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Just look at all those Ladies attending.**



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President's Info De Linda Metz, KC8PKY

Well another Dayton Hamvention is in the books. Thanks to Anne, WB1ARU; Cheryl, NØWBV; and Marsh, N8FE our forum went very well. I had fun working the booth with Anne, Cheryl, Marsha, Hope and Susie. Lots of old friends stopped by and many new friends as well. It was interesting to note that we actually had more non-members than members at the forum. I don't know what was with the sound system but it was quite loud. Better loud than not being able to be heard I guess. We managed to work with it.

Next up is Field Day. Hopefully many of you will be participating this year. Unfortunately my OM and I will not be able to as we have a nephew getting married that weekend.

On another note did you know that it takes 40 hours of volunteer time to put together each issue of the Harmonics? It would be a great help to the editor if we all got our columns to her on or before the 15th of the even months. That allows time to format articles, layout the magazine followed by proofing and printing. Proofing and printing includes both the Harmonics and the envelopes. After all that the envelopes have to be stuffed and maintained in their sorted order according to the strict rules of bulk mailing. Finally the last step is mailing. Wow that's a lot of work.

We all have such busy lives and things sometimes fall through the cracks, so let's put it on our calendars to be on time with our columns. I am including myself in this reminder, as I have been guilty of being late. Members send your news to your district chairwoman so they have something to write about. It would be such a shame to see Harmonics without something from each district.

33 all, Linda KC8PKY



Vice President's Info De Bobbie Donohue, W1JX

Carol, 2E1RBH - Chairmam of BYLARA, British Young Ladies Amateur Radio Association sends us pre-notification on the 2016 International YL Convention to beheld in Milton Keynes, England.

My Committee and I are organizing the 2016 IYL Convention, which will be held in Milton Keynes next year.

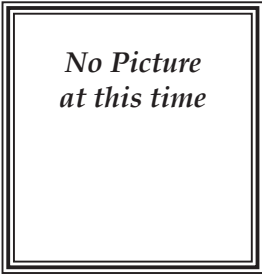
It will be held from Friday 7th October till Sunday 9th October 2016.

We have decided to use one Hotel that has different sorts of Accommodation to suit everybody's pocket. This will enable everybody to get together in the mornings and evenings to have a chinwag and relax and also allow us to have meals together. OM'sn (OM Crèche) will be able to get together while us ladies have a natter. Hotel is between the chose of three and will be decided on the best deal we can get, so this will follow in a couple of weeks.

We where wondering whether any of your Ladies would be interested in attending this Convention and if you could pass this information on and ask them to get in contact with me please.

Hope your weather is as good as ours at the moment and you are all in good health. Look forward to hearing from in the near future.

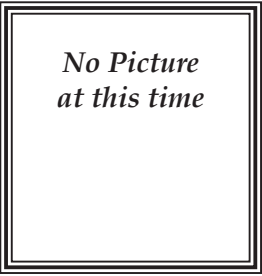
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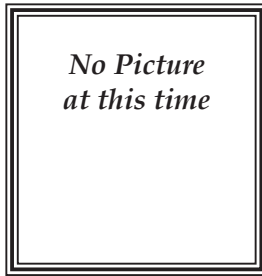
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de Niece Haynes, KA1ULN



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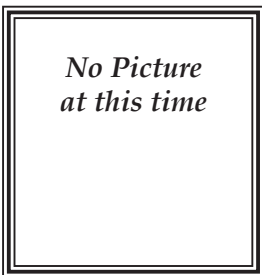
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New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WB1ARU-Secretar

New Members for May/June 2015

Welcome to this new members! We look forward to meeting you on the air soon! We welcome you as members of YLRL and hope to hear each of you on the air or meet you at another convention or Hamfest.

DISTRICT 1

KC1CHC Pamela

Pam is a Technician license and is currently between jobs. She has checked in to the Thursday evening Echolink net and uses the W1BIM repeater in Paxton.

DISTRICT 4

W8 JoAnn S. Herrman

JoAnn is a General license and is retired. She is active on 15, 17, 20, 40 and 80 m. She is a member of Walton County ARC and joined YLRL at Orlando Hamcation. AE8G, Theodore is her OM. Her former call was KD4RXZ.

DISTRICT 5

KG5BHY Allison "Jayne" Hollier

Birthdate: September 10
Jayne holds a Technician license and is a GIS Analyst - Cartographer. She is a member of Mansfield-Johnson ARS and is active with ARES. Jayne is also a quilter and an artist.

DISTRICT 9

KD9DJW Nadine Miles

Birthdate: August 19
Nadine holds a new Technician license and is an Attorney / Project Manager. She is hoping to become an active ham.

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C9CAB Carmen Riley

Carmen holds a Technician license and is an Air Traffic Controller. KC9IOO, Phil is her OM, and her daughter Emily is studying for her license.

Emil (KC9IOO) (Subscriber)

Emil is a high school student who is studying for her license. KC9CAB, Carmen is her mom and KC9IOO, Phil is her dad.

D9JAR Tammie Irene Hughart

Tammie holds a Technician license and is a Stay-at-home mother and wife. She is a member of Miami County ARC. Family members include KK9DAN, Dan Hughart and KD9CDI, Dixie Williams.

DISTRICT 10

KEØDFN Laura Anderson

Birthdate: October 17
Laura holds a General license and is a Medical Technologist. She is a member of Northeast Missouri ARC. She would like a ham pal in the UK.

We welcome you as members of YLRL and hope to hear each of you on the air or meet you at a Convention or Hamfest.

District 1

January thru April 2015 the YLs in the northeast really had it rough with the snow and blizzards. Now in May 2015 we are all finding what a toll it had on our antennas. We are now repairing everything -especially since the bands are not as good as they were last year.

The Wednesday morning Yankee Lassie net is operational and going strong. We invite all YL's to join us at 3.912 on Wednesday morning at 8:30 EST. Please join Anne, WB1ARU; Bobbi, WJ1X; Henni, KA1JVN; Betsy, KA1VAZ; Jane, N1PVT; Candy, N2OKA; Linda, W1MMP (from Vermont); and Niece, KA1ULN.

I have been sending out updates to the entire district 1 YLRL members monthly to keep them informed as to what is happening and to recruit more of them on the YL nets. I have been trying to attend more Radio groups to pass out YL Harmonics, membership forms and YLRL flyer. I have been getting excellent feedback from PART (Westford MA), BARS (Billerica, MA), AEMG (Andover Emergency Group, Andover MA). Since I have been attending these meetings I have noticed more YLs attending. I really hope more YL's in District 1, are active on Field Day. TAKE CONTROL.

If YOU are interested or use PSK31 or SSTV please contact me **KA1ULN@MAIL.COM**. Let's try to start a PSK31 or SSTV YL NET. This will give YLs a chance to learn and use more digital modes. Or just check my blog for **PSK31 or SSTV schedule**. I will try to alternate weeks, **KA1ULN.BLOGSPOT.COM**

Last but not least I am hoping more YLs pass the word about the Thursday night nets. KK4UBQ is doing an incredible job with the ECHOLINK net. Please join us.

For more information on any information here please contact Niece **KA1ULN@MAIL.COM**
33, Niece, KA1ULN

District 4

Hello to District 4 YLs! District 4 YLRL would like to welcome the following new members:

Allison, KZ3JFY located in Lawrenceville, GA

Melanie, KM4GQN located in Marietta, GA

Christine, AB4CV in Sebastian, FL

Dawn, KJ4ZBK in Hudson, FL

JoAnne, W8JSH in Defuniak Springs, FL

It's wonderful to have you ladies join us! We welcome you and should you need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at **kk4ubq@arrl.net**, and I'll be happy to assist if I can with your YLRL questions. We encourage you to take a look at the website **<http://www.ylrl.org>** for information on YLRL including YL Nets that we're sure you will find interesting and fun!

The YLISSB Convention is coming up quickly now to take place in Erwin, TN June 17 to 21. Deadline to register is June 3, 2015. They have several activities planned including Meet and Greet on Wednesday, Tour Ten Tec Radio on Thursday, Roan Mountain Rhododendron Garden on Friday, and a banquet on Saturday. T-shirts are also available! The convention is hosted by Patty, KB1TUY and John, KC2UZI. You can find more information and the registration form on **<http://www.ylssystem.org>** and click on Convention News on the left-hand side.

Are you ready for Field Day? I hope you got your Field Day gear ordered and are ready to go! My OM and I cannot wait for Field Day. We have our t-shirts and hats and are ready! This will be my personal second, and we're definitely looking forward to participating! We plan to be participating with North Fulton Amateur Radio League. We'll be running 3A (a club station on emergency power with 3 active transmitters). We'll have a Phone (SSB) station, a CW Station, and an "All Mode" Station for HF. We'll also have a Satellite and a Six Meter Station, GOTA Station, and BSA Merit Badge Workshop. Wow! NFARL will certainly be busy with Field Day this year! Please be sure and take lots of pictures and send me your Field Day experiences as soon as you can after field day, but definitely by July 11th. You can email me at **kk4ubq@arrl.net**.

A few final reminders:

1. If you haven't renewed your dues for 2015, please be sure and do that as soon as possible! Please email me if you have any questions.
2. Please join us on the Thursday Night Echolink YL Net Node 560686 NF4GA-R repeater. Net starts at 8pm Eastern Time.
3. Post updates, news, etc on YLRL Facebook page! You can find that by going to **<https://www.facebook.com/www.ylrl.org>**.
4. Be sure and stay active on the radio with either HF, Local Repeaters, and/or Echolink!

5. If you can sponsor a DX-YL, please email myself or Rose-Marie, KB4RM. I believe she has a list of YLs looking for a sponsor.

See you on the bands!
33 de Catherine, KK4UBQ

District 5

Hello to all,

Hope all enjoy your trip to Dayton I will not be able to attend this year but I am looking forward to getting some news from the DC 5 YL that attend.

Ed, KA5VFU's new job has kept us very busy and on the road we just returned from Tulsa, OK from a company training which was a very wet trip rained the whole time we were there. We are home for a week and then Ed has to travel to Pittsburg and Florida all for business. Have not had the time to be on the radio much and with summer coming the schedule is filling up but plan be on for Field Day for sure.

Driftwood, TX, K5YTT, Grace: We're making plans to go to Dayton in May for the big ham convention. As usual, the OM will be at the FLEX Radio booth while I wander around pretending to know something about radio. Haven't been on the air for a year or more, and I'm almost ashamed to call myself a ham. *Ed. Note: It was great to see Grace at the Dayton Hamvention®. She will be running the YLRL booth at HamCom this year, so please stop by and give her your support! If you can help her by volunteering, please do so as well!*

Quinlan, TX, K5KTX, Kelley: I participate in a weekly net called Skynet every Saturday night on the Dallas repeater, and I am one of the rotating net control operators. We talk about astronomy and space for about 90 minutes.

Using Echolink, I was able to participate on the net on March 21st from Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus near Crowell, TX. I was there for a special event, and I had the great honor of interviewing Astronaut Don Pettit (KD5MDT) for a few minutes.

Dr. Pettit, a 3-time space flyer with almost more days in space than anyone else, is planning to return to the International Space Station in the next 3-4 years. He is hoping for a 1-year mission. I was really nervous interviewing him, but he was a lot of fun and a great sport for agreeing to participate in the net. You can see the interview at this link: <https://youtu.be/Y6FfgK0QXms>

Brownwood, TX, WA5GLM, Ann: The last few months have sure been, um, eventful around here. A week before Christmas I had surgery in Abilene for a blocked artery in my right leg. Since the blockage was extensive, the artery was bypassed with an artificial one. (Cue music for "The Bionic Woman", if there is such a thing...)

Since I was behind as usual on wrapping presents and even decorating the tree, the OM and family were left to finish as best they could---lots of presents handed out unwrapped and an untraditional Christmas Dinner, while I watched from the recliner.

Fast forward to mid-January. Even on good behavior, the leg continued to swell and turn redder, visualize a bright red, beached whale. By evening I couldn't bend over far enough to untie my shoes! At a rabbit show, an RN friend took one look and ordered me to the ER at nearby Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Texas, where I was admitted in the wee hours of a Saturday morning. A ct scan showed extensive infection, and later that same evening I rolled into surgery for the first of five surgeries in seven days!

As of now (mid-April), I've been cleared to return to the doctor in six months, though I still have to elevate my legs a fair amount---and wear compression stockings, ugh!

The OM should get an award for again taking over all the household chores---laundry, cooking, cleaning---all while waiting on me hand and foot AND taking care of the animals! Good thing he retired a couple of months before all this, Hi, Hi!

While I still have a way to go to be back 100%, I am SO much better---walking a bit over half a mile most days, helping a bit with the rabbits, and even sitting at the computer for short periods. Woo Hoo, I even "cooked" supper a time or two... (OK, what I really did was heat stuff from the freezer and make a salad, but hey---that's cooking, isn't it?) Now if we can just get that antenna up...

I wouldn't be human if I didn't brag just a tiny bit: In February the OM and I were named "Unsung Heroes" by the local domestic violence shelter, the Ark; and last week I was named Woman of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet! To say I was surprised doesn't even come close; try "stunned"! 33!



Kelley, K5KTX, interviewing Astronaut Don Pettit, KD5MDT

Milan, NM, KC7KPG, Judy: We do have news of our Spring Travels. We leave May 9th for the Dayton Hamfest May 15-17th. From there, we'll spend a month in WVA with our son and his family, then on to Erwin, TN for the YLISSB Convention June 17-21st. We should arrive home in time for Field Day the fourth weekend in June.

Hopefully, I'll get to visit with many of the YLRL members at Dayton and at the YLISSB Convention. I'll be sure to send pictures. 33,

Seminole, OK, KC5RWW, Beth: The rain stopped and the OM is starting to build the roof over the porch slab. He's digging holes and pouring cement. I should dig a hole for a tower but I don't think I can fool him. (My OM is a ham in name and license only.) He's taken over my Vertex 2M HT to listen to weather on 162.400. I tried to put a tone in my old RadioShack HT but keep running into problems.

I am waiting for June and July and 6M to open. I'll be checking it before then. You never know. Daughter and son-in-law are in Alabama visiting friends. My corn is up, field corn not sweet corn. I grew up eating field corn and never ate sweet corn until I was in high school.

I try to send a "hello" by email to all new members listed. I send a post card to those without an email address.

Gulfport, MS, KB5MZ Southern Mississippi YL: We are making plans to operate from a local campground for Field Day again this year.

Thanks for all your news everyone stay safe and if you planning on going to Dayton have some fun for me!!
BJ, KB5CSQ

District 7

Hello District 7 YLs, I do hope you're all enjoying spring and having a nice time getting outside in the sun. It has been a very mild winter here and now a dry spring. Very little rain, not at all like normal. Honestly I miss the rain. I'm not a gardener at all so when I pull weeds I want it easy, and the rain does that. Oh well, I'm just watering more and then pulling the weeds!

We had our MINOW conference a few weeks ago. It's a NW YL amateur radio club. The conference was in Portland OR this year. It was a lot of fun.

We met at the president's home, Robin, KJ7BI. There's also a garden in Portland called Bishop's Close where we went for the tour. A gorgeous walk and everything was in bloom. We had a great time there. I want to take my OM there sometime too. There was a gorgeous view of Mt Hood and also of the Willamette River.

After the hike we went to DiNicola's Italian Restaurant for some great food. I got Eggplant Parmesan, and it was so good. Then back to Robin's home for the meeting and the speaker, Vanessa McCoy, KE7UBB. She's the past president of our club, CCARC, in Vancouver, WA. She gave a good talk on women in amateur radio. We really enjoyed her.

Now we're getting ready for SeaPac, in Seaside, OR. I go every year and man the YLRL table along with Barbara Yasson, AC7UH. There is also the YL Buffet. The speaker this year is Cheryl Muhr, NØWBV, YLRL's Harmonics editor.

I have gotten to know Cheryl through other events she has attended and I'm looking forward to seeing her in Seaside again. We'll be there for 4 days so it will be a nice little vacation for us. And going to SeaPac is always fun.

I do hope you're able to be part of things happening in your club. It's always important to be about something. And spring and summer are the best seasons to do just that. So try and get involved in your club or something else.

Have a great spring/summer!

33, Marilyn, AF7BI

District 8

Karen, KM8Q sent this in from the Dayton Hamvention®: Hello from Dayton. I'm getting caught up on things after Hamvention. I had a great time this year. I saw many new faces and was able to meet new YLRL members at the forum. It was good to see Carol, W9RUS, again along with NØWBV and a couple of others I had met previously. What a great group of ladies!

I worked at the LUSO Tower booth as I have for the last couple of years. My husband, Ken, KM8AM and I purchased the first of their telescoping towers in the U.S. and have become close with the company president, Mrs. Shimoda since then. LUSO is based in Japan and setup at the Hamvention every year as well as at many Hamfests around the world.

A couple of other Ohio YLs and I are very interested in helping to reactivate The Buckeye Belles, and I'll be doing whatever I can to get the net up and going again. Any suggestions or assistance will be appreciated.

In June, I'm planning a trip to Germany to visit our son and daughter-in-law. Our son, Ken Jr., KD8DIW and his wife are stationed with the Air Force at Ramstein AFB. While there, I am hoping to go to the Friedrichshafen Hamfest. Cheryl, NØWBV, gave me some helpful suggestions for activities while I am there. Upon returning, I hope to be on the air much more and am available to be of assistance for District 8 in any way I can.

I've gotten my garden in with the help of Hans and Max, my two-year-old German Shepherds. I've kept things simple since Ken will be taking care of things while I am away. Our station is nearly complete now with many new updates, so I'll be on the air and will be hoping to work you all on the net Thursdays!

That is about all for now... 33 Karen, KM8Q

District 9

Hello ladies! I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather, I know I'm!! The Dayton Hamvention is over for another year. It seemed like a nice turn out to me. I got to see old friends and make new ones and see familiar faces from home. The YLRL forum as always, was an interesting meeting. I did to get meet our President, Linda, KC8PKY. We had a long talk and I feel I have another friend.

I always enjoy seeing, Cheryl, NØWBV; Anne, WB1ARU; Kay, WAØWOF; Susie, N8CGM and Nancy, N1NCY. I know I probably have missed some, and I am so sorry, I enjoyed seeing you too.

I just got off the Fort Wayne YL Net. Check in's were: Susie, KB9WWO; Deanna, KA9CYG; Anne, KA9YYI and Pat, KC9PXC. Our numbers are *Carole at the YLRL Booth.*

dwindling, but are still hanging in.

Our Fort Wayne YL group is planning a luncheon so we can see faces. We did it a couple of months ago and we had a great time. Fox Hunting is going strong. Our team is the Fox this month.

The hunts are always fun and challenging.

Everyone please stay well and enjoy your summer. Please let me hear some Field Day stories, because I know there will be some.

33, Carole, WB9RUS



Carole, WB9RUS with Son, Mike, N8VAN (left) and his son Tyler at the Hamvention®

District 10

Hello to all the YLs in the 10th District!

Cheryl, NØWBV writes: Had a wonderful time in Dayton as usual! It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces. Plus there were a lot of new faces to greet as well. We had an interesting YL forum this year as there were actually more NON-members than there were members. Usually it is totally the other way around.

Our President Linda, KC8PKY, spoke about the fun we had at the 75th Anniversary of YLRL at the Convention held in Vancouver, WA last year. She highlighted our three scholarships and the fact that we were able to tell Marte, KØEPE about the scholarship in her honor before Marte became a Silent Key in September of last year.

Anne, WB1ARU, spoke of the officers and introduced everyone in the room. She also talked about the YL Awards and Certificates and encouraged those attending to send news to their District Chairs.

Marsha, N8FE was a ray of encouragement to all the YLs attending. She is offering to Elmyra any YL who is interested and you can find out more about that in other parts of this issue.

Grace, K5YTT won the Member drawing and Joyce, KD8EMI won the YLRL membership for a nonmember.

Of course we had to have the group picture to show how many YLs not only come to Dayton, but attend the YLRL forum as well.

We managed to have a mini Board meeting as well with the officers who attended.

One of the Colorado-YLs members, Ann, KØANN, moved to Minnesota, so this is the only time I get to see her any more. So glad she was able to get to the forum and stop by the YLRL booth.

The booth had a fair bit of traffic and not all were YLs. There were photographers and OMs who were interested in finding out more for the Ladies in their families. We had a lot of fun meeting and greeting everyone there.

The "shifts" rotated a bit as people ran to meetings or to grab lunch, but you could almost always find me with

Hope, WB1ANE; Anne, WB1ARU; Linda, KC8PKY; and Marsha, N8FE at the table.

Next up I am off to SeaPac at Seaside, OR to check out the Northwest ARRL Convention and am privileged to be the YL Luncheon speaker. I am really looking forward to a new Ham event as I have never been there.

33, Cheryl, NØWBV

Don't forget to send in your Field Day news! What did you do for Field Day from District 10? Field Day news should be sent in as quickly as you can after Field Day so it can make the July/August issue. Otherwise it won't appear until November/December.

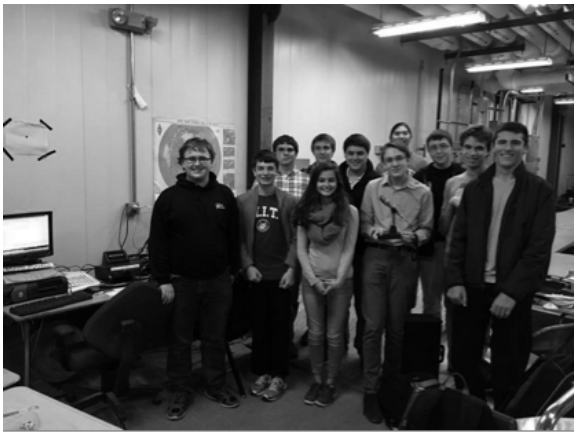
Send all other news for July/August before the end of June to make sure it gets in the next issue.

Thanks!



Ann, KØANN and Cheryl, NØWBV at the YLRL Booth.

Youth Column



My high school, Bloomington High School South, participates every year in the school club round up. The school club round up involves children in elementary school, middle school, high school, or college.

This wonderful event that occurs every October and February is such a learning experience for any student wanting to have fun learning about ham radio. Every year my school loves doing this event because of the competition. I mean who wouldn't want to say you are first in the world of school club round up?

This is a contest so every individual or school a school contacts is counted as points. A DX is more points and so on. This contest is a great involvement with youth in ham radio and the round up is what really sparked my interest in ham radio.

I am very proud to say that my high school placed first in the school club round up in 2013 and second in 2014. I think this motivates many students my age to strive to contact many more people. I love participating in this contest because of how hard work really does pay off.

My club all ages 14-17 work very hard contacting many people after school. This contest is such a great thing for young children, so during the months of October and February make sure to contact all the young children!

Thank you so much for reading,
Maria Lysandrou, KD9BUS

VE News

CLARA Chatter Party on March 17th and 21st was a total bust for me, this year. I was really looking forward to the new format and hoping to hear many YL voices on the air. St Patrick's Day and Murphy's Law kicked in. A Huge Solar Storm took care of things nicely. I only had March 17th to work the Party but persistence paid off and I logged a few contacts as the hours passed. On HF as well as EchoLink. Hopefully, next year we will have better conditions. Keeping fingers crossed. I sent my log in and then left town for Victoria, which is about 150+ miles south of my QTH.

My daughter had surgery and I stayed with her in the early days after her release from hospital. I was there for a week and by that time she was well on her way to recovery. Victoria is the capital city of British Columbia and a very pretty place. Spring flowers, ornamental shrubs and fruit trees were in full bloom. We walked along the waterfront, the breakwater and in the Parks. Had Pub lunches. Shopped for fresh veggies and eggs at farm-gate stalls. I also had an opportunity to have a nice evening visit with my son and his wife. My grandson, Liam, is attending Southern Utah University. He is in his freshman year, on a full sports scholarship and very busy with classes in the sciences. He is enjoying both the Indoor and Outdoor Track events. Liam is a talented runner. I am home again, now, active on the Nets and starting to tidy up the garden. Plans for the summer are taking shape. Hope you all have a super spring and summer.

33 Suzanne, VE7IM

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: What can one say except Wowww what a mild winter! Then, of course, one really

starts to think - mild, no snow on the mountains - water shortage this summer. Not the sort of drought that California is having. That is really awful but still definite water restriction. Regardless, I have found over the years that no matter what the restrictions my lawn bounces back as soon as the west coast monsoons start in October / November.

Am looking forward to reading an article that I hope June VK4SJ will write about the trip she is presently on which will end at the 100-year anniversary of Gallipoli in Turkey. She has tickets so will be able to attend the ceremony.

A lot of DXpeditions have been on and as I write this there is Trinidad, Micronesia and Chatham Island. Hope everyone has a lovely spring - the blossom has been lovely here in the Vancouver area.

Helen, VA1YL, writes: This has been the snowiest winter we have had since we moved here in 2003. Even more so because, instead of the snow melting between storms, it built up and built up. We now have about 5 feet of snow but it is finally melting.

In February I welcomed about 55 YLs & very young YLs to my shack for Guides on the Air, known as Thinking Day on the Air outside of Canada. We had a wonderful time but owe special thanks to Suzanne, VE7IM who spoke to 22 YLs to give the girls a chance to talk to someone nice.

Eventually Summer, VE5SDH found us and took over to give Suzanne a break. Summer spoke to about 12 girls and gave them a thrill by spelling out each name in Morse Code. The girls loved that! Each girl here sent out a card to each person she spoke to. Suzanne wrote out a QSL card for every one of those girls! Thank you, Suzanne! This event is always the third full weekend in February. The idea is for the girls to speak to other Girl Guides or Scouts, but they love it if someone will talk to them and ask them questions and so on. Think about joining us next year. The dates are February 20th & 21st 2016.

I spent some hours on my DXCC, which was in a total mess. It is nice to have an up to date list of needed countries. I still need to get them sorted out to submit.

In March we flew to California. The idea was to meet Fred's best friend, who lives in British Columbia, in Palm Springs. Just before the trip, our friend ended up in hospital with terrible back problems, so our trip ended up a bit different, but we had a lovely time in the sun and warmth while three more snowstorms hit home. I was really disappointed that when the dates for the trip came up, we were missing the CLARA Chatter Party. I loved the old CLARA contest and was really looking forward to the new format. I read on Facebook that that week was devastated by a huge solar flare. So I guess I didn't miss much, but I would still have liked to be here.

Of course, when I was home I did my best to be on the Clara 40M net and the Clara 20M net. When I have not been shoveling, radioing or travelling, I have been quilting.

Val, VE5AQ, writes: News from VE5Land. Well, spring has sprung, the grass is ris, and I know where my camper is. OK, so poet laureate I will never be. But the snow is finally gone, the grass is starting to green up, and the dogs bless their dear hearts are now eating grass instead of the peanuts that the squirrels left behind.

I am now getting ready to check the camper, check the water pipes to see if we have any leaks, and fingers crossed that we don't. Then I can start to remake the beds and get everything that we store in it for the winter out, and get it ready. We will soon be going for our wonderful 2 weeks of peace and quiet.

Winter here in the prairies was very mild as compared to what folks on the Eastern Seaboard and Canada got. Don't think we have had such a nice winter for about 10 years. Don't want to think what next winter will bring.

Other than that, nothing really new and exciting around here, we just live a quiet life, and try to do some radio work over the winter but propagation has not been kind to us here in Moose Jaw, don't know why but this year was very bad.

I tried to do the Guides on the Air, and could not hear any giggles and laughter. Tired to do several contests but with an S9 noise level, the contests were very hard to hear as well. So I stick to the CLARA Net and the Tangle Net that is if I didn't forget or had doctor's appointments etc on those days. Try as I might, the doctors' receptionist always seems to pick Tuesdays or Thursdays. I asked one receptionist and she said, "Sorry he's in surgery on those days" so can't have appointment is he's not there.

Other than that, I hope everyone has an absolutely wonderful summer. I pray that all those tornados that I am seeing on the news do not affect any of the girls and their families.

Take care and God Bless 33 Val, VE5AQ

DX Column

Dear YL Friends,

May and summer is here in VA, and the garden all plants are growing fast and blooming so beautiful. Bad is the weeds grove just as fast and weeding is not my cup of tea, grass cutting is fine, good exercise walking after the lawn mower, as hiking in the mountains a little too hot for me in the summer.

YL Harmonics May/June 2015

Dayton ham fest was this weekend I was not there, but many of our members were there and I am sure some DX-YLs too. Report on it will be in this issue. If you were there send report how you liked it.

Our ham club had a presentation by a member who is on the team to go to Heard Island, VK0EK, on March 16-April 8, 2016. They have signed contract with the boat **Braveheart** to take them there. Heard Island has a big active volcano and is snow covered and last time they were there was 1997. Many seek it and last time they operated was from a bay on one side of Island, which was not favorable to USA. This time they will set up two stations on either side of the volcano so we have a better chance to work them here in USA.

You can follow them on heardisland.org I also learned the expedition cost \$800,000 and each member pays \$21,000 out of own pocket and most money comes from donations. The boat trip to the island takes 8 days.

All this so we get to work them and I hope I will and hope you to will; it is a new one for me.

Field day is in June and will be over when you read this but I hope you all had a great time and participated. I will try to go to ours here, but I am also celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary that weekend.

DX is not good now in the summer time, lots of noise static and poor conditions. We struggle on Monday DX-YL net and we have to set a different time to be able to have the contact. I suggest 2100 to 2200z on 14.289+ or -. We also try 21400 if it is better there.

Try Echolink if you can't get on HF on radio look at YLRL website for information and join us every Thursday at 0100 UTC on NF4GA-R. Catherine, KK4UBQ is running it together with Lori, K4UPI and they are doing a fantastic net with lots of information and news from the participants. You all are so welcome, so jump in and this way we can keep contact.

The International YL meet is next year October 7th – October 9th 2016, in Milton Keynes G.B. Carol, 2E1RBH is the Chairwoman and she is asking for input, what we want to see and do coming there. Carol is planning a 3-day trip sightseeing before the meeting.

YLRL website has information and will update as information comes in. I look forward to going, as I have never been to England. I would like to visit Christine in Scotland who sends news you see below. Sadly they had very bad weather in Orkney, which made radio operation difficult.

Hello from a cool Edinburgh!

There was a lot of DX to work during the spring. I managed a few new band slots and am quite happy.

I received 2 new YL cards, one is Vjollca, Z61VB, from Kosovo, but I have to wait till the Country is accepted for DXCC, and also from Hilary, G4JKS who was in the Austral Islands as TX6G and gave me a new YL country!!

I am now waiting for 100's of cards to come in via the bureau, for the GA Homecoming Scotland activation in 2014 even though all contacts have been uploaded to LOTW.

Ken and I were very busy during March using the GMDX club call GS8VL. It was in honor of Ian GM8VL, who is now a SK. His daughter gave permission for the call to be issued to the GMDX Group. Each month another member is keeping the call alive. Ken and I made over 1300 QSOs during March.

The GMDX Group had its Annual convention on 11th April near Sterling.

The lectures were superb, from the sublime to the exotic! You will have worked them, hopefully!

ZD9XF, Nigel, had a boat trip to the remotest populated island in the South Atlantic. There are 2 resident Hams on Tristan da Cunha, but Lorna, ZD9YL and Andy, ZD9BV are not active at all now.

EP6T, Kish Isl. Iran was active with PA3EWP and his group. EP3MIR, Mohammed and his friends in the right places gave hands on help and advice. It took years to get permission operate there, with lots of rules and regulations to be strictly adhered to, otherwise no license to operate.

Next were PJ7PK, a brand new IOTA Island, NA 247 Pelican Key, and St. Martin. David, EI9FBB and his group tried for 3 days to get any boat to get them there. They had good plans, back up plans etc., but Murphy's Law was adamant to put all their plans into jeopardy!!

In the end 2 members of the team were able to scramble across and get the Island well and truly activated for IOTA strict conditions!

K1N, Navassa Island was next, Glenn, W0GJ gave an insight of the preparation to get there. It took the team over 10 years to get the right permissions to operate from the US authorities. Navassa was last activated 22 years ago (KP5), and it will have been a new "one" for 1000 of new Hams!!! Their website has all the stories and pictures.



YLs at the GMDX Group

Glen had brought his XYL Vivienne, KL7YL as well, and they were touring Scotland afterwards. Hilary, G4JKS and OM and a lot of Chiltern DX club members enjoyed the visit. Eunice, MM3UVL and Kai, MM1AUF and their OMs have had a good afternoon too and we all enjoyed the DX Dinner afterwards.

Now we are getting ready to go north! Orkney Island is on our visiting list. There are some 4-5 SOTA hills there and we aim to activate some of them. We just need some good weather.

Hope you all have a good spring/summer.

Christine

From New Zealand: Thank you for membership card. I keep in touch with Carole at Christmas and when I send the WARO Bulletin.

We have had a lovely warm summer, sometimes too hot, but autumn is here now and the leaves are falling. NZ does have lots of evergreen native trees so we don't have the lovely colored trees you have.

WARO is still going strong, but it is hard to find enough YLs to take office these days. I still enjoy our 80 m and 2m nets and check in regularly. It is not so easy since my OM became a Silent Key

It is good to read Harmonics for news of the YLs I used to contact. I hope you find something in the WARO Bulletin of interest.

Hi to you all, Celia ZL1ALK

I wish you a wonderful summer and a winter and send news about it; we all like to read about what you are doing.

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

Website Report

Working real hard on the website, getting new pictures up as time allows. Love getting the YL 2M/Echolink agendas and write-ups from Catherine KK4UBQ that I put on the website. They are having some wonderful topics. Would be nice to join in, but I won't have Echolink on this computer...not with my luck. So I just wish them well.

Yvonne is now going into her winter and told me the other day that she went from 97°F on a Tuesday to a 37°F on the Wednesday morning. That is quite the drop in temp. We understand Yvonne, but you will just have to put on your woolies and try to keep warm.

Just for some added interest. Yvonne and I are also now looking after the BYLARA website: www.bylara.org.uk That will make sure that I don't get into any trouble, with 4 ham radio sites to now maintain, plus all the other hats that I wear, well, you will understand why in the summer not much gets done on the sites....I am taking a break, until my boss reminds me that I can still sit outside and enjoy the weather as I have a laptop, and can work there just as easily as inside. OK, yeah I guess so

That's the report for now girls. Will keep you informed of anything new and exciting happening on the home page of the website.

33, Val, VE5AQ & Yvonne, ZR6TBL

If you are a YL with Ham Radio Questions, just ASK ELMYRA! We have a number of Elmyras in the organization who are always happy to help. Just send your question to the Editor or your District Chairwoman and we will get an Elmyra to answer. Marsha, N8FE is always willing to be an Elmyra as well and you may also contact her directly at the information listed in the front under officers!

Dayton 2015

At the YLRL Booth



*DX Members topped by as well!
Helen, UR5WA*



The Officers at the Mini Board Meeting



At the YL Forum



Changes and corrections

In Our Thoughts

Please keep Christine, VK5CTY in your thoughts. Christine, VK5CTY's daughter, Marian passed away from a massive heart attack recently.

Marion was 50+ years old. To our knowledge she had had no major health problems. She had a massive heart attack about 2 weeks ago and was kept on life support for several days but never regained consciousness.

Christine had planned to visit with her family in Melbourne and was either there when Marion had the heart attack or shortly after.

Attention!

Please get info into your District Chairwomen as soon as you can along with pictures! Too many delays have been caused waiting for information and as of July/August, we will not hold for late info when an issue is going to print. When no information is sent, Districts with blanks may not appear in a particular issue of YL-Harmonics. Thank you for the Help!



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