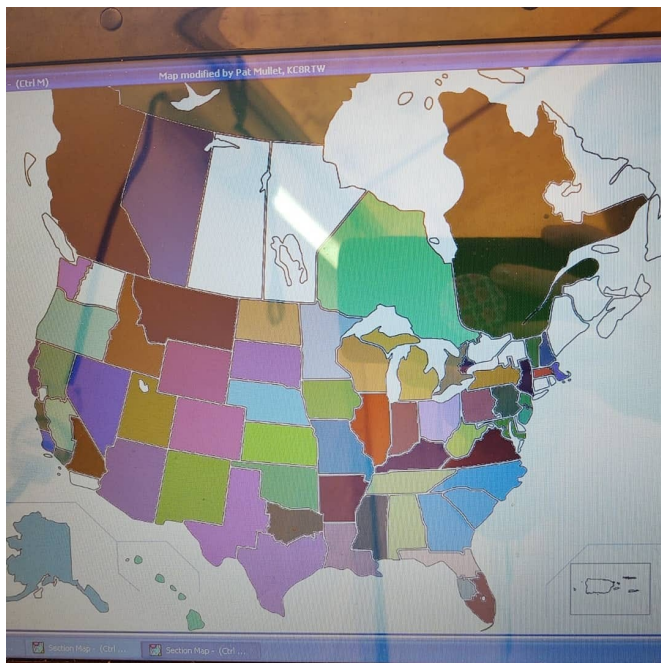
If you said to me that there is a problem on that page, and send me the above URL, then I can go and fix the problem, but if you just say there is a problem on the "YLRL-Who Who We Are" page I then have to go through all 8 pages to find the problem. I think you now see what I am facing. I have 80 something pages to check when someone sends me an "Oh Val, there is a mistake on the YLRL site". Sorry ladies, I really don't have the time to go through all the pages.

The URL is found right at the top of the page in the search engine. That is what I would like you to send me if there is a problem along with whatever needs to be fixed.

I really enjoy doing the website, because that is the only way I ever really get to know what is going on with the organization.
I thank you in advance for helping me help you in keeping this site as up to date as possible.
Together we make it work.
Val Lemko, VE5AQ

Want to know where Moose Jaw is? Check out your map of Montana, go to the NE corner to a small town called Plentywood and go straight north about 100 miles, that would be where I be.

More Pictures



Field Day Map used by Leah, W3LEO



Boov character at Hicks Airfield from Virginia, NV5F

District News

District 1

I'm Linda Robinson, W1MP, one of maybe 2 YLRL members in Vermont. I got my ticket in 1994 and have been a continuous member of YLRL since then and also a member of WRONE as well as ARRL. I live in the northwestern part of the state about half an hour from the Canadian border and less than 5 miles from Lake Champlain. Seems like the perfect place to be for the pandemic and lockdown.

After a 6 year battle (truly) with cancer, my OM Mark, N1MR, died August 2019. He was my Elmer and the total tech for our shack. I recently discovered that our grounding rod was no longer attached to the cable that goes through the house wall to our radio equipment. I exchanged information with a local ham and have now purchased a ground clamp and plan to lightly sand the rod as per instructions before I restore the connection. That is the important repair since this will allow me to get back on the air with 2 of our antennas. The 3rd, a dipole, has a different problem, the ladder line twisted connection rusted through and is no longer attached, fortunately close to our back deck. Under the plastic sheathing there is good solid copper and I watched a You Tube on an easy way to put the ends together. It does require soldering and then I am assuming will get wrapped in electric tape and maybe some additional sheathing. Since I have never soldered, this task will hold until one of our sons visits at the end of July, a good opportunity for him since he is also studying for his amateur license. All of our children are grown, married and live in other parts of the country although we always considered ourselves lucky that they are east of the Mississippi, some kind of distance line, at least in our minds. We have 7 grandchildren and hope that eventually one or two get their ticket. Nothing in the works for now.

Other than that, I am nurturing our vegetable garden through these terrible heat waves and so far I am optimistic that we will have a decent harvest. I am also a member of a local CSA and this wonderful place brings a bounty of vegetables, eggs, raw milk and chicken right to my door once a week. The day it arrives has become the best day of the week!



The clamp

Cheers, 33, Linda, W1MP



The pathetic ladder line which graduated

to this



KA1ULN, Niece I am very happy with what I have accomplished through COVID-19. I have caught up with all my hardware work. I have all my stuff I want to sell. I got way too many antennas.

I love antennas. I also have some very old hardware I acquired from a SK. I have learned a lot from the old radios and parts.

I worked almost 15 hours of field day. I had a ball. This was an incredible experience. I have never worked from home for field day. I usually go to my club, WB1GOF. I usually do CW and logging but this year at home I could do ANYTHING I WANTED.

I am also happy District 1 got a new district 1 chairperson. I am a TRUE believe in CHANGE IS GOOD. I think that is best for YLRL at this time. That is why I did not run for the chair, plus I had been chair for more than required years. Anyway, welcome Barbara, KC1KGS.

I will be working psk31 and ft8 for 13 colonies starting July 1 and ending July 7. The certificates are very nice; the nicest certificates I have seen for 13 colonies. So start your radios on Wednesday morning.

I do run a YL digital net scheduled for Saturday morning at 10 am but it is on hold right now. I think I will change it to a weekday at night...

One last thing, DAY OF THE YLS contest/memorial was incredible and successful. We had many hams from all over the world participate. Please do not miss the memorial in November. The date Carine, F5ISY, became a SK. F5ISY is the creator of the contest.

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Bobbie, W1JX, writes: Last April, on the night before Good Friday, we had a snow storm here with very heavy, wet snow, ice and winds, which destroyed our cubical quad antenna and took down our wire antennas.

Over the past weekend, my OM and I built a new Hexx Beam antenna from DX Engineering. We tested it out and it works well so, hopefully, next Friday, July 3, we will lower the crank up tower and install the new antenna on the top of the tower and raise it up. We are looking forward to being able to use our new antenna. I have enclosed a couple pictures of our construction effort.

33,

Bobbie, W1JX



Barbara T. Irby, KC1KGS, writes:

Thank you for welcoming me into District 1 of YLRL!

I am a newbie to amateur radio, having been first licensed in 2018. I became an extra last November. Steep learning curve but chipping away at it! Especially antennas. My OM, Jim, WB4EJR, has been a ham for many decades and I finally decided to join him in his hobby, especially when his drilling holes in the house for cable required help. I enjoy public service (communications for road races/parades), local nets, and being a member of our nearby family and youth-friendly club, Sci-Tech Amateur Radio Society (STARS). I am an active VE (now remote) in our ARRL-VEC, New England Amateur Radio, which is run out of New England Sci-Tech, a STEM Education Center. I grew up in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, DC, but have lived in MA, for the last 40 years. I look forward to communicating with (and eventually meeting!) District 1 members and other YLs from around the country and beyond.

Barbara T. Irby, KC1KGS, writes: Here and there:

Being a VE for remote testing during Covid has been very rewarding -we have tested candidates from all over the United States as well as around the world. They are in general very appreciative of the opportunity to get this accomplished wherever they are located. Fun fact: a preferred location for testing—a bathroom, as there are several criteria that must be met by the candidate for the Zoom testing to be set up successfully!

I helped my OM Jim, WB4EJR, put up a 6 meter halo antenna recently (see photo).

Our club Sci-Tech Amateur Radio Society (STARS) put on a modified Field Day for club members-no visitors. We had a protected outdoor location and generators under a canopy-since rain was part of the weekend. Various antennas graced the skies and contacts were attempted/made on 80, 40, 20, 10, 6 and 2 meters. Operators comprised all age ranges; we wore masks and operated in a socially distant manner as much as possible. We ate our separate meals but enjoyed each other's company safely.



Anne, WB1ARU was active on Field Day with her OM Tony, WA1ENO. They used his call and operated as 1E, the same class they have used for several years. They were on the air for about 19 and a half hours, making just under 1000 Qs. Anne was pleased to work Dawn, WA4YL, three times on two different bands. She also made a contact with New Zealand. There were many stations on the air, although propagation was not as good as some years. They worked very little of the West Coast or in the Northwest.

33, Anne ~ WB1ARU



District 4

The Chattanooga, TN Amateur Radio Club had originally planned to have a daily Easter Bunny Fox Hunt during the week of April 6. However, it was canceled due to the Stay at Home orders following to the outbreak of the Coronavirus. It was re-scheduled during the week of May 17 through May 24. Therefore, on a cloudy, rainy Tuesday of that week, my OM and I set out to search within the street parameters set out by the organizers. We drove around in our Rav4 with a mag mount on top until we narrowed the area down. Then we switched to a hand-held radio with its rubber duckie.

Sadly, we were unsuccessful in locating the late Easter Bunn, which by that time was a Mad Hare, because it was out in the rain. Because of the weather, we decided to return home for the day. However, we did not get back to complete the search. Along with this article is a photo of a directional antenna which we made in October 2018, using PVC pipe and a metal measuring tape



The second item concerns an EF-3 tornado we experienced in this part of Tennessee on Easter Sunday night about 11:15 pm. The noise woke me and I tried to wake my husband to join me in the bathroom away from all the windows. However, he stayed in bed, and the tornado blew over in a flash. He did not believe me until the next morning when he looked out the window and saw the destruction of the trees blown down and broken off. There



was no damage to our apartment, but part of the apartment complex had roof damage and missing shingles. Our only damage was that a long wire antenna we had strung out to one of the trees had come down with the uprooted tree. Electricity and cell phone service were interrupted for several days due to downed power lines and cell tower damage. We were just at the edge of the tornado; two blocks away whole subdivisions, several churches, and two schools were destroyed. Attached is a photo showing trees down at the apartment complex.

The third item is from two YLRL members who have formed at CW class just for YLs using ZOOM. They started this class through the Long Island, NY, CW Club. The LICW Club has about 25 Zoom classes each week with US and international students. Two local area YLs have just started a CW class for YLs ONLY. Jennifer, KF4INA, is the Communications Director, and Leanne, W4LEA, is the instructor. Eighteen YLs were online for the first class. The class meets each Saturday night at 9:00 Eastern time. It is designed for YLs at all levels of CW skill to enjoy learning Morse Code. If you are interested in joining, Jennifer requests you email her.

The fourth item is to give accolades to the YLs who appeared on the video- podcast broadcast on HamNation, Wednesday, June 3 this year. The entire segment was turned over to YLs and included interviews telling of activities of various YLs involved in different aspects of Ham radio—including Andrea Slack, K2EZ, with her Rover outfitted with 17 antennas (according to my count). If you missed it, go to your computer's search engine and type in "HamNation Episode 456" to bring it up. You will be amazed at what these YLs have achieved!

Because of COVID 19 the local clubs are not holding in-person meetings yet. We were meeting at a community room at one of the local hospitals, but they are no longer making this available to outside groups. As of this writing, there are a few area clubs planning to participate in field day. My OM and I are planning to operate from our home radio shack and give our points to our local club. We have also been able to assist in giving amateur radio exams by having

all participants spread out six feet apart and wearing masks.
33 – Dot, AC4HH, District 4 Chairwoman

District 5

Virginia, NV5F, writes:

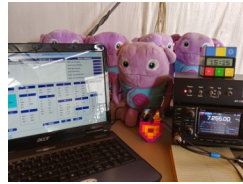
I participated in Field Day 2020. I sat in with the Fort Worth Kilocycle club - W5SH. We had a small operation at Hicks Airfield in North Fort Worth near Saginaw. One of their members has a private hangar there where we set up our stations. I worked CW on 10, 15, 20 and 40 meters for a total of 92 contacts. Not my usual volume of Qs, but things were pretty casual. Lots of great food and visiting, and - of course - airplanes!

I am halfway through my first semester in my EE studies. It's a lot of calculus and intro to electrical engineering - papers, labs, projects and tests!

The current situation has not affected my work too much. I have plenty of bagpipe students and art jobs keeping me busy, not to mention homework! I am already looking forward to the USS Batfish in October. Plenty to do till then!

I attached some funny Boov pictures from Field Day
I hope you guys are well.

33, Virginia NV5F



Leah, W3LEO, writes:



Field Day 2020 is a wrap! This year was a success!! We made over 400 contacts, worked almost all the states. Covered more of the map this year than any other year!

We had five come test and they all passed! 3 Technicians and 2 Generals! **Congrats** to them!

Thank you to all who provided equipment, your time and love of the hobby.

Alice, KI5ERV, Participated in her first Field Day!!!

Judi, N5KUO, Has been moving her radio equipment around. There are big changes happening at her QTH. They are preparing for her oldest son Michael, KI5ANB, (who just graduated college), to head off to his first duty station in Norfolk, VA as a Surface Warfare Officer/Engineer, in the US Navy. Also, her youngest son, Joey, got his Eagle Scout rank in December and graduated High School in May. He plans to attend college (OU) in the fall. Let the crying for empty nest start, or let the room heat up from the radio!!!

Vonnie, KE5RKC, had fun little vacation with the grandkids. Great Salt Plains, Alva Cherokee Strip Museum, Sod House in Aline and Roman Nose State Park. Spent 2 nights with their father in his camper and 2 nights in a cabin at Salt plains.

Lyla Beth, KC5RWW's daughter was married in a beautiful at home ceremony, last month!

In June Andrea, K2EZ, stopped by Susan, K5YNC's QTH with her rover. The ladies had a great visit!!

Susan also reported that her club's repeater took a direct hit in Friday's severe weather and the tornado hit Bowie. Several operators were on frequency performing Skywarn spotting activities when the storm hit. Nighttime spotting is especially hazardous with zero storm viability. Several operators were in the direct path of the storm but were fortunate to have taken shelter. They are physically safe, and that all that matters.
Susan, K5YNC



Susan's Club repeater

Michelle, W5MQC, writes

The last few months have been a little up and down. Our 15-year-old yorkie, Katy passed away. She was like another child for us.

I participated in Field Day from home as a 1E station, using my battery backup system. I made 60 contacts barefoot. This was a first for me as I usually participate with my club. I really did have a lot of fun. It is so different doing it by yourself.

I am continuing to upload more old issues of YL Harmonics. I received issues 60s, 70s, and some of the 50s from Cheryl's archives. You can find them sorted by decade on YLharmonics.com. I get sidetracked reading the history of the club while working on the website. Some of the stories are great!! I just viewed some fashion show photos in the Jul/Aug 1968 issue from the 5th Convention in Denver, CO.

The District 5 YLs should be back at the USS Batfish the 2nd week in Oct activating WW2SUB and WW2OK.

Catch you on the air!

Michelle, W5MQC



Andrea, K2EZ and Susan, K5YNC

District 7

Since nobody sent me anything, I am reporting that the District 7 YLs do exist, but they are extremely busy with various radio projects.

33/73, Robin, KJ7BI

District 8

First, I want to welcome the following new District 8 YLRL members: Karen, K8ZC; Joan, AD8AQ; Danielle, KE8OIN; and Amy, N8AMY. Every other month, I email all the District 8 YLs with information and ask them for their news. If you are in District 8 and have not been getting my emails, please contact me at kc4iyd@yahoo.com and I will add you to the distribution list.

Susie Scott, N8CGM, wrote that she is putting the Buckeye Burr together on 7/3/2020, but unsure if all copies will leave here today.

Elizabeth, KE8FMJ, wrote: "I saw that you made a Facebook group (YLRL-District 8) and asked to join it and requested myself as a friend. I can post all the activity you could possibly want. Lol I do all 6 of your items every month, especially social media. I am the social media manager of Hamvention as well as the clubs who run it. In addition, I founded my own non-profit ham club based on social media contacts and love of QSL cards."

For those who missed it earlier, here are the 6 items that I had posted in the Jan/Feb YLH that Elizabeth, KE8FMJ, mentioned in her news. I challenged the District 8 YLs to try one every other month and then write about it. If you have done any of these, please let me know and then tell me what you did:

- #1 - Use amateur radio and social media to promote the hobby.
- #2 - Attend a ham club meeting or hamfest. (this can be done virtually)
- #3 - Try one of the many digital modes
- #4 - Try a new band or mode.
- #5 - Try operating a contest or working DX.
- #6 - Become an Elmira by introducing a family member or friend to amateur radio.

Hope everyone was able to make some contacts during Field Day and had a happy and safe 4th of July.

More Notes

VE News

Val, VE5AQ, writes: Hi everyone. OK they say summer is here in Saskatchewan. Yep, must be true, the Northern part of the province from Saskatoon and north are WET. From Saskatoon and south it is DRY....

We have a new antenna system up and no more tower. Hope it works out for the CLARA and TANGLE Nets in the fall....

So, nothing else new, please stay safe and if this virus is still going for longer than they expect, well guess we will just have to deal with it. I am not going anywhere this summer. Staying in my own yard except for groceries and getting DQ takeout....

That's all I have so see you in September....

33 Val VE5AQ

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: Hi Everyone. Hope you are making the best of your Covid-19 separation time. I decided to learn French to keep my brain working. I have completed 17 lessons but still have a lot to learn. I really am enjoying them though. My accent is terrible. I knew that, so I am not surprised, but all I want to do is listen to French radio and understand what is being said.

Those of you who are members of CLARA will have received your summer issue. There are some great flower photos in this issue. Our members excel at gardening. If you don't garden you really should try it. It is a calming, satisfying hobby. Stay well and be safe....

33 Ann VE3HAI

Note: Ann, VE3HAI, suffered an accident, a few days ago, when dismounting from her bicycle. Had a very hard fall on her driveway. Fortunately she was wearing her helmet but did sustain an injury to her femur. She is being well looked after and in good spirits. Her extended family and many friends all hope she will mend quickly, recover rapidly and will not require surgery. Please keep Ann in your thoughts and wish her well...

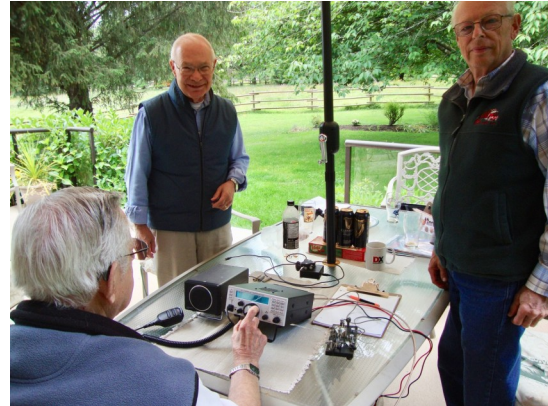
Suzanne, VE7IM writes: Been trying to keep busy and have made it a rule to try to accomplish something each and every day. Fresh air and sunshine certainly helps and my tiny veggie plot is already producing greens for my salads. I have dug out a Cross Stitch I had been working on, in the past. Got it attached to the frame, found the pattern and sorted out all the colourful threads. I now remember why I tossed it into a box several years ago !!! We have just passed "Day 100" (mid-June) since Canada locked down and we all went into self-isolation mode. Businesses are starting to re-open and, hopefully, that will go OK. On the afternoon of June 27th I was asked to join friends for a bit of fun on Field Day. A great day weather-wise and otherwise !! Don, VE7ABL, Bob, VE7ZP and myself joined George, VE7MCK on his beautiful rural property. These are the gentlemen who encouraged me to get my ticket when David became a SK. Doing that opened up a whole new world for me !! They were most helpful and would troubleshoot my station's problems when they arose from time to time. Sometimes it was my equipment and sometimes it was the operator (me) :o) All bands seemed active on Field Day and it was wonderful to hear the CW signals again and, surprisingly, I could read some of the slower ones !!! George had just purchased a new rig, an RGO One from Bulgaria. A 50W HF Transceiver. It was hooked up to a battery and the antenna was hung in a nearby fir tree. We were all very impressed with it's performance. Take care and stay safe...

33 Suzanne VE7IM

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: Everything around here has been very quiet and we're just trying to stay healthy as best we can. I did get on the air for Canada Day (July 1st) and have made many contacts but no YL's, what a shame! Today is about 30C, light breeze and not too humid. Great BBQ weather. We've had many continuous days on or above 30C with very little rain, I think we're going for a new record. Hope everyone is wearing a mask when out with crowds or shopping. Why take unnecessary chances. Have a great and safe summer. ...
33, Heather VE3HQH



Bob, VE7ZPG



Bob, VE7ZPG; George, VE7MCK, Don, VE7ABL

More Notes

DX News

Angie G0CCI (England) - The only thing I can report is that I am finally - as of last Wednesday (June 22) - reunited with my OM Nigel after nearly three months apart. I could have made the journey slightly earlier, once some of the lockdown restrictions got eased, but was nervous about getting out of my little village and travelling half-way across the country by public transport.

It was quite a journey... Manningtree to London by train, across London (to a different train station) by Underground (you'd call it Subway, I believe), London to Southampton by train, Southampton to Guernsey by air, Guernsey to Alderney by air. It took all day! I'm now in quarantine (at home) for two weeks as Alderney is Covid-free and wants to stay that way!

Glad to hear you are well, and that you even managed to get out to a ham event - they're all cancelled in the UK.

33 Angie G0CCI

Dot, VK2DB (Australia) - We don't know anyone personally who has/had COVID-19 but apparently there have been about 60 cases in Hornsby. John's brother and sis-in-law were on the Ruby Princess which came into Sydney with the virus.

For Mother's Day I received what I wanted, gardening gloves, seedlings, seeds, and two 300 litre water tanks, put in place with a tap, so easy to use. I have a raised garden with a canopy and the peas are safely bedded in that. We zip open the door in the morning and tuck them in at night to keep the possums out. Photo— sunset from our verandah.

While at the doctor having the ankle wound dressing changed [ed: after a recent surgery] I explained that I'd been gardening and wrenched my back over 3 weeks ago and it must be taking a long time to get better as I'm still in a lot of pain. He pointed out that, 'If you were 16, it would be better by now, BUT....' So, I drew myself up to my full 5'3" height and answered, 'You are like the men at home constantly telling me I'm an old woman. When I'm an old woman, I'll tell you.'

Around midnight at the beginning of May, Ben, Roger and I stood out on the cold verandah to watch the SpaceX Starlink train go overhead. 30 satellites in a line. Bright, visible and up to 5 in sight at any one time. They all have a slight time difference to their orbits so as they circle the earth they separate further apart. Because they were low, they were very bright but as they climb higher into the atmosphere, they will become hard to see and probably invisible to the naked eye.

Back in the 1980s [ed: amateur radio] conditions were really good and I used to talk to people easily around the world - my rather favourite memory was an opera singer in Japan who was driving to a concert that he was going to perform in. He'd talk at the corners when he was stopped at traffic lights and I'd talk to him as he drove to the next corner, only two or three minutes at most. Of course, I can't remember what we talked about, but the fact we were having a conversation at all was memorable. That was one radio thing that got my non radio friends interested.

33, Dot

Maritjie, ZS6CEZ (South Africa) - It is bitterly cold here and my hands and feet is icy. The virus is picking up here and they are starting slowly to open the places and we must stay home. We have to wear mask and it is not the nicest thing to wear. Abra is still well. Keep safe and enjoy your summer.

73, 33 Maritjie and Abra ZS6CEZ

Helen, UR5WA (Ukraine) Glad to get the May/June 2020 YL Harmonics bulletin, it was interesting to read news from around the globe! We are still in lockdown here in Lviv, Ukraine, and the situation is not getting better - lockdown is prolonged till the end of July. It does not affect me as much as working people as I am retired, but of course some things are inconvenient Since May I and my husband are active on 6 meters band - mostly in FT8 because of poor conditions - trying to catch new countries and new grids. I still have only 8 states worked and confirmed on 6 meters - hope to improve that result during this season. And during the winter we were active on 160 - I have got confirmation from 49 states – only Wyoming is needed. Other than that I am busy with my family, flowerbeds, knitting and some sewing projects - no time to be bored.

Wish all YLs and their families stay healthy and hope to meet you on the bands!

Helen, UR5WA

Hiromi, JJ1CAS (Japan) - I really miss the days when I had joined the 50th YLRL Anniversary convention in Kauai Is, in 1989, many Worldwide YL meetings in Stockholm, Svalbard, Berlin, Palermo-Sicily and Seoul. Without any concern about the virus or the governments' travel restriction orders, we could gather, chatter, sing, dance, drink, eat and go on a boat closely and together. In the specially narrow shack, each YL squeezed the microphone or hit the keys without disinfection in turn all day. Even such a situation, the amateur radio is the king of hobbies, which enables us to speak to each other on the air from home. In addition, I recently found the Facebook of YLRL, which made me happy.

I hope that the COVID-19 will be vanished soon and we could return to our daily life. Please take care of yourself and stay healthy. Thank you again. 33

Best regards, Hiromi, JJ1CAS

Tina, VK5TMC (Australia) - We have started winter with really cold weather from here. Not that you will consider low 30s F to low 40s cold depending on where you live. We have had several mornings with local frost on the grass which is cold here. Then we had almost a week of not quite so cold days but rain almost all day with 2 inches in the last 4 days. Today the sun is out and we are looking forward to several sunny days.

I hope you are able to stay safe in these trying times.

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Janet, VP8AIB (Falkland Islands) - Last weekend 20/21st June I took part in the International Museums weekend. Due to the virus we were unable to set up our station in the Radio Telephone hut at the Museum here in Stanley, Falkland Islands, but we had special permission to use the callsign VP8HDM/A from our homes and work together on a network. Five people took part and we worked 1500 contacts on FT8, FT4 and SSB. A total of 85 different countries over the weekend despite very poor propagation on Sunday.

Regards



JR6XIX, Nobuko (Japan) - I am fine, also most of all JLRS members are fine, I hope. I did not hear bad news from JLRS member now. 33

Bharathi, VU2RBI (India) - Here in India our YL net is working regularly at 1230 GMT on Echo-Link in India conference., Anne, KC9YL; Caryn, KD2GUT; Ria, N2RJ; and Carole, VA3WHU; from Canada supporting our YL net. Indian YLs are also participating regularly.

I have [ed: been using] another programme called Peanut software.
First step - download the Peanut software in windows 10 or your android phone.

In windows 10 --- <https://software.pa7lim.nl/peanut/STABLE/>

Android phone --- Go to App Store and download Peanut app for contacting radio hams.

Second step - Registration to the site. You will get a code from admin

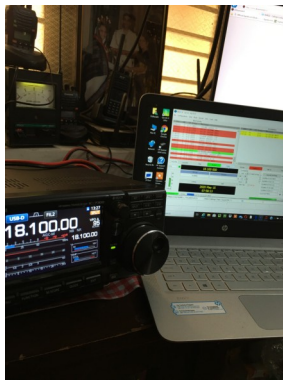
Third step - Talking to the hams from all over the world without radio and big antenna. Wherever we travel we can use this Peanut software. I spoke to lot of hams. I am always available in India room. Try to enjoy this no interference and no noise.

Any doubts you can contact me - 9811547109 What's App number

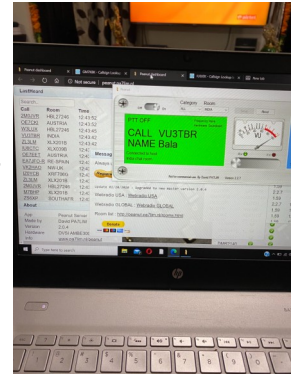
Facebook Bharathi Devulapalli

Best regards

Bharathi



Bharathi as AT2SH



VU2RBI operating Peanut Software

Lesley, VK5LOL (Australia) - We are doing well here in South Australia re Covid. I think we are lucky being so isolated and our premier was marvelous shutting our borders very early in the piece. All our premiers have been doing a great job. We have a bit of a problem in Victoria but they are working at getting on top of the outbreak.

My husband and I have been using the time to learning some Morse Code. Hans passed 10 wpm when he got his licence a long time ago, but is not confident at having a QSO, so is working on that whilst I am starting from scratch. Hard work but I think worth the effort when the solar cycle is not being very kind to us.

Stay safe there in the USA.

73, Lesley

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.

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